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Docket #0437 Date Filed: 05/23/2025

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re:

VILLAGE ROADSHOW ENTERTAINMENT GROUP USA INC., *et al.*,<sup>1</sup> Chapter 11

Case No. 25-10475 (TMH)

(Jointly Administered)

Debtors.

Obj. Deadline: June 6, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)

# DECLARATION OF DISINTERESTEDNESS OF ERNST & YOUNG PURSUANT TO THE ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO RETAIN AND COMPENSATE PROFESSIONALS UTILIZED IN THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

I, Andrew Jonathon Woollard, declare under penalty of perjury:

1. I am a Partner of Ernst & Young, located at 8 Exhibition Street, Melbourne,

Victoria, 3000, Australia (the "Firm").

2. This declaration (this "Declaration") is submitted in accordance with that certain

Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Retain and Compensate Professionals Utilized in the

Ordinary Course of Business and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 192] (the "OCP

 $\underline{\text{Order}}^{\text{"}}).^2$ 

3. Village Roadshow Entertainment Group USA, Inc. and certain of its affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>"), have requested that the Firm



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The last four digits of Village Roadshow Entertainment Group USA Inc.'s federal tax identification number are 0343. The mailing address for Village Roadshow Entertainment Group USA Inc. is 750 N. San Vicente Blvd., Suite 800 West, West Hollywood, CA 90069. Due to the large number of debtors in these cases, which are being jointly administered for procedural purposes only, a complete list of the Debtors and the last four digits of their federal tax identification is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://www.veritaglobal.net/vreg.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the OCP Order.

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provide income tax compliance services to the Debtors during the pendency of these chapter 11 cases, and the Firm has consented to provide such services.

4. The Firm is part of a global network comprising independent professional services practices conducted by separate legal entities throughout the world. Such legal entities are members of Ernst & Young Global Limited ("<u>EYGL</u>"), a company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales and limited by guarantee, with no shareholders and no capital. The EYGL members firms have agreed to operate certain of their professional practices in accordance with agreed standards but remain separate legal entitles.

5. The Firm's current customary hourly rates, subject to change from time to time, vary depending upon level of seniority and vary between A\$490 – A\$1,980 (GSTexclusive) per hour. In the normal course of business, the Firm revises its regular hourly rates and advises that, effective July 1 of each year, the aforementioned rates will be revised to the regular hourly rates that will be in effect at that time.

6. The Firm does keep in the ordinary course of business time records in one-tenthof-an-hour increments.

7. To the best of my knowledge, formed after due inquiry, neither I nor any professional employed by the Firm is a relative of the United States Bankruptcy Judge assigned to these chapter 11 cases, and the Firm does not have any connection with the United States Bankruptcy Judge, the Office of the United States Trustee, or any person employed by the Office of the United States Trustee that would render the Firm's retention in these chapter 11 cases improper.

8. The Firm may have performed services in the past, may currently perform services, and may perform services in the future in matters unrelated to these chapter 11 cases for persons

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that are parties in interest in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases. The Firm does not, however, perform services for any such person relating to these chapter 11 cases, or have any relationship with any such person, their attorneys, or their accountants that would be adverse to the Debtors or their estates.

9. As part of its customary practice, the Firm is retained in cases, proceedings, and transactions involving many different parties, some of whom may represent or be employed by the Debtors, claimants, and parties in interest in these chapter 11 cases.

10. Neither I nor any principal, partner, director, or officer of, or professional employed by, the Firm has agreed to share or will share any portion of the compensation to be received from the Debtors with any other person other than the principal and regular employees of the Firm.

11. Neither I nor any principal, partner, director, or officer of, or professional employed by, the Firm, insofar as I have been able to ascertain, holds or represents any interest adverse to the Debtors or their estates with respect to the matter(s) upon which the Firm is to be employed. To make this assertion, the Firm researched its conflicts database against the parties listed in **Exhibit A** attached hereto.

12. I also understand the limitations on compensation and reimbursement of expenses under the OCP Order. Specifically, the Firm understands that in the event its fees and expenses exceed a total of \$50,000 per month, on average, over a rolling three-month period, the Firm will be required to file with the Court a fee application for approval of its fees and expenses for such month in accordance with Bankruptcy Code sections 330 and 331, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any applicable procedures or orders of the Court.

13. As of the Petition Date, the Firm was not party to an agreement for indemnification with any of the Debtors.

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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: May 23, 2025

Andrew Jonathon Woollard

# EXHIBIT A

**Parties in Interest** 

### Village Roadshow Entertainment Group USA Inc.

#### **Potential Parties in Interest**

#### **Banks**

Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited City National Bank

## **Consultants**

Amelia Belle Brian Gilbert Debra Manwiller Frank N. Magid Associates, Inc. Oliver Brack Todd Berger

# **Contract Counterparties**

78 Home, Inc. f/s/o John Stuart Newman Aaron Priest Literary Agency Aftershock Comics, LLC Agberg Ltd. An MLR Original, Inc. f/s/o Marja-Lewis Ryan Barrett Brothers Entertainment LLC f/s/o Jack Barrett and Max Barrett Barstool Sports, Inc. Bento Rights, LLC Blackbird Films f/s/o Adam Small BPM Associates, LLC f/s/o Michael Scott McAda Bruce Schoenfeld Bruce Schoenfeld, Individually Chris Cullari CHRIS CULLARI and JENNIFER RAITE Circle of Confusion CJ ENM Co., Ltd. Clark & Palattella, LLC Clark Palattella, PLLC Columbus Rose Ltd f/s/o David Baldacci Darkling Entertainment Inc. f/s/o Matthew Arnold and Travis Rooks David Grossman David Hollander December Films Inc. **Derek Sanderson** Elaine Murphy Elkins Law, P.C. EuropaCorp Everheart Productions. Inc. Fourward, Inc. f/s/o Jonathan Levin Gochman Law Group, PC

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## **Debtors**

Crescent Film Holdings Limited Village Roadshow Distribution (BVI) Limited Village Roadshow Distribution Pty Ltd Village Roadshow Distribution UK Limited Village Roadshow Distribution USA Inc. Village Roadshow Entertainment Group (BVI) Limited Village Roadshow Entertainment Group Asia Limited Village Roadshow Entertainment Group USA Inc. Village Roadshow Film Administration Management Pty Ltd Village Roadshow Films (BVI) Limited Village Roadshow Films Global Inc. Village Roadshow Films North America Inc. Village Roadshow Holdings USA Inc. Village Roadshow Pictures Entertainment Inc. Village Roadshow Pictures North America Inc. Village Roadshow Productions (BVI) Ltd Village Roadshow Productions Inc. Village Roadshow VS Films LLC VR DTE Distribution USA Inc. **VR DTE Productions Limited** VR Films Holdings (BVI) Limited VR Funding LLC VR Zoo Distribution USA Inc. VR Zoo Productions Ltd VREG Films Ltd VREG Funding LLC VREG IP Global LLC VREG J2 Global LLC VREG MM2 IP Global LLC

VREG OP Global LLC VREG Production Services Inc. VREG Television Inc. VREG Wonka IP Global LLC VREG WW IP Global LLC

#### **Directors and Officers**

Adam Rhodes Carlos Andres Abadi Christina Norman Edward Truitt Harvey Tepner James Patrick Moore Kevin Berg Lee Sienna Louis Santor Matthew White Nicholas Messum Peter Nankivell **Ruth Bradley Ted Francis** 

# **Employees (Current)**

Joy Taylor, Manager, Treasury & Cash Management Kevin Berg, General Counsel Louis Santor, COO Rosemarie Spadavecchia, Executive Assistant Teronna Taylor, Senior Vice President, Human ResourceMurphy Stack Dilani Chandrahasan Veronica Gruba Marsha Setiono Lauren Shaw Jesse Spike Glenn Taylor **Employees (Former)** Alix Jaffe Cory Lanier Shannon Hawes Perry Alice Shoshana Highman Ameer Wafer Amelia Amy Belle Silbert-Geiger Anne H MacKay Ara Joseph Rice Arianna G. Johnson Asha Norman-Hunt Brianna Hennessey Bryan R Greenwood Caitlyn McHugh Charlene M Feliciano

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Christina C. Steele Christine L Ricardo Dante Bailey Daron D Jackson Dylan Kane Eamon Frank Anthony Schiro Elizabeth Gale Cuzzupoli Ethan Obergfoll Gabrielle A Scurlark Gavin J Citron Isabella Salma Samman Jackson G Gibbon Jacob Bradley Jake L Robbins Jake Jashni Jason K Buckley Jeffrey M Pendo Jesse J Paul Jillian A Apfelbaum Jordan Leigh Sharkey Kelso Meeks Keyon E Tehrani Laura Elizabeth Lynch Marchione Macy Muxlow Marley L Abbott Michael J Lechner Michael J Linowes Nicolas J Gordon Peter H Schlessel Robert Corzo **Roland Feliciano** Shan Howerton Stephen M Mosko Tristen A Tuckfield Zola Anisceta Franchi

#### **Equity Holders**

Village Roadshow Limited Village Roadshow Pictures International Pty Ltd Falcon Strategic Partners IV LP Vine Media Opportunities - Fund III, LP Vine Media Opportunities - Fund III-A, LP Vine Media Opportunities - Fund III-B, LP Vine Westcon SPV. LP 1397225 Ontario Limited

## Guilds

Directors Guild of America SAG-AFTA Writers Guild of America

Writers Guild of America, West, Inc. Writers Guild of America, East, Inc. Motion Picture Association, Inc.

