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

In re:

WOODBRIDGE GROUP OF COMPANIES, LLC, et al., 1

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 17-12560 (KJC)

(Jointly Administered)

Ref. Doc. Nos. 1677, 1678, 1679, 1680 & 2070

# CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL REGARDING OMNIBUS ORDER APPROVING FIRST INTERIM FEE APPLICATIONS OF THE DEBTORS' PROFESSIONALS

The undersigned hereby certifies as follows:

On April 27, 2018, the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") filed the *First Interim Fee Application of the Debtors' Professionals for the Period from December 4, 2017 Through and Including February 28, 2018* [Docket No. 1677] (the "<u>First Interim Fee Application</u>").<sup>2</sup> The First Interim Fee Application sought approval of fees and reimbursement of expenses for the following professionals retained by the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Professionals"):

- Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern LLP ("KTBS"), co-counsel to the Debtors;
- Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP ("Young Conaway"), co-counsel to the Debtors;
- Homer Bonner Jacobs, P.A. ("<u>Homer Bonner</u>"), special litigation counsel to the Debtors;

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Also on April 27, 2018, