

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

In re

VWS Holdco, Inc., *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 25-10979 (JKS)

Jointly Administered

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**INTERIM ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO PAY CERTAIN
PREPETITION WAGES, BENEFITS, AND OTHER COMPENSATION
OBLIGATIONS, (II) AUTHORIZING FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO HONOR ALL
OBLIGATIONS RELATED THERETO, AND (III) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon the motion (the “Motion”)² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for entry of an interim order (this “Interim Order”) and final order pursuant to sections 105(a), 363, 507, and 541 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 6003(b) and 6004, and Local Rule 9013-1(m): (i) authorizing the Debtors to pay and honor certain prepetition wages, benefits, and other compensation obligations; (ii) authorizing and directing banks and financial institutions to receive, process, honor, and pay checks presented for payment and electronic payment requests relating to prepetition employee wages and benefits; and (iii) granting related relief, all as more fully described in the Motion; and upon consideration of the First Day Declaration; and due and sufficient notice of the Motion having been given under the circumstances; and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided under the circumstances; and it appearing that the relief requested by the Motion is in the best interests of

¹ The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification numbers are as follows: VWS Holdco, Inc. (5412) and Shoosmith Bros., Inc. (6914). The Debtors’ mailing address is P.O. Box 2770, Chesterfield, VA 23832.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.



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the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is **GRANTED** on an interim basis as set forth herein.
2. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, in a reasonable exercise of their business judgment, to: (i) pay or otherwise honor the Employee Obligations under the Employee Programs; (ii) honor and continue the Employee Programs that were in effect as of the Petition Date in the ordinary course of business; and (iii) make all Withholding Obligation payments relating to the Employee Obligations as required by law; *provided, however*, that the aggregate of cash payments provided for in this paragraph shall not exceed \$17,150 per individual Employee for prepetition Employee Wages as provided in section 507(a)(4)–(5) of the Bankruptcy Code; *provided, further*, that aggregate payments under this Interim Order on account of prepetition Employee Obligations will not exceed \$25,000. For the avoidance of doubt, this authority is inclusive of any prepetition amounts that may become payable under this Interim Order to third-party service providers that administer, insure, or otherwise facilitate the Employee Obligations.
3. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to issue postpetition checks or to effect postpetition fund transfer requests in replacement of any checks or fund transfer requests that are dishonored as a consequence of these Chapter 11 Cases with respect to prepetition amounts owed to their employees.
4. All banks and other financial institutions are hereby authorized to receive, process, honor, and pay any and all checks presented for payment and electronic transfer requests made by the Debtors related to the payment of the Employee Obligations described in the Motion

and approved herein, whether such checks were presented or such electronic transfer requests were submitted before, or are presented or submitted after, the Petition Date. All such banks and financial institutions are further authorized to rely on the Debtors' designation of any particular check or electronic payment request as approved pursuant to this Interim Order.

5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Interim Order authorizes or approves any payments or transfers subject to section 503(c) of the Bankruptcy Code. Further, nothing in this Interim Order shall be deemed to violate or permit a violation of section 503(c) of the Bankruptcy Code.

6. Nothing in the Motion or in this Interim Order is intended or should be construed as (a) an admission as to the validity or priority of any claim against the Debtors, (b) a waiver of the Debtors' rights to dispute any claim, including the validity or priority thereof, or (c) an approval or assumption of any agreement, contract, or lease whether under section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise. Likewise, any payment made pursuant to this Interim Order is not intended and should not be construed as an admission as to the validity of any claim or a waiver of the Debtors' rights to subsequently dispute such claim.

7. Responses or objections to the Motion and entry of a final order with respect to the Motion must: (i) be made in writing; (ii) state with particularity the grounds therefor; (iii) conform to the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules; and (iv) be served upon (a) proposed counsel to the Debtors, Pashman Stein Walder Hayden, P.C., 824 North Market Street, Suite 800, Wilmington, Delaware, 19801, Attn: John W. Weiss (jweiss@pashmanstein.com), Leah M. Eisenberg (leisenberg@pashmanstein.com), Richard W. Riley (rriley@pashmanstein.com), and David E. Sklar (dsklar@pashmanstein.com), (b) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, J. Caleb Boggs Building, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35,

Wilmington, Delaware, 19801, Attn: Jane M. Leamy (jane.m.leafy@usdoj.gov), (c)counsel to the DIP Lenders, Cole Schotz P.C., 1325 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019, Attn: Daniel F. X. Geoghan (DGeoghan@coleschotz.com) and (d) counsel to any official committee appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases (the “Notice Parties”).

8. The deadline by which objections to the Motion and the final order must be filed and received by the Notice Parties is June 20, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time). A final hearing, if required, on the Motion will be held on July 2, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. (prevailing Eastern Time). If no objections are filed regarding the Motion and entry of this Interim Order on a final basis, the Court may enter a final order without further notice or a hearing.

9. The Debtors are authorized to take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate to implement the terms of this Interim Order.

10. The Court finds and determines that the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6003 are satisfied, and the relief requested herein is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm.

11. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), this Interim Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry hereof.

12. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters related to the interpretation or implementation of this Interim Order.

Dated: June 4th, 2025
Wilmington, Delaware


J. KATE STICKLES
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE