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

)

)

In re:

STAGE STORES, INC., et al.,1

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 20-32564 (DRJ)

(Jointly Administered)

### NOTICE OF HEARING TO CONSIDER CONFIRMATION OF THE AMENDED CHAPTER 11 PLAN FILED BY THE DEBTORS AND RELATED VOTING AND OBJECTION DEADLINES

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT** on July 1, 2020, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>") entered an order (the "<u>Disclosure Statement Order</u>"), (a) authorizing Stage Stores, Inc. and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>"), to solicit acceptances for the *Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Stage Stores, Inc. and Specialty Retailers, Inc.* (as may be modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time, the "<u>Plan</u>");<sup>2</sup> (b) approving the *Disclosure Statement for the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Stage Stores, Inc. and Specialty Retailers, Inc.* (the "<u>Disclosure Statement</u>") as containing "adequate information" pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the Solicitation Package; and (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan and for filing objections to the Plan.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT** the hearing at which the Bankruptcy Court will consider Confirmation of the Plan (the "<u>Confirmation Hearing</u>") will commence on **August 14, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. prevailing Central Time (or as soon thereafter as the Debtors may be heard at which the Bankruptcy Court will consider the Confirmation Hearing** <u>Date</u>), before the Honorable David R. Jones, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, located at 515 Rusk Street, Houston, Texas 77002, Courtroom 400.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Stage Stores, Inc. (6900) and Specialty Retailers, Inc. (1900). The Debtors' service address is: 2425 West Loop South, Houston, Texas 77027.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the same meanings set forth in the Disclosure Statement.

<u>Please be Advised</u>: The Confirmation Hearing may be continued from time to time by the Bankruptcy Court or the Debtors <u>without further notice</u> other than by such adjournment being announced in open court or by a Notice of Adjournment Filed with the Bankruptcy Court and served on all parties entitled to notice.

### **CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING VOTING ON THE PLAN**

**Voting Record Date**. The voting record date is **June 30, 2020** (the "<u>Voting Record Date</u>"), which is the date for determining which Holders of Claims in the Voting Classes are entitled to vote on the Plan.

**Voting Deadline**. The deadline for voting on the Plan is on <u>August 7, 2020, at 4:00</u> <u>**p.m.**</u> prevailing Central Time (the "<u>Voting Deadline</u>"). If you received a Solicitation Package, including a Ballot and intend to vote on the Plan you <u>**must**</u>: (a) follow the instructions carefully; (b) complete <u>**all**</u> of the required information on the ballot; and (c) execute and return your completed Ballot according to and as set forth in detail in the voting instructions so that it is <u>**actually received**</u> by the Debtors' Notice, Claims, and Balloting Agent, Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC (the "<u>Notice, Claims, and Balloting Agent</u>") on or before the Voting Deadline. **A failure to follow such instructions may disqualify your vote**.

### **CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING OBJECTING TO THE PLAN**

<u>Article VIII</u> of the Plan contains Release, Exculpation, and Injunction provisions, and <u>Article VIII.E contains a Third-Party Release</u>. Thus, you are advised to review and consider the Plan carefully because your rights might be affected thereunder.

# **<u>Binding nature of the Plan</u>**:

If confirmed, the Plan will bind all Holders of Claims or Interests to the maximum extent permitted by applicable law, whether or not such Holder will receive or retain any property or interest in property under the Plan, has filed a Proof of Claim in these Chapter 11 Cases, or failed to vote to accept or reject the Plan or voted to reject the Plan.

**Plan Objection Deadline**. The deadline for filing objections to the Plan is <u>August 7</u>, <u>2020, at 4:00 p.m.</u> prevailing Central Time (the "<u>Plan Objection Deadline</u>"). All objections to the relief sought at the Confirmation Hearing <u>must</u>: (a) be in writing; (b) conform to the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any orders of the Bankruptcy Court; (c) state, with particularity, the legal and factual basis for the objection and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan (or related materials) that would resolve such objection; **and** (d) be filed with the Bankruptcy Court (contemporaneously with a proof of service) and served upon the following parties so as to be <u>actually received</u> on or before <u>August 7</u>, <u>2020</u>, <u>at 4:00 p.m.</u> prevailing Central Time:

