

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
(COMMERCIAL LIST)**

THE HONOURABLE	)	TUESDAY, THE 12 TH
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JUSTICE KIMMEL	)	DAY OF JULY, 2022

IN THE MATTER OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS
ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF VOYAGER DIGITAL LTD.

APPLICATION OF VOYAGER DIGITAL LTD. UNDER
SECTION 46 OF THE *COMPANIES' CREDITORS
ARRANGEMENT ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

INITIAL RECOGNITION ORDER

THIS APPLICATION, made by Voyager Digital Ltd. (“**VDL**”) in its capacity as the foreign representative (the “**Foreign Representative**”) of VDL in respect of the proceedings (the “**Foreign Proceeding**”) commenced on July 5, 2022, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “**U.S. Bankruptcy Court**”) for an Order substantially in the form enclosed in the Application Record, was heard this day by video conference.

ON READING the Notice of Application, the affidavit of Stephen Ehrlich sworn July 10, 2022, the affidavit of Mitchell Stephenson sworn July 11, 2022 and the affidavit of Service of Daniel Richer sworn July 11, 2022, each filed,

AND UPON BEING ADVISED by counsel for the Foreign Representative that in addition to this Initial Recognition Order, a Supplemental Order is being sought,

AND UPON HEARING the submissions of counsel for the Foreign Representative, counsel for Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc., in its capacity as proposed information officer (the “**Proposed Information Officer**”), and such other counsel that appeared on the application, and upon being provided with copies of the documents required by section 46 of the *Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act*, RSC 1985, c C-36 (the “**CCAA**”);

AND UPON HEARING submissions from counsel for Francine De Sousa and counsel making submissions on behalf of the interests of certain retail investors seeking an adjournment of the determination as to whether the Foreign Proceeding is a “foreign main proceeding”:

SERVICE

1. THIS COURT ORDERS that the time for service of the Notice of Application and the Application Record is hereby abridged and validated so that this Application is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.

FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVE

2. THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES that the Foreign Representative is the “foreign representative” as defined in section 45 of the CCAA of VDL in respect of the Foreign Proceeding.

RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN PROCEEDING

3. THIS COURT ORDERS that the Foreign Proceeding is a “foreign proceeding” for the purposes of Part IV of the CCAA. This Court shall determine at a hearing scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Toronto time on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 whether the Foreign Proceeding is a “foreign main proceeding” or a “foreign non-main proceeding”. Such determination, when made, shall be effective *nunc pro tunc* as if made at the effective time of this Order.

STAY OF PROCEEDINGS

4. THIS COURT ORDERS that until otherwise ordered by this Court:
 - (a) all proceedings taken or that might be taken against VDL under the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, R.S.C., 1985, c. B-3, as amended, or the *Winding-up and Restructuring Act*, R.S.C., 1985, c. W-11, as amended, are stayed;
 - (b) further proceedings in any action, suit or proceeding against VDL are restrained; and
 - (c) the commencement of any action, suit or proceeding against VDL is prohibited.
5. THIS COURT ORDERS that, except with leave of this Court, VDL is prohibited from selling or otherwise disposing of:
 - (a) outside the ordinary course of its business, any of its property in Canada that relates to the business; and
 - (b) any of its other property in Canada.

GENERAL

6. THIS COURT ORDERS that without delay after this Order is made, the Foreign Representative shall cause to be published a notice substantially in the form attached to this Order as **Schedule “A”**, once a week for two consecutive weeks, in the *Globe and Mail* (National Edition).
7. THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada, to give effect to this Order and to assist VDL and the Foreign Representative and its respective counsel and agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

8. THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES that this Order shall be effective as of 12:01 a.m. Toronto time on the date of this Order, and this Order is not required to be entered.

9. THIS COURT ORDERS that any interested party may apply to this Court to vary or amend this Order or seek other relief on not less than seven (7) days' notice to VDL, the Foreign Representative, the Proposed Information Officer and their respective counsel, and to any other party or parties likely to be affected by the order sought, or upon such other notice, if any, as this Court may order.

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NOTICE OF INITIAL RECOGNITION ORDER

PLEASE BE ADVISED that this Notice is being published pursuant to an order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) (the “**Canadian Court**”), granted on July 12, 2022 (the “**Initial Recognition Order**”).

TAKE NOTICE that on July 5, 2022, Voyager Digital Ltd. (“**VDL**”) filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11, title 11 of the United States Code (the “**Chapter 11 Proceeding**”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “**U.S. Bankruptcy Court**”). In connection with the Chapter 11 Proceeding, VDL has been appointed as the foreign representative of its estate (the “**Foreign Representative**”). The Foreign Representative’s address is 33 Irving Place, Suite 3060, New York, NY 10003.

AND TAKE NOTICE that the Initial Recognition Order and the supplemental order granted by the Canadian Court on July 12, 2022 (together with the Initial Recognition Order, the “**Recognition Orders**”), which were both issued by the Canadian Court under Part IV of the *Companies’ Creditors Arrangement Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36 (the “**CCAA Recognition Proceeding**”), among other things:

- (i) ordered that the Chapter 11 Proceeding is recognized as a foreign proceeding;
- (ii) granted a stay of proceedings against VDL and its former, current and future directors and officers;
- (iii) recognized certain orders granted by the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Chapter 11 Proceeding; and
- (iv) appointed Alvarez & Marsal Canada Inc. as the information officer (in such capacity, the “**Information Officer**”) with respect to the CCAA Recognition Proceeding.

AND TAKE NOTICE that motions, orders and notices filed with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in the Chapter 11 Proceeding are available at <https://cases.stretto.com/Voyager> and that the Recognition Orders and any other orders that may be granted by the Canadian Court in the CCAA Recognition Proceeding are available at <http://www.alvarezandmarsal.com/VoyagerDigital>.

AND TAKE NOTICE that counsel for the Foreign Representative is:

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FINALLY TAKE NOTICE that if you wish to receive copies of the Recognition Orders or obtain further information in respect of the matters set forth in this Notice, you may contact the Information Officer:

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Phone: [●]

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DATED AT TORONTO, ONTARIO this [●]th day of July, 2022.

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