## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re:

SEQUENTIAL BRANDS GROUP, INC., et al.,<sup>1</sup>

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 21-11194 (JTD)

(Joint Administration Requested)

# DEBTORS' MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER (I) EXTENDING TIME TO FILE SCHEDULES OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, SCHEDULES OF EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (the "<u>Debtors</u>") file this motion (the "<u>Motion</u>") for entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>: (i) extending the deadline by which the Debtors must file their schedules of assets and liabilities, schedules of executory contracts and unexpired leases, and statements of financial affairs (collectively, the "<u>Schedules and Statements</u>") and (ii) granting related relief. In support of this Motion, the Debtors respectfully represent as follows:

# Jurisdiction and Venue

1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the

"<u>Court</u>") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware*, dated February 29, 2012. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's tax identification number, are: Sequential Brands Group, Inc. (2789), SQBG, Inc. (9546), Sequential Licensing, Inc. (7108), William Rast Licensing, LLC (4304), Heeling Sports Limited (0479), Brand Matter, LLC (1258), SBG FM, LLC (8013), Galaxy Brands LLC (9583), The Basketball Marketing Company, Inc. (7003), American Sporting Goods Corporation (1696), LNT Brands LLC (3923), Joe's Holdings LLC (3085), Gaiam Brand Holdco, LLC (1581), Gaiam Americas, Inc. (8894), SBG-Gaiam Holdings, LLC (8923), SBG Universe Brands, LLC (4322), and GBT Promotions LLC (7003). The Debtors' corporate headquarters and the mailing address for each Debtor is 1407 Broadway, 38th Floor, New York, NY 10018.



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§ 157(b)(2), and the Debtor confirms its consent pursuant to Rule 9013-1(f) of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Local Rules") to the entry of a final order by the Court in connection with this Motion to the extent that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

2. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

3. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a) and 521 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532 (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"), Rules 1007(c) and 9006(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>"), and Rule 1007-1(b) of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware ("<u>Local Rules</u>").

#### **Background**

4. On the date hereof (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the Debtors commenced these cases by filing voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors have continued in the possession of their property and have continued to operate and manage their business as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee, examiner or committee has been appointed in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases.

5. The factual background regarding the Debtors, including their current and historical business operations and the events precipitating their chapter 11 filings, is set forth in detail in the *Declaration of Lorraine DiSanto in Support of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Petitions and* 

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*Requests for First Day Relief* (the "<u>First Day Declaration</u>") filed on the Petition Date and fully incorporated herein by reference.<sup>2</sup>

### **Relief Requested**

6. The Debtors seek entry of an order substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**: (a) extending the deadline by which the Debtors must file their Schedules and Statements by twenty (20) days in addition to the extension provided by Rule 1007-1(b) of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedures for the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Local Rules"), for a total of 48 days from the Petition Date, without prejudice to the Debtors' ability to request additional extensions for cause shown and (b) granting related relief.

#### **Basis for Relief**

#### A. <u>Extension of Time for Filing of the Schedules and Statements</u>

7. Local Rule 1007-1(b) extends the filing deadline for the Schedules and Statements to twenty-eight (28) days after the petition date if the bankruptcy petition is accompanied by a list of all of the debtor's creditors and their addresses, in accordance with Local Rule 1007-2, and if the total number of creditors in a debtor's case or, in the case of jointly administered cases, the debtors' cases, exceeds 200. *See* 11 U.S.C. § 521 (requiring debtor to file Schedules and Statements). The Debtors in the instant case have filed a list of creditors in accordance with Local Rule 1007-2, which list reflects that the total number of their creditors exceeds 200 on a consolidated basis.

8. This Court has the authority to grant the requested extension to file the Schedules and Statements under Rules 1007(c) and 9006(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>") and Local Rule 1007-l(b). Bankruptcy Rule 1007(c) together

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized term used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the First Day Declaration.

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with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b) allows the Court to extend the filing deadline for the Schedules and Statements "for cause shown." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9006(b). Similarly, Local Rule 1007-l(b) provides that such an extension may be granted for cause.

9. Here, good and sufficient cause for granting an extension of time to file the Schedules and Statements exists. To prepare the Schedules and Statements, the Debtors must compile information from books, records, and documents relating to creditor claims, as well as the Debtors' many assets and contracts. This information is voluminous and collecting the necessary information requires a significant expenditure of time and effort on the part of the Debtors, their employees, and their professional advisors in the near term, when these resources would be best used to focus on the transition into chapter 11.

