



ONTARIO  
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE  
COMMERCIAL LIST

THE HONOURABLE MR. )

TUESDAY, THE 11TH

JUSTICE PENNY )

DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018

IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C.  
1985, C. C-36, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF  
KRAUS BRANDS INC., KRAUS CANADA LTD., KRAUS CARPET INC.,  
KRAUS PROPERTIES INC., KRAUS USA INC., and STRUDEX INC.

**Applicants**

**INITIAL ORDER**

THIS APPLICATION, made by the Applicants, pursuant to the *Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended ("**CCAA**") was heard this day at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the affidavit of Christopher Emmott sworn September 10, 2018, and the exhibits thereto ("**Initial Affidavit**"), and the pre-filing report of the proposed monitor, Deloitte Restructuring Inc. ("**Monitor**"), dated September 10, 2018 ("**Pre-Filing Report**"), and on hearing the submissions of counsel for the Applicants and the partnerships listed in Schedule "A" hereto ("**Partnerships**") and counsel for the Monitor, and counsel for Wells Fargo Capital Finance Corporation Canada ("**Wells Fargo**") such other counsel as were present and wished to be heard, and on reading the consent of Deloitte Restructuring Inc. to act as the Monitor,

## **SERVICE**

1. THIS COURT ORDERS that the time for service of the Notice of Application and the Application Record is hereby abridged and validated so that this Application is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.

## **APPLICATION**

2. THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES that the Applicants are companies to which the CCAA applies. Although not Applicants, the Partnerships (together with the Applicants, the "**Kraus Group**") shall enjoy the benefits of the protections and authorizations provided by this Order.

## **PLAN OF ARRANGEMENT**

3. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicants shall have the authority to file and may, subject to further order of this Court, file with this Court a plan of compromise or arrangement (hereinafter referred to as the "**Plan**").

## **POSSESSION OF PROPERTY AND OPERATIONS**

4. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Kraus Group shall remain in possession and control of its current and future assets, undertakings and properties of every nature and kind whatsoever, and wherever situate including all proceeds thereof ("**Property**"). Subject to further Order of this Court, the Kraus Group shall continue to carry on business in a manner consistent with the preservation of its business ("**Business**") and Property. The Kraus Group is authorized and empowered to continue to retain and employ the employees, consultants, agents, experts, accountants, counsel and such other persons (collectively "**Assistants**") currently retained or employed by it, with liberty to retain such further Assistants as it deems reasonably necessary or desirable in the ordinary course of business or for the carrying out of the terms of this Order.

5. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Kraus Group shall be entitled to continue to utilize the cash management system currently in place as described in the Initial Affidavit or replace it with another substantially similar cash management system (the

"Cash Management System") and that any present or future bank providing the Cash Management System shall not be under any obligation whatsoever to inquire into the propriety, validity or legality of any transfer, payment, collection or other action taken under the Cash Management System, or as to the use or application by the Kraus Group of funds transferred, paid, collected or otherwise dealt with in the Cash Management System, shall be entitled to provide the Cash Management System without any liability in respect thereof to any Person (as hereinafter defined) other than the Kraus Group, pursuant to the terms of the documentation applicable to the Cash Management System, and shall be, in its capacity as provider of the Cash Management System, an unaffected creditor under the Plan with regard to any claims or expenses it may suffer or incur in connection with the provision of the Cash Management System.

6. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Kraus Group shall be entitled but not required to pay the following expenses whether incurred prior to, on or after the date of this Order:

- (a) all outstanding and future wages, salaries, employee and pension benefits, vacation pay and expenses payable on or after the date of this Order, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with existing compensation policies and arrangements; and
- (b) the fees and disbursements of any Assistants retained or employed by the Kraus Group in respect of these proceedings, at their standard rates and charges.

7. THIS COURT ORDERS that, except as otherwise provided to the contrary herein, the Kraus Group shall be entitled but not required to pay all reasonable expenses incurred by the Kraus Group in carrying on the Business in the ordinary course on or after the date of this Order, and in carrying out the provisions of this Order, and any other Order of this Court, which expenses shall include, without limitation:

- (a) all expenses and capital expenditures reasonably necessary for the preservation of the Property or the Business including, without limitation, payments on account of insurance (including directors and officers insurance), maintenance and security services; and

- (b) payment for goods or services actually supplied to the Kraus Group on or after the date of this Order.

8. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Kraus Group shall remit, in accordance with legal requirements, or pay:

- (a) any statutory deemed trust amounts in favour of the Crown in right of Canada or of any Province thereof or any other taxation authority which are required to be deducted from employees' wages, including, without limitation, amounts in respect of (i) employment insurance, (ii) Canada Pension Plan, (iii) Quebec Pension Plan, and (iv) income taxes;
- (b) all goods and services or other applicable sales taxes (collectively, "**Sales Taxes**") required to be remitted by the Kraus Group in connection with the sale of goods and services by the Kraus Group, but only where such Sales Taxes are accrued or collected after the date of this Order, or where such Sales Taxes were accrued or collected prior to the date of this Order but not required to be remitted until on or after the date of this Order; and
- (c) any amount payable to the Crown in right of Canada or of any Province thereof or any political subdivision thereof or any other taxation authority in respect of municipal realty, municipal business or other taxes, assessments or levies of any nature or kind which are entitled at law to be paid in priority to claims of secured creditors and which are attributable to or in respect of the carrying on of the Business by the Kraus Group.

9. THIS COURT ORDERS that until a real property lease is disclaimed or resiliated in accordance with the CCAA, the Kraus Group shall pay all amounts constituting rent or payable as rent under real property leases (including, for greater certainty, common area maintenance charges, utilities and realty taxes and any other amounts payable to the landlord under the lease) or as otherwise may be negotiated between the Kraus Group and the landlord from time to time ("**Rent**"), for the period commencing from and including the date of this Order, twice-monthly in equal payments on the first and fifteenth day of each month, in advance (but not in arrears). On the date of the first of

such payments, any Rent relating to the period commencing from and including the date of this Order shall also be paid.

10. THIS COURT ORDERS that, except as specifically permitted herein, the Kraus Group is hereby directed, until further Order of this Court: (a) to make no payments of principal, interest thereon or otherwise on account of amounts owing by the Kraus Group to any of its creditors as of this date; (b) to grant no security interests, trust, liens, charges or encumbrances upon or in respect of any of its Property; and (c) to not grant credit or incur liabilities, except in the ordinary course of the Business or pursuant to this Order or any other Order of this Court.

### **RESTRUCTURING**

11. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Kraus Group shall, subject to such requirements as are imposed by the CCAA, have the right to:

- (a) permanently or temporarily cease, downsize or shut down any of its Business or operations, and to dispose of redundant or non-material assets not exceeding \$250,000 in any one transaction or \$1 million in the aggregate in any series of related transactions;
- (b) terminate the employment of such of its employees or temporarily lay off such of its employees as it deems appropriate; and
- (c) pursue all avenues of restructuring of its Business or Property, in whole or part, subject to prior approval of this Court being obtained before any material refinancing,

all of the foregoing to permit the Kraus Group to proceed with an orderly restructuring of the Business (the "**Restructuring**").

12. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Kraus Group shall provide each of the relevant landlords with notice of the Kraus Group's intention to remove any fixtures from any leased premises at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the intended removal. The relevant landlord shall be entitled to have a representative present in the leased

premises to observe such removal and, if the landlord disputes the Kraus Group's entitlement to remove any such fixture under the provisions of the lease, such fixture shall remain on the premises and shall be dealt with as agreed between any applicable secured creditors, such landlord and the Kraus Group, or by further Order of this Court upon application by the Kraus Group on at least two (2) days notice to such landlord and any such secured creditors. If the Kraus Group disclaims or resiliates the lease governing such leased premises in accordance with Section 32 of the CCAA, it shall not be required to pay Rent under such lease pending resolution of any such dispute (other than Rent payable for the notice period provided for in Section 32(5) of the CCAA), and the disclaimer or resiliation of the lease shall be without prejudice to the Kraus Group's claim to the fixtures in dispute.

13. THIS COURT ORDERS that if a notice of disclaimer or resiliation is delivered pursuant to Section 32 of the CCAA, then (a) during the notice period prior to the effective time of the disclaimer or resiliation, the landlord may show the affected leased premises to prospective tenants during normal business hours, on giving the Kraus Group and the Monitor 24 hours' prior written notice, and (b) at the effective time of the disclaimer or resiliation, the relevant landlord shall be entitled to take possession of any such leased premises without waiver of or prejudice to any claims or rights such landlord may have against the Kraus Group in respect of such lease or leased premises, provided that nothing herein shall relieve such landlord of its obligation to mitigate any damages claimed in connection therewith.

