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# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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In re:	§	Chapter 11
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SPEEDCAST INTERNATIONAL	§	
LIMITED, et al.,	§	Case No. 20-32243 (MI)
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Debtors. <sup>1</sup>	§	(Joint Administration Requested)
	§	(Emergency Hearing Requested)

EMERGENCY APPLICATION OF DEBTORS PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 156(c), 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a), 327, AND 503(b), FED. R. BANKR. P. 2002(f), 2014(a), AND 2016, AND BANKRUPTCY LOCAL RULE 2014-1 FOR APPOINTMENT OF KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS LLC AS CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT

EMERGENCY RELIEF HAS BEEN REQUESTED. A <u>VIDEO/TELEPHONIC</u> HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED ON THIS MATTER ON APRIL 23, 2020 AT 3:00 PM (PREVAILING CENTRAL TIME). PARTIES WISHING TO PARTICIPATE TELEPHONICALLY MUST DIAL IN USING THE COURT'S TELECONFERENCE SYSTEM AT 1-832-917-1510 AND ENTERING CONFERENCE CODE 954554. PARTIES WHO ALSO WISH TO PARTICIPATE BY VIDEOCONFERENCE MAY DO SO BY USE OF AN INTERNET CONNECTION, USING THE WEBSITE WWW.JOIN.ME, SELECTING "JOIN A MEETING," AND ENTERING MEETING CODE "Judgelsgur."

IF YOU OBJECT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED OR YOU BELIEVE THAT EMERGENCY CONSIDERATION IS NOT WARRANTED, YOU MUST EITHER APPEAR AT THE HEARING OR FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE PRIOR TO THE HEARING. OTHERWISE, THE COURT MAY TREAT THE PLEADING AS UNOPPOSED AND GRANT THE RELIEF REQUESTED.

RELIEF IS REQUESTED NOT LATER THAN APRIL 23, 2020.

A complete list of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' proposed claims and noticing agent at http://www.kccllc.net/speedcast. The Debtors' service address for the purposes of these chapter 11 cases is 4400 S. Sam Houston Parkway East, Houston, Texas 77048.

SpeedCast International Limited and its debtor affiliates in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), submit this application (this "Application"), under section 156(c) of title 28 of the United States Code, sections 105(a), 327, and 503(b) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rules 2002(f), 2014(a), and 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and Rule 2014-1(b) of the Bankruptcy Local Rules for the Bankruptcy Court of the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Local Rules") the Debtors seek entry of an order appointing Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC ("KCC") as claims, noticing, and solicitation agent ("Claims Agent") in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases. In support of this Application, the Debtors submit the Declaration of Michael Healy in Support of Debtors' Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Relief (the "First Day Declaration"), filed contemporaneously herewith and incorporated herein by reference<sup>2</sup> and the Declaration of Robert Jordan in Support of Emergency Application of Debtors Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §156(c), 11 U.S.C. §\$105(a), 327, and 503(b), Fed. Bankr. P. 2002(f), 2014(a), and 2016, and Local Rule 2014-1 for Appointment of Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC as Claims, Noticing and Solicitation Agent (the "Jordan Declaration"), attached to this Application as **Exhibit B**. In further support of this Application, the Debtors respectfully state as follows:

## **Background**

1. On the date hereof (the "**Petition Date**"), the Debtors each commenced with this Court a voluntary case under chapter 11 of title 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States

All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the First Day Declaration. All dollar (\$) references in this Application are to the U.S. dollar, unless stated otherwise.

Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Court"). The Debtors are authorized to continue to operate their business and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee, examiner, or statutory committee of creditors has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases. The Debtors have also filed a motion requesting joint administration of their chapter 11 cases pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b).

2. The Debtors, combined with their non-debtor affiliates (collectively, "Speedcast" or the "Company"), are the largest provider of remote and offshore satellite communications and information technology services in the world. Speedcast's fully-managed service is delivered to more than 2,000 customers in 140 countries via a leading global, multi-access technology, multi-band and multi-orbit network of 80+ satellites and an interconnecting global terrestrial network, bolstered by on-the-ground local support from 40+ countries. Speedcast services customers in sectors such as Commercial Maritime, Cruise, Energy, Mining, Government, NGOs, Enterprise, and Media.<sup>3</sup> Additional information regarding the Debtors' business and capital structure and the circumstances leading to the commencement of these chapter 11 cases is set forth in the *Declaration of Michael Healy in Support of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Relief*, sworn to on the date hereof (the "Healy Declaration"), which has been filed with the Court contemporaneously herewith and is incorporated by reference herein.

#### Jurisdiction

None of the Speedcast entities associated with the Company's Government business are Debtors in these chapter 11 cases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Healy Declaration. All dollar (\$) references in this Motion are to the U.S. dollar, unless stated otherwise.

3. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1334. This matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). Venue is proper before the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

# **Relief Requested**

- 4. By this Application, pursuant to section 156(c) of title 28 of the United States Code; Bankruptcy Code sections 105(a), 327, and 503(b); Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 2014(a), and 2016; and Bankruptcy Local Rule 2014-1(b), the Debtors respectfully request authorization to retain and appoint KCC as Claims Agent in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases with full responsibility for the distribution of notices and the maintenance, processing, and docketing of proofs of claim filed in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases.
- 5. A proposed form of order granting the relief requested herein is annexed hereto as **Exhibit A** (the "**Proposed Order**").
- 6. The terms of KCC's retention are set forth in KCC Agreement for Services, dated April 16, 2020 (the "Retention Agreement") and attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u>. However, the terms of the Retention Agreement notwithstanding, the Debtors are seeking by this Application approval solely on the terms and provisions described herein.

#### A. KCC's Qualifications

7. KCC is a bankruptcy administrator that specializes in providing comprehensive chapter 11 administrative services including noticing, claims processing, solicitation, balloting, and other related services critical to the effective administration of chapter 11 cases. KCC has developed efficient and cost-effective methods to properly handle the voluminous mailings associated with the noticing, claims processing, solicitation, and balloting portions of chapter 11

cases to ensure the orderly and fair treatment of creditors, equity security holders, and all other parties in interest. Further, KCC will work with the Clerk's office to ensure that such methodology conforms to all of the Court's procedures, the Bankruptcy Local Rules, and the requirements of any Court orders.

