## SUPERIOR COURT

(Commercial Division)

CANADA PROVINCE OF QUÉBEC DISTRICT OF MONTRÉAL

No. 500-11-064146-240

**DATE: JULY 30, 2024** 

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Personne désignée par le greffier

PRESIDING:

Janet Michelin, JCS

IN THE MATTER OF THE RECEIVERSHIP OF:

HOLDING DSQUARE INC. / DSQUARE HOLDINGS INC.

Debtor

-and-

**BANK OF MONTREAL** 

Petitioner

-and-

RICHTER INC.

Receiver

# ORDER APPOINTING A RECEIVER (Section 243 of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*)

- [1] ON READING the Petitioner's Motion to Appoint a Receiver (the "Motion") pursuant to Article 243 of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act* (the "BIA"), the affidavit and the exhibits in support thereof;
- [2] SEEING the service of the Motion;

- [3] **SEEING** the submissions of Petitioner's attorneys and the submissions of the Proposed Receiver;
- [4] SEEING that Petitioner sent the Debtor a notice pursuant to the terms of Article 244 of the BIA;
- [5] SEEING that it is appropriate to appoint a receiver to the Property (such as defined herein) of the Debtor;

#### WHEREFORE THE COURT:

[6] **GRANTS** the Motion;

### SERVICE

[7] ORDERS that any prior delay for the presentation of this Motion is hereby abridged and validated so that this Motion is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof:

## **APPOINTMENT**

- [8] APPOINTS RICHTER INC., trustee, to act as receiver (the "Receiver") to the Property of Holding Dsquare Inc. / Dsquare Holdings Inc. (the "Debtor") until one of the following events comes to pass:
  - (a) the sale of all the Property and the filing of a certificate by the Receiver to the effect that its statutory obligations have been completed; or
  - (b) the issuance of any order by the Court terminating the mandate of the Receiver;
- [9] **DECLARES** that the order (the "**Order**") and its effects shall survive the filing by the Debtor of a notice of intention to make a proposal or of a proposal pursuant to the terms of the BIA, the issuance of an initial order in regard of the Debtor pursuant to the terms of the *Companies Creditors Arrangements Act* (the "**CCAA**") or the bankruptcy of the Debtor, unless the Court orders otherwise.

## **RECEIVER'S POWERS**

- [10] AUTHORIZES the Receiver to exercise the following powers:
- 10.1 Powers related to the possession of the Property

**AUTHORIZES** the Receiver to take possession of the Debtor's Property described herein (the "**Property**") and to exercise the following powers listed hereinafter in the place and stead of the Debtor in respect of the Property:

all the movable property of the Debtor, of every nature and kind whatsoever, wherever situated, and regardless of whose possession it may be in.

## 10.2 Powers related to the preservation of the Property

- (a) all the powers necessary for the preservation and for the protection of the Property;
- (b) all the powers necessary to control the Property;
- (c) all the powers necessary to grant the Receiver access, at all times, to the premises of the Debtor and to the Property;
- (d) all the powers necessary to grant the Receiver access to all the accounting records of the Debtor, as well as to any document, contract, register of any nature or kind whatsoever, wherever they may be situated and regardless of the medium on which they may be recorded (the "Records"), as well as the powers necessary to make copies of all the Records necessary or useful to the execution of the Receiver's functions;
- (e) all the powers necessary to undertake an analysis of the Debtor's Records;

## 10.3 Powers related to the Debtor's operations

- (f) all the powers necessary to control the Debtor's receipts and disbursements;
- (g) all the powers necessary to collect all the accounts receivable and all the other claims of the Debtor and to transact in respect of same, as well as to sign any document for this purpose;
- (h) all the powers necessary to open any required bank account, pursuant to the terms and conditions the Receiver may determine, with any chartered Canadian bank, or any other financial institution, the whole, in order to cash any item payable to the Debtor, and to issue any payment which, in the opinion of the Receiver, is necessary or useful to the Debtor's operations;

