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**IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO
MAKE A PROPOSAL OF UCG LAND INC., IN THE CITY OF
HAMILTON, IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO
MAKE A PROPOSAL OF UPPER CANADA GROWERS
LTD., IN THE CITY OF HAMILTON, IN THE PROVINCE OF
ONTARIO**

ORDER
(SISP ORDER)

THIS MOTION, made by Upper Canada Growers Ltd. (“**UCG Opco**”) and UCG Land Inc. (“**UCG Landco**”, and together with UCG Opco, the “**Companies**”), pursuant to the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, R.S.C. 1985 c. B-3 (the “**BIA**”) for an order, among other things, approving a sale and investment solicitation process (the “**SISP**”) in respect of the Companies, was heard this day at the courthouse at 45 Main Street East #500, in Hamilton, Ontario.

ON READING the affidavit of Robert Haynes sworn on January 29, 2025 (the “**Haynes Affidavit**”), the First Report (the “**First Report**”) of BDO Canada Limited in its capacity as proposal trustee of the Company (the “**Proposal Trustee**”) dated January 29, 2025, on being

advised that the Companies each filed a Notice of Intention to Make a Proposal (each, an “**NOI Proceeding**” and together, the “**NOI Proceedings**”) pursuant to section 50.4(1) of the BIA on January 17, 2025 and that such NOI Proceedings have been administratively consolidated, and on hearing the submissions of the respective counsel for the Companies, the Proposal Trustee, and such other counsel and parties as are listed on the Participant Information Form, no one else appearing although duly served as appears from the Affidavit of Service of Talya Bertler, sworn January 29, 2025 and the Affidavit of Service of David Seifer, sworn January 29, 2025, filed, and on being advised of the support of the Bank of Nova Scotia (the “**DIP Lender**”) for this Order:

SERVICE AND INTERPRETATION

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the time for service of the Notice of Motion, Motion Record and First Report are hereby abridged and validated so that this Motion is properly returnable today, and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.
2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that capitalized terms used but not defined in this Order shall have the meanings given to them in the First Report and the Haynes Affidavit, as applicable.
3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that all references to currency herein shall be in Canadian dollars.

SALE AND INVESTMENT SOLICITATION PROCESS

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the terms of the SISP attached as **Schedule “A”** to this Order (the “**SISP Terms**”) be and are hereby approved.
5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Companies and the Proposal Trustee are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to take any and all actions as may be necessary or desirable to implement and carry out the SISP in accordance with the SISP Terms and the terms of this Order.
6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Companies, the Proposal Trustee, the DIP Lender and their respective affiliates, officers, directors, partners, employees, advisors, counsel and agents (each a “**protected party**”) shall have no liability with respect to any and all losses, claims, damages or liability of any nature or kind, to any person in connection with or as a result of participating and performing their duties under the SISP, except to the extent such losses, claims,

damages, or liabilities result from the gross negligence or wilful misconduct of the applicable protected party.

7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Companies and the Proposal Trustee may apply to this Court for directions with respect to the SISP at any time during the term thereof.

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that pursuant to section 3(c) of the *Electronic Commerce Protection Regulations*, Reg. 81000-2-175 (SOR/DORS), the Companies and the Proposal Trustee are authorized and permitted to send, or cause or permit to be sent, commercial electronic messages to an electronic address of prospective bidders or offerors and to their advisors, but only to the extent required to provide information with respect to the SISP in these proceedings.

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that pursuant to paragraph 7(3)(c) of the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act*, S.C. 2000, c. 5, the Companies, the Proposal Trustee and their respective advisors are hereby authorized and permitted to disclose to prospective bidders or offerors that are party to a non-disclosure agreement (each, a “**SISP Participant**”), the DIP Lender, and their respective advisors, personal information of identifiable individuals (“**Personal Information**”) and records pertaining to the Companies’ past and current employees and information on specific customers, but only to the extent required to negotiate or attempt to complete a transaction pursuant to the SISP. Each SISP Participant to whom any Personal Information is disclosed and the DIP Lender shall maintain and protect the privacy of such Personal Information with security safeguards appropriate to the sensitivity of the Personal Information and as may otherwise be required by applicable federal or provincial legislation. Each SISP Participant to whom any Personal Information is disclosed and the DIP Lender shall limit the use of such Personal Information to its participation in the SISP.

