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

In re:

**HOPEMAN BROTHERS, INC.,** 

Debtor.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-32428 (KLP)

### EIGHTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF STOUT RISIUS ROSS, LLC AS FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE DEBTOR FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD FROM MARCH 1, 2025 THROUGH AND INCLUDING MARCH 31, 2025

Name of Applicant:	Stout Risius Ross, LLC
Name of Client:	Hopeman Brothers, Inc. Debtor and Debtor in Possession
Date of retention order entered:	September 9, 2024, effective as of June 30, 2024 [Docket No. 165]
Time Period Covered:	March 1, 2025 through and including March 31, 2025
Total Fees Requested:	\$9,427.60 (80% of \$11,784.50)
Total Expenses Requested:	\$0.00
Type of Fee Statement:	Monthly <sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Notice of this Monthly Fee Statement shall be served in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order (as defined herein) and objections to payment of the amounts described in this Monthly Fee Statement shall be addressed in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order.



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Matter Code	Matter Category	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
1.1	Planning, Coordination and Case Management	2.40	\$ 1,633.50
1.4	Business Analysis	4.60	\$ 1,804.00
1.6	Monthly Operating Report	5.90	\$ 2,396.00
1.7	Prepare for and Attend Court Hearing	2.00	\$ 1,580.00
1.8	eDiscovery	3.10	\$ 2,449.00
1.9	Fee Statements and Fee Applications	5.30	\$ 1,922.00
Total		23.30	\$ 11,784.50

#### SUMMARY OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY MATTER CATEGORY

#### **PROFESSIONALS RENDERING SERVICES DURING THE FEE PERIOD**

Professional	Position	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Ron Van Epps	Managing Director	\$ 790	7.30	\$ 5,767.00
Danny Ramljak	Manager	\$ 415	7.70	\$ 3,195.50
Morgan Cortens	Associate	\$ 340	8.30	\$ 2,822.00
Total			23.30	\$ 11,784.50

Stout Risius Ross, LLC ("<u>Stout</u>"), as financial advisor to Hopeman Brothers, Inc., as debtor and debtor in possession (the "<u>Debtor</u>"), hereby submits its seventh monthly fee statement (the "<u>Monthly Fee Statement</u>") seeking compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses for the period from March 1, 2025 through and including March 31, 2025 (the "<u>Fee Period</u>"), pursuant to the *Order (1) Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals and (II) Granting Related Relief* entered September 9, 2024 [Docket No. 165] (the "<u>Interim Compensation Order</u>") and the *Order Authorizing Retention of Stout Risius Ross, LLC as Financial Advisor for the Debtor* [Docket No. 165].

Detailed descriptions of the services performed by each professional, organized by matter category and date, and the hours of services provided (in tenths of an hour) during the Fee Period

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are attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>. A summary of expenses incurred by type is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

WHEREFORE, Stout respectfully requests payment of its reasonable and necessary fees and expenses incurred during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$9,427.60, consisting of (i) \$9,427.60, which is 80% of the fees incurred by the Debtor for reasonable and necessary professional services rendered by Stout during the Fee Period, and (ii) \$0.00 for actual and necessary costs and expenses.

Dated: April 28, 2025

/s/ Ronald Van Epps

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# <u>Exhibit A</u>

Detailed Description of Stout's Fees and Hours by Matter Category

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Invoice # CINV-084631

Re: Planning, Coordination and Case Management

Matter	Date	Professional	Description of Services	Hours
Code				
1.1	3/3/2025	Ron Van Epps	Call with Hunton, follow-up on open issues	1.20
1.1	3/11/2025	Danny Ramljak	Weekly standing meeting with Hunton to discuss bankruptcy	0.50
			status	
1.1	3/11/2025	Ron Van Epps	Weekly standing meeting with Hunton to discuss bankruptcy	0.50
			status	
1.1	3/18/2025	Danny Ramljak	Weekly standing meeting with Hunton to discuss bankruptcy	0.20
			status	
		Total		2.40

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Invoice # CINV-084631 Re: Business Analysis

Matter	Date	Professional	Description of Services	Hours
Code				
1.4	3/3/2025	Danny Ramljak	Detailed review of updated prior exhaustions for all-sums	0.20
			allocation	
1.4	3/4/2025	Danny Ramljak	Detailed review of updated prior exhaustions for all-sums	1.60
			allocation	
1.4	3/4/2025	Danny Ramljak	Prepare and participate in working session with M. Cortens	1.40
			regarding all-sums allocation for \$177M claim set	
1.4	3/4/2025	Morgan Cortens	Prepare and participate in working session with D. Ramljak	1.40
			regarding all-sums allocation for \$177M claim set	
		Total		4.60

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Invoice # CINV-084631 Re: Monthly Operating Report

Matter	Date	Professional	Description of Services	Hours
Code				
1.6	3/11/2025	Morgan Cortens	Analysis of February MOR and supporting documents	2.20
1.6	3/12/2025	Danny Ramljak	Detailed review and correspond re: February Monthly	1.50
			Operating Report exhibits & supporting documents	
1.6	3/12/2025	Danny Ramljak	Preparation of February Monthly Operating Report	0.60
1.6	3/18/2025	Danny Ramljak	Preparation of February Monthly Operating Report	0.80
1.6	3/20/2025	Ron Van Epps	Detailed review and comment on MOR	0.30
1.6	3/21/2025	Danny Ramljak	Finalize and transmit February 2025 MOR	0.50
		Total		5.90

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Re: Prepare for and Attend Court Hearings

Matter	· Date	Professional	Description of Services	Hours
Code				
1.7	3/4/2025	Ron Van Epps	Prepare for virtual hearing	1.00
1.7	3/10/2025	Ron Van Epps	Prepare for and attend hearing on zoom	1.00
	-	Total		2.00

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Invoice # CINV-084631 Re: eDiscovery

Matter	Date	Professional	Description of Services	Hours
Code				
1.8	3/18/2025	Ron Van Epps	Detailed document review and correspondence to team	1.60
1.8	3/25/2025	Ron Van Epps	Detailed document review and correspondence to team	1.50
		Total		3.10

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Matter	Date	Professional	Description of Services	Hours
Code				
1.9	3/14/2025	Morgan Cortens	Analysis of February Fee Statement	2.00
1.9	3/17/2025	Morgan Cortens	Analysis of February Fee Statement	2.20
1.9	3/18/2025	Danny Ramljak	Review of February Fee Statement	0.40
1.9	3/18/2025	Morgan Cortens	Update and comment on February Fee Statement	0.50
1.9	3/20/2025	Ron Van Epps	Detailed review and comment on Fee Application	0.20
		Total		5.30