10. Given the amount of work entailed in completing the Schedules and Statements and the competing demands on the Debtors' employees and professionals to assist in efforts to stabilize business operations and facilitate the marketing process for the Debtors' businesses during the initial postpetition period, the Debtors likely will not be able to properly and accurately complete the Schedules and Statements within the required time period.

11. Before filing these cases, the Debtors focused on preparing for the chapter 11 filing and preparing the business to transition into chapter 11. Such efforts made it difficult for the Debtors to prepare the Schedules and Statements. Although the Debtors have commenced the process that will enable them to prepare and finalize the Schedules and Statements, the Debtors anticipate that they may require at least twenty (20) additional days to complete the Schedules and Statements. The Debtors therefore request that the Court extend the 28-day period for an additional twenty (20) days, without prejudice to the Debtors' right to request further extensions, for cause shown.

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12. The Debtors submit that the extensive amount of information that must be assembled and compiled and the hundreds of employee and professional hours required to complete the Schedules and Statements constitute good and sufficient cause for granting the requested extension of time.

13. Further, courts in this district have granted similar relief to that requested herein in a number of cases. *See, e.g., In re Global Eagle Entertainment, Inc.*, Case No. 20-11835 (JTD) (Bankr. D. Del. July 27, 2020) (extending time to file schedules and statements to 53 days from the petition date); *In re Sportco Holdings, Inc.*, Case No. 19-11299 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. June 11, 2019) (extending time to file schedules and statements to 60 days from the petition date); *In re General Wireless Operations Inc.*, Case No. 17-10506 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 8, 2017) (extending time to file schedules and statements to 45 days from the petition date); *In re Emerald Oil, Inc.*, No. 16-10704 (KG) (Docket No. 206) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 19, 2016) (extending time to file schedules and statements to 45 days from the petition date); *In re Horsehead Holding Corp.*, No. 16-10287 (CSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 1, 2016) (extending time to file schedules and statements to 40 days from the petition date); *In re Molycorp, Inc.*, No. 15-11357 (CSS) (Bankr. D. Del. June 26, 2015) (extending time to file schedules and statements to 60 days from the petition date); *In re Quicksilver Res, Inc.*, No. 15-10585 (LSS) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 14, 2015) (same).<sup>3</sup>

#### **Notice**

14. The Debtors will provide notice of this motion to: (a) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware; (b) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (c) the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware; (d) the United States Internal Revenue Service; (e) the United States

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Because of the voluminous nature of the orders cited herein, such orders have not been attached to this Motion. Copies of these orders are available upon request of the Debtors' proposed counsel.

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Securities and Exchange Commission; (f) counsel to the BoA Credit Agreement agent, (i) Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, One Federal Street, Boston, MA 02110 (Attn: Marjorie Crider, Esq. (marjorie.crider@morganlewis.com); Julie Frost-Davies, Esq. (julia.frostdavies@morganlewis.com)), and (ii) Robinson & Cole LLP, 1201 N. Market Street, Suite 1406, Wilmington, DE 19801 (Attn: Rachel J. Mauceri (rmauceri@rc.com)); (g) counsel to the Term B Lenders and DIP Lenders, (i) King & Spalding, 1185 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036 (Attn: Roger Schwartz, Esq. (rschwartz@kslaw.com); Peter Montoni, Esq. (pmontoni@kslaw.com); Timothy Fesenmyer, Esq. (tfesenmyer@kslaw.com)); and (ii) Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP, 1201 N. Market Street, Suite 1600, Wilmington, DE 19801, (Attn: Robert J. Dehney, Esq. (rdehney@morris nichols.com)); and (h) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The Debtors submit that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

#### **No Prior Request**

15. No prior motion for the relief requested herein has been made to this or any other court.

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WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, the Debtors respectfully request

entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as  $\underline{Exhibit A}$  and for such other and further relief as may be appropriate.

Dated: August 31, 2021

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# EXHIBIT A

(Proposed Order)

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Upon the motion (the "<u>Motion</u>")<sup>2</sup> of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (the "<u>Debtors</u>") for entry of an order (this "<u>Order</u>"): (i) extending the time period to file its Schedules and Statements and (ii) granting related relief; all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), and that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors'

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estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is GRANTED as forth herein.

2. The Debtors are granted an extension of twenty (20) days in addition to the extension provided by Rule 1007-1(b) of the Local Rules, for a total of 48 days from the Petition Date, to and including October 18, 2021 to file the Schedules and Statements

3. Such extension is without prejudice to the Debtors' right to request further extensions.

4. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.

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