

Court File No. CV-22-00683167-00CL

#### **ONTARIO**

# SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE

#### **COMMERCIAL LIST**

THE HONOURABLE

MONDAY, THE 25<sup>th</sup>

DAY OF JULY, 2022

ROYNAT INC.

Applicant

- and -

## 2796996 ONTARIO INC.

Respondent

# ORDER (appointing Interim Receiver)

THIS MOTION made by the Applicant Roynat Inc. for an Order pursuant to subsection 47(1) of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. B-3, as amended (the "BIA") and section 101 of the *Courts of Justice Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.43, as amended (the "CJA") appointing msi Spergel Inc. as interim receiver (in such capacities, the "Interim Receiver") without security, of all of the assets, undertakings and properties of the Respondent 2796996 Ontario Inc. (the "Debtor") acquired for, or used in relation to a business carried on by the Debtor, was heard this day via videoconference.

ON READING the affidavits of Cian McDonnell sworn June 20, 2022 and July 20, 2022, and the affidavit of Tiegan Kilbride sworn June 27, 2022 and the Exhibits thereto and on hearing

the submissions of counsel for the Applicant, no one appearing for the Debtor although duly served and on reading the consent of msi Spergel Inc. to act as the Interim Receiver,

#### SERVICE

1. THIS COURT ORDERS that the time for service of the Notice of Motion and the Motion is hereby abridged and validated so that this motion is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.

#### APPOINTMENT

- 2. THIS COURT ORDERS that pursuant to subsection 47(1) of the BIA and section 101 of the CJA, msi Spergel Inc. is hereby appointed Interim Receiver, without security, of all of the assets, undertakings and properties of the Debtor acquired for, or used in relation to a business carried on by the Debtor, including all proceeds thereof, and including, without limitation, the property municipally known as 88 Main Street West, Grimsby, Ontario (the "Property") until the earlier of:
  - (a) the taking of possession by a receiver, within the meaning of subsection 243(2) of the BIA, of the Property;
  - (b) the taking of possession by a trustee in bankruptcy of the Property;
  - (c) disposition of the Applicant's within Receivership Application; and
  - (d) further order of this Court.

# RECEIVER'S POWERS

3. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Interim Receiver is hereby empowered and authorized, but not obligated, to act at once in respect of the Property and, without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Interim Receiver is hereby expressly empowered and authorized to do any of the following where the Interim Receiver considers it necessary or desirable:

- to take possession of and exercise control over the Property and any and all proceeds, receipts and disbursements arising out of or from the Property;
- (b) to receive, preserve, and protect the Property, or any part or parts thereof, including, but not limited to, the changing of locks and security codes, the relocating of Property to safeguard it, the engaging of independent security personnel, the taking of physical inventories and the placement of such insurance coverage as may be necessary or desirable;
- (c) to manage, operate, and carry on the business of the Debtor, including the powers to enter into any agreements, incur any obligations in the ordinary course of business, cease to carry on all or any part of the business, or cease to perform any contracts of the Debtor;
- (d) to engage consultants, appraisers, agents, experts, auditors, accountants, managers, counsel and such other persons from time to time and on whatever basis, including on a temporary basis, to assist with the exercise of the Interim Receiver's powers and duties, including without limitation those conferred by this Order;
- (e) to purchase or lease such machinery, equipment, inventories, supplies, premises or other assets to continue the business of the Debtor or any part or parts thereof;
- (f) to receive and collect all monies and accounts now owed or hereafter owing to the Debtor and to exercise all remedies of the Debtor in collecting such monies, including, without limitation, to enforce any security held by the Debtor;
- (g) to settle, extend or compromise any indebtedness owing to the Debtor;
- (h) to execute, assign, issue and endorse documents of whatever nature in respect of any of the Property, whether in the Interim Receiver's name or

in the name and on behalf of the Debtor, for any purpose pursuant to this Order;

- (i) to initiate, prosecute and continue the prosecution of any and all proceedings and to defend all proceedings now pending or hereafter instituted with respect to the Debtor, the Property or the Interim Receiver, and to settle or compromise any such proceedings. The authority hereby conveyed shall extend to such appeals or applications for judicial review in respect of any order or judgment pronounced in any such proceeding;
- (j) to report to, meet with and discuss with such affected Persons (as defined below) as the Interim Receiver deems appropriate on all matters relating to the Property and the interim receivership, and to share information, subject to such terms as to confidentiality as the Interim Receiver deems advisable;
- (k) to register a copy of this Order and any other Orders in respect of the Property against title to any of the Property;
- (l) to apply for any permits, licences, approvals or permissions as may be required by any governmental authority and any renewals thereof for and on behalf of and, if thought desirable by the Interim Receiver, in the name of the Debtor; and
- (m) to take any steps reasonably incidental to the exercise of these powers or the performance of any statutory obligations.

and in each case where the Interim Receiver takes any such actions or steps, it shall be exclusively authorized and empowered to do so, to the exclusion of all other Persons (as defined below), including the Debtor, and without interference from any other Person.

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# DUTY TO PROVIDE ACCESS AND CO-OPERATION TO THE RECEIVER

- 4. THIS COURT ORDERS that (i) the Debtor, (ii) all of its current and former directors, officers, employees, agents, accountants, legal counsel and shareholders, and all other persons acting on its instructions or behalf, and (iii) all other individuals, firms, corporations, governmental bodies or agencies, or other entities having notice of this Order (all of the foregoing, collectively, being "Persons" and each being a "Person") shall forthwith advise the Interim Receiver of the existence of any Property in such Person's possession or control, shall grant immediate and continued access to the Property to the Interim Receiver, and shall deliver all such Property to the Interim Receiver's request.
- 5. THIS COURT ORDERS that all Persons shall forthwith advise the Interim Receiver of the existence of any books, documents, securities, contracts, orders, corporate and accounting records, and any other papers, records and information of any kind related to the business or affairs of the Debtor, and any computer programs, computer tapes, computer disks, or other data storage media containing any such information (the foregoing, collectively, the "Records") in that Person's possession or control, and shall provide to the Receiver or permit the Interim Receiver to make, retain and take away copies thereof and grant to the Receiver unfettered access to and use of accounting, computer, software and physical facilities relating thereto, provided however that nothing in this paragraph 5 or in paragraph 6 of this Order shall require the delivery of Records, or the granting of access to Records, which may not be disclosed or provided to the Interim Receiver due to the privilege attaching to solicitor-client communication or due to statutory provisions prohibiting such disclosure.
- 6. THIS COURT ORDERS that if any Records are stored or otherwise contained on a computer or other electronic system of information storage, whether by independent service provider or otherwise, all Persons in possession or control of such Records shall forthwith give unfettered access to the Interim Receiver for the purpose of allowing the Interim Receiver to recover and fully copy all of the information contained therein whether by way of printing the information onto paper or making copies of computer disks or such other manner of retrieving and copying the information as the Interim Receiver in its discretion deems expedient, and shall not alter, erase or destroy any Records without the prior written consent of the Interim Receiver. Further, for the purposes of this paragraph, all Persons shall provide the Interim Receiver with all

such assistance in gaining immediate access to the information in the Records as the Interim Receiver may in its discretion require including providing the Interim Receiver with instructions on the use of any computer or other system and providing the Interim Receiver with any and all access codes, account names and account numbers that may be required to gain access to the information.

# NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE RECEIVER

7. THIS COURT ORDERS that no proceeding or enforcement process in any court or tribunal (each, a "Proceeding"), shall be commenced or continued against the Interim Receiver except with the written consent of the Interim Receiver or with leave of this Court.

# NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE DEBTOR OR THE PROPERTY

8. THIS COURT ORDERS that no Proceeding against or in respect of the Debtor or the Property shall be commenced or continued except with the written consent of the Interim Receiver or with leave of this Court and any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in respect of the Debtor or the Property are hereby stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court.

#### NO EXERCISE OF RIGHTS OR REMEDIES

9. THIS COURT ORDERS that all rights and remedies against the Debtor, the Interim Receiver, or affecting the Property, are hereby stayed and suspended except with the written consent of the Interim Receiver or leave of this Court, provided however that this stay and suspension does not apply in respect of any "eligible financial contract" as defined in the BIA, and further provided that nothing in this paragraph shall (i) empower the Interim Receiver or the Debtor to carry on any business which the Debtor is not lawfully entitled to carry on, (ii) exempt the Interim Receiver or the Debtor from compliance with statutory or regulatory provisions relating to health, safety or the environment, (iii) prevent the filing of any registration to preserve or perfect a security interest, or (iv) prevent the registration of a claim for lien.

