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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	Chapter 11
EPIC! CREATIONS, INC., et al., 1	Case No. 24-11161 (JTD)
Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)
Claudia Z. Springer, Chapter 11 Trustee,	Adv. Pro. No(JTD)
Plaintiff,	(Jointly Administered)
vs.	
Voizzit Technology Private Ltd., Voizzit Information Technology LLC, Think and Learn Pvt Ltd, and Rajendran Vellapalath,	
Defendants.	

DECLARATION OF JACOB GRALL IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR ENTRY OF TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER

I, Jacob Grall, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief:

1. I am a Managing Director in the Chicago office of Novo Advisors, a restructuring-focused consulting firm. My areas of expertise include liquidity and working capital management, financial planning, financial process improvement, and project management. With an expertise grounded in accounting, financial modeling, and corporate finance, I have helped numerous businesses achieve their operational and financial goals. I hold a B.S. of Accounting from the

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Epic! Creations, Inc. (9113); Neuron Fuel, Inc. (8758); and Tangible Play, Inc. (9331).



University of Illinois and am a certified public accountant in Illinois and an active member of the local chapter of the Turnaround Management Association and Secured Finance Network.

- 2. Since September 23, 2024, Novo Advisors has served as the financial advisor to Claudia Z. Springer, in her capacity as the duly appointed Chapter 11 Trustee (the "<u>Trustee</u>") of the estates (the "<u>Estates</u>") of Epic! Creations, Inc. ("<u>Epic</u>"), Neuron Fuel, Inc. ("Neuron Fuel"), and Tangible Play, Inc. ("<u>Tangible Play</u>," together with Epic and Neuron Fuel, collectively the "<u>Debtors</u>") in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>"). I personally have been the primary person (under the direction of the Trustee) responsible for overseeing the finances and operations of the Estates. Since the Trustee's appointment, I have been focused on working to stabilize the businesses and construct the Debtors' books and records and locate and secure the Debtors' assets.
- 3. I am duly authorized to make this Declaration in my capacity as the Trustee's financial advisor in support of the *Trustee's Motion For Entry of Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction* (the "Motion") to which this Declaration will be attached.
- 4. I have read the Trustee's complaint in the above-captioned adversary proceeding (the "Complaint"), the Motion, and the memorandum of law submitted in support of the Motion (the "Supporting Memorandum"). To the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the contents of the Complaint, the Motion, the Supporting Memorandum, and this Declaration are true and correct.
- 5. The statements in this Declaration are based on my personal knowledge; information supplied or verified by the Trustee's professionals; my review of the Debtors' business records, bank records, and other relevant documents; or my opinion based upon my experience as

a financial advisor. If called as a witness, I could and would testify competently to the facts set forth herein.

- 6. Immediately upon the Trustee's appointment, I, along with the Trustee and her other professionals, took steps to familiarize ourselves with and stabilize the Debtors' businesses and operations, secure the Debtors' assets wherever located, identify reliable books and records, and assemble the information necessary to provide to this Court and other stakeholders.
- 7. As of the commencement of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases (as well as at the time the Trustee was appointed), the Epic's Estate owned and controlled the getepic.com website domain and Tangible Play's Estate owned and controlled the playosmo.com and tangible play.com website domains.
- 8. As set forth in my prior declarations filed in these chapter 11 cases at D.I. 256 and D.I. 318, the contents of which I incorporate by reference as if restated herein, the Defendants have repeatedly sought to take control of the Debtors' applications, intellectual property, revenue streams, website domains, and other assets in violation of the automatic stay and this Courts' orders over the past ten weeks.
- 9. On December 9, 2024, Apple's counsel sent the Trustee a copy of the Indian court filings attached as Exhibit A (collectively, the "India Complaint") to the Trustee's complaint and to my Declaration. Based on my review of the India Complaint and the investigation by the Trustee's counsel in India, the Voizzit Defendants commenced a lawsuit before the Commercial Court of Ernakulam in India on or around November 20, 2024. They filed a request for a temporary prohibitory injunction restraining Google India Pvt Ltd, Apple India Pvt Ltd, Amazon India Pvt Ltd, Microsoft Corporation (India) Pvt Ltd, and Stripe Payment India Pvt Ltd, from interfering

with Defendants access to the domain websites www.getepic.com and www.playosmo.com website domains and all ancillary web sites and applications.

