

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

THE HONOURABLE) THURSDAY, THE 20TH
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MADAM JUSTICE MACNEIL) DAY OF JUNE, 2024

**IN THE MATTER OF THE *BANKRUPTCY AND
INSOLVENCY ACT*, RSC 1985, c B-3, AS AMENDED**

**AND IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE A PROPOSAL OF
NIAGARA FALLS CRAFT DISTILLERS LTD. OF THE CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS IN
THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO**

**ORDER
(Stay Extension and Administration Charge)**

THIS MOTION, made by Niagara Falls Craft Distillers Ltd. (the "**Company**") pursuant to the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c B-3, as amended (the "**BIA**") for an order, among other things: (i) extending the time to file a proposal pursuant to s. 50.4(9) of the BIA up to and including June 20, 2024; and (ii) granting an Administration Charge (as defined herein), was heard on the 20th day of June, 2024.

ON READING the affidavit of Andrew Murison, sworn June 12, 2024, and the exhibits thereto, and the First Report (the "**First Report**") of MNP Ltd. in its capacity as proposal trustee of the Company (the "**Proposal Trustee**").

ON HEARING the submissions of counsel for the Company, the Proposal Trustee, and such other counsel that were present, no one else appearing for any other person although duly served:

SERVICE

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the time for service of the Notice of Motion and the materials filed, as set out in the Affidavit of Service of Levi Rivers sworn June 13, 2024, is hereby deemed adequate notice so that this Motion is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.

STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that pursuant to Section 50.4(9) of the BIA, the time for the Company to file a proposal with the Official Receiver be and is hereby extended to and including August 5, 2024.

ADMINISTRATION CHARGE

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Proposal Trustee, counsel to Proposal Trustee and counsel to the Company shall be paid their reasonable fees and disbursements, in each case at their standard rates and charges, by the Company as part of the costs of these proceedings. The Company is hereby authorized and directed to pay the accounts of the Proposal Trustee, counsel for the Proposal Trustee and counsel for the Company as such accounts are rendered. The Proposal Trustee and its counsel shall be authorized to immediately apply any such payments made by the Company to their fees and disbursements and such amounts shall constitute advances against its remuneration and disbursements when and as approved by this Court.

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, pursuant to Section 64.2 of the BIA, the Proposal Trustee, counsel to the Proposal Trustee, the Company's counsel, and in the event of a bankruptcy, the trustee in bankruptcy and its counsel, shall be entitled to the benefit of and are hereby granted a charge (the "**Administration Charge**") on all of the Company's current and future assets, undertakings and properties of every nature and kind whatsoever and wherever situate including all proceeds thereof (the "**Property**"), which charge shall not exceed an aggregate amount of \$125,000, as security for their professional fees and disbursements incurred at the standard rates and charges of the Proposal Trustee, any trustee in bankruptcy, and such counsel, both before and after the making of this Order in respect of these proceedings.

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the filing, registration, or perfection of the Administration Charge shall not be required, and that the Administration 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 Administration Charge coming into existence, notwithstanding any such failure to file, register, record or perfect.

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Administration Charge 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**") in favour of any individual, firm, corporation, governmental agency, or any other entities (each and any, a "**Person**").

7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that except as otherwise expressly provided for herein, or as may be approved by this Court, the Company shall not grant any Encumbrances over any Property that rank in priority to, or *pari passu* with the Administration Charge, unless the Company obtains the prior written consent of the Proposal Trustee and the beneficiaries of the Administration Charge, or further Order of this Court.

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Administration Charge shall not be rendered invalid or unenforceable and the rights and remedies of the chargees entitled to the benefit of the Administration Charge (the "**Chargees**") shall not otherwise be limited or impaired in any way by: (a) the pendency of these proceedings and the declarations of insolvency made herein; (b) any application(s) for bankruptcy order(s) issued pursuant to BIA, or any bankruptcy order made pursuant to such applications; (c) the filing of any assignments for the general benefit of creditors made pursuant to the BIA; (d) the provisions of any federal or provincial statutes; or (e) any negative covenants, prohibitions or other similar provisions with respect to borrowings, incurring debt or the creation of Encumbrances, contained in any existing loan documents, lease, sublease, offer to lease or other agreement (collectively, an "**Agreement**") which binds the Company, and notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in any Agreement:

- a) the creation of the Administration Charge shall not create or be deemed to constitute a breach by the Company of any Agreement to which it is a party;
- b) none of the Chargees shall have any liability to any Person whatsoever as a result of any breach of any Agreement caused by or resulting from the creation of the Administration Charge; and

c) the payments made by the Company pursuant to this Order, and the granting of the Administration Charge, do not and will not constitute preferences, fraudulent conveyances, transfers at undervalue, oppressive conduct, or other challengeable or voidable transactions under any applicable law.

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Administration Charge created by this Order over leases of real property in Canada shall only be a charge in the Company's interests in such real property leases.

GENERAL

10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order shall have full force and effect in all provinces and territories in Canada and as against all Persons against whom it may otherwise be enforced.

11. **THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS** the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada, the United States or in any other foreign jurisdiction to give effect to this Order and to assist the Company, the Proposal Trustee 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 Company and the Proposal Trustee, as an officer of this Court, as may be necessary or desirable to recognize and give effect to this Order, to grant representative status to the Proposal Trustee in any foreign proceeding, or to assist the Company, the Proposal Trustee and their respective agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that each of the Company and the Proposal Trustee 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.

13. **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.

B. MacNeil J.

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