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# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:

SOUTHERN FOODS GROUP, LLC, et al.,

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

Chapter 11

) Jointly Administered

) Case No. 19-36313 (DRJ)

# NOTICE OF (I) HEARING TO CONSIDER THE CONFIRMATION OF THE PEAN (II) DEADLINE FOR CASTING VOTES TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE BLAN

#### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. On January 27, 2021, the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") filed (a) the Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Liquidation of Southern Foods Group, LLC, Dean Foods Company, and Their Debtor Affiliates [D.I. 3398] (as may be amended, modified, or supplemented, the "Plan") and (b) the Disclosure Statement for Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Liquidation of Southern Foods Group, LLC, Dean Foods Company, and Their Debtor Affiliates [D.I. 3398] (as may be amended, modified of Southern Foods Group, LLC, Dean Foods Company, and Their Debtor Affiliates [D.I. 3399] (as may be amended, modified, or supplemented, the "Disclosure Statement").<sup>2</sup>

2. Pursuant to an order, dated January 29, 2021 [D.I. 3421], the United States

<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Disclosure Statement or the Plan, as applicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The debtors and debtors in possession in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of their respective Employer Identification Numbers, are as follows: Southern Foods Group, LLC (1364); Dean Foods Company (9681); Alta-Dena Certified Dairy, LLC (1347); Berkeley Farms, LLC (8965); Cascade Equity Realty, LLC (3940); Country Fresh, LLC (6303); Dairy Information Systems Holdings, LLC (9144); Dairy Information Systems, LLC (0009); Dean Dairy Holdings, LLC (9188); Dean East II, LLC (9192); Dean East, LLC (8751); Dean Foods North Central, LLC (7858); Dean Foods of Wisconsin, LLC (2504); Dean Holding Company (8390); Dean Intellectual Property Services II, Inc. (3512); Dean International Holding Company (9785); Dean Management, LLC (7782); Dean Puerto Rico Holdings, LLC (6832); Dean Services, LLC (2168); Dean Transportation, Inc. (8896); Dean West II, LLC (9190); Dean West, LLC (8753); DFC Aviation Services, LLC (1600); DFC Energy Partners, LLC (3889); DFC Ventures, LLC (4213); DGI Ventures, Inc. (6766); DIPS Limited Partner II (7167); Franklin Holdings, Inc. (8114); Fresh Dairy Delivery, LLC (2314); Friendly's Ice Cream Holdings Corp. (7609); Friendly's Manufacturing and Retail, LLC (9828); Garelick Farms, LLC (3221); Mayfield Dairy Farms, LLC (3008); Midwest Ice Cream Company, LLC (0130); Model Dairy, LLC (7981); Reiter Dairy, LLC (3675); Sampson Ventures, LLC (7714); Shenandoah's Pride, LLC (2858); Steve's Ice Cream, LLC (6807); Suiza Dairy Group, LLC (2039); Tuscan/Lehigh Dairies, Inc. (6774); Uncle Matt's Organic, Inc. (0079); and Verifine Dairy Products of Sheboygan, LLC (7200). The debtors' mailing address is 2711 North Haskell Avenue, Suite 3400, Dallas, TX 75204.

Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Bankruptcy Court") approved the Disclosure Statement.

3. Pursuant to the Notice of Further Extended Deadline To Opt-In to the Administrative Claims Consent Program [D.I. 3233], the deadline to opt-in to the Administrative Claims Consent Program was extended until the date upon which the Bankruptcy Court enters the Confirmation Order on the docket of the Chapter 11 Cases.

4. A hearing (the "Confirmation Hearing") to consider the confirmation of the Plan will be held before The Honorable David R. Jones, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in Courtroom 400, 515 Rusk Street, Houston, Texas 77002, on March 17, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. (prevailing Central Time). The Confirmation Hearing may be continued from time to time without further notice other than the announcement by the Debtors, in consultation with the Creditors' Committee, of the adjourned date(s) at the Confirmation Hearing or any continued hearing or as indicated in any notice filed with the Bankruptcy Court.