- 10. These documents indicate that a hearing may have been held on December 4, 2024 before the Honorable Commercial Court of Ernakulam and the Trustee is continuing to investigate whether any such hearing took place. The Trustee has not been served with the India Complaint. However, the Trustee's Indian counsel has independently verified that the India Complaint was filed.
- 11. I believe that if Motion is not granted, the Estates will suffer additional harm, and that the potential for this harm is imminent and requires immediate action. In particular, if the claims asserted in the India Complaint are not enjoined, the Trustee and the vendor defendants will be forced to expend significant time, money, and attention to refute the Voizzit Defendants' purported claims to the Estates' assets.
- 12. Alternatively, if the Trustee instead opts to ignore the India Complaint, I believe there is a risk that the Indian court could enter a default judgment in favor of the Voizzit Defendants. Although I understand that such a judgment would be void *ab initio* under U.S. law because it violates the automatic stay, it would nonetheless create additional risk and uncertainty for the vendors, customers, and prospective purchasers of Epic's and Tangible Play's businesses. That additional risk and uncertainty would, in turn, significantly frustrate the Trustee's ability to maximize the value of the Estates' assets for the benefit of all stakeholders.
- 13. I further believe that each component of the injunctive relief requested in the proposed temporary restraining order attached to the Motion is necessary to avoid irreparable harm to the Estates and the Trustee's reorganization efforts. Without such relief, the Estates will face irreparable harm, including significant operational disruptions resulting from the ongoing threat

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posed by external bad actors seeking or retaining access and control over the Estates' applications,

website domains, intellectual property, and other assets. Moreover, at this critical juncture in these

Chapter 11 Cases, it is essential that the Trustee's focus (and that of her team) remain on stabilizing

and preserving the value of the Debtors' businesses and complying with the sale milestones and

budget set forth in the Interim DIP Financing Order. The relief sought is necessary to all of these

goals.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the law of the United States of America that the

foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: December 10, 2024

<u>/s/ Jacob Grall</u>

Jacob Grall

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EXHIBIT A

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BEFORE THE HONOURABLE COMMERCIAL COURT AT ERNAKULAM

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Voizzit Technology Pvt. Ltd & anr

Plaintiff

Vs

Think and Learn Pvt Ltd & others

Defendants

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I, Rajendran Vellappalath, Aged 51 years, S/o Balakrishnan Nair, Managing Director, Voizzit Technology Pvt. Ltd, 48/1391, 1C, Plumflower, Mather Constructions Pvt Ltd, Opposite Gold Souk, Vyttila, Ernakulam, Kerala, India, 682019, residing at Vellappalath House, Kanniparamba P.O, Mavoor Via, Kozhikode, Kerala, Pin – 673661, do hereby solemnly affirm and state as follows:

- 1. I am the Managing Director of the 1st and 2nd plaintiffs in the above suit. I am conversant with the facts of the case and I am competent to swear to this affidavit.
- 2. The above suit has been filed by the plaintiffs 1 and 2 have the absolute title and ownership over the domains and websites www.getepic.com and www.playosmo.com; Issue a Mandatory Injunction directing the defendants 3 to 7 to restore the domain

www.getepic.com and www.playosmo.com and ensure its functioning in the platforms of defendants 3 to 7, so as to benefit the plaintiffs and other stakeholders including the subscribers and employees of the plaintiffs; Perpetual injunction restraining the defendants 1 to 7 from interfering with the access of the plaintiff 1 and 2 while exercising lawful right on the domains and websites www.getepic.com and www.playosmo.com and for other ancillary relief's.

3. The 1st plaintiff is a legal entity having its registered office at Ernakulam and the 2^{nd} plaintiff is a sister company of the 1^{st} plaintiff having its registered office at UAE. The 1st defendant herein is a private limited company. The 2nd defendant is a Trustee appointed as per Chapter 11 Trustee of Epic Creations and Tangible Play without legitimate authority over the assets and operations which are validly owned by the plaintiffs. The 3rd defendant is the cloud service application platforms which is used by the Epic Creations and Tangible Play for the online education purposes. The 4th defendant is an agent for selling the platforms which is used by the Epic Creations and Tangible Play for online education purposes. The 5th defendant is the cloud service, application platforms which is used by the Epic Creations and Tangible Play for online education purposes. The 6th defendant is the operational services provider of the Epic Creations and Tangible Play.