- 8. KCC has acted as the claims, noticing, and solicitation agent in numerous cases of comparable size, including several cases that were commenced in the United States Bankruptcy Court for this District. *See, e.g., In re EP Energy Corporation*, Case No. 19-35654 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Oct. 03, 2019); *In re Halcón Resources Corporation*, Case No. 19-34446 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Aug. 07, 2019); *In re Legacy Reserves Inc.*, Case No. 19-33395 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. June 18, 2019); *In re Neighbors Legacy Holdings, Inc.*, Case No. 18-33836 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. July 12, 2018); *In re Cobalt International Energy, Inc.*, Case No. 17-36709 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Dec. 14, 2017); *In re Linc USA GP*, Case No. 16-32689 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. May 29, 2016); *In re Sherwin Alumina Company, LLC*, Case No. 16-20012 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Jan. 11, 2016).
- 9. If KCC is retained as the Claims Agent in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, the distribution of notices and the processing of claims will be streamlined and expedited, and the Clerk will be relieved of the administrative burden of processing what may be an overwhelming number of claims.

#### **B.** Scope of Services

10. This Application relates to the work to be performed by KCC under section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and under the Clerk's delegation of duties permitted by 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) and Local Rule 2002-1(f). KCC will follow the notice and claims procedures that conform to the guidelines promulgated by the Clerk's Office and the Judicial Conference of the United States,

and as may be ordered by the Court. For the avoidance of doubt, KCC shall not act as the agent of the Clerk of the Court. The Clerk of the Court shall maintain its own claims register (the "Official Claims Register"). If a claims bar date is established, parties filing proofs of claim or interest shall file such proofs of claim or interest in the Official Claims Register. Any work to be performed by KCC set forth in the Retention Agreement but outside of such scope is not covered by this Application or by any order granting approval hereof. Specifically, KCC will perform the following tasks in its role as Claims Agent, as well as all quality control relating thereto (collectively, the "Claims Services"):

- a. assist the Debtors with the preparation and distribution of all required notices in these chapter 11 cases including: (i) notice of the commencement of the case,
  (ii) notice of any claims bar dates, to the extent ordered by the Court, (iii) notices of transfers of claims, (iv) notice of any hearings or combined hearing on chapter 11 plan(s) and disclosure statement(s) filed in these chapter 11 cases, including under Bankruptcy Rule 3017(d), (v) notice of the effective date of the chapter 11 plan, and (vi) all other notices, orders, pleadings, publications, and other documents as the Debtors may deem necessary or appropriate for an orderly administration of these cases;
- assist the Debtors with the preparation of the Debtors' Schedules of Assets and Liabilities ("Schedules") and Statements of Financial Affairs ("SOFAs") (as needed);
- c. assist the Debtors with plan solicitation services including (i) balloting and solicitation materials; (ii) tabulation and calculation of votes; (iii) determining

with respect to each ballot cast, its timeliness and its compliance with the Bankruptcy Code; (iv) preparing an official ballot certification and testifying, if necessary, in support of the ballot tabulation results; and (v) in connection with the foregoing services, process requests for documents from parties in interest, including, if applicable, brokerage firms, bank back-offices, and institutional holders;

- d. maintain (i) a list of all potential creditors, equity holders, and other parties in interest, and (ii) a "core" mailing list consisting of all parties described in Bankruptcy Rule 2002 and those parties that have filed a notice of appearance pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9010;
- e. maintain a post office box or address for the purpose of receiving correspondence, proofs of claim, ballots, and returned mail, and process all mail received;
- f. for all notices, motions, orders or other pleadings or documents served, prepare and file or cause to be filed with the Clerk an affidavit or certificate of service no more frequently than every seven days that includes (i) either a copy of each notice served for the proceeding seven days or the docket number(s) and title(s) of the pleading(s) served during such period, (ii) a list of persons to whom it was mailed (in alphabetical order) with their addresses, (iii) the manner of service, and (iv) the date served;
- g. receive and process all proofs of claim received, including those received by the Clerk, check said processing for accuracy, and maintain any original proofs

of claim received in a secure area; if a proof of claim is filed with the Clerk, KCC will cause any such proof of claim to be copied into the Claims Register (defined below);

- h. provide an electronic interface for filing proofs of claim;
- i. if a claims bar date is established, maintain an official claims register (the "Claims Register") fully accessible via KCC's website, which register shall include all claims filed either with the Clerk or otherwise with KCC, and specify therein the following information for each claim docketed: (i) any claim number assigned, (ii) the date received, (iii) the name and address of the claimant and agent, if applicable, who filed the claim, (iv) the address for payment, if different from the notice address, (v) the amount asserted, (vi) the asserted classification(s) of the claim (e.g., secured, unsecured, priority, etc.), and (vii) any disposition of the claim;
- j. implement necessary security measures to ensure the completeness and integrity of the Claims Register and the safekeeping of any original claims;
- k. record all transfers of claims and provide any notices of such transfers as required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(e);
- upon completion of the docketing process for all claims received to date for each case, turn over to the Clerk copies of the Claims Registers for the Clerk's review (upon the Clerk's request);
- m. monitor the Court's docket for all notices of appearance, address changes, and claims-related pleadings and orders filed and make necessary notations on

- and/or changes to the claims register and any service or mailing lists, including to identify and eliminate duplicative names and addresses from such lists;
- n. assist in the dissemination of information to the public and respond to requests for administrative information regarding the cases, as directed by the Debtors and/or the Court, including through the use of a case website and/or call center;
- o. comply with all applicable federal, state, municipal, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and other requirements;
- p. if these chapter 11 cases are converted to cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, contact the Clerk's office within three days of notice to KCC of entry of the order converting the cases;
- q. thirty days prior to the close of these chapter 11 cases, to the extent practicable, request that the Debtors submit to the Court a proposed order dismissing KCC as Claims and Noticing Agent and terminating its services in such capacity upon completion of its duties and responsibilities and upon the closing of these chapter 11 cases;
- r. within seven days of notice to KCC of entry of an order closing these chapter 11 cases, provide to the Court the final version of the Claims Register as of the date immediately before the close of these chapter 11 cases;
- s. at the close of these chapter 11 cases, (i) box and transport all original documents, in proper format, as provided by the Clerk's office, to (A) the Philadelphia Federal Records Center, 14700 Townsend Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154 or (B) any other location requested by the Clerk's office, and (ii) docket

- a completed SF-135 Form indicating the accession and location numbers of the archived claims;
- t. provide a confidential data room if requested; and
- u. provide such other processing, solicitation, balloting, and other administrative services described in the Retention Agreement that may be requested from time to time by the Debtors, the Court or the Clerk's office.