#### **NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE KRAUS GROUP OR THE PROPERTY**

14. THIS COURT ORDERS that until and including October 11, 2018, or such later date as this Court may order ("**Stay Period**"), no proceeding or enforcement process in any court or tribunal (each, a "**Proceeding**") shall be commenced or continued against or in respect of the Kraus Group or the Monitor, or affecting the Business or the Property, except with the written consent of the Kraus Group and the Monitor, or with leave of this Court, and any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in respect of the Kraus Group or affecting the Business or the Property are hereby stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court.

## **NO EXERCISE OF RIGHTS OR REMEDIES**

15. THIS COURT ORDERS that during the Stay Period, all rights and remedies of any individual, firm, corporation, governmental body or agency, or any other entities (all of the foregoing, collectively being “**Persons**” and each being a “**Person**”) against or in respect of the Kraus Group or the Monitor, or affecting the Business or the Property, are hereby stayed and suspended except with the written consent of the Kraus Group and the Monitor, or leave of this Court, provided that nothing in this Order shall (i) empower the Kraus Group to carry on any business which the Kraus Group is not lawfully entitled to carry on, (ii) affect such investigations, actions, suits or proceedings by a regulatory body as are permitted by Section 11.1 of the CCAA, (iii) prevent the filing of any registration to preserve or perfect a security interest, or (iv) prevent the registration of a claim for lien.

## **NO INTERFERENCE WITH RIGHTS**

16. THIS COURT ORDERS that during the Stay Period, no Person shall discontinue, fail to honour, alter, interfere with, repudiate, terminate or cease to perform any right, renewal right, contract, agreement, licence or permit in favour of or held by the Kraus Group, except with the written consent of the Kraus Group and the Monitor, or leave of this Court.

## **CONTINUATION OF SERVICES**

17. THIS COURT ORDERS that during the Stay Period, all Persons having oral or written agreements with the Kraus Group or statutory or regulatory mandates for the supply of goods and/or services, including without limitation all computer software, communication and other data services, centralized banking services, payroll services, insurance, transportation services, utility or other services to the Business or the Kraus Group, are hereby restrained until further Order of this Court from discontinuing, altering, interfering with or terminating the supply of such goods or services as may be required by the Kraus Group, and that the Kraus Group shall be entitled to the continued use of its current premises, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, internet addresses and domain names, provided in each case that the normal prices or charges

for all such goods or services received after the date of this Order are paid by the Kraus Group in accordance with normal payment practices of the Kraus Group or such other practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier or service provider and each of the Kraus Group and the Monitor, or as may be ordered by this Court.

#### **NON-DEROGATION OF RIGHTS**

18. THIS COURT ORDERS that, notwithstanding anything else in this Order, no Person shall be prohibited from requiring immediate payment for goods, services, use of lease or licensed property or other valuable consideration provided on or after the date of this Order, nor shall any Person be under any obligation on or after the date of this Order to advance or re-advance any monies or otherwise extend any credit to the Kraus Group. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the rights conferred and obligations imposed by the CCAA.

#### **PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

19. THIS COURT ORDERS that during the Stay Period, and except as permitted by subsection 11.03(2) of the CCAA, no Proceeding may be commenced or continued against any of the former, current or future directors or officers of the Kraus Group with respect to any claim against the directors or officers that arose before the date hereof and that relates to any obligations of the Kraus Group whereby the directors or officers are alleged under any law to be liable in their capacity as directors or officers for the payment or performance of such obligations, until a compromise or arrangement in respect of the Kraus Group, if one is filed, is sanctioned by this Court or is refused by the creditors of the Kraus Group or this Court.

#### **DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' INDEMNIFICATION AND CHARGE**

20. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Kraus Group shall indemnify its directors and officers against obligations and liabilities that they may incur as directors or officers of the Kraus Group after the commencement of the within proceedings, except to the extent that, with respect to any officer or director, the obligation or liability was incurred as a result of the director's or officer's gross negligence or wilful misconduct.



21. THIS COURT ORDERS that the directors and officers of the Kraus Group shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge ("**Directors' Charge**") on the Property, which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$1 million, as security for the indemnity provided in paragraph 20 of this Order. The Directors' Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 32 and 34 herein.