10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that nothing contained in this Order approves the sale or the vesting of any Property of the Companies pursuant to a Successful Bid (as defined in the SISP Terms) and that this Order is without prejudice to any interested person’s ability to oppose the approval of a Successful Bid.

GENERAL

11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order shall have full force and effect in all provinces and territories in Canada.

12. **THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS** the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, agency or regulatory or administrative bodies, having jurisdiction in Canada, the United States of America or any other jurisdiction, to give effect to this Order and to assist the Companies, the Proposal Trustee and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order. All courts, tribunals, agencies and regulatory and administrative bodies are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders and to provide such assistance to the Companies and to the Proposal Trustee, as an officer of this Court, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order, to grant representative status to the Proposal Trustee in any foreign proceeding, or to assist the Company and the Proposal Trustee and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that each of the Companies and the Proposal Trustee be at liberty and are 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 Proposal Trustee 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.

14. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order and all of its provisions are effective as of 12:01 a.m. (Eastern Time) on the date of this Order without the need for entry or filing.

Justice J. Henderson

Issued and Entered Electronically by

Register T. Lecuyer

SCHEDULE "A"
SISP TERMS

SALE AND INVESTMENT SOLICITATION PROCESS

INTRODUCTION

1. On January 17, 2025 (the “**Filing Date**”), Upper Canada Growers Ltd. (“**UCG Opco**”) and UCG Land Inc. (“**UCG Landco**” and together with UCG Opco, “**UCG**” or the “**Companies**”) each filed a Notice of Intention to Make a Proposal (the “**NOI(s)**”) pursuant to section 50.4 of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. B-3 (the “**BIA**”). BDO Canada Limited (“**BDO**”), a Licensed Insolvency Trustee, was appointed as the proposal trustee (the “**Proposal Trustee**”) in each of the Companies’ NOI proceedings (collectively, the “**Proposal Proceedings**”).
2. To further the Companies restructuring efforts, on or before February 6, 2025, the Companies sought and obtained an order (the “**SISP Order**”) of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (the “**Court**”), among other things:
 - (a) approving the sale and investment solicitation process (“**SISP**”) as set forth in this document (the “**SISP Terms**”) providing for the marketing of the Companies’ business (the “**Business**”) and assets (the “**Property**”) and the solicitation of (i) offers to acquire the Business and/or Property of the Companies and/or (ii) offers to invest in the Business of the Companies; and
 - (b) empowering the Proposal Trustee to undertake and administer the SISP, subject to these SISP Terms.
3. These SISP Terms set forth the manner in which: (a) binding offers for executable transactions involving the Business, Property, and/or equity of the Companies will be solicited from interested parties; (b) any such offers received will be addressed; (c) any Successful Bid(s) (as defined below) will be selected; and (d) Court approval of any Successful Bid(s) will be sought.
4. The SISP will be conducted by the Proposal Trustee in the manner set forth herein and in accordance with the SISP Order. In the event that there is a disagreement as to the interpretation or application of the SISP, the Court hearing the Proposal Proceedings will have exclusive jurisdiction to hear and resolve such dispute.
5. Any modifications, amendments, variations or supplements to these SISP Terms made in accordance the terms hereof will be posted to the website of the Proposal Trustee. The Proposal Trustee will also directly notify any affected bidders and/or potential bidders of any such modifications, amendments, variations or supplements.

OPPORTUNITY

6. The SISP is intended to solicit interest in, and opportunities for, a sale of, or investment in, all or part of the Companies’ Business and/or Property (the “**Opportunity**”). The Opportunity may include one or more of a restructuring, recapitalization or other form of reorganization of the business of the Companies as a going concern or a sale of all, substantially all or one or more components of the Companies’ Property as a going concern or otherwise.
7. The SISP describes the manner in which individuals, corporations, limited and unlimited liability companies, general and limited partnerships, associations, trusts,

unincorporated organizations, joint ventures, government organizations or other entities (each, a **“Person”**) may gain access to or continue to have access to due diligence materials concerning the Business and the Property, how the offers involving the Business and/or the Property will be submitted to and dealt with by the Proposal Trustee, and how Court approval will be obtained in respect of any Transaction (as defined below).