# C. Compensation

- 11. The Debtors will compensate KCC for the Claims Services described above in accordance with the KCC Fee Structure attached hereto as **Exhibit D**. The Debtors respectfully request that the undisputed fees and expenses incurred by KCC in the performance of the above Claims Services be treated as administrative expenses of the Debtors' chapter 11 estates pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) and section 503(b)(l)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code and be paid in the ordinary course of business without further application to or order of the Court.
- 12. KCC agrees to maintain records of all Claims Services, including showing dates, categories of Claims Services, fees charged, and expenses incurred, and to serve monthly invoices on the Debtors, the Office of the United States Trustee, counsel for the Debtors, counsel for any official committee, if any, monitoring the expenses of the Debtors, and any party in interest that specifically requests service of the monthly invoices. If any dispute arises relating to the Retention Agreement or monthly invoices, the parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the dispute. If resolution is not achieved, the parties may seek resolution of the matter from the Court.
- 13. Before the Petition Date, the Debtors provided KCC a retainer in the amount of \$60,000. KCC seeks to first apply the retainer to all prepetition invoices, and thereafter, to have

the retainer replenished to the original retainer amount to the extent necessary, and thereafter, to hold the retainer as security of payment of KCC's final invoice for services rendered and expenses incurred in performing the Claims Services.

#### D. Disinterestedness

- 14. KCC reviewed its database to determine whether it has any relationships with the creditors and parties in interest provided by the Debtors. KCC has represented to the Debtors that, to the best of its knowledge, and except as set forth in the Jordan Declaration, neither KCC nor any of its professional personnel have any relationship with the Debtors that would impair KCC's ability to serve as Claims Agent. To the extent that KCC or its personnel have, or may have had, relationships with certain of the Debtors' creditors, as described in the Jordan Declaration, KCC has represented to the Debtors that those matters are completely unrelated to the Debtors' bankruptcy cases.
- 15. Moreover, in connection with its retention as Claims Agent, KCC represents in the Jordan Declaration, among other things, that KCC is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, in that KCC and its professional personnel:
  - a. are not creditors, equity security holders, or insiders of the Debtors;
  - b. are not, and were not, within two years before the date of the filing of the Debtors' bankruptcy cases, directors, officers, or employees of the Debtors; and
  - c. do not have an interest materially adverse to the interests of the Debtors' estates or any class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, the Debtors.
  - 16. KCC further represents, among other things, that:

- a. it will not consider itself employed by the United States government and shall not seek any compensation from the United States government in its capacity as Claims Agent;
- b. by accepting employment in the Debtors' bankruptcy cases, KCC waives any right to receive compensation from the United States government;
- c. in its capacity as Claims Agent, KCC will not be an agent of the United States and will not act on behalf of the United States;
- d. it will not employ any past or present employees of the Debtors in connection with its work as Claims Agent;
- e. it will comply with all requests of the Clerk's office and the guidelines promulgated by the Judicial Conference of the United States for the implementation of 28 U.S.C. § 156(c); and
- f. none of the services provided by KCC as Claims Agent in these chapter 11 cases shall be at the expense of the Clerk's office.
- 17. KCC will supplement its disclosure to the Court if any facts or circumstances are discovered that would require such additional disclosure.

#### **E.** Indemnification Provisions

18. As part of the overall compensation payable to KCC under the terms of the Retention Agreement, the Debtors have agreed to certain indemnification and contribution obligations as specifically enumerated in the Retention Agreement, to the extent permitted by applicable law and as modified in the Proposed Order attached hereto.

19. The terms of the Retention Agreement and indemnification provisions included therein were negotiated at arm's-length between the Debtors and KCC, and the Debtors respectfully submit that these provisions of the Retention Agreement are reasonable and in the best interests of the Debtors and their estates and creditors.

#### **Relief Requested Should Be Granted**

20. Section 156(c) of title 28 of the United States Code, which governs the staffing and expenses of the bankruptcy court, authorizes the Court to use facilities other than those of the Clerk for the administration of chapter 11 cases, and provides as follows:

Any court may utilize facilities or services, either on or off the court's premises, which pertain to the provision of notices, dockets, calendars, and other administrative information to parties in cases filed under the provisions of title 11, United States Code, where the costs of such facilities or services are paid for out of the assets of the estate and are not charged to the United States.<sup>5</sup>

- 21. The Debtors' selection of KCC to act as the Claims Agent is appropriate under the circumstances and in the best interest of the estates. Moreover, the Debtors respectfully submit, based on all engagement proposals obtained and reviewed, that KCC's rates are competitive and reasonable given KCC's quality of services and expertise.
- 22. Although the Debtors have not yet filed their Schedules, they anticipate that there will be over 20,000 persons and entities to be noticed and that many of these parties will file claims. In view of the number of anticipated claimants and the complexity of the Debtors' business, they respectfully submit that the appointment of a claims and noticing agent will provide the most effective and efficient means of, and relieve the Debtors and/or the Clerk of the administrative

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 28 U.S.C. § 156(c).

burden of, noticing and soliciting and tabulating votes, and is in the best interests of both the Debtors' estates and creditors.

- 23. Furthermore, the Debtors respectfully submit that the fees and expenses that would be incurred by KCC under the proposed engagement would be administrative in nature and, therefore, should not be subject to standard fee application procedures of professionals.
- 24. Courts in this and other jurisdictions have approved similar relief in other chapter 11 cases.<sup>6</sup>

#### Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b) Has Been Satisfied

25. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Local Rule 9013-1(i), the Debtors respectfully request emergency consideration of this Application under Bankruptcy Rule 6003, which provides that the Court may grant relief within the first 21 days after the Petition Date to the extent such relief is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm. As set forth in this Application, the relief requested is essential to avoid the immediate and irreparable harm that would be caused by the Debtors' inability to transition smoothly into chapter 11. The Debtors believe that authorizing KCC to act as the Claims Agent within 21 days of the Petition Date is critical to the Debtors' satisfaction of necessary administrative reviews and will provide administrative continuity and

In re Jones Energy, Inc., Case No. 19-32112 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Apr. 15, 2019), ECF No. 76 (approving retention of claims administrative agent); In re Vanguard Natural Resources, LLC, Case No. 19-31786 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Apr. 1, 2019), ECF No. 63; In re PetroQuest Energy, Inc., Case No. 18-36322 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Nov. 7, 2018), ECF No. 25 (same); In re Fieldwood Energy LLC, Case No. 18-30648 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Feb. 16, 2018), ECF No. 72 (same); In re Exco Resources, Inc., Case No. 18-30155 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Jan. 18, 2018), ECF No. 100 (same); In re Cobalt Int'l Energy, Inc., Case No. 17-36709 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Jan. 11, 2018), ECF No. 203.

avoid confusion among parties in interest. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6003 are satisfied.

# Compliance with Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and Waiver of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h)

26. To implement the foregoing successfully, the Debtors request that the Court find that notice of this Application satisfies Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and that the Court waive the 14-day period under Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h).

#### **Reservation of Rights**

27. Nothing contained herein is intended to be or shall be deemed as (i) an admission as to the validity of any claim against the Debtors, (ii) a waiver or limitation of the Debtors' or any party in interest's rights to dispute the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim, (iii) a waiver of the Debtors' rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable nonbankruptcy law, (iv) an agreement or obligation to pay any claims, (v) a waiver of any claims or causes of action which may exist against any creditor or interest holder, or (vi) an approval, assumption, adoption, or rejection of any agreement, contract, lease, program, or policy under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code. Likewise, if the Court grants the relief sought herein, any payment made pursuant to the Court's order is not intended to be and should not be construed as an admission to the validity of any claim or a waiver of the Debtors' rights to dispute such claim subsequently.

