

Court File No. CV-24-00005631-0000

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE**

THE HONOURABLE) THURSDAY, THE 16TH
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JUSTICE BLOOM) DAY OF JANUARY, 2025

ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

Applicant

- and -

ARKLE MOTOR FREIGHT INC. and 15383960 CANADA INC.

Respondents

**APPLICATION UNDER SUBSECTION 243(1) OF THE *BANKRUPTCY AND
INSOLVENCY ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. B-3, AS AMENDED AND SECTION 101 OF THE
COURTS OF JUSTICE ACT, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.43, AS AMENDED**

**ORDER
(appointing Monitor)**

THIS APPLICATION, made by Royal Bank of Canada (“**RBC**”) for an Order pursuant to section 243(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. (“**Spergel**”) as Monitor (in such capacity, the “**Monitor**”), without security, of all of the assets, properties and undertakings (collectively, the “**Property**”) of Arkle Motor Freight Inc. (“**Arkle**”) and 15383960 Canada Inc. (“**153**” and, together with Arkle, the “**Debtors**”) acquired for, or used in relation to a business carried on by the Debtors and all proceeds thereof, including, without limitation, the real property municipally known as 20

Newkirk Court, Unit B7 22, Brampton, Ontario and legally described by PIN 20135-0022 (LT) (the “**Real Property**”), was heard this day by judicial videoconference via Zoom.

ON READING the affidavit of David Kennedy sworn November 29, 2024 and the exhibits thereto, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for RBC and the Respondents and such other counsel as were present, no one appearing for any other stakeholder although duly served as appears from the affidavit of service of Christine Doyle, filed,

SERVICE

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the time for service of the notice of application and the application record is hereby abridged and validated so that this application is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.

APPOINTMENT

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that pursuant to section 101 of the CJA, Spergel is hereby appointed as Monitor of the assets and undertaking of the Debtors (the “**Monitor**”).

MONITOR’S POWERS

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor is hereby expressly empowered and authorized to do any of the following where the Monitor considers it necessary or desirable:

- a) 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 Monitor’s powers and duties, including without limitation those conferred by this Order;
- b) to investigate and report on the ability of the Debtors to make monthly payments to the Applicant pending the return of the Applicant’s receivership application;
- c) to investigate and report on the status of the Debtors in respect of any sale or refinancing efforts to repay the Applicant;

- d) to investigate and report on the financial affairs of the Debtors generally pending the return of the Applicant's receivership application;
- e) to report to, meet with and discuss with such affected Persons (as defined below) as the Monitor deems appropriate on all matters relating to the Property and this proceeding, and to share information, subject to such terms as to confidentiality as the Monitor deems advisable; and,
- f) to take any steps reasonably incidental to the exercise of these powers or the performance of any statutory obligations,
- g) and in each case where the Monitor 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 Debtors, and without interference from any other Person.

PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS DURING MONITORSHIP

- 4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that 153 shall bring current all property taxes owing by it in respect of the Real Property by no later than Friday, January 17, 2025 at 5:00 p.m..
- 5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Debtors shall make a payment of \$50,000.00 to Royal Bank of Canada to be applied against the indebtedness owed by 153 to Royal Bank of Canada, by no later than Friday, January 17, 2025 at 5:00 p.m..

DUTY TO PROVIDE ACCESS AND CO-OPERATION TO THE MONITOR

- 6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that (i) the Debtors, (ii) all of their current and former directors, officers, employees, agents, accountants, legal counsel and shareholders, and all other persons acting on their instructions or behalf (the "**Debtor Parties**"), 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 Monitor of the existence of any Property in such Person's possession or control.
- 7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that all Persons shall forthwith advise the Monitor 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

Debtors, 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 Monitor or permit the Monitor to make, retain and take away copies thereof and grant to the Monitor 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 Monitor due to the privilege attaching to solicitor-client communication or due to statutory provisions prohibiting such disclosure. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Debtors and the Debtor Parties (a) shall authorize and direct Canada Revenue Agency to provide to the Monitor any and all information it requests regarding the Debtors, and (b) shall provide the Monitor with any and all information it requests with respect to the Debtors’ bank accounts wheresoever located.

