

No. S-230255 Vancouver Registry

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BETWEEN:

WAYGAR CAPITAL INC., as agent for NINEPOINT CANADIAN SENIOR DEBT MASTER FUND L.P.

PETITIONER

AND:

THE VERY GOOD FOOD COMPANY INC., 1218158 B.C. LTD., 1218169 B.C. LTD., THE CULTURED NUT INC., THE VERY GOOD BUTCHERS INC., LLOYD-JAMES MARKETING GROUP INC., and VGFC HOLDINGS LLC

RESPONDENTS

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Name of applicant:

BDO Canada Limited, Receiver/Manager of the Respondents (the

"Receiver")

To:

The Service List attached hereto as Schedule "A";

TAKE NOTICE that an application will be made by the applicant to the Honourable Justice Walker at the courthouse at 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, BC, on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, at 9:00 am, for the orders set out in Part 1 below.

Part 1: ORDER(S) SOUGHT

- 1. An order substantially in the form attached hereto as Schedule "B";
 - (a) Abridging the time for service of this Notice of Application such that the Notice of Application is properly returnable on the date set forth above and service hereof upon any interested party other than those parties on the Service List maintained by the Receiver in the proceeding is dispensed with;
 - (b) that the words "in accordance with the Sales Process, as described herein" be deleted from paragraph 3(k) of the order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Walker made herein on January 19, 2023 (the "Receivership Order"); and,

- (c) that the following be added as paragraph 3(t) of the Receivership Order;
 - t. to cause the Debtors, or any of them, to make an assignment in bankruptcy pursuant to the terms of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. B-3 as amended;
- 2. The necessity of counsel other than counsel for the Receiver approving the form of this order is hereby dispensed with.
- 3. Such further and other relief as this Honourable Court deems just and equitable.

Part 2: FACTUAL BASIS

- 1. Capitalized terms used but nor otherwise defined in this Notice of Application shall have the meanings given to them in the Receiver's Second Report to the Court dated March 9, 2023.
- 2. BDO Canada Limited was appointed as Receiver-Manager ("Receiver") of the assets, undertakings and properties of The Very Good Food Company Inc., 1218158 B.C. Ltd., 1218169 B.C. Ltd., The Cultured Nut Inc., The Very Good Butchers Inc., Lloyd-James Marketing Group Inc. and VGFC Holdings LLC. (the "Companies") pursuant to an Order made by the Supreme Court of British Columbia made January 16, 2023 (the "Receivership Order"). Pursuant to the Receivership Order, the Receiver was authorized and directed to commence a sales and solicitation process ("SISP"). The terms of the SISP formed part of the Receivership Order.
- 3. The Receiver commenced the SISP on January 18, 2023.
- 4. On January 25, 2023, the Receiver moved up the LOI Deadline from February 17, 2023 to February 10, 2023.
- 5. During the SISP, the Receiver:
 - (a) Was in contact with 60 prospective purchasers identified by management of the Companies and the Receiver to notify them of the SISP and sent them a non-disclosure agreement ("NDA");

- (b) Received 17 executed NDA's and provided access to the data room for the 17 prospective purchasers;
- (c) Advertised the SISP in the Globe & Mail newspaper on January 30, 2023.
- 6. On the LOI deadline of February 10, 2023, the Receiver had received 3 LOI's from two different parties, outlined as follows:
 - (a) An offer to purchase all of the assets ("Offer A");
 - (b) An offer to purchase all of the assets ("Offer B")
 - (c) An offer to purchase all of the shares and assume all of the liabilities of the Companies ("Offer C").
- 7. Offer A was accompanied by proof of funds to complete the purchase and sale as outlined in the LOI. Offer B and Offer C were not accompanied by proof of funds to complete the purchase and sale and the offeror was unable to provide proof of funds. The Receiver did not consider these to be valid LOI's in accordance with the SISP.
- 8. The Receiver proceeded with Offer A and worked with them to provide all required documentation to assist them with completing their due diligence in a timely manner. On February 22, 2023, the Receiver was advised by the prospective purchaser that they would be unable to proceed with Offer A for various reasons.
- 9. The SISP has not resulted in any going concern purchaser. With no prospect of a going concern buyer, the Receiver shut down production and terminated the majority of the employees in order to minimize the cash burn rate.
- 10. Prior to shutting down production, the Receiver estimates that the cash burn rate was approximately \$200,000 per week, before professional fees.
- 11. In a liquidation scenario, the Receiver believes the first secured creditor, Waygar Capital Inc., will suffer a significant shortfall on their loan of approximately \$9 million.

