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Signed January 14, 2022

United States Bankruptcy Judge

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

In re:	§ Chapter 11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,1	§ Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
Reorganized Debtor.	§ §
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,	§ §
Plaintiff,	§ Adversary Proceeding No.
VS.	§ 21-3004-sgj §
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT FUND ADVISORS, L.P.,	§ §
Defendant.	§ § § 8

¹ The Reorganized Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (6725). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Reorganized Debtor is 100 Crescent Court, Suite 1850, Dallas, TX 75201.

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANT'S SECOND MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND ANSWER

This matter having come before the Court on the Defendant's Second Motion for Leave to Amend Answer and Brief in Support Thereof [Docket No. 82] (the "Motion") filed by Highland Capital Management Fund Advisors, L.P. ("HCMFA"); and this Court having considered (i) the Motion; (ii) Defendant's Appendix in Support of Second Motion for Leave to Amend Answer [Docket Nos. 83 and 87] ("Defendant's Appendix")²; (iii) Highland Capital Management, L.P.'s Response in Opposition to Defendant's Second Motion for Leave to Amend Answer [Docket No. 107]; (iv) Highland Capital Management, L.P.'s Memorandum of Law in Opposition to Defendant's Second Motion for Leave to Amend Answer [Docket No. 108]; (v) the Appendix in Support of Highland Capital Management, L.P.'s Opposition to Defendant's Second Motion for Leave to Amend Answer [Docket No. 109] ("Highland's Appendix"); (vi) Defendant's Reply in Support of Its Second Motion for Leave to Amend Answer [Docket No. 112]; and (vii) the testimonial and documentary evidence admitted at, and the arguments made during, the January 10, 2022 hearing (the "Hearing")³ on the Motion, including assessing the credibility of Mr. Sauter; and after due deliberation on all of the foregoing, and for the reasons set forth in the record of the Hearing on the Motion, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

1. The Motion is **DENIED**.

² At the January 10, 2022 hearing on the Motion, the Court admitted into evidence HCMFA's rebuttal exhibit identified as exhibit no. HCMFA-R1 ("<u>Exhibit HCMFA-R1</u>"). Exhibit HCMFA-R1 appears at docket no. 118 and is deemed to be included in Defendant's Appendix for purposes of any appeal that may be taken of this Order.

³ On January 6, 2022, Highland Capital Management, L.P. ("<u>Highland</u>") filed a witness and exhibit list that (a) included as exhibits all documents that were included in Highland's Appendix, and (b) identified Dennis C. Sauter, Jr. ("<u>Mr. Sauter</u>"), as a witness to be examined at the Hearing. [Docket No. 111] (the "<u>W&E List</u>"). On January 10, 2022, Highland amended its witness and exhibit list to include one document (identified as Exhibit 31) not included in Highland's Appendix ("<u>Exhibit 31</u>"). [Docket No. 113]. During the Hearing, the Court admitted Exhibit 31 into evidence without objection, and Exhibit 31 deemed to be included in Highland's Appendix for purposes of any appeal that may be taken of this Order.

2. This Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

END OF ORDER

United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas

Highland Capital Management, L.P.,

Plaintiff Adv. Proc. No. 21-03004-sgj

Highland Capital Management Fund Advisor,

Defendant

CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE

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I, Joseph Speetjens, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed .R. Bank. P.2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

Date: Jan 16, 2022 Signature: /s/Joseph Speetjens

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