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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR
IN BANKRUPTCY AND INSOLVENCY

IN THE MATTER OF the *Companies Creditors Arrangement Act* R.S.C., 1985 c. C- 36, as amended (the "**CCAA**")

AND IN THE MATTER OF an application by Ocean View Farms Limited for relief under s,11 of the CCAA

INITIAL ORDER

THIS APPLICATION made by the Applicant pursuant to the CCAA for an Order substantially in the form filed with the Application was heard on September 11, 2025;

ON READING the affidavit of Richard Walsh and the Exhibits attached thereto, the consent of S.R. Stack & Company (2023) Ltd. (the "**Proposed Monitor**") to act as Court-appointed monitor of the Applicant (in such capacity, the "**Monitor**"), and the Pre-Filing Report of the Proposed Monitor dated September 10, 2025;

ON HEARING the submissions of counsel for the Applicant and such other counsel as were present, no one else appearing for any party although duly served as outlined in the affidavit of service.

SERVICE

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the time for service of the Notice of Application and the materials filed, as set out in the affidavit of service of Sharmain Mudekwe dated September 11, 2025, is hereby deemed adequate notice so that this Application is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.

APPLICATION

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that the Applicant is a company to which the CCAA applies.

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POSSESSION OF PROPERTY AND OPERATIONS

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant shall remain in possession and control of its current and future assets, undertakings and properties of every nature and kind whatsoever, and wherever situated including all proceeds thereof, as defined and dealt with below (the "**Property**"). Subject to further Order of this Honourable Court, the Applicant shall continue to carry on business in a manner consistent with the preservation of their business (the "**Business**") and Property. The Applicant is authorized and empowered to continue to retain and employ the employees, consultants, independent contractors, 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 its Business or for the carrying out of the terms of this Order.

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant, shall be entitled to continue to utilize its cash management system currently in place, 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 Applicant 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 Applicant, 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 any plan of compromise or arrangement with regard to any claims or expenses it may suffer or incur in connection with the provision of the Cash Management System.

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant shall be entitled to pay the following expenses whether incurred prior to or after this Order:

(a) all outstanding and future wages, salaries, employee and pension benefits, vacation pay and expenses payable, in each case incurred in the ordinary course of business and consistent with existing compensation policies and arrangements;

(b) the fees and disbursements of any Assistants retained or employed by the Applicant in respect of these proceedings, at their standard rates and charges;

(c) amounts owing for goods and services supplied to the Applicant, if in the opinion of the Monitor, the supplier or vendor of such goods or services is necessary for the operation and preservation of the Business or Property.

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, except as otherwise provided to the contrary herein the Applicant shall be entitled to pay all reasonable expenses incurred by the Applicant in carrying on the Business in the ordinary course after this Order, and in carrying out the provisions of this Order, 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, maintenance and security services and lease payments for farming equipment used in the operation of the Business; and

(b) payment for goods or services supplied to the Applicant following the date of this Order.

7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant 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 Applicant in connection with the sale of goods and services by the Applicant, but only where such Sales Taxes are accrued or collected 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 Applicant.

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that until a real property lease is disclaimed in accordance with the CCAA, the Applicant 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 Applicant and the landlord from time to time (**"Rent"**), for the period commencing from and including the date of this Order. The Monitor, on behalf of the Applicant, may pay such Rent 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.

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, except as specifically permitted herein the Applicant 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 Applicant 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 their Property; and (c) to not grant credit or incur liabilities except in the ordinary course of the Business.

NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE APPLICANT OR THE PROPERTY

10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that until and including **21 September 2025,** or such later date as this Court may order (the **"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 Applicant or the Monitor, or affecting the Business or the Property except with the written consent of the Monitor and the Applicant, or with leave of this Court, and any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in respect of the Applicant or affecting the Business or the Property are hereby stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court.

NO EXERCISE OF RIGHTS OR REMEDIES

11. **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 Applicant or the Monitor, or affecting the Business or the Property are hereby stayed and suspended except with the written consent of the Monitor and the Applicant, or leave of this Court, provided that nothing in this Order shall (i) empower the Applicant to carry on any business which the Applicant 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

12. **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, license or permit in favour of or held by the Applicant, except with the written consent of the Monitor and the Applicant, or leave of this Court.

CONTINUATION OF SERVICES

13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that during the Stay Period, all Persons having oral or written agreements with the Applicant 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 Applicant, 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 Applicant, and the Applicant 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 Applicant in accordance with normal payment practices of the Applicant or such other practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier or service provider and the Applicant or as may be ordered by this Court.