Debtors	Counsel to the Debtors
Stage Stores, Inc. 2425 West Loop South Houston, Texas 77027 Attn: Office of the General Counsel	Kirkland & Ellis LLP 601 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10022 Attn.: Joshua A. Sussberg, P.C. Neil E. Herman
	and
	Kirkland & Ellis LLP 300 North LaSalle Chicago, Illinois 60654 Attn.: Joshua A. Altman Kevin S. McClelland
	and
	Jackson Walker L.L.P 1401 McKinney Street, Suite 1900 Houston, Texas 77010 Attn.: Mathew D. Cavenaugh Jennifer F. Wertz
United States Trustee	Counsel to the Committee
The United States Trustee 515 Rusk Street, Suite 3516 Houston, Texas 77002 Attn.: Hector Duran and Stephen Statham	Cooley LLP 55 Hudson Yards New York, NY 10001-2157 Attn.: Jay Indyke Evan Lazerowitz
	and
	Cole Schotz P.C. 1325 Avenue of the Americas 19th Floor New York, NY 10019 Attn: Seth Van Aalten Sarah Carnes

# ADMINISTRATIVE, PRIORITY, AND OTHER PRIORITY CLAIM IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Generally, in a chapter 11 case, the holders of administrative or priority claims do not have to vote or take any other action and are entitled to be paid allowed amounts in full as a

condition to the approval of a plan. In fact, the relevant section of the Bankruptcy Code, section 1129(a)(9), says that administrative and priority claims have to be paid in full for a plan to be approved unless the holder of an administrative or priority claim has *agreed* to a different treatment for such claim.

In these cases, however, as explained in Article III.E of the Disclosure Statement approved by the Bankruptcy Court, there may be insufficient funds to pay you and the other holders of administrative and priority claims in full. Therefore, unless you and the other holders of administrative and priority claims agree to a "different treatment" than what is normally contemplated by the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors are required to pay your claim in full pursuant to the provisions of section 1129(a)(9) or the Debtors will not be able to confirm the Plan.

If an administrative or priority creditor objects to confirmation of the Plan asserting that it is entitled to payment in full under section 1129(a)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors may not be able to confirm the Plan. If the Plan cannot be confirmed for any reason, including, as a result of any such objections, the Plan shall act as a motion seeking dismissal of the chapter 11 cases in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code. It is likely that holders of administrative and priority claims would receive a smaller distribution on account of their Claims under any alternative to the Plan. The Debtors therefore urge you to complete the form below and agree to receive less than full payment, which is different than that which is normally provided to a holder of an administrative or priority claim under section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.

The Debtors estimate, based on current assumptions that the Distributable Cash as of the Effective Date available to pay the holders of certain claims, including administrative and priority claims. The Plan provides for all such holders, including holders of administrative and priority claims, to be paid from the fund and if such holders agree to the "different treatment" as set forth in the Plan, they will receive their share of this fund to the extent their claim is allowed. At this time, the Debtors do not know the exact amount of recovery that Holders of Administrative, Priority Tax, and Other Priority Claims will receive as it will depend on the total amount of all claims entitled to share in the fund.

For more information on the treatment of administrative and priority claims, please see Article III.E and III.F of the Disclosure Statement.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE FAILURE TO OBJECT TO CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN BY A HOLDER OF AN ADMINISTRATIVE, PRIORITY TAX, OR OTHER PRIORITY CLAIM SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE SUCH HOLDER'S CONSENT AND AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE TREATMENT FOR SUCH CLAIM THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM THAT SET FORTH IN 11 U.S.C. § 1129(A)(9), WHICH OTHERWISE REQUIRES PAYMENT IN FULL IN CASH.

HOLDERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMS, PRIORITY TAX CLAIMS, AND OTHER PRIORITY CLAIMS THAT DO NOT OBJECT TO THE PLAN WILL BE DEEMED A

# "RELEASED PARTY" UNDER THE PLAN. IF SUCH A HOLDER OBJECTS TO THE PLAN, THEY WILL NOT RECEIVE RELEASE.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Obtaining Solicitation Materials**. The materials in the Solicitation Package are intended to be self-explanatory. If you should have any questions or if you would like to obtain additional solicitation materials (or paper copies of solicitation materials), please feel free to contact the Debtors' Notice, Claims, and Balloting Agent, by: (a) calling the Debtors' restructuring hotline at 888-647-1732 (US and Canada) or 310-751-2622 (International); (b) visiting the Debtors' restructuring website at: <u>http://www.kccllc.net/stagestores;</u> and/or (c) writing to Stage Stores, Inc. Ballot Processing, c/o KCC, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245. You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases for a fee via PACER at: <u>http://www.txsb.uscourts.gov</u>. Please be advised that the Notice, Claims, and Balloting Agent is authorized to answer questions about, and provide additional copies of, solicitation materials, but may <u>not</u> advise you as to whether you should vote to accept or reject the Plan.

**Filing the Plan Supplement**. The Debtors will file the Plan Supplement (as defined in the Plan) no later than five days prior to the Voting Deadline and will serve notice on all Holders of Claims entitled to vote on the Plan, which will: (a) inform parties that the Debtors filed the Plan Supplement; (b) list the information contained in the Plan Supplement; and (c) explain how parties may obtain copies of the Plan Supplement.

#### **RELEASES AND EXCULPATION**

**Releases and Exculpation.** Article VIII of the Plan contains release, exculpation, and injunction provisions, and Article VIII.E contains a Third-Party Release. Thus, you are advised to review and consider the Plan carefully because your rights might be affected thereunder.

Under the Plan, "Released Party" means collectively, and in each case in its capacity as such: (a) the Prepetition Secured Parties; (b) the Committee and each of its members; (c) the Plan Administrator; (d) each Holder of an Administrative Claim, Priority Tax Claim, and Other Priority Claim that does not object to the Plan; (e) all Holders of Claims or Interests that vote to accept or are presumed to accept the Plan; (f) all Holders of Claims or Interests that abstain from voting on the Plan, who do not affirmatively opt out of the releases provided by the Plan by checking the box on the applicable form indicating that they opt not to grant the releases provided in the Plan, and who do not object to the Plan; and (g) with respect to each of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, and each of the foregoing Entities in clauses (a) through (f), such Entity and its current and former Affiliates, and such Entities' and their current and former Affiliates' current and former directors, managers, officers, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), predecessors, participants, successors, and assigns, subsidiaries, affiliates, managed accounts or funds, and each of their respective current and former equity holders, officers, directors, managers, principals, shareholders, members, management companies, fund advisors, employees, agents, advisory board members, financial advisors, partners, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals; *provided* that any Holder of a Claim or Interest that: (a) opts out of the releases; or (b) objects to the releases contained in the Plan shall not be a "Released Party."

Under the Plan, "Releasing Parties" means, collectively, (a) the Prepetition Secured Parties; (b) the Committee and each of its members; (c) the Plan Administrator; (d) all Holders of Claims or Interests that vote to accept or are presumed to accept the Plan; (e) all Holders of Claims or Interests that abstain from voting on the Plan and who do not affirmatively opt out of the releases provided by the Plan by checking the box on the applicable form indicating that they opt not to grant the releases provided in the Plan; (f) all Holders of Claims or Interests that vote to reject the Plan or are deemed to reject the Plan and who do not affirmatively opt out of the releases provided by the Plan by checking the box on the applicable form indicating that they opt not to grant the releases provided in the Plan; and (g) with respect to each of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, and each of the foregoing Entities in clauses (a) through (f), such Entity and its current and former Affiliates, and such Entities' and their current and former Affiliates' current and former directors, managers, officers, equity holders (regardless of whether such interests are held directly or indirectly), predecessors, successors, and assigns, subsidiaries, affiliates, managed accounts or funds, and each of their respective current and former equity holders, officers, directors, managers, principals, shareholders, members, management companies, fund advisors, employees, agents, advisory board members, financial advisors, partners, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, and other professionals, each in their capacity as such collectively.

### Article VIII.D of the Plan provides for a Debtor Release (the "Debtor Release"):

Effective as of the Effective Date, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, each Released Party is deemed to be hereby conclusively, absolutely, irrevocably, and forever released by each and all of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or their Estates, as applicable, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, that the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or their Estates or affiliates would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor or other Entity, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors, the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any security of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor and any Released Party, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, intercompany transactions, the Prepetition Financing Documents, the Restructuring Transactions, the sale and marketing process, the Store Closing Sales, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, filing, or consummation of the Disclosure Statement, the Sale Transaction, the Plan (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Plan Supplement), or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with

the Disclosure Statement, or the Plan, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date; *provided* that any right to enforce the Plan and Confirmation Order is not so released. Without limiting the foregoing, neither the Debtors nor the Wind-Down Debtors, as applicable, shall pursue any claims against the Released Parties other than those incurred in the ordinary course of business.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the releases described in this Article VIII.D by the Debtors, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in this Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that each release described in this Article VIII.D is: (1) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, (2) a good-faith settlement and compromise of such Claims; (3) in the best interests of the Debtors and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (4) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (5) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing; and (6) a bar to any of the Debtors or Wind-Down Debtors or their respective Estates asserting any claim, Cause of Action, or liability related thereto, of any kind whatsoever, against any of the Released Parties or their property.

