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

In re:

Chapter 11

STAGE STORES, INC., et al.,

Case No. 20-32564-DRJ (Jointly Administered)

Debtors.

STEVEN BALASIANO, AS PLAN ADMINISTRATOR OF STAGE STORES, INC., *et al.*,

ADV. PRO. NO. 22-03142

Plaintiff,

v.

CERTAIN UNDERWRITERS AT LLOYD'S LONDON – BRIT SYNDICATE 2987 AND BRIT SYNDICATE 2988, EVEREST INDEMNITY INSURANCE COMPANY, and QBE SPECIALTY INSURANCE COMPANY

Defendants.

JOINT STIPULATION OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE

COME NOW, Plaintiff Steven Balasiano, as the Plan Administrator of Stage Stores, Inc., et al., and Defendants Those Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's, London subscribing to Policy Number PD-10921-00—Brit Syndicate 2987 and Brit Syndicate 2988, Everest Indemnity Insurance Company, and QBE Specialty Insurance Company; and pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii), hereby dismiss with prejudice all claims and all associated relief

requested in such claims filed in this case. All costs of court shall be paid by the party incurring same.

Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 22 day of November, 2022, the foregoing *Joint Stipulation of Dismissal* was electronically filed with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system which will provide notice of such filing to all counsel of record.

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DATED this 22 day of November, 2022

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ORDER ON JOINT STIPULATION OF VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL

Before the Court is Plaintiff Steven Balasiano, as the Plan Administrator of Stage Stores, Inc., *et al.* and Defendants Those Certain Underwriters at Lloyd's, London subscribing to Policy Number PD-10921-00—Brit Syndicate 2987 and Brit Syndicate 2988, Everest Indemnity Insurance Company, and QBE Specialty Insurance Company's Joint Stipulation of Voluntary Dismissal with Prejudice. The Court finds the Parties' Stipulation of Dismissal should be accepted by the Court.

Pursuant to the foregoing stipulation of the parties, the Court hereby ORDERS as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41 (a), the causes of action, claims, controversies, demands, and debts asserted by, against, and between Plaintiff and Defendants are DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE;
 - 2. All attorneys' fees and costs shall be taxed against the Party incurring them;
 - 3. All relief not previously granted is hereby denied; and
 - 4. The Clerk is directed to close this action.

IT IS SO ORDERED.