#### **Notice**

28. Notice of this Application will be provided to (i) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Texas; (ii) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors on a consolidated basis; (iii) (A) Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017 (Attn: Damian S. Schaible, Esq., David Schiff, Esq., and Jonah

A. Peppiatt, Esq.) and (B) Rapp & Krock, PC, 1980 Post Oak Blvd, Suite 1200, Houston, TX

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(Attn: David M. Wagener, Esq.), counsel to Credit Suisse AG, Cayman Islands Branch, as

administrative agent under the Syndicated Facility Agreement and the DIP Agent; (v) the Internal

Revenue Service; (vi) the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas;

(vii) the Securities and Exchange Commission; and (viii) any other party entitled to notice pursuant

to Local Rule 9013-1(d) (collectively, the "Notice Parties"). The Debtors submit that, in light of

the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

**No Prior Request** 

29. No prior request for the relief sought in this Application has been made by the

Debtors to this or any other court.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request entry of the Proposed Order,

granting the relief requested herein and such other and further relief as the Court may deem just

and appropriate.

Dated: April 23, 2020

Houston, Texas

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#### Respectfully submitted,

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# **Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that on April 23, 2020, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, and will be served as set forth in the Affidavit of Service to be filed by the Debtors' proposed claims, noticing, and solicitation agent.

<u>/s/ Alfredo R. Pérez</u> Alfredo R. Pérez

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	§ §	Chapter 11
SPEEDCAST INTERNATIONAL LIMITED, et al.,	\$ \$	Case No. 20-32243 (MI)
Debtors. <sup>1</sup>	& & &	(Jointly Administered) Re: Docket No

# ORDER APPOINTING KCC AS CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT

Upon the application, dated April 23, 2020 (the "Application")<sup>2</sup> of SpeedCast International Limited and its affiliated debtors in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), for entry of an order appointing KCC as claims, noticing, and solicitation agent ("Claims Agent") in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, as more fully set forth in the Application; and upon consideration of the Jordan Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction to consider the Application and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1334; and consideration of the Application and the requested relief being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and it appearing that venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the Application having been provided; and such notice having been adequate and appropriate under the circumstances, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Each capitalized term used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to it in the Application.

Application; and this Court having held a hearing to consider the relief requested in the Application; and all objections, if any, to the Application having been withdrawn, resolved, or overruled; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Application is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm to the Debtors and their estates as contemplated by Bankruptcy Rule 6003 and is in the best interests of the Debtors and their respective estates and creditors; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT

- Notwithstanding the terms of the Retention Agreement attached to the Application, the Application is granted solely as set forth in this Order.
- 2. The Debtors are authorized to retain KCC as the Claims Agent to perform the Claims Services set forth in the Application and under the terms of the Retention Agreement relating to such services, and KCC is authorized to perform such services.
- 3. KCC shall serve as the custodian of court records and shall be designated as the authorized repository for all proofs of claim filed in this case and is authorized and directed to maintain the official claims registers for each of the Debtors and to provide the Clerk with a certified duplicate thereof upon request of the Clerk.
- 4. KCC is authorized to obtain a post office box or address for the receipt of proofs of claim.
- 5. KCC is authorized to take such other actions to comply with all duties set forth in the Application and this Order.

- 6. KCC shall comply with all requests of the Clerk and the guidelines promulgated by the Judicial Conference of the United States for the implementation of 28 U.S.C. § 156(c).
- 7. Without further order of this Court, the Debtors are authorized to compensate KCC on a monthly basis in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Retention Agreement for the Claims Services, upon KCC's submission of monthly invoices summarizing in reasonable detail the services rendered and expenses incurred in connection therewith, without the need for KCC to file fee applications or otherwise seek court approval for the compensation of its services and reimbursement of its expenses.
- 8. KCC shall maintain records of all services showing dates, categories of services, fees charged, and expenses incurred, and shall serve monthly invoices on the Debtors, the Office of the United States Trustee, counsel for any official committee monitoring the expenses of the Debtors, and any party in interest that specifically requests service of the monthly invoices.
- 9. The parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve any dispute that may arise relating to the Retention Agreement or monthly invoices, and the parties may seek resolution of the matter from the Court if resolution is not achieved.
- 10. Pursuant to section 503(b)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code, KCC's fees and expenses incurred in connection with the Claims Services shall be administrative expenses of the Debtors' chapter 11 estates.
- 11. The application of KCC's retainer to all prepetition invoices is approved. The retainer shall be replenished to the original retainer amount, and thereafter KCC may hold the retainer as security of payment of KCC's final invoice for services rendered and expenses incurred in performing the Claims Services.

- 12. Except to the extent set forth below, the Debtors are authorized to indemnify KCC under the terms of the Retention Agreement:
- 13. KCC shall not be entitled to indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement pursuant to the Retention Agreement for services other than the Claims Services provided under the Retention Agreement, unless such services and the indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement therefor are approved by the Court;
- 14. The Debtors shall have no obligation to indemnify KCC, or provide contribution or reimbursement to KCC, for any claim or expense that is either: (i) judicially determined (the determination having become final) to have arisen from KCC's gross negligence, willful misconduct, or fraud; or (ii) settled prior to a judicial determination under (i), but determined by this Court, after notice and a hearing, to be a claim or expense for which Claims Agent should not receive indemnity, contribution, or reimbursement under the terms of the Retention Agreement as modified by this Order; and
- 15. If, before the earlier of (i) the entry of an order confirming a chapter 11 plan in the Debtors' bankruptcy cases (that order having become a final order no longer subject to appeal), or (ii) the entry of an order closing the Debtors' bankruptcy cases, KCC believes that it is entitled to the payment of any amounts by the Debtors on account of the Debtors' indemnification, contribution and/or reimbursement obligations under the Retention Agreement (as modified by this Order), including without limitation the advancement of defense costs, KCC must file an application therefor in this Court, and the Debtors may not pay any such amounts to KCC before the entry of an order by this Court approving the payment. This paragraph is intended only to specify the period of time under which the Court shall have jurisdiction over any request for fees and expenses by KCC for indemnification, contribution,

or reimbursement, and not a provision limiting the duration of the Debtors' obligation to

indemnify KCC. All parties in interest shall retain the right to object to any demand by KCC

for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement.

16. In the event KCC is unable to provide the Claims Services, KCC will immediately

notify the Clerk and the Debtors' counsel and cause all original proofs of claim and computer

information to be turned over to another claims and noticing agent with the advice and consent of

the Clerk and Debtors' counsel.

17. KCC shall not cease providing Claims Services during the Debtors' chapter 11

cases for any reason, including nonpayment, without an order of the Court.

18. The Debtors and KCC are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the

relief granted pursuant to this Order in accordance with the Application.

19. In the event of any inconsistency between the Retention Agreement, the

Application, and this Order, this Order shall govern.

20. Notwithstanding the applicability of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and

conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

21. This Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction over all matters arising from or related

to the implementation, interpretation and enforcement of this Order.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2020 Houston, Texas

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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# Exhibit B

**Jordan Declaration** 

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	§ §	Chapter 11
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SPEEDCAST INTERNATIONAL	§	
LIMITED, et al.,	§	Case No. 20-32243 (MI)
	§	
Debtors. <sup>1</sup>	§	(Jointly Administered)
	§	Re: Docket No

DECLARATION OF ROBERT JORDAN IN SUPPORT OF EMERGENCY APPLICATION OF DEBTORS PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 156(c), 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a), 327, AND 503(b), FED. R. BANKR. P. 2002(f), 2014(a), AND 2016, AND LOCAL RULE 2014-1 FOR APPOINTMENT OF KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS LLC AS CLAIMS, NOTICING, AND SOLICITATION AGENT

#### I, Robert Jordan, declare as follows:

1. I am a Managing Director, Corporate Restructuring of Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC ("KCC"), that maintains an office at 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, El Segundo, California, 90245. I submit this declaration in support of the *Emergency Application of Debtors Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c), 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a), 327, and 503(b), Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2002(f), 2014(a), and 2016, and Local Rule 2014-1 for Appointment of Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC as Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent (the "Application")*<sup>2</sup> pursuant to the terms of the Retention Agreement. The facts set forth herein are personally known to me and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify thereto.

A complete list of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' proposed claims and noticing agent at http://www.kccllc.net/speedcast. The Debtors' service address for the purposes of these chapter 11 cases is 4400 S. Sam Houston Parkway East, Houston, Texas 77048.

All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Application.

- 2. As the Claims Agent, KCC will perform, at the request of the Debtors and the Clerk, the services specified in the Application and the Retention Agreement.
- 3. KCC represents that it and its professional personnel:
  - a. are not creditors, equity security holders, or insiders of the Debtors;
  - b. are not, and were not, within two years before the date of the filing of the Debtors' bankruptcy cases, directors, officers, or employees of the Debtors; and
  - c. do not have an interest materially adverse to the interests of the Debtors' estates or any class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, the Debtors.

# 4. KCC further represents that:

- a. it is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the matters upon which it is to be engaged;
- it will not consider itself employed by the United States government and shall not seek any compensation from the United States government in its capacity as Claims Agent;
- c. by accepting employment in the Debtors' bankruptcy cases, KCC waives any right to receive compensation from the United States government;
- d. in its capacity as Claims Agent, KCC will not be an agent of the United States and will not act on behalf of the United States;
- e. it will not employ any past or present employees of the Debtors in connection with its work as Claims Agent;

- f. it will comply with all requests of the Clerk's office and the guidelines promulgated by the Judicial Conference of the United States for the implementation of 28 U.S.C. § 156(c);
- g. none of the services provided by KCC as Claims Agent in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases shall be at the expense of the Clerk's office;
- h. in its capacity as Claims Agent in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, KCC will not intentionally misrepresent any fact to any person; and
- i. it will supplement its disclosure to the Court if any facts or circumstances are discovered that would require such additional disclosure.
- 5. KCC is a bankruptcy administrator that specializes in providing comprehensive chapter 11 administrative services including noticing, claims processing, solicitation, balloting, and other related services critical to the effective administration of chapter 11 cases. KCC has developed efficient and cost-effective methods to properly handle the voluminous mailings associated with the noticing, claims processing, solicitation, and balloting portions of chapter 11 cases to ensure the orderly and fair treatment of creditors, equity security holders, and all other parties in interest. KCC has provided identical or substantially similar services in other chapter 11 cases nationwide, including before this Court.
- 6. In connection with the preparation of this declaration, I caused to be submitted for review by our conflicts system the names of interested parties and significant creditors (the "Potential Parties in Interest") in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases. The list of Potential Parties in Interest was provided by the Debtors and included the Debtors, the Debtors' current and former directors and officers, significant stockholders, secured creditors, top unsecured creditors, and other parties. The results of the conflicts check were compiled

and reviewed by employees of KCC, under my supervision. At this time, KCC is not aware of any relationship that would present a disqualifying conflict of interest. KCC may have relationships with certain Potential Parties in Interest as vendors or in connection with cases in which KCC serves or has served in a neutral capacity as noticing, claims, balloting, or administrative advisor for another chapter 11 debtor. However, given KCC's neutral position as Claims Agent or administrative advisor in any other cases, KCC does not view such relationships as real or potential conflicts. Further, to the best of my knowledge, any such relationship is completely unrelated to these Debtors' chapter 11 cases. Accordingly, to the best of my knowledge, KCC and each of its employees are "disinterested persons," as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, and neither KCC nor any of its employees hold or represent an interest adverse to the Debtors' estates related to any matter for which KCC will be employed.

- 7. KCC has and will continue to represent clients in matters unrelated to the Debtors' chapter 11 cases. In addition, KCC has had and will continue to have relationships in the ordinary course of its business with certain vendors, professionals, and other parties in interest that may be involved in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases in matters unrelated to the Debtors' chapter 11 cases. KCC may also provide professional services to entities or persons that may be creditors or parties in interest in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, which services do not directly relate to, or have any direct connection with, the Debtors' chapter 11 cases or the Debtors.
- 8. KCC is an indirect subsidiary of Computershare Limited ("Computershare").