5. Objections to confirmation of the Plan, if any, must (a) be in writing, (b) comply with the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, and Local Rules, (c) state, with specificity, the legal and factual bases thereof, (d) be filed with the Court no later than **4:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) on March 5, 2021**, and (e) be served on (i) counsel to the Debtors, (A) Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attn: Brian M. Resnick, Steven Z. Szanzer, Nate Sokol, and Omer Netzer and (B) Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP, 1301 McKinney Street, Suite 5100, Houston, Texas 77010, Attn: William Greendyke, Jason L. Boland, Robert B. Bruner, and Julie Harrison, (ii) counsel to the Creditors' Committee, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, New York, NY 10036, Attn: Philip C. Dublin, Meredith A. Lahaie, and Julie A. Thompson, and (iii) the U.S. Trustee. The Debtors may, if they deem necessary in their discretion, file a consolidated reply to any such objections and/or any affidavits or declarations in support of confirmation of the Plan by no later than two calendar days prior to the Confirmation Hearing.

6. Pursuant to the Order, the Bankruptcy Court approved the use of certain materials in the solicitation of votes to accept or reject the Plan and certain procedures for the tabulation of votes to accept or reject the Plan. If you are a Holder of a Claim against the Debtors as of **January 22, 2021** and entitled to vote, you have received with this Notice, a ballot form (a "**Ballot**"), and instructions for completing the Ballot.

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7. For a vote to accept or reject the Plan to be counted, the Holder of a Claim must complete all required information on the Ballot, execute the Ballot, and return the completed Ballot in accordance with the instructions so that it is received by 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) on March 5, 2021 (the "Voting Deadline"), which deadline may be extended by the Debtors. Any failure to follow the instructions included with the Ballot, or to return a properly completed Ballot so that it is received by the Voting Deadline, may disqualify such Ballot and vote on the Plan. The rules and procedures for the tabulation of the votes are outlined in the Order.

8. If a Holder of a Claim wishes to challenge the allowance or classification of a Claim for voting purposes under the Tabulation Procedures (as defined in the Order), such person or entity must file a motion, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018(a), for an order temporarily allowing its Claim in a different amount or classification for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan (a "Rule 3018 Motion") and serve the Rule 3018 Motion on the Debtors so that it is received no later than 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) on the fifth day after the later of (a) service of the Confirmation Hearing Notice and (b) service of notice of an objection, if any, to such Claim. Any Ballot submitted by a Claimholder that files a Rule 3018 Motion shall be counted solely in accordance with the Tabulation Procedures and the other applicable provisions of this Order unless and until the underlying Claim is temporarily allowed by the Court for voting purposes in a different amount, after notice and a hearing.

9. Article IX.D of the Plan contains the following exculpation provisions:

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, none of the Exculpated Parties<sup>3</sup> shall have or incur any liability for any act or omission in connection with, related to, or arising out of the Chapter 11 Cases, the negotiation of any settlement or agreement, contract, instrument, the Disclosure Statement, release, or document created or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Under the Plan, "**Exculpated Party**" means each of the following, and in each case solely in its capacity as such during the Chapter 11 Cases: (a) the Debtors; (b) the Liquidating Debtors; (c) the Liquidating Trustee; (d) the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board and its members; (e) the Creditors' Committee and its members; (f) the DIP Agent; (g) each DIP Secured Party; (h) each Securitization Party; (i) each Prepetition Secured Party; (j) the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee; (k) the Securitization Entities; and (l) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons and Entities in clauses (a) through (k), such Person's or Entity's predecessors, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, Affiliates, managed accounts and funds, and all of their respective current and former officers and directors, principals, equity holders, members, partners, managers, employees, agents, advisory board members, financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, investment managers, investment advisors, management companies, fund advisors, and other professionals, and such Persons' respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees.

entered into in connection with the Plan or in the Chapter 11 Cases (including the Plan Supplement and, in each case, any documents and related prepetition transactions related thereto), the pursuit of confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the preparation and distribution of the Plan, the Plan Documents, the DIP Loan Documents, the DIP Facility, the Securitization Facility Documents, the Securitization Facility, the offer, issuance, and distribution of any securities issued or to be issued under or in connection with the Plan, any other prepetition or post-petition act taken or omitted to be taken in connection with or in contemplation of the liquidation of the Debtors or the administration of the Plan or the property to be distributed under the Plan, except for any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted willful misconduct (including, without limitation, actual fraud) or gross negligence. Each Exculpated Party shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel concerning its duties pursuant to, or in connection with, the Plan... The Exculpated Parties have, and upon confirmation of the Plan shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code with regard to the distributions of the securities pursuant to the Plan and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan.