## 10.4 Powers related to the disposition or sale of the Property

- (i) all the powers necessary to carry out the sale or the disposition of the Property in the ordinary course of business of the Debtor, to transact in that regard, and to sign any document or any contract required or useful for these purposes or meant to give effect to any such sale or disposition;
- (j) all the powers necessary to interest or solicit one or several potential buyers of all or any part of the Property, including, without limitation, the right to carry out a public call for tenders or private solicitations in order to dispose of the Property;

- (k) all of the powers necessary to remove from the Property any property of third-parties or other property of the Debtor, and to delegate such removal tasks to a third party;
- [11] AUTHORIZES the Receiver and any party assisting the Receiver to leave all contents of shipping containers forming part of the Property on site, and that such contents belonging to third parties shall be dealt with by such third parties with the cooperation of the Debtor;
- [12] ORDERS the Receiver to petition the Court for authorization to sell all or any part of the Debtor's Property outside the ordinary course of business, upon finding a purchaser and pursuant to conditions it deems reasonable in the circumstances;
- [13] GRANTS the Receiver all the powers necessary to initiate, prosecute and continue the prosecution of any and all proceedings it considers appropriate, including for the purpose of Sections 34 and 249 of the BIA, within the performance of its duties regarding the Property;
- [14] AUTHORIZES the Receiver to retain the services of any lawyer, or of any person or business in order to appropriately fulfil its functions;
- [15] DECLARES that the Receiver may provide creditors and other relevant stakeholders with information in response to requests made by them in writing. A copy of such requests must be sent to the Petitioner's attorney. Where the Receiver has been advised by the Petitioner that information is confidential, proprietary or competitive, the Receiver shall not provide such information to any person without the consent of the Petitioner unless otherwise directed by this Court.

## **DEBTOR'S DUTIES**

- [16] ORDERS the Debtor, its directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives to forthwith provide the Receiver with access to the Property, to the places of business and to the premises of the Debtor, as well as to the Records;
- [17] ORDERS the Debtor, its directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives to immediately make available to the Receiver in Montreal all Property that may be in transit or located elsewhere;
- [18] ORDERS the Debtor to immediately remove all contents from the shipping containers forming part of the Property, and to contact the owner(s) of those contents so that they can recover same;
- [19] ORDERS the Debtor, its directors, officers, employees, agents and representatives to cooperate with the Receiver in the exercise of the powers that are granted pursuant to the terms of the Order;

[20] ORDERS the Debtor not to dispose, alienate, encumber or otherwise transact in any manner whatsoever, with regard to the Property, other than with the authorization of the Receiver;

## NON-INTERFERENCE WITH THE RECEIVER, THE DEBTOR AND THE PROPERTY

[21] ORDERS that subject to any other order rendered by the Court, which may only be rendered after a prior notice has been duly sent to the Receiver and to the Petitioner, no proceeding, seizure, revendication, or any other enforcement process shall be commenced or enforced against the Property;

## **CONTINUATION OF SERVICES**

[22] ORDERS that any person having an oral or written agreement with the Debtor, as well as any supplier of goods or services to the Debtor is 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 Receiver and that the Receiver shall be authorized to continue use of the Debtor's current premises, telephone numbers, facsimile numbers, internet addresses, domain names and other services, 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 Receiver, in accordance with the normal payment practices of the Debtor or such other practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier or service provider and the Receiver, or as may be ordered by this Court;

#### PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

[23] DECLARES that pursuant to clause 7(3)(c) of the Canada Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act, the Receiver shall disclose personal information on identifiable individuals, which information it has in its possession or under its responsibility, to interested parties or to investors, financiers, prospective purchasers or potential strategic partners, as well as to their advisors, but only to the extent desirable or required, and only upon condition that the persons to whom such personal information is disclosed shall undertake to maintain and protect the privacy of such information and limit the use of such information pursuant to confidentiality agreements entered into with the Receiver.