- 4. The 2nd plaintiff had acquired the rights held by one Mr. Riju Raveendran who in turn had acquired the rights by way of a recovery clause in a loan agreement entered between Think and learn private Ltd, a limited company, who was the legitimate owners of two platforms listed on online namely 'Epic Creations Inc.' and the 'Tangible Play Inc'.
- 5. The Epic Creations and the Tangible Play are two online education platforms providing tutorials and other educational contents to its users on a prepaid manner by way of subscriptions. The subscriptions are collected by the 1st plaintiff on the strength of the promotion cum sale agreement entered on 1.08.2024. The 1st plaintiff has availed the services of a considerable number of employees and is providing subscriptions for nearly 8 lakh end users. The users can avail the services through the domains of Amazon Play, Google Play, and Apple Store etc.
- 6. The 2nd plaintiff has listed the products on the websites www.getepic.com, and www.playosmo.com. In the domain of the companies in accordance with the terms stipulated by the service providers and, also by paying the remuneration. The plaintiffs were enjoying the rights as lawful owners of the applications till 25.10.2024, when the 1st plaintiff was denied the access to the 'Stripe account' with account ID

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- 7. The subsequent conduct of the service providers have rendered the entire activity of the Voizzit Information Technology as well as the 1st plaintiff to a standstill. The 1st plaintiff through 2nd plaintiff on an enquiry had identified that, the Stripe account ownership held in the name of the 2nd plaintiff is now illegally transferred to the name of 'jgrall'. The above mentioned name is noting but a mail id provided by novo advisers. The stripe account number held by the 2nd plaintiff has no connection with the novo advisors. The petitioner has not assented to any such transfer through any mode. The 2nd plaintiff had purchased the rights held by Mr. Riju Raveendran in Think and learn Private Ltd. by way of the deed" loan agreement dated 04.09.2023". The above loan agreement was having a default clause, and the creditor is having a right of conversion executable by issuance of a return notice.
- 8. Invoking the above legal mandate, the 2nd plaintiff had acquired the legitimate ownership of two portals promoting education and knowledge through mobile applications and other software held by the debtor Think and learn Pvt. Ltd namely, Epic Creations, Inc. and Tangible play, Inc. The Performa of the Epic and Tangible, and also the domain portfolio was held by the 2nd

plaintiff. Subsequently, on 01.08.2024, the 1st plaintiff and the 2nd plaintiff entered into sale agreement, and jointly enjoyed the benefits of the sale of the software and the user fee had been collected. It was at this juncture, the access to the plaintiff's portfolio registered with the service providers like Google Cloud platform, Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Azure, and The Cloud services, where ended abruptly without any notice.

- 9. The application providers are the platforms held by Apple Play Store, Google Play Store, and Amazon App Store till 25.10.2024. The applications and the products of the 2nd plaintiff marketed by the 1st plaintiff were available and accessible to the users of the domains. The plaintiffs on enquiry understood that on 29.10.2024, the Delaware bankruptcy Court in the United States appointed the 2nd defendant as Trustee for the US Subsidiaries under the Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code. Based on the above appointment, the 2nd defendant applied for an authorization to enter into debtor in possession credit agreement for the purpose of availing credit facility from financing company to run the operations.
- 10. The application considered by the Delaware bankruptcy Court was filed by GLAS Trust Company LLC, claiming to be a creditor of a company registered in Delaware, named 'BYJUS'S ALPHA Inc'. The above Company is claiming to be the creditor to the 1st

defendant by way of an agreement dated 09.11.2021. The above application was opposed by the 2nd plaintiff raising the contention that the Epic Creations Inc. and the Tangible play Inc. are registered within the territorial jurisdiction of India, and the 2nd plaintiff has acquired the rights by virtue of a loan agreement. The predecessor in interest of the plaintiff is having an exclusive right. Moreover, the 2nd defendant has no legal right to claim authorization to enter into credit agreement. The GLAS Trust Company LLC, who had moved the Bankruptcy Court to appoint the Trustee was not having the requisite percentage of voting from the creditors as contemplated in the Bankruptcy Code. The 2nd plaintiff had also raised a contention that the Trustee who is appointed is claiming to be the representative of the majority creditors. The majority creditors of the 1st defendant have not concurred to the actions initiated by the 2nd defendant.

11. The facts being so, the attempt of the 2nd defendant is to procure an order and interfere in the business and to sell the Intellectual Properties and the websites to the rival companies at a nominal rate. The 2nd plaintiff had approached the legal forums and obtained the directions and judicial declarations to the effect that the 2nd plaintiff is the legal owner of the epic creations and the tangible play, which are operating the websites www.getepic.com and www.playosmo.com. Both websites are being operated by paying the requisite fees and other incidental charges payable

through 'Stripe'. The security and other precautionary measures handled by the operating software infrastructure named 'Cloudflare', and the domain management is held by the IT Company named 'Godaddy'. The 2nd defendant had issued communications claiming to be the owner of the site. Creations is functioning through www.playosmo.com, and the interference of the 2nd defendant has caused complete shutdown of the above site and has denied access even to the payment processing interface.

12. This has directly affected the business of the plaintiffs and also more than 50000 Educational Institutions, have lost their access to the materials and the subjects uploaded trough the above websites. The resources and the materials especially the study materials developed by more than 3 lakh teachers across the world is being uploaded, and the log in is password protected for each individual user ID. The academic career of millions of students are also now in an dilemma. Since the access to the websites is being interfered by the 2nd defendant. However, the actions of the 2nd defendant caused the entire business of the plaintiff to a standstill, and the letters issued has caused to an abrupt end of the usage of the domains websites and other incidental services received from the service providers defendant 3 to 5 rendering loss equivalent to billions of rupees. Hence the plaintiffs are under the bankruptcy.

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- 13. The 1st plaintiff is a registered legal entity having its registered office at Ernakulam, and the 1st plaintiff is aggrieved by the illegal and arbitrary denial of access to the domain and the websites www.getepic.com and www.playosmo.com. Most of the employees and the working capital of the 1st plaintiff is situated within the jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court.
- 14. It is submitted that since the plaintiffs has lost their access to the domains legitimately owned by them have now required to get a declaration, and consequential relief of permanent mandatory and prohibitory injunction from this Hon'ble Court that the 2nd plaintiff is the legal owner of the domain and the websites www.getepic.com and www.playosmo.com. The subject matter of the above case is arising out of a commercial transaction between the plaintiffs and defendants, and the plaintiffs are entitled to get a declaration, and consequential relief of permanent mandatory and prohibitory injunction from this Hon'ble Court.
- 15. The transactions between the plaintiffs and the defendants are exclusively commercial in nature, and therefore the subject matter of the suit is a commercial dispute under the Commercial Courts Act, 2015.

- 16. The plaintiffs have produced 4 documents along with the plaint and the nature and details of the same are stated in the list of documents. The document no.1 is Certificate of Incorporation of the 1st plaintiff under the Companies Act, 2013, and document no.2 is Exclusive sale and marketing agreement between the plaintiff 1 and 2, and document no.3 is the certificate of ownership declared by the Dubai Courts, and document no.4 is the email communication between the 1st plaintiff and the 6th defendant.
- 17. The above suit contemplates urgent interim relief against the 2nd defendant who is taking up coercive actions by way of selling the assets which is in exclusive ownership of plaintiff 1 and 2 and therefore the plaintiffs are seeking leave of this Hon'ble Court to dispense with the Pre-Institution Mediation contemplated under Section 12A of the Commercial Courts Act, and for that purpose a separate application is filed in the suit.
- 18. It is submitted that, the defendants 3 to 7 have completely denied access to the domains owned by the plaintiffs, at the request of the 2nd defendant, and the 2nd defendant is vexatiously trying to grab and dispose of the assets and all other tangible and intangible properties without having any authority. Therefore, interference of this Hon'ble Court is warranted by issuing temporary prohibitory injunction restraining the

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respondents 3 to 7 from interfering with the access of the petitioners to the domain websites www.getepic.com and www.getepic.com and all other ancillary web sites and applications. If a temporary prohibitory injunction is denied, the petitioners as well as the other stake holders including thousands of students who have subscribed the service of the petitioners, and employees of the petitioners would be subjected to much difficulties and harships.

Hence, in the interest of justice, it is humbly prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to pass a temporary prohibitory injunction restraining the respondents 3 to 7 from interfering with the access of the petitioners to the domain websites www.getepic.com and www.playosmo.com, and all other ancillary web sites and applications. The accompanying petition filed for the said purpose may kindly be allowed.