10. Article IX.E of the Plan contains the following Debtor release provisions:

1. Pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, and except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, on and after the Effective Date, for good and valuable consideration, including their cooperation and contributions to the Chapter 11 Cases, the Released Parties<sup>4</sup> shall be deemed released by the Debtors, the Liquidating Debtors, their Estates, the Securitization Entities, the Liquidating Trust, and the Liquidating Trustee from any and all Claims, obligations, debts, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, whether for tort, fraud, contract, violations of federal or state laws, or otherwise, including

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Under the Plan, "**Released Party**" means each of the following, and in each case solely in its capacity as such: (a) the Debtors and the Debtors' Estates; (b) the Liquidating Debtors; (c) the Liquidating Trustee; (d) the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board and its members; (e) the DIP Agent; (f) each DIP Secured Party; (g) each Securitization Party; (h) each Prepetition Secured Party; (i) the Creditors' Committee and its members; (j) the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee; (k) the Securitization Entities; and (l) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (a) through (k), such Persons' predecessors, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, Affiliates, managed accounts and funds, and all of their respective current and former officers and directors, principals, equity holders, members, partners, managers, employees, agents, advisory board members, financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, investment managers, investment advisors, management companies, fund advisors, and other professionals, and such Persons' respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees.

Avoidance Actions, those Causes of Action based on veil piercing or alter-ego theories of liability, contribution, indemnification, joint liability, or otherwise that the Debtors, the Liquidating Debtors, their Estates, the Securitization Entities, the Liquidating Trust, and the Liquidating Trustee and their Affiliates would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim or Interest or other Entity or that any Holder of a Claim or Interest or other Entity would have been legally entitled to assert derivatively for or on behalf of the Debtors, the Liquidating Debtors, their Estates, the Securitization Entities, the Liquidating Trust, or the Liquidating Trustee, or their Affiliates, based on, relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part:

- (a) the Debtors, the Liquidating Debtors, the Securitization Entities, the Liquidating Trustee, the Liquidating Trust, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors'...in-.. or . out-of-court .. restructuring ... efforts, ... intercompany transactions, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or Filing of the Plan Documents;
- (b) any Plan Document, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including providing any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or the Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement or the Plan;
- (c) the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any security of the Debtors, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan or the business or contractual arrangements between the Debtors and any Released Party (excluding any assumed executory contract or lease); and
- (d) the negotiation, formulation, preparation, or performance of or under the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Supplement, the Liquidating Trust Agreement, the DIP Facility, the Securitization Facility, the DIP Loan Documents, the Securitization Facility Documents, or, in each case, related agreements, instruments, or other documents, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, other than Claims or liabilities arising out of or relating to any act or omission of a Released Party that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted willful misconduct (including, without limitation, actual fraud) or gross negligence; provided, that if any Released Party directly or indirectly brings or asserts any Claim or Cause of Action that has been released or is contemplated to be released pursuant to the Plan in any way arising out of or related to any document or

transaction that was in existence prior to the Effective Date against any other Released Party, and such Released Party does not abandon such Claim or Cause of Action upon request, then the release set forth in the Plan shall automatically and retroactively be null and void ab initio with respect to the Released Party bringing or asserting such Claim or Cause of Action; provided, further, that the immediately preceding proviso shall not apply to (i) any action by a Released Party in the Bankruptcy Court (or any other court determined to have competent jurisdiction), including any appeal therefrom, to prosecute the amount, priority, or secured status of any prepetition or ordinary course Administrative Claim against the Debtors or (ii) any release or indemnification provided for in any settlement or granted under any other court order; provided, that, in the case of (i) and (ii), the Debtors shall retain all defenses related to any such action. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary; the foregoing release shall not release any obligation of any party under the Plan or any document, instrument, or agreement executed to implement the Plan.

2. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the foregoing release shall not release (a) any financial obligation of any party under the Securitization Facility or the Securitization Facility Documents (including any obligations of any Released Party to remit collections or any other proceeds of receivables to each applicable Releasing Party<sup>5</sup> solely in accordance with the terms of the Securitization Facility Documents) or (b) any obligation under the DIP Loan Documents or the Securitization Facility Documents of any Released Party that by their express written terms survive the termination thereof and repayment in full in cash of the indebtedness and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Under the Plan, "Releasing Party" means each of the following, and in each case solely in its capacity as such: (a) the Debtors and the Debtors' Estates; (b) the Liquidating Debtors; (c) the Liquidating Trustee; (d) the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board and its members; (e) the DIP Agent; (f) each DIP Secured Party; (g) each Securitization Party; (h) each Prepetition Secured Party; (i) the Creditors' Committee and its members; (j) the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee; (k) each Holder of a Claim entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan that does not affirmatively elect to "opt out" of being a Releasing Party by checking the appropriate box on such Holder's timely submitted Ballot to indicate that such Holder elects to opt out of the Plan's release, exculpation, and injunction provisions; (1) each Holder of a Claim that is Unimpaired and presumed to accept the Plan that does not affirmatively elect to "opt out" of being a Releasing Party by checking the appropriate box on such Holder's timely submitted Non-Voting Opt Out Form to indicate that such Holder elects to opt out of the Plan's release, exculpation, and injunction provisions; (m) each Holder of a Claim that is deemed to reject the Plan that does not affirmatively elect to "opt out" of being a Releasing Party by checking the appropriate box on such Holder's timely submitted Non-Voting Opt Out Form to indicate that such Holder elects to opt out of the Plan's release, exculpation, and injunction provisions; (n) each Securitization Entity; and (o) with respect to each of the foregoing Persons in clauses (a) through (n), such Persons' predecessors, successors, assigns, subsidiaries, Affiliates, managed accounts and funds, and all of their respective current and former officers and directors, principals, equity holders, members, partners, managers, employees, agents, advisory board members, financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, investment managers, investment advisors, management companies, fund advisors, and other professionals, and such Persons' respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees.

other obligations arising thereunder (including, to the extent applicable, any obligation of the DIP Agent or any Securitization Party to return any collateral or any other assets to a Debtor, in each case, without recourse or warranty, in accordance with the express written terms of the DIP Loan Documents or Securitization Facility Documents, as applicable.

3. Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the releases described in the Plan, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute its finding that each release described in the Plan is (a) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, a good faith settlement, and compromise of such Claims, (b) in the best interests of the Debtors and all Holders of Claims, (c) fair, equitable, and reasonable, (d) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing, and (e) subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, a bar to the Debtors or the Liquidating Debtors asserting any claim, Cause of Action, or liability related thereto, of any kind whatsoever, against any of the Released Parties or their property.

11. Article IX.F of the Plan contains the following third-party release provisions:

1. Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, on and after the Effective Date, for good and valuable consideration, each Releasing Party shall be deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released the Released Parties from any and all Claims, Interests, obligations, debts, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, asserted or unasserted, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, or otherwise, whether for tort, fraud, contract, violations of federal or state laws, or otherwise, including Avoidance Actions, those Causes of Action based on veil piercing or alter-ego theories of liability, contribution, indemnification, joint liability, or otherwise that such Releasing Party would have been legally entitled to assert (whether individually or collectively), based on, relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part:

- (a) the Debtors, the Liquidating Debtors, the Liquidating Trustee, the Chapter 11 Cases, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, intercompany transactions, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or Filing of the Plan Documents;
- (b) any Plan Document, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including providing any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document, or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any

Released Party on the Plan or the Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement or the Plan;