#### Article VIII.E of the Plan provides for a Third Party Release (the "Third Party Release"):

Effective as of the Effective Date, in exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, including the obligations of the Debtors under the Plan and the contributions of the Released Parties to facilitate and implement the Plan, to the fullest extent permissible under applicable law, as such law may be extended or integrated after the Effective Date, each of the Releasing Parties shall be deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever, released each Debtor, Wind-Down Debtor, and Released Party from any and all any and all Claims, interests, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or their Estates, that such Entity would have been legally entitled to assert (whether individually or collectively), based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors, the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any security of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor and any Released Party, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, intercompany transactions, the Prepetition Financing Documents, the Restructuring Transactions, the sale and marketing process, the Store Closing Sales, the Chapter 11 Cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, filing, or consummation of the Disclosure Statement, the Sale Transaction, the Plan (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Plan Supplement), or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, or the Plan, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, or upon any other related act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date; *provided* that any right to enforce the Plan and Confirmation Order is not so released.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the releases described in this Article VIII.E which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in this Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that each release described in this Article VIII.E is: (1) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, (2) a good-faith settlement and compromise of such Claims; (3) in the best interests of the Debtors and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (4) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (5) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing; and (6) an absolute and complete bar to any of the Debtors or Wind-Down Debtors or their respective Estates conveying direct or derivative standing to any person or entity to pursue any claim, cause of action or liability against any Released Party, or asserting any claim, cause of action, or liability related thereto, of any kind whatsoever, against any of the Released Parties or their property.

# Article VIII.F of the Plan provides for an Exculpation (the "Exculpation"):

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Exculpated Parties shall neither have nor incur, and each Exculpated Party is released and exculpated from, any liability to any Holder of a Cause of Action, Claim, or Interest for any postpetition act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 Cases, consummation of the Sale Transaction, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, filing, or consummation of the Disclosure Statement, the Plan, or any Restructuring Transaction, contract, instrument, release or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement or the Plan, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance of securities pursuant to the Plan or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement (whether or not such issuance or distribution occurs following the Effective Date), negotiations regarding or concerning any of the foregoing, or the administration of the Plan or property to be distributed hereunder, except for actions determined by a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud or gross negligence, but in all respects such Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Plan. The Exculpated Parties have, and upon completion of the Plan shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws with regard to the solicitation of votes and distribution of consideration pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan.

# Article VIII.G of the Plan provides for an Injunction (the "Injunction"):

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan or for obligations issued or required to be paid pursuant to the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities who have held, hold, or may

hold Claims or Interests that have been released, satisfied, or are subject to exculpation are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, the Exculpated Parties, or the Released Parties: (1) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (2) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (3) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (4) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests unless such Holder has Filed a motion requesting the right to perform such setoff on or before the Effective Date, and notwithstanding an indication of a Claim or Interest or otherwise that such Holder asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (5) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests released or settled pursuant to the Plan.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all Holders of Claims and Interests and their respective current and former employees, agents, officers, directors, principals, and direct and indirect affiliates shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or Consummation of the Plan. Each Holder of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest, as applicable, by accepting, or being eligible to accept, distributions under or Reinstatement of such Claim or Interest, as applicable, pursuant to the Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the injunction provisions set forth in this Article VIII.G of the Plan.

[Remainder of page intentionally left blank]

Houston, Texas July 1, 2020

/s/ Matthew D. Cavenaugh

JACKSON WALKER L.L.P. Matthew D. Cavenaugh (TX Bar No. 24062656)

Jennifer F. Wertz (TX Bar No. 24072822) Kristhy M. Peguero (TX Bar No. 24102776) Veronica A. Polnick (TX Bar No. 24079148) 1401 McKinney Street, Suite 1900 Houston, Texas 77010 Telephone: (713) 752-4200 Facsimile: (713) 752-4221 Email: mcavenaugh@jw.com jwertz@jw.com kpeguero@jw.com

Proposed Co-Counsel to the Debtors and Debtors in Possession

#### KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP KIRKLAND & ELLIS INTERNATIONAL LLP

Joshua A. Sussberg, P.C. (admitted *pro hac vice*) Neil E. Herman (admitted *pro hac vice*) 601 Lexington Avenue New York, New York 10022 Telephone: (212) 446-4800 Facsimile: (212) 446-4900 Email: joshua.sussberg@kirkland.com neil.herman@kirkland.com

-and-

Joshua M. Altman (admitted *pro hac* vice) 300 North LaSalle Street Chicago, Illinois 60654 Telephone: (312) 862-2000 Facsimile: (312) 862-2200 Email: josh.altman@kirkland.com

Proposed Co-Counsel to the Debtors and Debtors in Possession

If you have any questions related to this notice, please call (888) 647-1732 (U.S./Canada), or (310) 751-2622 (International). You may access documents and case information at www.kccllc.net/stagestores.