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### NO INTERFERENCE WITH THE RECEIVER

10. THIS COURT ORDERS that no Person shall discontinue, fail to honour, alter, interfere with, repudiate, terminate or cease to perform any right, renewal right, contract, agreement, licence or permit in favour of or held by the Debtor, without written consent of the Interim Receiver or leave of this Court.

# CONTINUATION OF SERVICES

THIS COURT ORDERS that all Persons having oral or written agreements with the Debtor 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 Debtor 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 Interim Receiver, and that the Interim Receiver shall be entitled to the continued use of the Debtor's current 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 Interim Receiver in accordance with normal payment practices of the Debtor or such other practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier or service provider and the Interim Receiver, or as may be ordered by this Court.

#### INTERIM RECEIVER TO HOLD FUNDS

12. THIS COURT ORDERS that all funds, monies, cheques, instruments, and other forms of payments received or collected by the Interim Receiver from and after the making of this Order from any source whatsoever, including without limitation the sale of all or any of the Property and the collection of any accounts receivable in whole or in part, whether in existence on the date of this Order or hereafter coming into existence, shall be deposited into one or more new accounts to be opened by the Interim Receiver (the "Post Interim Receivership Accounts") and the monies standing to the credit of such Post Interim Receivership Accounts from time to time, net of any disbursements provided for herein, shall be held by the Interim Receiver to be paid in accordance with the terms of this Order or any further Order of this Court.

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#### **EMPLOYEES**

13. THIS COURT ORDERS that all employees of the Debtor shall remain the employees of the Debtor until such time as the Interim Receiver, on the Debtor's behalf, may terminate the employment of such employees. The Interim Receiver shall not be liable for any employee-related liabilities, including any successor employer liabilities as provided for in section 14.06(1.2) of the BIA, other than such amounts as the Interim Receiver may specifically agree in writing to pay, or in respect of its obligations under sections 81.4(5) or 81.6(3) of the BIA or under the *Wage Earner Protection Program Act*.

#### LIMITATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITIES

THIS COURT ORDERS that nothing herein contained shall require the Interim Receiver 14. 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, the Ontario Environmental Protection Act, the Ontario Water Resources Act, or the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act and regulations thereunder (the "Environmental Legislation"), provided however that nothing herein shall exempt the Interim Receiver from any duty to report or make disclosure imposed by applicable Environmental Legislation. The Interim Receiver shall not, as a result of this Order or anything done in pursuance of the Interim Receiver'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.

# LIMITATION ON THE INTERIM RECEIVER'S LIABILITY

15. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Interim Receiver shall incur no liability or obligation as a result of its appointment or the carrying out the provisions of this Order, including, but not limited to, any illness or bodily harm resulting from a party or parties contracting COVID-19, save and except for any gross negligence or willful misconduct on its part, or in respect of its

obligations under sections 81.4(5) or 81.6(3) of the BIA or under the *Wage Earner Protection Program Act*. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the protections afforded the Interim Receiver by section 14.06 of the BIA or by any other applicable legislation.

# INTERIM RECEIVER'S ACCOUNTS

- 16. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Interim Receiver and counsel to the Interim Receiver shall be paid their reasonable fees and disbursements, in each case at their standard rates and charges unless otherwise ordered by the Court on the passing of accounts, and that the Interim Receiver and counsel to the Interim Receiver shall be entitled to and are hereby granted a charge (the "Interim Receiver's Charge") on the Property, as security for such fees and disbursements, both before and after the making of this Order in respect of these proceedings, and that the Interim Receiver's Charge shall form a first charge on the Property in priority to all security interests, trusts, liens, charges and encumbrances, statutory or otherwise, in favour of any Person, but subject to sections 14.06(7), 81.4(4), and 81.6(2) of the BIA.
- 17. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Interim Receiver and its legal counsel shall pass its accounts from time to time, and for this purpose the accounts of the Interim Receiver and its legal counsel are hereby referred to a judge of the Commercial List of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.
- 18. THIS COURT ORDERS that prior to the passing of its accounts, the Interim Receiver shall be at liberty from time to time to apply reasonable amounts, out of the monies in its hands, against its fees and disbursements, including legal fees and disbursements, incurred at the standard rates and charges of the Interim Receiver or its counsel, and such amounts shall constitute advances against its remuneration and disbursements when and as approved by this Court.