- (c) the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any security of the Debtors, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between the Debtors and any Released Party excluding any assumed executory contract or lease, the restructuring of Claims and Interests prior to or in the Chapter 11 Cases; and
- the negotiation, formulation, preparation, or performance of or (d) under the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, the Plan Supplement, the Liquidating Trust Agreement, the DIP Facility, the DIP Securitization Facility, the Loan Documents, the Securitization Facility Documents, or, in each case, related agreements, instruments, or other documents, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date, other than Claims or liabilities arising out of or relating to any act or omission of a Released Party that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted willful misconduct (including, without limitation, actual fraud) or gross negligence; provided, that if any Released Party directly or indirectly brings or asserts any Claim or Cause of Action that has been released or is contemplated to be released pursuant to the Plan in any way arising out of or related to any document or transaction that was in existence prior to the Effective Date against any other Released Party, and such Released Party does not abandon such Claim or Cause of Action upon request, then the release set forth in the Plan shall automatically and retroactively be null and void ab initio with respect to the Released Party bringing or asserting such Claim or Cause of Action; provided, further, that the immediately preceding proviso shall not apply to (i) any action by a Released Party in the Bankruptcy Court (or any other court determined to have competent jurisdiction), including any appeal therefrom, to prosecute the amount, priority, or secured status of any prepetition or ordinary course Administrative Claim against the Debtors or (ii) any release or indemnification provided for in any settlement or granted under any other court order; provided, that, in the case of (i) and (ii), the Debtors shall retain all defenses related to any such action. Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the foregoing release shall not release any obligation of any party under the Plan or any document, instrument, or agreement executed to implement the Plan.

2. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Plan, any Claim arising under Title I of ERISA for breach of fiduciary duty or relating to a prohibited transaction with respect to the Dean Foods Consolidated Pension Plan shall not be discharged, released, or enjoined; *provided, however*, that any such Claim against the Debtors shall be treated solely as a General Unsecured Claim.

3. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Plan (including, but not limited to, Article IX of the Plan), the Confirmation Order, or the Liquidating Trust Agreement, all claims or liabilities (including, but not limited to, any liability or claim for withdrawal liability under 29 U.S.C. §§ 1383, 1385, and 1392) against any non-Debtor by CSPF shall (a) be left Unimpaired, (b) not be discharged or released, and (c) continue unaltered as if the Chapter 11 Cases had not been commenced. Further, notwithstanding any other provisions of the Plan (including, but not limited to, Article IX of the Plan), the Confirmation Order, or the Liquidating Trust Agreement, CSPF shall not be enjoined from asserting any claims against any non-Debtor, and no claims of CSPF against any non-Debtor shall be exculpated or released to any extent. Also, CSPF's right to accelerate withdrawal liability payments upon an event of default pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1399(c)(5) and CSPF's plan document is not Impaired or otherwise affected by any provisions of the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or the Liquidating Trust Agreement. Notwithstanding the preceding three sentences, this Article IX.F.3 of the Plan shall not impact the releases set forth in Article IX.F.1 of the Plan with respect to any of the following Entities, but in each case solely in its capacity as such: (i) the Debtors, the Debtors' Estates, the Liquidating Debtors, the Liquidating Debtors' Estates, and all of their respective current and former officers and directors, managers, employees, agents, advisory board members, financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, investment managers, investment advisors, fund advisors, and other professionals, and such Persons' respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees; (ii) the Liquidating Trustee; (iii) the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board and its members; (iv) the DIP Agent; (v) each DIP Secured Party; (vi) each Securitization Party; (vii) each Prepetition Secured Party; (viii) the Creditors' Committee and its members; (ix) the Senior Notes Indenture Trustee; and (x) with respect to each of the foregoing Entities in clauses (ii) through (ix), such Entities' predecessors, successors, assigns, managed accounts and funds, and all of their respective current and former officers and directors, principals, equity holders, members, partners, managers, employees, agents, advisory board members, financial advisors, attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, consultants, representatives, investment managers, investment advisors, management companies, fund advisors, and other professionals (but, in all cases, only in their capacity as such), and such Entities' respective heirs, executors, estates, and nominees (but, in all cases, only in their capacity as such). For avoidance of doubt, the foregoing sentence shall in no way limit or eliminate CSPF's rights to seek and obtain relief from any non-Debtor entity

or unincorporated trade or business on the basis that it is or was a trade or business under common control with one or more Debtors within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 1301(b)(1) and the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto

4. Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the releases described in the Plan, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute its finding that each release described in the Plan is (a) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, a good faith settlement, and compromise of such Claims, (b) in the best interests of the Debtors and all Holders of Claims, (c) fair, equitable, and reasonable, (d) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing, and (e) subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, a bar to the Releasing Party asserting any claim, Cause of Action, or liability related thereto, of any kind whatsoever, against any of the Released Parties or its property.

