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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
RICHMOND DIVISION**

**In re:**

**HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.,**

**Debtor.**

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: **Chapter 11**  
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: **Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)**  
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**NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF  
CHAPTER 11 CASE AND MEETING OF CREDITORS**

**Commencement of the Chapter 11 Case.** On June 30, 2024, the debtor and debtor in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 case (the “Debtor”), filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532 (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division (the “Court”).

Chapter 11 allows a debtor to reorganize or liquidate pursuant to a plan. A plan is not effective unless confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court. You may be sent a copy of a plan and a disclosure statement telling you about the plan, and you might have the opportunity to vote on the plan. You will be sent notice of the date of the confirmation hearing, and you may object to confirmation of the plan and attend the confirmation hearing. Unless a trustee is serving, the Debtor will remain in possession of its property and may continue to operate their business.

**Meeting of Creditors.** Pursuant to section 341 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia (the “U.S. Trustee”) has scheduled a meeting of creditors **on August 6, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)** to be held telephonically. Parties who wish to participate in the meeting of creditors may do so by calling the following number:

1-877-989-1106  
Access Code: 2506551



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The Debtor's representatives will be present at the meeting to be examined under oath by the U.S. Trustee and by creditors. Creditors are welcome to attend the meeting but are not required to do so. The meeting may be continued and concluded at a later date without further notice.

**Creditors May Not Take Certain Actions.** The filing of the bankruptcy petition automatically stays certain collection and other actions against the Debtor and the Debtor's property. Prohibited actions are listed in section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. For example, creditors are prohibited from: (a) contacting the Debtor to demand repayment; (b) taking action against the Debtor to collect money owed to creditors; (c) starting or continuing lawsuits against the Debtor; and (d) taking certain actions against property of the Debtor's estate. *See* 11 U.S.C. § 362(a). If unauthorized actions are taken by a creditor against the Debtor, the Court may penalize that creditor. A creditor who is considering taking action against the Debtor or its property should review, among other things, section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and seek legal advice.

**Notice of Bar Dates for Proofs of Claim.** The notice of the bar dates for the filing of proofs of claim against the Debtor (the "Bar Date Notice") will be mailed separately. The Bar Date Notice will contain information regarding the bar dates, a proof of claim form and instructions for completing and filing a proof of claim form.

**Claims.** A Proof of Claim is a signed statement describing a creditor's claim. A sample Proof of Claim form may be obtained at [www.uscourts.gov](http://www.uscourts.gov) or the office of the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court (the "Bankruptcy Court Clerk"). You may look at the schedules that have been, or will be, filed at the Bankruptcy Court Clerk's office or online at [www.pacer.gov](http://www.pacer.gov). If your claim is scheduled and is not listed as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, it will be allowed in the amount scheduled, unless you file a Proof of Claim or you are sent further notice about the claim. Whether or not your claim is scheduled, you are permitted to file a Proof of Claim. If your claim is not listed at all or if your claim is listed as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, then you must file a Proof of Claim or you might not be paid any money on your claim and may be unable to vote on a plan. **The Bankruptcy Court has not yet set a deadline to file a Proof of Claim. If a deadline is set, you will be sent another notice.** A secured creditor retains rights in its collateral regardless of whether that creditor files a Proof of Claim. Filing a Proof of Claim may submit the creditor to the jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court, with consequences a lawyer can explain. For example, a secured creditor who files a Proof of Claim may surrender important nonmonetary rights, including the right to a jury trial. **Filing Deadline for a Creditor with a Foreign Address:** The deadline for filing claims will be set in a later Bankruptcy Court order and will apply to all creditors unless the order provides otherwise. If notice of the order setting the deadline is sent to a creditor at a foreign address, the creditor may file a motion requesting the Bankruptcy Court to extend the deadline. There is no assurance that such a motion would be granted.

**How to Obtain Documents.** All documents filed with the Bankruptcy Court, including the Debtor's schedule of assets and liabilities and statement of financial affairs, will be available for inspection at the Bankruptcy Court Clerk's office or by (a) accessing the Bankruptcy Court's website, [www.vaeb.uscourts.gov](http://www.vaeb.uscourts.gov); (b) contacting the Bankruptcy Court Clerk's office by telephone at 804-916-2400 or by mail at 701 East Broad Street, Suite 4000, Richmond, Virginia 23219; or (c) accessing the website of Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global, the Debtor's Bankruptcy Court-approved claims and noticing agent, located at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/hopeman>.

**Attorneys for Debtor.** The attorneys representing the Debtor are: (i) Tyler P. Brown (VSB No. 28072) and Henry P. (Toby) Long, III (VSB No. 75134), Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Riverfront Plaza, East Tower, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, Telephone: (804) 788-8200; and (ii) Joseph P. Rovira (admitted *pro hac vice*) and Catherine A. Rankin (admitted *pro hac vice*), 600 Travis Street, Suite 4200, Houston, Texas 77002, Telephone: (713) 220-4200.

**Discharge of Debts and Deadline to File a Complaint to Determine Dischargeability of Certain Debts.** Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debts, which may include all or part of your debt. *See* Bankruptcy Code § 1141(d). You must start a judicial proceeding by filing a complaint if you want to have a debt excepted from discharge under section 1141(d)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Bankruptcy Court Clerk's office must receive a complaint accompanied by the required filing fee by the required deadline. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 4007, except as otherwise provided in subdivision (d) of that rule, a complaint to determine the dischargeability of a debt under section 523(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, shall be filed no later than 60 days after the first date set for the meeting of creditors under section 341(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. Such time may be extended by the Bankruptcy Court on motion, after a hearing on notice, for cause. You may wish to consult an attorney if you have any questions about your rights in this regard.

**Local Rule Dismissal Warning.** Chapter 11 cases may be dismissed for failure to timely file lists, schedules, and statements. *See* Local Bankruptcy Rule 1007-1.

**Legal Advice.** Neither the Debtor's counsel nor the Bankruptcy Court Clerk's office can give you legal advice. You may wish to consult an attorney to protect your rights.

Dated: July 2, 2024

Clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court  
701 East Broad Street, Suite 4000  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

If you have any questions regarding this notice,  
please call (877) 709-4752 (domestic) or +1 (424) 236-7232 (international),  
or submit an inquiry via [www.veritaglobal.net/hopeman/inquiry](http://www.veritaglobal.net/hopeman/inquiry).