

ONTARIO SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE (COMMERCIAL LIST)

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

AND IN THE MATTER OF ROCKPORT BLOCKER, LLC, THE ROCKPORT GROUP HOLDINGS, LLC, TRG 1-P HOLDINGS, LLC, TRG INTERMEDIATE HOLDINGS, LLC, TRG CLASS D, LLC, THE ROCKPORT GROUP, LLC, THE ROCKPORT COMPANY, LLC, DRYDOCK FOOTWEAR, LLC, DD MANAGEMENT SERVICES LLC AND ROCKPORT CANADA ULC (THE "DEBTORS")

APPLICATION OF ROCKPORT BLOCKER, LLC, UNDER SECTION 46 OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

NOTICE OF APPLICATION (Returnable May 16, 2018)

TO THE RESPONDENTS

A LEGAL PROCEEDING HAS BEEN COMMENCED by the applicant. The claim made by the applicant appears on the following page.

THIS APPLICATION will come on for a hearing before a Judge presiding over the Commercial List on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 2:00 p.m., or so soon thereafter as the Application may be heard, at 330 University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario.

IF YOU WISH TO OPPOSE THIS APPLICATION, to receive notice of any step in the application or to be served with any documents in the application, you or an Ontario lawyer acting for you must forthwith prepare a notice of appearance in Form 38A prescribed by the *Rules of Civil Procedure*, serve it on the applicant's lawyer or, where the applicant does not have a lawyer, serve it on the applicant, and file it, with proof of service, in this court office, and you or your lawyer must appear at the hearing.

IF YOU WISH TO PRESENT AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO THE COURT OR TO EXAMINE OR CROSS - EXAMINE WITNESSES ON THE APPLICATION, you or your lawyer must, in addition to serving your notice of appearance, serve a copy of the evidence on the applicant's lawyer or, where the applicant does not have a lawyer, serve it on the applicant, and file it, with proof of service, in the court office where the application is to be heard as soon as possible, but not later than two (2) days before the hearing.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT THE HEARING, JUDGMENT MAY BE GIVEN IN YOUR ABSENCE AND WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU.

IF YOU WISH TO OPPOSE THIS APPLICATION BUT ARE UNABLE TO PAY LEGAL FEES, LEGAL AID MAY BE AVAILABLE TO YOU BY CONTACTING A LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE.

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APPLICATION

- 1. The Applicants, Rockport Blocker, LLC, The Rockport Group Holdings, LLC, TRG 1-P Holdings, LLC, TRG Intermediate Holdings, LLC, TRG Class D, LLC, The Rockport Group, LLC, The Rockport Company, LLC, Drydock Footwear, LLC, DD Management Services LLC, and Rockport Canada ULC make an application for Orders substantially in the form filed herewith. The Orders to be requested on May 16, 2018, the return date of this Application will be, *inter alia*:
 - (a) abridging the time for service of the Notice of Application and the Application Record and dispensing with further service thereof, if necessary;
 - (b) declaring that Rockport Blocker, LLC ("Rockport Blocker") is a "foreign representative" as defined in section 45 of the Companies' Creditors Arrangement Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, as amended, (the "CCAA") in respect of the jointly administered insolvency proceedings (the "U.S. Proceedings") of Rockport Blocker, The Rockport Group Holdings, LLC, TRG 1-P Holdings, LLC, TRG Intermediate Holdings, LLC, TRG Class D, LLC, The Rockport Group, LLC, The Rockport Company, LLC, Drydock Footwear, LLC, DD Management Services LLC and Rockport Canada ULC (collectively, the "Companies") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "U.S. Court") under Chapter 11 of Title 11 ("Chapter 11") of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "U.S. Bankruptcy Code");
 - (c) declaring that the U.S. Proceedings are "foreign proceedings" as defined in section 45 of the CCAA and the centre of main interests for each of the Companies is the United States of America;
 - (d) declaring that, with respect to each of the Companies, the U.S. Proceedings are "foreign main proceedings" as defined in section 45 of the CCAA;
 - (e) recognizing and enforcing in Canada certain orders of the U.S. Court made in the U.S. Proceedings on May 15, 2018, including the following:

- (1) an order authorizing Rockport Blocker to act as the foreign representative of the Companies (the "Foreign Representative Order");
- (2) an order directing the joint administration of the Chapter 11 cases of the Companies in the U.S. Proceedings (the "Joint Administration Order");
- (3) an order authorizing the retention of Prime Clerk LLC as claims and noticing agent (the "Claims Agent Order");
- (4) an order enforcing and restating the automatic stay protections and ipso facto prohibitions of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (the "Automatic Stay Order");
- (5) an interim order authorizing the Debtors to pay all or a portion of the Shipping and Warehousing claims and certain import charges (the "Shippers and Warehouse Order");
- (6) an interim order authorizing, but not directing the Debtors to pay prepetition obligations of certain critical vendors (the "Critical Foreign Vendors Order");
- (7) an interim order authorizing, but not directing the payment of certain taxes and fees (the "Taxes Order");
- (8) an order authorizing the Debtors to continue to renew their insurance programs including premium financing and surety bond programs (the "Insurance Order");
- (9) an interim order authorizing the Companies to pay certain employee compensation and benefits and prepetition claims of independent contractors and temporary workers (the "Wages Order");
- (10) an interim order authorizing, but not directing the Debtors to maintain certain customer programs and to honour or pay certain prepetition obligations related to the customer programs during the pendency of the U.S. Proceedings (the "Customer Program Order");

- (11) an interim order (i) prohibiting the Debtors utility service providers from altering or discontinuing service; (ii) approving an adequate assurance deposit as adequate assurance of postpetition payment to the utilities; and (iii) establishing procedures for resolving any subsequent request by utilities for additional adequate assurance of payment (the "Utilities Order");
- (12) an interim order authorizing the Debtors to, *inter alia*, continue to use their cash management system and bank accounts (the "Cash Management Order"); and
- (13) an interim order, *inter alia*, (i) approving postpetition financing; and (ii) granting liens and super-priority administrative expense claim status to Citizens Business Capital, as administrative agent and collateral agent (the "Interim DIP Financing Order");
- (f) staying all proceedings taken or that might be taken against the Companies under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. B-3, as amended, or the *Winding-Up and Restructuring Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. W-11, as amended;
- (g) restraining further proceedings and any action, suit or proceeding against the Companies;
- (h) prohibiting the commencement of any action, suit or proceeding against the Companies;
- (i) granting the Court-ordered charges, namely, the Administration Charge and the DIP Lenders' Charge, as provided for in the draft Supplemental Order;
- (j) appointing Richter Advisory Group Inc. ("Richter") as information officer (in such capacity, the "Information Officer") in respect of this proceeding;
- (k) such further ancillary relief as set out in the draft orders attached at Tabs 3 and 4 of the Application Record; and
- (l) such further and other relief as counsel may request and this Honourable Court may permit.

2. THE GROUNDS FOR THE APPLICATION ARE:

- (a) the Companies are a leading global designer, distributor and retailer of comfort footwear in more than fifty markets worldwide;
- (b) on May 14, 2018, the Companies commenced the U.S. Proceedings by filing voluntary petitions under Chapter 11;
- (c) pursuant to the Joint Administration Order, the Chapter 11 proceedings in respect of the Companies were placed under joint administration;
- (d) pursuant to the Foreign Representative Order, Rockport Blocker was authorized to act as the foreign representative of the U.S. Proceedings in respect of the Companies;
- (e) Rockport Canada ULC is a corporation incorporated under the laws of the Province of British Columbia;
- (f) to facilitate the cooperation between the U.S. Court and this Honourable Court and to integrate the U.S. Proceedings with these proceedings, Rockport Blocker is requesting recognition of the "foreign proceedings" and recognition of certain substantive and procedural orders which have been issued by the U.S. Court in the U.S. Proceedings;
- (g) to ensure that affected stakeholders in Canada are properly informed of developments in the U.S. Proceedings, Rockport Blocker is requesting the appointment of Richter as the Information Officer to report to this Honourable Court from time to time on the status of the U.S. Proceedings;
- (h) Richter has consented to act as the Information Officer in these proceedings, if so appointed by the Court;
- (i) the provisions of the CCAA, including Part IV thereof;
- rules 2.03, 3.02, 14.05, 16, 17 and 38 of the *Rules of Civil Procedure*, R.R.O. 1990.Reg. 194, as amended;
- (k) section 106 of the Courts of Justice Act; R.S.O. 1990, c. C-43; and

- (l) such further and other grounds as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.
- 3. **THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE** will be used at the hearing of the application:
 - (a) the affidavit of Paul Kosturos, sworn May 15, 2018 and the exhibits referred to therein;
 - (b) the Pre-Filing Report of Richter dated May 15, 2018;
 - (c) the consent of Richter to act as Information Officer; and
 - (d) such further and documentary evidence as counsel may advise and this Honourable Court may permit.

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