# FUNDING OF THE INTERIM RECEIVERSHIP

19. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Interim Receiver be at liberty and it is hereby empowered to borrow by way of a revolving credit or otherwise, such monies from time to time as it may consider necessary or desirable, provided that the outstanding principal amount does not exceed \$200,000.00 (or such greater amount as this Court may by further Order authorize) at

any time, at such rate or rates of interest as it deems advisable for such period or periods of time as it may arrange, for the purpose of funding the exercise of the powers and duties conferred upon the Interim Receiver by this Order, including interim expenditures. The whole of the Property shall be and is hereby charged by way of a fixed and specific charge (the "Interim Receiver's Borrowings Charge") as security for the payment of the monies borrowed, together with interest and charges thereon, in priority to all security interests, trusts, liens, charges and encumbrances, statutory or otherwise, in favour of any Person, but subordinate in priority to the Interim Receiver's Charge and the charges as set out in sections 14.06(7), 81.4(4), and 81.6(2) of the BIA.

- 20. THIS COURT ORDERS that neither the Interim Receiver's Borrowings Charge nor any other security granted by the Interim Receiver in connection with its borrowings under this Order shall be enforced without leave of this Court.
- 21. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Interim Receiver is at liberty and authorized to issue certificates substantially in the form annexed as Schedule "A" hereto (the "Interim Receiver's Certificates") for any amount borrowed by it pursuant to this Order.
- 22. THIS COURT ORDERS that the monies from time to time borrowed by the Interim Receiver pursuant to this Order or any further order of this Court and any and all Interim Receiver's Certificates evidencing the same or any part thereof shall rank on a *pani passu* basis, unless otherwise agreed to by the holders of any prior issued Interim Receiver's Certificates.

#### SERVICE AND NOTICE

23. THIS COURT ORDERS that the E-Service Protocol of the Commercial List (the "Protocol") is approved and adopted by reference herein and, in this proceeding, the service of documents made in accordance with the Protocol (which can be found on the Commercial List website at <a href="http://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice/practice-directions/toronto/e-service-protocol/">http://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice/practice-directions/toronto/e-service-protocol/</a>) shall be valid and effective service. Subject to Rule 17.05 this Order shall constitute an order for substituted service pursuant to Rule 16.04 of the Rules of Civil Procedure. Subject to Rule 3.01(d) of the Rules of Civil Procedure and paragraph 21 of the Protocol, service of documents in accordance with the Protocol will be effective on transmission. This Court further

orders that a Case Website shall be established in accordance with the Protocol with the following URL <u>www.spergelcorporate.ca</u>.

24. THIS COURT ORDERS that if the service or distribution of documents in accordance with the Protocol is not practicable, the Interim Receiver is at liberty to serve or distribute this Order, any other materials and orders in these proceedings, any notices or other correspondence, by forwarding true copies thereof by prepaid ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery or facsimile transmission to the Debtor's creditors or other interested parties at their respective addresses as last shown on the records of the Debtor and that any such service or distribution by courier, personal delivery or facsimile transmission shall be deemed to be received on the next business day following the date of forwarding thereof, or if sent by ordinary mail, on the third business day after mailing.

#### **GENERAL**

- 25. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Interim Receiver may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions in the discharge of its powers and duties hereunder.
- 26. THIS COURT ORDERS that nothing in this Order shall prevent the Interim Receiver from acting as a trustee in bankruptcy of the Debtor.
- 27. 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 Interim Receiver and its 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 Interim Receiver, as an officer of this Court, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order or to assist the Interim Receiver and its agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.
- 28. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Interim Receiver 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 Interim Receiver 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.

- 29. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Applicant shall have its costs of this motion, up to and including entry and service of this Order, provided for by the terms of the Applicant's security or, if not so provided by the Applicant's security, then on a substantial indemnity basis to be paid by the Interim Receiver from the Debtor's estate with such priority and at such time as this Court may determine.
- 30. THIS COURT ORDERS that any interested party may apply to this Court to vary or amend this Order on not less than seven (7) days' notice to the Receiver and to any other party likely to be affected by the order sought or upon such other notice, if any, as this Court may order.

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