8. The Proposal Trustee intends to provide all qualified interested parties with an opportunity to participate in the SISP.
9. As described below, the various deadlines set forth herein may be extended by and at the discretion of the Proposal Trust, provided that the Proposal Trustee must obtain the prior written approval of the the debtor-in-possession (**“DIP”**) lender, the Bank of Nova Scotia (the **“DIP Lender”**) in respect of each such extension.
10. The Companies’ management and/or any of the Companies’ equity holders shall not be privy to any of the bid information outlined herein, including the evaluation and selection of offers. The Proposal Trustee may request, at any time, written confirmation from the Companies’ management and any of the Companies’ equity holders as to (a) whether or not they intend to participate in the SISP and (b) disclosure of any interest or involvement any such party may have in or with any other party participating in the SISP.

“AS IS, WHERE IS BASIS”

11. Any transaction involving all or any portion of the Business and/or Property (each a **“Transaction”**) will be completed with Court and DIP Lender approval on an “as is, where is” basis and without surviving representations, warranties, covenants or indemnities of any kind, nature or description by the Companies, the Proposal Trustee, the DIP Lender or any of their respective agents, estates, advisors, professionals or otherwise, except to the extent expressly set forth in the relevant Definitive Transaction Agreement (as defined herein).

TIMELINE

12. The SISP shall commence immediately following the issuance of the SISP Order. The table below sets out subsequent key deadlines in the SISP (each a **“SISP Milestone”**) that interested parties should note (capitalized terms used but not defined in the table are defined in subsequent paragraphs):

SISP Milestones	Deadline
Go to market	Friday February 7, 2025
Expression of Interest Date (“EOI Deadline”)	Friday, March 28, 2025 (5:00 PM Eastern Time) (8-week marketing process)
Select Qualified Bidders	Tuesday, April 1, 2025
Binding Letter of Intent (“LOI Deadline”)	Friday, April 25, 2025 (5:00 PM Eastern Time)
Offer Selection Date	Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Completion of the Definitive Transaction Agreement	Wednesday, May 14, 2025
Hearing of the Sale Approval Motion / Transaction Execution Date	Subject to availability of the Court
Closing the Transaction (“ Outside Date ”)	No later than Friday, June 13, 2025

Solicitation of Interest: Notice of the SISP

13. As soon as reasonably practicable, but in any event by no later than Friday, February 7, 2025:
 - (a) The Proposal Trustee will prepare a list of potentially interested parties, including (i) parties that have approached the Companies or Proposal Trustee indicating an interest in the Opportunity, and (ii) local and international strategic and financial parties who the Proposal Trustee believes may be interested in purchasing all or part of the Property or investing in the Business pursuant to the SISP (the “**Known Potential Bidders**”); and
 - (b) The Proposal Trustee, will prepare:
 - (i) a process summary (the “**Teaser Letter**”) describing the Opportunity, outlining the process under the SISP and inviting recipients of the Teaser Letter to express their interest pursuant to these SISP Terms; and
 - (ii) a non-disclosure agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Proposal Trustee and the Companies, and as approved in writing by the DIP Lender (the “**NDA**”).
14. The Proposal Trustee will send the Teaser Letter and NDA to all Known Potential Bidders, and to any other party interested in the Opportunity who requests a copy of the Teaser Letter and NDA or who is identified to the Companies or Proposal Trustee as a potential bidder as soon as reasonably practicable after such request or identification, as applicable.

Potential Bidders and Due Diligence Materials

15. Any party who wishes to participate in the SISP (each, a “**Potential Bidder**”) must provide to the Proposal Trustee an executed NDA, and which shall inure to the benefit of any purchaser of the Business and/or Property of the Companies, or any portion thereof, and a letter setting forth the identity of the Potential Bidder, the contact information for such Potential Bidder, full disclosure of the direct and indirect principals of the Potential Bidder, information as to the Potential Bidder’s financial wherewithal to close a transaction.
16. The Proposal Trustee, shall in their reasonable business judgment and subject to competitive and other business considerations, afford each Potential Bidder who has signed and delivered an NDA to the Proposal Trustee and provided the foregoing information, such access to due diligence materials and information relating to the Business and Property as the Proposal Trustee deems appropriate.

17. Due diligence shall include access to a virtual data room (“VDR”) containing information about the Companies, including its Property, and may also include management presentations, documents related to on-site inspections, and other materials which a Potential Bidder may reasonably request and as to which the Companies, in their reasonable business judgment and after consulting with the Proposal Trustee, may agree. The Proposal Trustee will designate a representative to coordinate all reasonable requests for additional information and due diligence access from Potential Bidders, who will determine the manner in which such requests must be communicated. A statement of qualification which addresses the financial capabilities, operational capabilities and ownership details of a Potential Bidder may be required to gain access to the VDR. This will be determined by the Proposal Trustee, in consultation with the DIP Lender.
18. Neither the Proposal Trustee nor the Companies will be obligated to furnish any information relating to the Business or Property to any Person other than to Potential Bidders. Furthermore, and for the avoidance of doubt, due diligence materials may be withheld, in whole or in part, from certain Potential Bidders if the Proposal Trustee determines such information to represent proprietary or sensitive competitive information. The Proposal Trustee, the Companies, and the DIP Lender (or any of them) shall have no responsibility for, and will bear no liability with respect to, any information provided to or obtained by any party in connection with the SISP.
19. Potential Bidders must rely solely on their own independent review, investigation and/or inspection of all information and of the Property in connection with their participation in the SISP and any Transaction they enter into with the Companies.
20. No later than the EOI Deadline (as defined below), the Proposal Trustee will deposit in the VDR a form of asset purchase agreement (the “**Model APA**”) in connection with the Opportunity, the form and substance of which Model APA shall be prepared by the Proposal Trustee and be acceptable to the DIP Lender.

Non-Binding Expressions of Interest

21. To be considered for inclusion in the next round of the process, Expressions of Interest (“EOI”) should describe in sufficient detail all material matters relating to the proposed Transaction. EOI’s must be received by the Proposal Trustee at the address specified in Schedule “1” hereto (including by e-mail) not later than **5:00 PM (Eastern Time) on Friday, March 28, 2025**, or as may be modified in the bid process letter that may be circulated by the Proposal Trustee to Potential Bidders, with the prior written consent of the DIP Lender (the “**EOI Deadline**”). While EOI’s may be non-binding, at a minimum an EOI should include clear statements with respect to the following information:
 - (a) Identity of the entity or entities involved in the proposed Transaction (if acquiring the Business and/or Property indirectly, through a subsidiary, a limited partnership or other entity, then the identity of any entity that exercises control over such acquiring entity must be disclosed);
 - (b) Cash purchase price (in Canadian dollars) that is to be paid in connection with the Transaction, including an explanation of the methods and key assumptions used to determine the purchase price (the “**Purchase Price**”);

- (c) Indication of deal structure, including but not limited to one or a combination of: an investment in the Companies (an “**Investment Proposal**”) or an acquisition of all, substantially all or a portion of the Property or shares of the Companies (a “**Sale Proposal**”);
 - (d) Proposed financing for the Transaction and, if other than internal funds, the expected sources of such financing, the expected timing for commitment of funds and the steps required to secure such commitment;
 - (e) Nature of additional diligence required before entering into a binding LOI (as defined below) with Companies;
 - (f) Assumptions and intentions with respect to retention of management and employees;
 - (g) Outline of any regulatory, shareholder, lender or other third-party approvals that would be required or potentially required and the estimated timing required to conclude a Transaction;
 - (h) Any conditions to closing or any other terms and conditions that would be required in order to complete the Transaction;
 - (i) Contact information for those Persons who should be contacted with respect to the EOI; and
 - (j) Disclosure of any other matters that may be helpful in the evaluation of the EOI and completion of the Transaction on a timely basis.
22. The Proposal Trustee will inform the DIP Lender in writing as soon as possible of any material development in connection with submission of EOIs and will remit copies of the EOIs received to the DIP Lender.

Evaluation and Selection of EOIs

23. The Proposal Trustee, in consultation with the DIP Lender, will evaluate the EOIs received based upon several factors including, without limitation: (a) the Purchase Price and the net value provided by such bid(s), (b) the identity, circumstances and ability of the Potential Bidder to successfully complete the proposed Transaction(s) on a timely basis, (c) factors affecting the speed, certainty and value of the proposed Transaction(s), (d) the assets included or excluded from the bid(s), (e) any related restructuring costs, and (f) the likelihood and timing of consummating the proposed Transaction(s).
24. The Proposal Trustee, in each case with the prior written approval of the DIP Lender, shall notify in writing each Potential Bidder who submitted an EOI as to whether its EOI was selected to continue in the SISP (the “**Selected EOIs**”) by no later than **Tuesday April 1, 2025**, or at such later time as the Proposal Trustee, with the prior written approval of the DIP Lender, deems appropriate.
25. In the event that there are no Selected EOIs, the Proposal Trustee, with the prior written consent of the DIP Lender, may terminate the SISP. For clarity, the Proposal Trustee shall have no obligation to select any EOI as a Selected EOI.

Binding Letters of Intent

26. Potential Bidders with Selected EOs that wish to make a formal offer to purchase or make an investment in the Companies or its Property (a “**Bidder**”) shall submit a binding Letter of Intent (a “**LOI**”) that complies with all of the following requirements at the Proposal Trustee’s address specified in Schedule “1” hereto (including by e-mail), so as to be received by the Proposal Trustee not later than **5:00 PM (Eastern Time) on Friday April 25, 2025** or as may be modified in the bid process letter that may be circulated by the Proposal Trustee, with the prior written consent of the DIP Lender, to Potential Bidders (the “**LOI Deadline**”):
- (a) the LOI must be either a binding offer to make a Sale Proposal and/or an Investment Proposal.
 - (b) the LOI (either individually or in combination with other bids that make up one bid) is an offer to purchase or make an investment in some or all of the Business of the Companies or its Property or shares and is consistent with these SISP Terms and any necessary terms and conditions established by the Proposal Trustee and communicated to Bidders;
 - (c) the LOI includes a letter stating that the Bidder’s offer is irrevocable until the selection of the Successful Bidder(s) (as defined below), provided that if such Bidder is selected as the Successful Bidder(s), its offer shall remain irrevocable until the closing of the transaction with the Successful Bidder(s);
 - (d) the LOI includes, in the case of a Sale Proposal, a completed purchase agreement with a comparison to the Model APA, and any other transaction documents included in the VDR, which purchase agreement shall include the Purchase Price (by major asset type/legal entity), investment amount and any other key economic terms expressed in Canadian dollars, together with all exhibits and schedules thereto, and, in the case of an Investment Proposal, a comparable definitive transaction agreement;
 - (e) the LOI includes written evidence of a firm, irrevocable commitment for financing or other evidence of ability to consummate the proposed transaction, that will allow the Proposal Trustee, in consultation with the DIP Lender, to make a determination as to the Bidder’s financial and other capabilities to consummate the proposed transaction;
 - (f) the LOI is not conditional on (i) the outcome of unperformed due diligence by the Bidder, or (ii) obtaining financing, or (iii) the Companies receiving the required approvals or amendments relating to any licence agreements required to operate the business;
 - (g) the LOI fully discloses the identity of each entity that will be entering into the Transaction or the financing, or that is otherwise participating or benefiting from such bid;
 - (h) for a Sale Proposal, the LOI includes:
 - (i) the Purchase Price in Canadian dollars (by major asset type/legal entity) and a description of any non-cash consideration, including details of any liabilities to be assumed by the Bidder and key assumptions supporting the proposed valuation;

- (ii) a description of the Property that is expected to be subject to the Transaction(s) and any of the Property expected to be excluded;
 - (iii) a specific indication of the financial capability of the Bidder and the expected structure and financing of the transaction;
 - (iv) a description of those liabilities and obligations (including operating liabilities) which the Bidder intends to assume and which such liabilities and obligations it does not intend to assume;
 - (v) information sufficient for the Proposal Trustee, in consultation with the DIP Lender, to determine that the Bidder has sufficient ability to satisfy and perform any liabilities or obligations assumed pursuant to (iv) above;
 - (vi) any other details of the Sale Proposal that the Bidder believes are material to the Transaction(s); and
 - (vii) a commitment by the Bidder to provide a non-refundable deposit, the greater of: an amount of not less than 10% of the Purchase Price offered or \$1,000,000, upon the Bidder being selected as a Successful Bidder.
- (i) for an Investment Proposal, the LOI includes:
- (i) a description of how the Bidder proposes to structure the proposed investment, restructuring, recapitalization, or reorganization, and a description of any non-cash consideration;
 - (ii) the aggregate amount of the equity and/or debt investment to be made in the Business or the Companies in Canadian dollars;
 - (iii) the underlying assumptions regarding the pro forma capital structure;
 - (iv) a description of the specific Property that is to be included in the transaction and any Property expected to be excluded;
 - (v) a specific indication of the sources of capital for the Bidder and the structure and financing of the transaction;
 - (vi) a description of the conditions and approvals required to complete the closing of the transaction;
 - (vii) a description of those liabilities and obligations (including operating liabilities) which the Bidder intends to assume and those liabilities and obligations it does not intend to assume;
 - (viii) information sufficient for the Proposal Trustee, in consultation with the DIP Lender, to determine that the Bidder has sufficient ability to satisfy and perform any liabilities or obligations assumed pursuant to (vii) above;
 - (ix) any other details of the Investment Proposal that the Bidder believes are material to the Transaction(s); and
 - (x) a commitment by the Bidder to provide a non-refundable deposit, the greater of: an amount of not less than 10% of the total new investment contemplated or \$1,000,000, upon the Bidder being selected as a Successful Bidder.
- (j) the LOI shall include acknowledgements and representations of the Bidder that the Bidder:

- (i) has had an opportunity to conduct any and all due diligence regarding the Business and Property prior to making its offer;
 - (ii) it has relied solely upon its own independent review, investigation and/or inspection of any documents and/or the Property in making its bid; and
 - (iii) it did not rely upon any written or oral statements, representations, warranties, or guarantees whatsoever, whether expressed, implied, statutory, or otherwise, regarding the Business of the Companies, or the Property, or the completeness of any information provided in connection therewith, except as expressly stated in the Definitive Transaction Agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Proposal Trustee and the DIP Lender;
- (k) the LOI is received by the LOI Deadline; and
 - (l) the LOI contemplates closing the transaction set out therein no later than **Friday June 13, 2025**, subject to obtaining Court approval.
27. The Proposal Trustee will inform the DIP Lender in writing as soon as practicable of any material development in connection with the submission of LOIs and will remit copies of all LOIs received.
28. Following the LOI Deadline, the Proposal Trustee and the DIP Lender will assess the LOIs received. The Proposal Trustee, with the prior written approval of the DIP Lender, will designate the most competitive LOIs that comply with the foregoing requirements to be “**Qualified Bids**”. Only Bidders whose bids have been designated as Qualified Bids are eligible to become the Successful Bidder(s).
29. The Proposal Trustee, with the prior written approval of the DIP Lender, shall notify each Bidder in writing as to whether its LOI constitutes a Qualified Bid by no later than **Wednesday April 30, 2025**, or at such later time as the Proposal Trustee deems appropriate, with the prior written approval of the DIP Lender.
30. The Proposal Trustee, with the prior written approval of the DIP Lender, may waive strict compliance with any one or more of the requirements set forth herein and deem a non-compliant LOI to be a Qualified Bid.
31. The Proposal Trustee may, in consultation with the DIP Lender, following receipt of any LOI, either independently or following a request from the DIP Lender, seek clarification with respect to any of the terms or conditions of such LOI and/or request and negotiate one or more amendments to such LOI prior to determining if the LOI is considered a Qualified Bid.
32. The Proposal Trustee may, with the prior written approval of the DIP Lender, aggregate separate Bids from unaffiliated Bidders to create one Qualified Bid.
33. In the event that the Proposal Trustee is not satisfied with the number or terms of the Qualified Bids, the Proposal Trustee may extend the Bid Deadline or seek Court approval for amendments to the SISP, in each case only with the prior written consent of the DIP Lender.

34. In the event that there are no Qualified Bids, the Proposal Trustee, with the prior written consent of the DIP Lender, may terminate the SISP. For clarity, the Proposal Trustee shall have no obligation to select any LOI as a Qualified Bid.

Evaluation of Competing Bids

35. The Proposal Trustee, in consultation with the DIP Lender, will evaluate a Qualified Bid based upon several factors including, without limitation: (a) the Purchase Price and the net value provided by such bid, (b) the identity, circumstances and ability of the Bidder to successfully complete the proposed Transaction(s) on a timely basis, (c) the proposed transaction documents, (d) factors affecting the speed, certainty and value of the proposed Transaction(s), (e) the assets included or excluded from the bid, (f) any related restructuring costs, and (g) the likelihood and timing of consummating the proposed Transaction(s).

Selection of Successful Bid(s)

36. The Proposal Trustee will:
- (a) in consultation with the DIP Lender, review each Qualified Bid with consideration of the following:
 - (i) the amount of consideration being offered, and, if applicable, the proposed form, composition, and allocation of same;
 - (ii) the value of any assumption of liabilities or waiver of liabilities;
 - (iii) the Bidder's ability to close the proposed Transaction(s) by **June 13, 2025** (including factors such as the transaction structure and execution risk, including conditions to, timing of, and certainty of closing; termination provisions; availability and source of financing and financial wherewithal to meet all commitments and required governmental or other approvals);
 - (iv) the likelihood of the Court's approval of such Qualified Bid(s) if selected as a Successful Bid(s);
 - (v) the net benefit to the Companies and its stakeholders; and
 - (vi) any other factors the Proposal Trustee may, consistent with its fiduciary duties and in consultation with the DIP Lender, reasonably deem relevant.
 - (b) with the prior written approval of the DIP Lender, identify and select the highest or otherwise best Qualified Bid(s) received (the "**Successful Bid(s)**"), and the Bidder(s) making such Qualified Bid(s), the "**Successful Bidder(s)**") and to notify the Successful Bidder(s) that its Qualified Bid(s) has been selected as the Successful Bid(s). For clarity, a Qualified Bid may not be selected as a Successful Bid unless the DIP Lender has approved of the proposed Successful Bid in writing.
37. The Proposal Trustee, with the prior written approval of the DIP Lender, can select two or more Qualified Bid(s) as the Successful Bid(s) if the Proposal Trustee determines, acting reasonably, that such selection is appropriate or desirable in the circumstances.

38. The Proposal Trustee shall be under no obligation to select any Qualified Bid as a Successful Bid. In the event that there are no Qualified Bids, the Proposal Trustee, with the prior written consent of the DIP Lender, may terminate the SISP.
39. The Successful Bidder(s) shall be selected by no later than April 30, 2025 and shall complete and execute all agreements, contracts, instruments or other documents (collectively, the “**Definitive Transaction Agreement**”) evidencing and containing the terms and conditions upon which the Successful Bid(s) was made by **Wednesday May 14, 2025** the (“**EOI Deadline**”), unless extended by the Proposal Trustee with the prior written consent from the DIP Lender and in consultation with the Successful Bidder(s).

Sale Approval Motion Hearing

40. The Proposal Trustee shall bring a motion (the “**Sale Approval Motion(s)**”) to the Court seeking one or more orders approving the Successful Bid(s) and granting any necessary related relief required to consummate the Transaction(s) contemplated therein, including the granting of a vesting or reverse vesting order, as applicable, to the extent that such relief is contemplated by the Successful Bid(s) (collectively, the “**Sale Approval Order(s)**”). The Sale Approval Order(s) shall be in form and substance satisfactory to the DIP Lender and Successful Bidder(s). The Proposal Trustee will schedule the Sale Approval Motion(s) on a hearing date, subject to the availability of the Court and in consultation with the Companies, the DIP Lender, and the Successful Bidder(s). With the consent of the DIP Lender and the Successful Bidder(s), the Sale Approval Motion(s) may be adjourned or rescheduled by the Proposal Trustee and the adjourned or rescheduled date shall be publicized by advance notice and served upon the service list in the Proposal Proceedings, or, if such advance notice is not practicable, by announcement at the Sale Approval Motion(s). The Proposal Trustee shall consult with the DIP Lender and the Successful Bidder(s) regarding the application materials to be filed for the Sale Approval Motion(s) and will provide them with a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on such materials.
41. Any Qualified Bid (other than the Successful Bid(s), as the case may be) shall be deemed rejected on and as of the date of the closing of the Successful Bid(s), with no further or continuing obligation of the Proposal Trustee to such unsuccessful Qualified Bidder, except for the return of the applicable Deposit pursuant to paragraph 44(c) below.

Confidentiality and Access to Information

42. All discussions regarding a Sale Proposal, Investment Proposal, or bid in the SISP should be directed through the Proposal Trustee. Under no circumstances should the DIP Lender or Management of the Companies be contacted directly without the prior consent of the Proposal Trustee and the DIP Lender. Any such unauthorized contact or communication could result in exclusion of the interested party from the SISP.
43. Participants and prospective participants in the SISP shall not be permitted to receive any information that is not made generally available to all participants relating to the number or identity of Potential Bidders, Bidders, Qualified Bids, Successful Bids, the details of any bids submitted or the details of any confidential discussions or correspondence between the Companies, the Proposal Trustee, the DIP Lender and such other bidders or Potential Bidders in connection with the SISP, except to the extent the

Proposal Trustee and the prior written consent of the DIP Lender and the applicable participants, are seeking to combine separate bids from Potential Bidders or Bidders.