NON-DEROGATION OF RIGHTS

14. **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 Applicant. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the rights conferred and obligations imposed by the CCAA.

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

15. **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 Applicant with respect to any claim against the directors or officers that arose before the date hereof and that relates to any obligations of the Applicant 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 Applicant, if one is filed, is sanctioned by this Court or is refused by the creditors of the Applicant or this Court.

APPOINTMENT OF MONITOR

16. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that S.R. Stack & Company (2023) Ltd. is hereby appointed pursuant to the CCAA as the Monitor, an officer of this Court, to monitor the business and financial affairs of the Applicant with the powers and obligations set out in the CCAA or set forth herein and that the Applicant and its shareholders, officers, directors, and Assistants shall advise the Monitor of all material steps taken by the Applicant 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.

17. **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 Applicant'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) advise, in consultation with the Applicant, in its preparation of the Applicant's cash flow statements and reporting;

(d) 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 Applicant, to the extent that is necessary to adequately assess the Applicant's business, cashflow, and financial affairs or to perform its duties arising under this Order;

(e) be at liberty to engage with Applicant's legal counsel or retain 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

(f) perform such other duties as are required by this Order or by this Court from time to time.

18. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall not take possession of the Property but as Monitor shall take part 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 any part thereof.

19. **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* 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.

20. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall provide any creditor of the Applicant with information provided by the Applicant 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 Applicant 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 Applicant may agree.

21. **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 willful misconduct on its part. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the protections afforded the Monitor by the CCM or any applicable legislation.

ADMINISTRATION CHARGE

22. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, the proposed chief restructuring officer, Resolve Advisory Services Ltd. in its capacity as the chief restructuring officer to the Applicants (the "**Chief Restructuring Officer**") and counsel to the Applicant shall be paid their reasonable fees and disbursements, in each case at their standard rates and charges, by the Applicant as part of the costs of these proceedings. The Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to pay the accounts of the Monitor, counsel for the Monitor, the Chief Restructuring Officer and counsel for the Applicant on a weekly basis and, in addition, the Applicant is hereby authorized to pay to the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, and counsel to the Applicant reasonable retainers to be held by them as security for payment of their respective fees and disbursements outstanding on a bi-weekly basis.

23. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor, its legal counsel and the Chief Restructuring Officer shall pass their accounts from time to time before a judge of this court or a referee appointed by a judge.

24. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor, counsel to the Monitor, the Chief Restructuring Officer and the Applicant's counsel shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge (the "**Initial Administration Charge**") on the Property, which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of $100,000.00, as security for their professional fees and disbursements incurred at their respective 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 Initial Administration Charge shall have the priority set out herein.

25. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the filing, registration or perfection of the Administration Charge (the "**Charge**") shall not be required, and that Charge shall be valid and enforceable for all purposes, including as against any right, title or interest filed, registered, recorded or perfected subsequent to the Charge coming into existence, notwithstanding any such failure to file, register, record or perfect. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company shall file a copy of this Order under the applicable land registration systems and a notice under the Personal Property Security Acts in relation to the Property.

26. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Charge, on the issuance of this Order and without the need for any further act or document, shall constitute a charge on the Property and shall rank in priority to all other security interests, trusts, liens, charges and encumbrances, claims of secured creditors, statutory or otherwise (collectively, "**Encumbrances**") of any Person which includes, without limitation, any creditor with an asserted, registered or claimed lien under the *Mechanics' Lien Act*, R.S.N.L. 1990 c. M-3, including without limitation any persons who may claim a lien but have not yet asserted or registered such claim.

SERVICE AND NOTICE

27. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall (a) make this Order publicly available in the manner prescribed under the CCAA, (b) send, in the prescribed manner by electronic means, a notice to every known creditor who has a claim against the Applicant of more than $1,000.00, and (c) 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.

GENERAL

28. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor and the Applicant may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions in the discharge of its powers and duties hereunder.

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

30. **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 Applicant, 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 Applicant 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 the Monitor in any foreign proceeding or to assist the Applicant and the Monitor and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

31. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Applicant 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 the Monitor 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.

32. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that a hearing for the balance of the relief sought by the Applicant in the Notice of Application is hereby scheduled before this Court on September 15, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Dated at St. John's, on this 11th day of September, 2025.

COURT OFFICER