- 12. The Receiver has only kept on the employees necessary to facilitate an orderly wind down of the Companies.
- 13. The Receiver has reached out to auctioneers to seek liquidation proposals for the assets.
- 14. The Receiver has had 6 parties tour the premises in order to submit proposals to liquidate the assets or purchase the assets. The Receiver anticipates receiving liquidation proposals from auctioneers in the next three to four days.

Part 3: LEGAL BASIS

- 1. The Receivership Order provides:
 - 41. Any interested party may apply to this Court to vary or amend this Order on not less than seven (7) clear business days' notice to the Service List and to any other party who may be affected by the variation or amendment, or upon such other notice, if any, as this Court may order.
 - 42. The Receiver may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions in the discharge of its powers and duties hereunder.
- 2. The Receivership Order further authorizes and directs the Receiver to market the Property in accordance with the Sales Process as described therein (paragraph 3(k)). There is no provision for the marketing of the Property other than in accordance with the Sales Process and no provision for terminating the Sales Process if it fails, as it has.
- 3. This Honourable Court has the power to appoint a Receiver or Receiver-Manager on terms and conditions it thinks just.

Law and Equity Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 253, s. 39(2)

Part 4: MATERIAL TO BE RELIED ON

1. Second Report of the Receiver dated March 9, 2023.

The applicant estimates that the application will take thirty (30) minutes.

- __ This matter is within the jurisdiction of the master.
- \underline{X} This matter is not within the jurisdiction of a master as Justice Walker is seized of the matter.

TO THE PERSONS RECEIVING THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION: If you wish to respond to the application, you must, within 5 business days after service of this notice of application or, if this application is brought under Rule 9-7, within 8 business days after service of this notice of application,

- (a) file an application response in Form 33,
- (b) file the original of every affidavit, and of every other document, that
 - (i) you intend to refer to at the hearing of this application, and
 - (ii) has not already been filed in the proceeding, and
- (c) serve on the applicant 2 copies of the following, and on every other party of record one copy of the following:
 - (i) a copy of the filed application response;
 - (ii) a copy of each of the filed affidavits and other documents that you intend to refer to at the hearing of this application and that has not already been served on that person
 - (iii) if this application is brought under Rule 9-7, any notice that you are required to give under 9-7(9).

Date: March 13, 2023

Signature of counsel for applicant,

Peter J. Reardon

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION is prepared by Peter J. Reardon, of the firm of Nathanson, Schachter & Thompson LLP whose place of business and address for service is 750 – 900 Howe Street, Vancouver, BC V6Z 2M4, telephone (604) 662-8840, and whose email address for service is <u>preardon@nst.ca</u> with a copy to rpearson@nst.ca.

To be	completed by the court only:
Order	made
	in the terms requested in paragraphs of Part 1 of this notice of application
0	with the following variations and additional terms:
Dated:	
	Signature of
	☐ Judge ☐ Master
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	APPENDIX
THIS A	APPLICATION INVOLVES THE FOLLOWING:
	discovery: comply with demand for documents
	discovery: production of additional documents
	extend oral discovery
	other matter concerning oral discovery

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amend pleadings

add/change parties

summary judgment

summary trial

service

mediation

adjournments

	proceedings at trial
	case plan orders: amend
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As at March 13, 2023

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ORDER MADE AFTER APPLICATION

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BEFORE)	THE HONOURABLE JUSTICE WALKER)	March 22, 2023
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ON THE APPLICATION of the applicant, BDO Canada Limited, Receiver/Manager of the Respondents (the "Receiver"), coming on for hearing at 800 Smithe Street, Vancouver, BC, on 22/Mar/2023, and on hearing Peter J. Reardon, counsel for the applicant, William E.J. Skelly, counsel for the Petitioner, and;

THIS COURT ORDERS that:

- 1. the time for service of this Notice of Application is abridged such that the Notice of Application is properly returnable on the date set forth above and service hereof upon any interested party other than those parties on the Service List maintained by the Receiver in the proceeding is dispensed with;
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- 4. The necessity of counsel other than counsel for the Receiver approving the form of this order is hereby dispensed with.
- 5. Such further and other relief as this Honourable Court deems just and equitable.

THE FOLLOWING PARTIES APPROVE THE FORM OF THIS ORDER AND CONSENT TO EACH OF THE ORDERS, IF ANY, THAT ARE INDICATED ABOVE AS BEING BY CONSENT:

Signature of counsel for the applicant,
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