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# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

| §<br>8         | Case No. 19-34054-sgj11                                  |
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| §<br>8         | Adversary No.: 21-03005-sgj                              |
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Debtor is 100 Crescent Court, Suite 1850, Dallas, TX 75201.

| Defendants.   | § .    |                             |
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| HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,                                  | §<br>§ |                             |
| Plaintiff.  | §      |                             |
| v.  | §<br>§ |                             |
| HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT   | §<br>§ | Adversary No.: 21-03006-sgj |
| SERVICES, INC., JAMES DONDERO, NANCY                                | §      |                             |
| DONDERO, AND THE DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST,                          | §<br>§ |                             |
| Defendants.   | §<br>8 |                             |
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| HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,                                  | §<br>§ |                             |
| Plaintiff.  | §<br>8 |                             |
| v.  | §<br>§ | A 1N 21 02007 '             |
| HCRE PARTNERS, LLC (n/k/a NEXPOINT                                  | 8<br>§ | Adversary No.: 21-03007-sgj |
| REAL ESTATE PARTNERS, LLC), JAMES<br>DONDERO, NANCY DONDERO AND THE | §<br>8 |                             |
| DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST,   | §<br>§ |                             |
| DEFENDANTS.   | §<br>§ |                             |

# DEBTOR'S OBJECTION TO MOTION TO COMPEL ARBITRATION AND STAY LITIGATION

Highland Capital Management, L.P., the plaintiff in the above-captioned and related adversary proceedings (the "Adversary Proceedings") and the reorganized debtor<sup>2</sup> (the "Debtor") in the above-captioned chapter 11 case (the "Bankruptcy Case"), submits this objection (the "Objection")<sup>3</sup> to the *Motion to Compel Arbitration and Stay Litigation* (the "Arbitration Motion") filed by defendants James Dondero, Nancy Dondero, and The Dugaboy Investment Trust

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> On February 22, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court entered the *Order (i) Confirming the Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization (as Modified) and (ii) Granting Related Relief* [Bankr. Docket No. 1943] (the "Confirmation Order") which confirmed the *Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P.*, as modified (the "Plan"). The Plan went Effective (as defined in the Plan) on August 11, 2021, and Highland is the Reorganized Debtor (as defined in the Plan) since the Effective Date. *See Notice of Occurrence of Effective Date of Confirmed Fifth Amended Plan of Reorganization of Highland Capital Management, L.P.* [Bankr. Docket No. 2700].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This Opposition is being concurrently filed in Adversary Proceeding Nos. 21-3003, 21-3005, 21-3006, and 21-3007, as the claims asserted against Defendants and the arguments raised in the Motion in each of these proceedings are identical.

(collectively, the "<u>Dondero Defendants</u>") in each of the Adversary Proceedings. The Debtor incorporates by this reference its contemporaneously filed brief in opposition to the Arbitration Motion and states:

## RELIEF REQUESTED

- 1. By this Objection, Highland respectfully requests that the Court enter an order denying the Arbitration Motion.
- 2. Under Rules 7.1(d) and (h) of the Local Bankruptcy Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the "Local Rules"), a separate brief (the "Brief") is being filed contemporaneously with this Objection and is incorporated by reference.

### **PRAYER**

The Debtor respectfully requests that the Court enter an order (i) denying all the relief requested in the Arbitration Motion, and (ii) granting the Debtor any additional relief the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: September 28, 2021. PACHULSKI STANG ZIEHL & JONES LLP

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