  Computershare is a financial services and technologies provider for the global securities industry. Within the Computershare corporate structure, KCC operates as a separate,

- segregated business unit. As such, any relationships that Computershare and its affiliates maintain do not create an interest of KCC that would be materially adverse to the Debtors' estates or any class of creditors or equity security holders.
- 9. In performing the Claims Services as described in the Application, KCC will charge the rates set forth in the KCC Fee Structure (**Exhibit D** to the Application). These rates are at least as favorable as the prices KCC charges in other cases in which the firm has been retained to perform similar services.
- 10. In addition, the indemnification provisions set forth in the Retention Agreement reflect standard and customary terms of engagement contained in KCC's engagement letters both in and outside of bankruptcy. Based on my experience, these indemnification provisions are similar to provisions in the engagement letters of other similarly situated companies in engagements both in and outside of bankruptcy.
- 11. Prior to the Petition Date, the Debtors paid KCC a retainer in the amount of \$60,000 (the "Retainer"). Through the Application, KCC seeks to first apply the Retainer to all prepetition invoices, which Retainer shall be replenished to the original retainer amount, and thereafter, to hold such retainer under the Retention Agreement during the Debtors' chapter 11 cases as security for the payment of fees and expenses incurred under the Retention Agreement.
- 12. If appointed as Claims Agent, KCC will not, without prior order from the Court authorizing KCC to do so, (a) cease providing Claims Services during the Debtors' chapter 11 cases for any reason, including nonpayment, without an order of the Court or (b) undertake any legal representation of the Debtors, nor provide any advices of a legal nature, outside the scope of the duties outlined in the Application.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Dated: April 23, 2020	/s/ Robert Jordan		
	Robert Jordan		

# Exhibit C

**Retention Agreement** 

This Agreement is entered into as of the day of April 2020, between Speedcast International Limited (together with its affiliates and subsidiaries, the "Company"), and Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC (together with its affiliates and subcontractors, "KCC"). In consideration of the premises set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

#### **Terms and Conditions**

#### I. SERVICES

- A. KCC agrees to provide the Company with consulting services regarding noticing, claims management and reconciliation, plan solicitation, balloting, disbursements and any other services agreed upon by the parties or otherwise required by applicable law, government regulations or court rules or orders.
- B. KCC further agrees to provide (i) computer software support and training in the use of the support software, (ii) KCC's standard reports as well as consulting and programming support for the Company requested reports, (iii) program modifications, (iv) data base modifications, and/or (v) other features and services in accordance with the fees outlined in a pricing schedule provided to the Company (the "KCC Fee Structure").
- C. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, KCC may, upon request by the Company, (i) provide a communications plan including, but not limited to, preparation of communications materials, dissemination of information and a call center staffed by KCC and/or (ii) provide confidential on-line workspaces or virtual data rooms and publish documents to such workspaces or data rooms (which publication shall not be deemed to violate the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement).
- D. The price listed for each service in the KCC Fee Structure represents a bona fide proposal for such services, which may be accepted in whole or in part. Services will be provided when requested by the Company or required by applicable law, government regulations or court rules or orders. Services are mutually exclusive and are deemed delivered and accepted by the Company when provided by KCC.
- E. The Company acknowledges and agrees that KCC will often take direction from the Company's representatives, employees, agents and/or professionals (collectively, the "Company Parties") with respect to the services being provided under this Agreement. The parties agree that KCC may rely upon, and the Company agrees to be bound by, any requests, advice or information provided by the Company Parties to the same extent as if such requests, advice or information were provided by the Company. The Company agrees and understands that KCC shall not provide the Company or any other party with any legal advice.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The term Company shall include, to the extent applicable, the Company, as debtor and debtor in possession in its chapter 11 case, together with any affiliated debtors and debtors in possession whose chapter 11 cases are jointly administered with the Company's chapter 11 case.

# II. PRICES, CHARGES AND PAYMENT

- A. KCC agrees to charge and the Company agrees to pay KCC for its services at the rates and prices set by KCC that are in effect as of the date of this Agreement and in accordance with the KCC Fee Structure. KCC's prices are generally adjusted periodically to reflect changes in the business and economic environment and are inclusive of all charges. KCC reserves the right to reasonably increase its prices, charges and rates; provided, however, that if any such increase exceeds 15%, KCC will give thirty (30) days written notice to the Company.
- B. In addition to fees and charges for services, the Company agrees to pay KCC's reasonable transportation, lodging, and meal expenses incurred in connection with services provided under this Agreement.
- C. In addition to all fees for services and expenses hereunder, the Company shall pay to KCC (i) any fees and charges related to, arising out of, or as a result of any error or omission made by the Company or the Company Parties, as mutually determined by KCC and the Company, and (ii) all taxes that are applicable to this Agreement or that are measured by payments made under this Agreement and are required to be collected by KCC or paid by KCC to a taxing authority.
- D. Where the Company requires services that are unusual or beyond the normal business practices of KCC, or are otherwise not provided for in the KCC Fee Structure, the cost of such services shall be charged to the Company at a competitive rate.
- KCC agrees to submit its invoices to the Company monthly and the Company agrees that the amount invoiced is due and payable upon the Company's receipt of the invoice. KCC's invoices will contain reasonably detailed descriptions of charges for both hourly (fees) and nonhourly (expenses) case specific charges. Where total invoice amounts are expected to exceed \$10,000 in any single month and KCC reasonably believes it will not be paid, KCC may require advance payment from the Company due and payable upon demand and prior to the performance of services hereunder. If any amount is unpaid as of thirty (30) days from the receipt of the invoice, the Company further agrees to pay a late charge, calculated as one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) of the total amount unpaid every thirty (30) days. In the case of a dispute in the invoice amount, the Company shall give written notice to KCC within ten (10) days of receipt of the invoice by the Company. The undisputed portion of the invoice will remain due and payable immediately upon receipt of the invoice. Late charges shall not accrue on any amounts in dispute or any amounts unable to be paid due to Court order or applicable law. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, the fees for print notice and media publication (including commissions) must be paid at least three (3) days in advance of those fees and expenses being incurred. Certain fees and charges may need to be adjusted due to availability related to the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) global health issue.
- F. In the event that the Company files for protection pursuant to chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (a "Chapter 11 Filing"), the parties intend that KCC shall be employed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) to the extent possible and otherwise in accordance with applicable Bankruptcy law and that all amounts due under this Agreement shall, to the extent possible, be paid as administrative expenses of the Company's chapter 11 estate. As soon as practicable following a Chapter 11 Filing (and otherwise in accordance with applicable law and rules and

orders of the Bankruptcy Court), the Company shall cause pleadings to be filed with the Bankruptcy Court seeking entry of an order or orders approving this Agreement (the "Retention Order"). The form and substance of the pleadings and the Retention Order shall be reasonably acceptable to KCC. If any Company chapter 11 case converts to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, KCC will continue to be paid for its services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The parties recognize and agree that if there is a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the Retention Order, the terms of the Retention Order shall govern during the chapter 11 or other proceeding.

G. To the extent permitted by applicable law, KCC shall receive a retainer in the amount of \$60,000 (the "Retainer") that may be held by KCC as security for the Company's payment obligations under the Agreement. The Retainer is due upon execution of this Agreement. KCC shall be entitled to hold the Retainer until the termination of the Agreement. Following termination of the Agreement, KCC shall return to the Company any amount of the Retainer that remains following application of the Retainer to the payment of unpaid invoices.