Deposit(s)

44. The Deposit(s):
- (a) shall, upon receipt, be retained by the Proposal Trustee and deposited in a non-interest-bearing trust account;
 - (b) received from the Successful Bidder(s), shall:
 - (i) be applied to the Purchase Price or investment to be paid or funded by the applicable Successful Bidder(s) whose Successful Bid(s) is/are the subject of a Sale Approval Order(s), upon closing of the approved Transaction(s); or
 - (ii) shall otherwise be held and refunded in accordance with the terms of the definitive documentation in respect of any Successful Bid(s), provided that all such documentation shall provide that the Deposit shall be retained by the Proposal Trustee in trust and forfeited by the Successful Bidder(s) if the Successful Bid(s) fails to close by the Outside Date, and such failure is attributable to any failure or omission of the Successful Bidder(s) to fulfil its/their obligations under the terms of the Successful Bid(s); and,
 - (c) received from Bidders who are not the Successful Bidder(s), shall be fully refunded to those Bidders as soon as practicable following the closing of the Transaction(s) contemplated by the Successful Bid(s) and in any event no later than by the Outside Date.

Further Orders

45. At any time during the SISP, the Proposal Trustee or the DIP Lender may apply to the Court for advice and directions with respect to any aspect of the SISP, including but not limited to the continuation of the SISP, these SISP Terms, or with respect to their powers, rights, and duties (as applicable) hereunder.

Additional Terms

46. The Proposal Trustee shall conduct the SISP in the manner set out in these SISP Terms, subject to the applicable consultation, consent, and approval requirements as set forth herein, and is entitled to receive all information in relation to the SISP.
47. Any consent, approval or written confirmation to be provided by the Proposal Trustee or the DIP Lender is ineffective unless provided in writing and any approval required pursuant to the terms hereof is in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other approvals required in the Proposal Proceedings or as otherwise required at law in order to implement the Successful Bid(s). For the avoidance of doubt, a consent, approval, or confirmation provided by email shall be deemed to have been provided in writing for the purposes of this paragraph.

48. Prior to seeking the Court's approval for any Transaction(s) or bid(s) contemplated by the SISP, the Proposal Trustee will provide a report to the Court regarding the SISP and the Successful Bid(s), parts of which may be filed under seal, including in respect of any and all bids received.
49. The Proposal Trustee shall at all times prior to the selection of the Successful Bid(s) use commercially reasonable efforts to facilitate a competitive bidding process in the SISP, including, without limitation, by actively soliciting participation by Persons who would be customarily identified as high potential bidders in a process of this kind or who may be reasonably proposed by any of the Companies' stakeholders as a high potential bidder.
50. This SISP does not and will not be interpreted to create any contractual or other legal relationship between the Companies, the Proposal Trustee, and the DIP Lender and any Potential Bidder, any Bidder, or any other party, other than as specifically set forth in a definitive agreement that may be entered into with the Companies and/or Proposal Trustee.
51. Without limiting the preceding paragraph, the Proposal Trustee, the Companies, and the DIP Lender shall not have any liability whatsoever to any person or party, including without limitation any Potential Bidder, Bidder, the Successful Bidder(s), the Companies, or any other creditor or other stakeholder of the Companies, for any act or omission related to the SISP. By submitting a bid, each Bidder shall be deemed to have agreed that it has no claim against the Proposal Trustee, the Companies, or the DIP Lender for any reason whatsoever related to the SISP.
52. Participants in the SISP are responsible for all costs, expenses and liabilities incurred by them in connection with the submission of any Bid, due diligence activities, and any further negotiations or other actions whether or not they lead to the consummation of a transaction. For greater certainty, neither the Proposal Trustee, the Companies, or the DIP Lender shall be liable to any Person for any claim for brokerage commission, finder's fee, or like payment in respect of the consummation of any transaction arising out of or in connection with the SISP.
53. Notwithstanding the process and deadlines outlined above with respect to the SISP, with the prior written consent of the DIP Lender, the Proposal Trustee may at any time: (a) pause, terminate, amend or modify the SISP; (b) remove any portion of the Business and/or the Property from the SISP; (c) bring a motion to the Court to seek approval of a sale of, or investment in, all or part of the Property or the business whether or not such sale or investment is in accordance with the terms or timelines set forth herein; and (d) establish further or other procedures for the SISP, provided that the service list in the Proposal Proceedings shall be advised of any substantive modification to the procedures set forth herein.

Schedule "1"

Address of the Proposal Trustee

To the Proposal Trustee:

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Attention: Clark Lonergan or Michael Basso

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**IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE A
PROPOSAL OF UCG LAND INC., IN THE CITY OF HAMILTON, IN THE
PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

Court File No. 32-3175819
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