## **Insurance Carriers**

Accredited Insurance (Europe) Limited ACE American Insurance Company Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. Arch Specialty Insurance Company Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services LLC Ascot Specialty Insurance Company Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company AXA XL - Professional Insurance Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Chubb Group of Insurance Companies Chubb International Advantage Coalition Insurance Solutions, Inc. (CRC Insurance Services, Inc.) Coalition, Inc. Convex North American Insurance Services, Inc. Federal Insurance Company Firemans Fund Indemnity Corporation Fortegra Specialty Insurance Company Howden Intact Insurance Entertainment Intact Insurance Group USA LLC Intact Specialty Entertainment Lloyds Lloyds Syndicate (Rising Edge Ltd) National Fire & Marine Insurance Company **OBI** National Insurance Company **QBE** Insurance Corporation Rising Edge Ltd Risk Placement Services, Ins. Underwriters at Lloyds, London Victor Insurance Exchange XL Professional Insurance XL Specialty Insurance Company

## Lessors

10100 Santa Monica, Inc. Xerox Financial Services LLC Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP

#### Lienholders

Columbia Pictures Industries, Inc. Cooperatieve Rabobank U.A. Cortland Capital Market Services LLC JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. Loompala Pictures, LLC Magnum Films SPC U.S. Bank National Association Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB

#### **Litigation Counterparties**

Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. Warner Bros. Production Limited WAV Distribution LLC

#### **Miscellaneous**

Abso Lutely Productions, Inc. f/s/o Tim Heidecker, Eric Wareheim, Dave Kneebone Alternate Side Productions, LLC f/s/o Jerry Angelo Brooks (a.k.a. JB Smoove) Chris Case DBA Dixon Cox Productions Inc Content Cartel, LLC f/s/o Kevin Garnett, Murithi "Mike" Marangu, and Any Other Employees of ProdCo Content Cartel, LLC f/s/o Kevin Garnett, Murithi "Mike" Marangu, and Any Other Employees of ProdCo Dixon Cox Production f/s/o Christopher Case EP Abso LLC f/s/o Time Heidecker, Eric Wareheim, Dave Kneebone Happy Madison TV, Inc. f/s/o Adam Sandler, Matthew Mosko, and Any Other Employees of ProdCo McGuffin Entertainment Media Inc. f/s/o Paul Bernard, James Scura, and Any Other Employees Moonshot Entertainment, Inc. f/s/o Bryan Cranston, James Degus and Any Other Employees, or Independent Contractors Acting on Behalf of ProdCo Three River Entertainment, Inc. f/s/o David Hollander Roger Pliakas, Esq. Gursey Schneider LLP A. N. Pane

# Non-Debtor Affiliates

Humanoids Holding Zoo Film Partners L.P. DTE Film Partners LP Zoo Films LLC DTE Films LLC

#### **Potential Purchasers**

CP Ventura LLC

Content Partners, LLC Easttree Media Limited Alcon Entertainment

#### **Professionals**

Accordion Partners, LLC Barnes & Thornburg LLP Kirkland & Ellis LLP Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global Goldman Sachs Latham & Watkins LLP Maples & Calder LLP Milbank LLP Morrison & Foerster LLP O'Melveny & Myers LLP Paul Hastings LLP Seward & Kissell LLP Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP Solic Capital Advisors, LLC Thomson Geer Virtu Global Advisors, LLC Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP

#### **Studios**

Amazon MGM Studios Netflix, Inc. Universal Pictures Walt Disney Studios New Regency Entertainment Paramount Pictures Corporation Sony Pictures Entertainment Inc. Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc.

## **Taxing Authorities**

Australian Taxation Office British Virgin Islands Financial Services Commission British Virgin Islands Inland Revenue Department California Franchise Tax Board California Department of Tax and Fee Administration California State Board of Equalization Delaware Division of Revenue HM Revenue and Customs Internal Revenue Service Los Angeles County Tax Collector Los Angeles Office of Finance

## **United States Trustee and Court Contacts**

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# **Vendors**

Active Wellness American Express Christopher W. Taylor Eisner LLP Excel Federal Express LoopUp Magnolia Picures LLC Marlin Lease Corporation Mickey Hargitay Plants **PWGA** Pension Fund Sparkletts WGA Health Fund Contribtuion Green Hasson & Janks LLP (GHJ) Ansarada **CT** Corporation Dropbox Inc. GoDaddy Operating Company, LLC Harneys Corporate Services Limited Iron Mountain Motion Picture Association, Inc. Studio System Vistra (BVI) Limited