## III. RIGHTS OF OWNERSHIP

- A. The parties understand that the software programs and other materials furnished by KCC pursuant to this Agreement and/or developed during the course of this Agreement by KCC are the sole property of KCC. The term "program" shall include, without limitation, data processing programs, specifications, applications, routines, and documentation. The Company agrees not to copy or permit others to copy the source code from the support software or any other programs or materials furnished pursuant to this Agreement.
- B. The Company further agrees that any ideas, concepts, know-how or techniques relating to data processing or KCC's performance of its services developed or utilized during the term of this Agreement by KCC shall be the exclusive property of KCC. Fees and expenses paid by the Company do not vest in the Company any rights in such property, it being understood that such property is only being made available for the Company's use during and in connection with the services provided by KCC under this Agreement.

#### IV. NON-SOLICITATION

The Company agrees that neither it nor its subsidiaries or other affiliated companies shall directly or indirectly solicit for employment, employ or otherwise retain employees of KCC during the term of this Agreement and for a period of twelve (12) months after termination of this Agreement unless KCC provides prior written consent to such solicitation or retention.

#### V. CONFIDENTIALITY

Each of KCC and the Company, on behalf of themselves and their respective employees, agents, professionals and representatives, agrees to keep confidential all non-public records, systems, procedures, software and other information received from the other party in connection with the services provided under this Agreement; provided, however, that if either party reasonably believes that it is required to produce any such information by order of any governmental agency or other regulatory body it may, upon not less than five (5) business days' written notice to the other party, release the required information.

# VI. SUSPENSION OF SERVICE AND TERMINATION

- A. This Agreement shall remain in force until terminated or suspended by either party (i) upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party or (ii) immediately upon written notice for Cause (defined herein). As used herein, the term "Cause" means (i) gross negligence or willful misconduct of KCC that causes serious and material harm to the Company's reorganization under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, (ii) the failure of the Company to pay KCC invoices for more than sixty (60) days from the date of invoice, or (iii) the accrual of invoices or unpaid services in excess of the retainer held by KCC where KCC reasonably believes it will not be paid.
- B. In the event that this contract is terminated, regardless of the reason for such termination, KCC shall coordinate with the Company and, to the extent applicable, the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, to maintain an orderly transfer of record keeping functions and KCC shall provide all necessary staff, services and assistance required for an orderly transfer. The Company agrees to pay for such services in accordance with KCC's then existing prices for such services. If such termination occurs following entry of the Retention Order, the Company shall immediately seek entry of an order (in form and substance reasonably acceptable to KCC) that discharges KCC from service and responsibility in the Company's bankruptcy case.
- C. Any data, programs, storage media or other materials furnished by the Company to KCC or received by KCC in connection with the services provided under the terms of this Agreement may be retained by KCC until the services provided are paid for, or until this Agreement is terminated with the services paid in full. The Company shall remain liable for all fees and expenses imposed under this Agreement as a result of data or physical media maintained or stored by KCC. KCC shall dispose of the data and media in the manner requested by the Company. The Company agrees to pay KCC for reasonable expenses incurred as a result of the disposition of data or media. If the Company has not utilized KCC's services under this Agreement for a period of at least ninety (90) days, KCC may dispose of the data or media, and be reimbursed by the Company for the expense of such disposition, after giving the Company thirty (30) days' notice. Notwithstanding any term herein to the contrary, following entry of the Retention Order, the disposition of any data or media by KCC shall be in accordance with any applicable instructions from the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, local Bankruptcy Court rules and orders of the Bankruptcy Court.

#### VII. SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

KCC strives to provide continuous improvements in the quality of service to its clients. KCC, therefore, reserves the right to make changes in operating procedure, operating systems, programming languages, general purpose library programs, application programs, time period of accessibility, types of terminal and other equipment and the KCC data center serving the Company, so long as any such changes do not materially interfere with ongoing services provided to the Company in connection with the Company's chapter 11 case.

#### VIII. BANK ACCOUNTS

At the Company's request and subject to Court approval following any chapter 11 filing, KCC may be authorized to establish accounts with financial institutions in the name of and as agent for the Company. To the extent that certain financial products are provided to the Company pursuant to KCC's agreement with financial institutions, KCC may receive compensation from such financial institutions for the services KCC provides pursuant to such agreement.

# IX. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

- A. The Company shall indemnify and hold KCC, its affiliates, members, directors, officers, employees, consultants, subcontractors and agents (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, judgments, liabilities and expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) (collectively, "Losses") resulting from, arising out of or related to KCC's performance under this Agreement. Such indemnification shall exclude Losses resulting from KCC's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Losses include any liabilities resulting from claims by any third-parties against any Indemnified Party. The Company shall notify KCC in writing promptly upon the assertion, threat or commencement of any claim, action, investigation or proceeding that the Company becomes aware of with respect to the services provided by KCC under this Agreement. The Company's indemnification obligations hereunder shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
- B. Except as provided herein, KCC's liability to the Company or any person making a claim through or under the Company for any Losses of any kind, even if KCC has been advised of the possibility of such Losses, whether direct or indirect and unless due to gross negligence or willful misconduct of KCC, shall be limited to the total amount billed or billable to the Company for the portion of the particular work which gave rise to the alleged Loss. In no event shall KCC be liable for any indirect, special or consequential damages such as loss of anticipated profits or other economic loss in connection with or arising out of the services provided for in this Agreement. In no event shall KCC's liability to the Company for any Losses, whether direct or indirect, arising out of this Agreement exceed the total amount billed to the Company and actually paid to KCC for the services contemplated under the Agreement; provided, however, that this limitation shall not apply to the Company during any chapter 11 case in which the Company is a debtor.
- C. The Company is responsible for the accuracy of the programs, data and information it or any Company Party submits for processing to KCC and for the output of such information. KCC does not verify information provided by the Company and, with respect to the preparation of schedules and statements, all decisions are at the sole discretion and direction of the Company. The Company reviews and approves all schedules and statements filed on behalf of, or by, the Company; KCC bears no responsibility for the accuracy or contents therein. The Company agrees to initiate and maintain backup files that would allow the Company to regenerate or duplicate all programs and data submitted by the Company to KCC.
- D. The Company agrees that except as expressly set forth herein, KCC makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, including, but not limited to, any implied or

express warranty of merchantability, fitness or adequacy for a particular purpose or use, quality, productiveness or capacity.

#### X. FORCE MAJEURE

KCC will not be liable for any delay or failure in performance when such delay or failure arises from circumstances beyond its reasonable control, including without limitation acts of God, acts of government in its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of public enemy or terrorists, acts of civil or military authority, war, riots, civil strife, terrorism, blockades, sabotage, rationing, embargoes, epidemics, pandemics, outbreaks of infectious diseases or any other public health crises, earthquakes, fire, flood, other natural disaster, quarantine or any other employee restrictions, power shortages or failures, utility or communication failure or delays, labor disputes, strikes, or shortages, supply shortages, equipment failures, or software malfunctions.