8. **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 Monitor for the purpose of allowing the Monitor 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 Monitor in its discretion deems expedient, and shall not alter, erase or destroy any Records without the prior written consent of the Monitor. Further, for the purposes of this paragraph, all Persons shall provide the Monitor with all such assistance in gaining immediate access to the information in the Records as the Monitor may in its discretion require including providing the Monitor with instructions on the use of any computer or other system and providing the Monitor 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 MONITOR

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that no proceeding or enforcement process in any court or tribunal (each, a “**Proceeding**”), shall be commenced or continued against the Monitor except with leave of this Court.

EMPLOYEES

10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that all employees of the Debtors, if any, shall remain the employees of the Debtors. The Monitor 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 Monitor 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*.

11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any and all interested stakeholders in this proceeding and their counsel are at liberty to serve or distribute this Order, any other materials and orders as may be reasonably required in this proceeding, including any notices, or other correspondence, by forwarding true copies thereof by electronic message to such other interested stakeholders in this proceeding and their counsel and advisors. For greater certainty, any such distribution or service shall be deemed to be in satisfaction of a legal or juridical obligation, and notice requirements within the meaning of clause 3(c) of the *Electronic Commerce Protection Regulations*, Reg. 81000-2-175 (SOR/DORS).

LIMITATION ON ENVIRONMENTAL LIABILITIES

12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that nothing herein contained shall require the Monitor 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 Monitor from any duty to report or make disclosure imposed by applicable Environmental Legislation. The Monitor shall not, as a result of this Order or anything done in pursuance of the Monitor’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 MONITOR'S LIABILITY

13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall incur no liability or obligation as a result of its appointment or the carrying out the provisions of this Order, save and except for any gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the protections afforded the Monitor by section 14.06 of the BIA or by any other applicable legislation.

MONITOR'S ACCOUNTS

14. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor and counsel to the Monitor 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 Monitor and counsel to the Monitor shall be entitled to and are hereby granted a charge (the "**Monitor'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 Monitor'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.

15. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor and its legal counsel shall pass their accounts from time to time, and for this purpose the accounts of the Monitor and its legal counsel are hereby referred to a judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

16. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that prior to the passing of its accounts, the Monitor 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 Monitor or its counsel, and such amounts shall constitute advances against its remuneration and disbursements when and as approved by this Court.

SERVICE AND NOTICE

17. **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 <http://www.ontariocourts.ca/scj/practice/practice-directions/toronto/eservice-commercial/>) shall be valid and effective service. Subject to Rule 17.05 of the *Rules of Civil Procedure* (the “**Rules**”) this Order shall constitute an order for substituted service pursuant to Rule 16.04 of the Rules. Subject to Rule 3.01(d) of the Rules 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 and shall be accessible by selecting the Debtor’s name from the engagement list at the following URL: <https://www.spergelcorporate.ca/engagements/>.

18. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if the service or distribution of documents in accordance with the Protocol is not practicable, the Monitor 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 Debtors’ creditors or other interested parties at their respective addresses as last shown on the records of the Debtors 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

19. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions in the discharge of its powers and duties hereunder.

20. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that nothing in this Order shall prevent the Monitor from acting as a Monitor, interim receiver, receiver, or trustee in bankruptcy of the Debtors.

21. **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 Monitor 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 Monitor, as an officer of this Court, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order or to assist the Monitor and its agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

22. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor 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 Monitor 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.

23. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that RBC shall have its costs of this application against the Debtors, up to and including entry and service of this Order, provided for by the terms of RBC's security or, if not so provided by RBC's security, then on a substantial indemnity basis to be paid by the Monitor from the Debtors' estate with such priority and at such time as this Court may determine.

24. **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 Monitor 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.

25. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the balance of the relief sought by the Applicant is adjourned to Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 10 a.m..

26. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order and all of its provisions are effective as today's date and is enforceable without the need for entry or filing.



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