All what is stated above are true and correct. Dated this the 20th day of November, 2024

Deponent

Solemnly affirmed and signed before me by the deponent who is personally known to me, on this the 20^{th} day of November,2024 at my office in Ernakulam.

Advocate

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE COMMERCIAL COURT AT ERNAKULAM

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PETITIONERS/PLAINTIFFS

- Voizzit Technology Pvt. Ltd
 (CIN U72900KL2020PTC061966)
 48/1391, 1C, Plumflower,
 Mather Constructions Pvt Ltd,
 Opposite Gold Souk, Vyttila,
 Ernakulam, Kerala, India, 682019
 Through its Managing Director Rajendran Vellappalath,
 Aged 51 years, S/o Balakrishnan Nair,
 Vellappalath House, Kanniparamba P.O,
 Mavoor Via, Kozhikode, Kerala,
 Pin 673661.
- Voizzit Information Technology LLC
 (Commercial License No. 1047170)
 Office No. 732, Business Village,
 B Block Deira, Dubai, UAE
 Through its Managing Director
 Rajendran Vellappalath, Aged 51 years, S/o Balakrishnan Nair,

Vellappalath House, Kanniparamba P.O, Mavoor Via, Kozhikode, Kerala, Pin – 673661.

Vs

Respondents/ Defendants

- Think and Learn Pvt Ltd,
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 Bannaerghatta Main Road,
 Bengaluru, Karnataka 560029.
 Represented by its Managing Director
- Claudia Springer,
 Age not known, As Chapter 11 Trustee,
 Novo Advisers Corporate Head Quarters,
 401 N, Franklin Street, Suite 4,
 East Chicago, Illinois 60654,
- Google India Pvt Ltd,
 3rd Floor, Prestige Sigma,
 No.3, Vittalmallya Road,
 Bangalore 560001.
 Represented by its Managing Director

- 4. Amazon India Pvt Ltd
 Through its India Head,
 Having office at 8th Floor,
 Bridge Gate Way 26/1,
 Bridge Ward Trade Center,
 Dr.Rajkumar Road,
 Bangalore 560055
 Represented by its Managing Director
- Microsoft Corporation (India) Pvt Ltd,
 807, New Delhi House,
 New Delhi -110001.
 Represented by its Managing Director
- Stripe Payment India Pvt Ltd,
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 One International Centre, Senapathi Bapat Marg,
 Lower Parel, Mumbai -400013
 Maharashtra.
 Represented by its Managing Director
- Apple India Pvt Ltd,
 19th Floor, Concorde Tower C, UB City, No.24,
 Vittal Mallya Road, Bengaluru 560001.

PETITION FOR TEMPORARY PROHIBITORY INJUNCTION FILED UNDER ORDER XXXIX RULES 1 & 2 r/w S.151 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

For the reasons stated in the accompanying affidavit, it is respectfully prayed that this Hon'ble Court be pleased to pass a temporary prohibitory injunction restraining the respondents 3 to 7 from interfering with the access of the petitioners to the domain websites www.getepic.com and www.playosmo.com, and all other ancillary web sites and applications.

Dated this the 20th day of November, 2024

Counsel for the Petitioners/Plaintiffs

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE COMMERCIAL COURT AT ERNAKULAM

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Voizzit Technology Pvt. Ltd & anr

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INJUNCTION SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

The operating domain in the name and style www.getepic.com and www.getepic.com and www.getepic.com and all incidental applications uploaded from the site above mentioned listed in Google play, Amazon and Micro Soft and Apple Store held by the Epic Creations INC and Tangible Play INC and all other rights and improvements attached thereto.

Dated this the 20th day of November, 2024

Counsel for the Petitioners/Plaintiffs

Presented on : 20/11/2024

BEFORE THE BEFORE THE HONOURABLE **COMMERCIAL COURT AT ERNAKULAM** 10 2/24 C.S.No. 118 of 2024

Voizzit Technology Pvt. Ltd & anr:

Plaintiff

Vs

Think and Learn Pvt Ltd & others: Defendants

PETITION FOR TEMPORARY PROHIBITORY INJUNCTION FILED UNDER ORDER XXXIX RULES 1 & 2 r/w S.151 OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE



SREEKUMAR G CHELUR COUNSEL FOR THE PLAINTIFFS