# XI. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

The Company and KCC are and shall be independent contractors of each other and no agency, partnership, joint venture or employment relationship shall arise, directly or indirectly, as a result of this Agreement.

#### XII. NOTICES

All notices and requests in connection with this Agreement shall be given or made upon the respective parties in writing and shall be deemed as given as of the third day following the day it is deposited in the U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid or on the day it is given if sent by facsimile or electronic mail or on the day after the day it is sent if sent by overnight courier to the appropriate address set forth below:

Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, 3rd Floor

El Segundo, CA 90245 Attn: Drake D. Foster

Tel: (310) 823-9000

Fax: (310) 823-9133

E-Mail: dfoster@kccllc.com

Speedcast International Limited

Unit 4F, Level 1, Lakes Business Park. 12 Lord

Street

Botany NSW 2019 AUSTRALIA

Attn: Dominic Gyngell

Tel:

Or to such other address as the party to receive the notice or request so designates by written notice to the other.

#### XIII. APPLICABLE LAW

The validity, enforceability, and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

## XIV. ENTIRE AGREEMENT/ MODIFICATIONS

Each party acknowledges that it has read this Agreement, understands it, and agrees to be bound by its terms and further agrees that it is the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement

between the parties, which supersedes and merges all prior proposals, understandings, other agreements, and communications oral and written between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement. The Company represents that it has the authority to enter into this Agreement, and the Agreement is non-dischargeable under any applicable statute or law. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall in no way be affected or impaired thereby. This Agreement may be modified only by a written instrument duly executed by an authorized representative of the Company and an officer of KCC.

# XV. COUNTERPARTS; EFFECTIVENESS

This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement will become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered to the other parties, which delivery may be made by exchange of copies of the signature page by facsimile or electronic mail.

#### XVI. ASSIGNMENT

This Agreement and the rights and duties hereunder shall not be assignable by the parties hereto except upon written consent of the other, with the exception that this Agreement can be assigned without written consent by KCC to a wholly-owned subsidiary or affiliate of KCC.

#### XVII. ATTORNEYS' FEES

In the event that any legal action, including an action for declaratory relief, is brought to enforce the performance or interpret the provisions of this Agreement, the parties agree to reimburse the prevailing party's reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, and all other related expenses, which may be set by the court in the same action or in a separate action brought for that purpose, in addition to any other relief to which the prevailing party may be entitled.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement effective as of the first date mentioned above.

Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC

BY: Evan Gershbein

DATE: 4/16/20

TITLE: EVP, Corporate Restructuring Services

Speedcast International Limited

BY: Michael Healy

DATE:

TITLE: Chief Restructuring Officer

# Exhibit D

**KCC Fee Structure** 



#### **FEE STRUCTURE**

#### Consulting Services & Rates<sup>1</sup>

Position Hourly Rate

Analyst \$30 - \$50

The Analyst processes incoming mail, including proofs of claim, ballots, creditor correspondence and returned mail. Also assists with the generation of mailing services.

#### Technology/Programming Consultant

\$35 - \$95

The Technology/Programming Consultant assists with complex system requests, including unique claim/ballot reporting and custom website updates.

#### Consultant/Senior Consultant/Senior Managing Consultant \$75 - \$225

The Consultant is the day-to-day contact for mailings, including the preparation and filing of affidavits of service (a critical due process component). He/she also responds to creditor and counsel inquiries, maintains the public access website, identifies actionable pleadings (i.e., claims objections, notices of transfer, withdrawals, etc.) and updates the official claims register. KCC's Consultants average over six years of experience.

The Senior Consultant manages the various data collection processes required by the Chapter 11 process. This includes, among other things, compiling the creditor matrix and Schedules/SOFAs (and generating drafts of same for counsel and advisors), reviewing and processing claims, overseeing contract review, overseeing all mailings and generating custom claim and ballot reports. KCC's Senior Consultants average over seven years of experience.

The Senior Managing Consultant is the primary contact for the company, counsel and other professionals and oversees and supports the entirety of an engagement. KCC's SMCs average over twelve years of experience and are generally former practitioners.

#### Securities/Solicitation Consultant<sup>2</sup>

\$220

The Securities Director/Solicitation Consultant is the day-to-day contact and acts as advisor on transactions including balloting with treatment election, rights offers, exchange offers and complex plan distributions. This position handles service of related materials to banks, brokers and agents and manages tabulation and audit processes, preparing detailed reporting of results. In addition, the Solicitation Consultant provides support on all voting, tabulation, Schedule and SOFA services and other additional complex consulting tasks.

#### Securities Director/Solicitation Lead

\$230

The Solicitation Lead/Securities Director oversees all activities of the group and provides counsel with respect to solicitation and noticing events ensuring that processes employed are effective and practical for securities depositories, bank, brokers, nominees and their agents. In addition, the Solicitation Lead provides counsel on all voting, tabulation, Schedule and SOFA services and other additional complex consulting tasks.

Weekend, holidays and overtime

Waived

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please note that additional professional services not covered by this proposal will be charged at hourly rates, including any outsourced services performed under our supervision and control. Certain fees and charges may need to be adjusted due to availability related to the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) global health issue.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Certain events and technology development fees may be applicable.



#### **FEE STRUCTURE**

#### **Printing Services & Noticing Services**

Printing \$0.10 per image (volume discounts apply)

Labels Waived
Document folding and inserting Waived

Envelopes Varies by size
E-mail noticing Waived<sup>3</sup>

Fax noticing \$0.08 per page

Claim Acknowledgement Card Waived
Insert creditor information into customized documents Waived

Newspaper and legal notice publishing Quote prior to publishing

#### Claims Administration & Management Expenses

License fee and data storage \$0.10 per record per month

Database and system access (unlimited users)

Custom client reports

Waived

Access to KCC CaseView (secure, password protected)

Waived

- Proprietary, secured, password protected portal for unlimited users
- Comprehensive case data, including extensive real time analytics on claim, solicitation and processing information
- Functionality to run or request customized reports summarizing case analytics

#### **KCC** eServices

Case website set up & hosting Waived
Automated updates of case docket and claims register Waived
Online claims filing (ePOC) Waived

#### Document Management/Imaging

Electronic imaging (scanning & bar coding) \$0.10 per imaged page

Virtual Data Room Quote prior to VDR set-up

CD-ROMS (mass document storage) Varies upon requirements

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> A set-up fee for email services larger than 100 parties may apply. This set-up fee varies depending on the total number of parties.



## **FEE STRUCTURE**

#### **Call Center Support Services**

Case-specific voice-mail box for creditors Waived

Interactive Voice Response ("IVR")

Set-up and per minute fee waived

Monthly maintenance charge Waived

Management of Call Center Standard hourly rates

#### **Disbursements**

Check issuance Quote prior to printing

W-9 mailing and maintenance of TIN database

See hourly rates and noticing charges