22. THIS COURT ORDERS that, notwithstanding any language in any applicable insurance policy to the contrary, (a) no insurer shall be entitled to be subrogated to or claim the benefit of the Directors' Charge, and (b) the Kraus Group's directors and officers shall only be entitled to the benefit of the Directors' Charge to the extent that they do not have coverage under any directors' and officers' insurance policy, or to the extent that such coverage is insufficient to pay amounts indemnified in accordance with paragraph 20 of this Order.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF MONITOR**

23. THIS COURT ORDERS that Deloitte Restructuring Inc. is hereby appointed pursuant to the CCAA as the Monitor, an officer of this Court, to monitor the business and financial affairs of the Kraus Group with the powers and obligations set out in the CCAA or set forth herein and that the Kraus Group and its shareholders, officers, directors, and Assistants shall advise the Monitor of all material steps taken by the Kraus Group pursuant to this Order, and shall co-operate fully with the Monitor in the exercise of its powers and discharge of its obligations and provide the Monitor with the assistance that is necessary to enable the Monitor to adequately carry out the Monitor's functions.

24. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor, in addition to its prescribed rights and obligations under the CCAA, is hereby directed and empowered to:

- (a) monitor the Kraus Group's receipts and disbursements;
- (b) report to this Court at such times and intervals as the Monitor may deem appropriate with respect to matters relating to the Property, the Business, and such other matters as may be relevant to the proceedings herein;

- (c) assist the Kraus Group, to the extent required by the Kraus Group, in its dissemination to Wells Fargo of financial and other information as required by the Forbearance Agreement (as defined in the Initial Affidavit);
- (d) advise the Kraus Group in its development of the Plan and any amendments to the Plan;
- (e) assist the Kraus Group, to the extent required by the Kraus Group, with the holding and administering of creditors' or shareholders' meetings for voting on the Plan;
- (f) have full and complete access to the Property, including the premises, books, records, data, including data in electronic form, and other financial documents of the Kraus Group, to the extent that is necessary to adequately assess the Kraus Group's business and financial affairs or to perform its duties arising under this Order;
- (g) be at liberty to engage independent legal counsel or such other persons as the Monitor deems necessary or advisable respecting the exercise of its powers and performance of its obligations under this Order; and
- (h) perform such other duties as are required by this Order or by this Court from time to time.

25. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor shall not take possession of the Property and shall take no part whatsoever in the management or supervision of the management of the Business and shall not, by fulfilling its obligations hereunder, be deemed to have taken or maintained possession or control of the Business or Property, or any part thereof.

26. THIS COURT ORDERS that nothing herein contained shall require the Monitor to occupy or to take control, care, charge, possession or management (separately and/or collectively, "**Possession**") of any of the Property that might be environmentally contaminated, might be a pollutant or a contaminant, or might cause or contribute to a spill, discharge, release or deposit of a substance contrary to any federal, provincial or

other law respecting the protection, conservation, enhancement, remediation or rehabilitation of the environment or relating to the disposal of waste or other contamination including, without limitation, the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, the *Ontario Environmental Protection Act*, the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, or the *Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act* and regulations thereunder (the “**Environmental Legislation**”), provided however that nothing herein shall exempt the Monitor from any duty to report or make disclosure imposed by applicable Environmental Legislation. The Monitor shall not, as a result of this Order or anything done in pursuance of the Monitor’s duties and powers under this Order, be deemed to be in Possession of any of the Property within the meaning of any Environmental Legislation, unless it is actually in possession.

27. THIS COURT ORDERS that that the Monitor shall provide any creditor of the Kraus Group with information provided by the Kraus Group in response to reasonable requests for information made in writing by such creditor addressed to the Monitor. The Monitor shall not have any responsibility or liability with respect to the information disseminated by it pursuant to this paragraph. In the case of information that the Monitor has been advised by the Kraus Group is confidential, the Monitor shall not provide such information to creditors unless otherwise directed by this Court or on such terms as the Monitor and the Kraus Group may agree.

28. THIS COURT ORDERS that, in addition to the rights and protections afforded the Monitor under the CCAA or as an officer of this Court, the Monitor shall incur no liability or obligation as a result of its appointment or the carrying out of the provisions of this Order, save and except for any gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the protections afforded the Monitor by the CCAA or any applicable legislation.

29. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor and counsel to the Kraus Group shall be paid their reasonable fees and disbursements, in each case at their standard rates and charges, by the Kraus Group as part of the costs of these proceedings. The Kraus Group is hereby authorized and directed to pay the accounts of the Monitor, counsel for the Monitor and counsel for the Applicant on a monthly basis

and, in addition, the Kraus Group is hereby authorized to pay to the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, and counsel to the Kraus Group, retainers in the aggregate amount of \$100,000 to be held by them as security for payment of their respective fees and disbursements outstanding from time to time.

30. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor and its legal counsel shall pass their accounts from time to time, and for this purpose the accounts of the Monitor and its legal counsel are hereby referred to a judge of the Commercial List of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

31. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, if any, and the Kraus Group's counsel shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge (the "**Administration Charge**") on the Property, which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$1 million, as security for their professional fees and disbursements incurred at the standard rates and charges of the Monitor and such counsel, both before and after the making of this Order in respect of these proceedings. The Administration Charge shall have the priority set out in paragraphs 32 and 34 hereof.

#### **VALIDITY AND PRIORITY OF CHARGES CREATED BY THIS ORDER**

32. THIS COURT ORDERS that the priorities of the Directors' Charge and the Administration Charge (collectively the "**Charges**"), as among them, shall be as follows:

First – Administration Charge (to the maximum amount of \$1 million); and

Second – Directors' Charge (to the maximum amount of \$1 million).

33. THIS COURT ORDERS that the filing, registration or perfection of the Charges shall not be required, and that the Charges shall be valid and enforceable for all purposes, including as against any right, title or interest filed, registered, recorded or perfected subsequent to the Charges coming into existence, notwithstanding any such failure to file, register, record or perfect.

34. THIS COURT ORDERS that each of the Charges shall constitute a charge on the Property and such Charges shall rank in priority to all other security interests, trusts, liens, charges, encumbrances, and claims of secured creditors, statutory or otherwise (collectively, "**Encumbrances**") in favour of any Person, notwithstanding the order of perfection or attachment, other than (a) any validly perfected security interest under the *Personal Property Security Act* (Ontario) or such other applicable provincial legislation that has not been served with notice of this Order; and (b) statutory super-priority deemed trusts and liens for unpaid employee source deductions.

35. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Kraus Group shall be entitled, on a subsequent motion on notice to those Persons likely to be affected thereby, to seek priority of the Charges ahead of any Encumbrance over which the Charges have not obtained priority.

36. THIS COURT ORDERS that except as otherwise expressly provided for herein, or as may be approved by this Court, the Kraus Group shall not grant any Encumbrances over any Property that rank in priority to, or *pari passu* with, any of the Charges unless the Kraus Group also obtains the prior written consent of the Monitor, and any other Persons entitled to the benefit of the Charges ("**Chargees**"), or further Order of this Court.

37. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Charges shall not be rendered invalid or unenforceable and the rights and remedies of the Chargees thereunder shall not otherwise be limited or impaired in any way by (a) the pendency of these proceedings and the declarations of insolvency made herein; (b) any application(s) for bankruptcy order(s) issued pursuant to BIA, or any bankruptcy order made pursuant to such applications; (c) the filing of any assignments for the general benefit of creditors made pursuant to the BIA; (d) the provisions of any federal or provincial statutes; or (e) any negative covenants, prohibitions or other similar provisions with respect to borrowings, incurring debt or the creation of Encumbrances, contained in any existing loan documents, lease, sublease, offer to lease or other agreement (collectively, an "**Agreement**") which binds the Applicant, and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any Agreement:

- (a) the creation of the Charges shall create or be deemed to constitute a breach by the Kraus Group of any Agreement to which it is a party;
- (b) none of the Chargees shall have any liability to any Person whatsoever as a result of any breach of any Agreement caused by or resulting from the creation of the Charges; and
- (c) the payments made by the Applicant pursuant to this Order and the granting of the Charges do not and will not constitute preferences, fraudulent conveyances, transfers at undervalue, oppressive conduct, or other challengeable or voidable transactions under any applicable law.

38. THIS COURT ORDERS that any Charge created by this Order over leases of real property in Canada shall only be a Charge in the Kraus Group's interest in such real property leases.

#### **SERVICE AND NOTICE**

39. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor shall (a) without delay, publish in the Globe and Mail a notice containing the information prescribed under the CCAA, (b) within five days after the date of this Order, (i) make this Order publicly available in the manner prescribed under the CCAA, (ii) send, in the prescribed manner, a notice to every known creditor who has a claim against the Kraus Group of more than \$1,000, and (iii) prepare a list showing the names and addresses of those creditors and the estimated amounts of those claims, and make it publicly available in the prescribed manner, all in accordance with Section 23(1)(a) of the CCAA and the regulations made thereunder.