## <u>LIMITATION OF LIABILITY</u>

[24] **DECLARES** that subject to the powers granted to the Receiver pursuant to the terms of paragraph 10 of the Order, nothing herein contained shall require the Receiver to occupy or to take control, or to otherwise manage all or any part of the Property. The Receiver shall not, as a result of this Order, be deemed to be in possession of any of the Property within the meaning of environmental legislation, the whole pursuant to the terms of the *BIA*:

- [25] DECLARES that the Receiver shall not be liable for the condition of any contents removed from the shipping containers forming part of the Property or any damage that may be caused to such contents by virtue of them not being inside such shipping containers, nor shall the Receiver be required to make arrangements for the storage of such contents;
- [26] **DECLARES** that the powers of the Receiver shall be exercised pursuant to its sole discretion and judgment;
- [27] DECLARES that section 215 of the *BIA* applies *mutatis mutandis*, and hence that no action lies against the Receiver by reason of its appointment or the execution of the powers granted by the Court, except by leave of the Court. The entities related to the Receiver or belonging to the same group as the Receiver shall benefit from the protection arising under the present paragraph;

## **GENERAL**

- [28] DECLARES that the Order, the Motion and the affidavit do not, in and of themselves, constitute a default or failure to comply by the Debtor under any statute, regulation, license, permit, contract, permission, covenant, agreement, undertaking or any other written document or requirement;
- [29] DECLARES that the Receiver is at liberty to serve any notice, circular or any other document in connection with these proceedings by forwarding copies by prepaid ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery or electronic transmission to persons or other appropriate parties at their respective given address as last shown in the Records; the documents served in this manner shall be deemed to be received on the date of delivery if by personal delivery or electronic transmission, on the following business day if delivered by courier, or three (3) business days after mailing if delivered by ordinary mail;
- [30] DECLARES that the Receiver may serve any court materials in these proceedings on all represented parties, by emailing a PDF or other electronic copy of such materials to counsels' email addresses, provided that the Receiver shall deliver "hard copies" of such materials upon request to any party as soon as practicable thereafter;
- [31] **DECLARES** that any party interested in these proceedings may serve any court material in these proceedings by emailing a PDF or other electronic copy of such materials to counsels' email addresses, provided that such party shall deliver a "hard copy" on paper of such PDF or electronic materials to the Debtor's and the Receiver's counsel and to any other party who may request such delivery;
- [32] DECLARES that, unless otherwise provided herein, ordered by this Court, or provided by the BIA, no document, order or other material need be served on any person in respect of these proceedings, unless such person has served a notice of

appearance on the solicitors for the Debtor and the Receiver and has filed such notice with the Court;

- [33] **DECLARES** that any interested Person may apply to this Court to vary or rescind the Order or seek other relief upon five (5) days notice to the Receiver, the Petitioner and any other party likely to be affected by the order sought or upon such other notice, if any, as this Court may order;
- [34] **DECLARES** that the present Order and all other orders in these proceedings shall have full force and effect in all provinces and territories in Canada;
- [35] DECLARES that the Receiver shall be authorized to apply as it may consider necessary or desirable, with or without notice, to any other court or administrative body, whether in Canada, the United States of America or elsewhere, for orders which aid and complement the Order and any subsequent orders of this Court and, without limitation to the foregoing, an order under Chapter 15 of the *U.S. Bankruptcy Code*, for which the Receiver shall be the foreign representative of the Debtor. All courts and administrative bodies of all such jurisdictions are hereby respectively requested to make such orders and to provide such assistance to the Receiver as may be deemed necessary or appropriate for that purpose;
- [36] REQUESTS the aid and recognition of any Court or administrative body in any Province of Canada and any Canadian federal court or administrative body and any federal or state court or administrative body in the United States of America and any court or administrative body elsewhere, to act in aid of and to be complementary to this Court in carrying out the terms of the Order;
- [37] ORDERS the provisional execution of the present Order notwithstanding any appeal and without the requirement to provide any security or provision for costs whatsoever;

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