

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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STAGE STORES, INC., <i>et al.</i> , <sup>1</sup>	)	Case No. 20-32564 (DRJ)
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Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)
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**NOTICE OF FINAL ORDER APPROVING NOTIFICATION  
AND HEARING PROCEDURES FOR CERTAIN TRANSFERS OF AND  
DECLARATIONS OF WORTHLESSNESS WITH RESPECT TO COMMON STOCK**

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**TO: ALL ENTITIES (AS DEFINED BY SECTION 101(15) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE) THAT MAY HOLD BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF COMMON STOCK OF STAGE STORES, INC. (THE “COMMON STOCK”):**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 10, 2020 (the “Petition Date”), the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), filed petitions with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the “Court”) under title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”). Subject to certain exceptions, section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code operates as a stay of any act to obtain possession of property of or from the Debtors’ estates or to exercise control over property of or from the Debtors’ estates.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that on the Petition Date, the Debtors filed the *Debtors’ Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of and Declarations of Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock* [Docket No. 14] (the “Motion”).

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<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.



**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that on May 11, 2020, the Court entered the *Final Order Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of and Declarations of Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock* [Docket No. 88] (the “Order”) approving procedures for certain transfers of and declarations of worthlessness with respect to Common Stock, set forth in Exhibit 1 attached to the Order (the “Procedures”).<sup>2</sup>

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, pursuant to the Order, a Substantial Shareholder may not consummate any purchase, sale, or other transfer of Common Stock or Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock in violation of the Procedures, any such transaction in violation of the Procedures shall be null and void *ab initio*, and certain remedial actions (including mandatory purchases or sales of Common Stock) may be required to restore the status quo, and certain remedial actions (including mandatory purchases or sales of Common Stock) may be required to restore the status quo.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, pursuant to the Order, the Procedures shall apply to the holding and transfers of Common Stock or any Beneficial Ownership therein by a Substantial Shareholder or someone who may become a Substantial Shareholder.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that pursuant to the Order, a 50-Percent Shareholder may not claim a worthless stock deduction with respect to Common Stock, or Beneficial Ownership of Common Stock, in violation of the Procedures, and any such deduction in violation of the Procedures shall be null and void *ab initio*, and the 50-Percent Shareholder shall be required to file an amended tax return revoking such proposed deduction.

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<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Order or the Motion, as applicable.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that upon the request of any entity, the notice, claims, and solicitation agent for the Debtors, Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC, will provide a copy of the Order and a form of each of the declarations required to be filed by the Procedures in a reasonable period of time. Such declarations are also available via PACER on the Court's website at <https://ecf.txsb.uscourts.gov> for a fee, or free of charge by accessing the Debtors' restructuring website at <http://www.kccllc.net/stagestores>.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT FAILURE TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THE ORDER SHALL CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE AUTOMATIC STAY PROVISIONS OF SECTION 362 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE.**

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT ANY PROHIBITED PURCHASE, SALE, OTHER TRANSFER OF, OR DECLARATION OF WORTHLESSNESS WITH RESPECT TO COMMON STOCK, BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP THEREOF, OR OPTION WITH RESPECT THERETO IN VIOLATION OF THE ORDER IS PROHIBITED AND SHALL BE NULL AND VOID *AB INITIO* AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO ADDITIONAL SANCTIONS AS THIS COURT MAY DETERMINE.**

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the requirements set forth in the Order are in addition to the requirements of applicable law and do not excuse compliance therewith.

Houston, Texas  
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