40. THIS COURT ORDERS that the E-Service Protocol of the Commercial List ("**Protocol**") is approved and adopted by reference herein and, in this proceeding, the service of documents made in accordance with the Protocol (which can be found on the Commercial List website at <http://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice/practice-directions/toronto/e-service-protocol/>) shall be valid and effective service. Subject to Rule 17.05 this Order shall constitute an order for substituted service pursuant to Rule 16.04 of the Rules of Civil Procedure. Subject to Rule 3.01(d) of the Rules of Civil

Procedure and paragraph 21 of the Protocol, service of documents in accordance with the Protocol will be effective on transmission. This Court further orders that a Case Website shall be established in accordance with the Protocol with the following URL [www.insolvencies.deloitte.ca/en-ca/Kraus](http://www.insolvencies.deloitte.ca/en-ca/Kraus) ("**Website**").

41. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Monitor shall create, maintain and update as necessary a list of all Persons appearing in person or by counsel in this proceeding ("**Service List**"). The Monitor shall post the Service List, as may be updated from time to time, on the Website, provided that the Monitor shall have no liability in respect of the accuracy or timeliness of making any changes to the Service List.

42. THIS COURT ORDERS that if the service or distribution of documents in accordance with the Protocol is not practicable, the Kraus Group and the Monitor are at liberty to serve or distribute this Order, any other materials and orders in these proceedings, any notices or other correspondence, by forwarding true copies thereof by prepaid ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery or facsimile transmission to the Kraus Group's creditors or other interested parties at their respective addresses as last shown on the records of the Kraus Group and that any such service or distribution by courier, personal delivery or facsimile transmission shall be deemed to be received on the next business day following the date of forwarding thereof, or if sent by ordinary mail, on the third business day after mailing.

43. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Kraus Group and the Monitor and their counsel are at liberty to serve or distribute this Order, any other materials and orders as may be reasonably required in these proceedings, including any notices, or other correspondence, by forwarding true copies thereof by electronic message to the Kraus Group's creditors or other interested parties and their advisors. For greater certainty, any such distribution or service shall be deemed to be in satisfaction of a legal or judicial obligation, and notice requirements within the meaning of clause 3(c) of the Electronic Commerce Protection Regulations, Reg. 81000-2-175 (SOR/DORS).

## **GENERAL**

44. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Kraus Group or the Monitor may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions regarding the discharge of their respective powers and duties hereunder or the interpretation of this Order.

45. THIS COURT ORDERS that nothing in this Order shall prevent the Monitor from acting as an interim receiver, a receiver, a receiver and manager, or a trustee in bankruptcy of the Kraus Group, the Business or the Property.

46. THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada or in the United States, to give effect to this Order and to assist the Kraus Group, the Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order. All courts, tribunals, regulatory and administrative bodies are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders and to provide such assistance to the Kraus Group and to the Monitor, as an officer of this Court, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order, to grant representative status to Kraus Carpet Inc. in any foreign proceeding, or to assist the Kraus Group and the Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

47. THIS COURT ORDERS that each of the Kraus Group and the Monitor be at liberty and is hereby authorized and empowered to apply to any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body, wherever located, for the recognition of this Order and for assistance in carrying out the terms of this Order, and that Kraus Carpet Inc. is authorized and empowered to act as a representative in respect of the within proceedings for the purpose of having these proceedings recognized in a jurisdiction outside Canada.

48. THIS COURT ORDERS that any interested party (including the Kraus Group and the Monitor) may apply to this Court to vary or amend this Order on not less than seven (7) days notice to any other party or parties likely to be affected by the order sought or upon such other notice, if any, as this Court may order.



49. THIS COURT ORDERS that Confidential Exhibit "A" to the Initial Affidavit and Appendix "D" to the Pre-Filing Report, as well as Exhibits C and E to the Affidavit of Susan Mingie, sworn September 10, 2018, attached as Appendix "C" to the Pre-Filing Report, be sealed, kept confidential and not form part of the public record, but rather shall be placed separate and apart from all other contents of the Court file, in a sealed envelope attached to a notice that sets out the title of these proceedings and a statement that the contents are subject to a sealing order and shall only be opened upon further Order of this Court.

50. THIS COURT ORDERS that this Order and all of its provisions are effective as of 12:01 a.m. Eastern Standard/Daylight Time on the date of this Order.



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**Schedule "A" – Partnerships**

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