12. Article IX.G of the Plan contains the following injunction provisions:

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, or any Final Order entered by the Bankruptcy Court in the Chapter 11 Cases, all Persons or Entities who have held, hold, or may hold Claims or Interests that arose prior to the Effective Date, and all other parties in interest, along with their respective present or former employees, agents, officers, directors, principals, representatives, and Affiliates, are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from (1) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind with respect to any such Claim or Interest, against the Debtors, the Liquidating Trust, the Liquidating Debtors, or property or interest in property of the Debtors, the Liquidating Trust, or the Liquidating Debtors, other than to enforce any right to a distribution pursuant to the Plan, (2) the enforcement, attachment, collection, or recovery by any manner or means of any judgment, award, decree or order against the Debtors, the Liquidating Trust, the Liquidating Debtors, or property or interest in property of the Debtors, the Liquidating Trust, or the Liquidating Debtors, other than to enforce any right to a distribution pursuant to the Plan, (3) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against the Debtors, the Liquidating Trust, the Liquidating Debtors, or property or interests in property of the Debtors, the Liquidating Trust, or the Liquidating Debtors other than to enforce any right to a distribution pursuant to the Plan, (4) asserting any right of setoff or subrogation of any kind against any obligation due from the Debtors, the Liquidating Trust, or the Liquidating Debtors, or against the property or interests in property of the Debtors, the Liquidating Trust, or the Liquidating Debtors, with respect to any such Claim or Interest, except to the extent a right to setoff is asserted with respect to a Proof of Claim timely Filed by the applicable Claims Bar

Date explicitly preserving such setoff, and notwithstanding an indication of a Claim or Interest or otherwise that such Entity asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise, and (5) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of, in connection with, or with respect to any such claims or interests released or settled pursuant to the Plan. Such injunction shall extend to any successors or assignees of the Debtors, the Liquidating Trust, and the Liquidating Debtors and their respective properties and interest in properties.

IF YOU ARE ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE PLAN, YOU ARE ABLE TO OPT-OUT OF SUCH RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS BY FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS ON YOUR BALLOT. PLEASE REVIEW YOUR BALLOT CAREFULLY. IF YOU ARE A HOLDER OF A CLAIM IN CLASS 1, 2, OR 8, AND, THEREFORE, NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN, YOU MAY ELECT TO OPT OUT OF THE THIRD-PARTY RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN THE PLAN BY TIMELY COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING A NON-VOTING OPT OUT FORM (A COPY OF WHICH IS ATTACHED TO THE NOTICE OF NON-VOTING STATUS THAT YOU WILL RECEIVE). IF YOU DO NOT TIMELY SUBMIT THE NON-VOTING OPT OUT FORM, YOU WILL BE DEEMED TO HAVE GRANTED SUCH THIRD-PARTY RELEASES AND CONSENTED TO THE EXCULPATION AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN ARTICLE IX OF THE PLAN.

13. COPIES OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE PLAN, THE ORDER, AND A NOTICE OF NON-VOTING STATUS (WITH THE ATTACHED NON-VOTING OPT OUT FORM) MAY BE OBTAINED AND/OR ARE AVAILABLE FOR **REVIEW FREE OF CHARGE AT THE WEBSITE OF EPIQ CORPORATE** RESTRUCTURING LLC. THE NOTICE, CLAIMS, SOLICITATION AND **BALLOTING AGENT RETAINED THE BY DEBTORS IN THE CHAPTER 11 CASES** (THE **"CLAIMS** AND **SOLICITATION** AGENT"), HTTPS://DM.EPIQ11.COM/SOUTHERNFOODS, OR BY CONTACTING THE CLAIMS AND SOLICITATION AGENT BY EMAIL, DEANINFO@EPIQGLOBAL.COM, OR **TELEPHONE**, (833) 935-1362 (TOLL-FREE) OR (503) 597-7660 (FOR **INTERNATIONAL CALLERS).** 

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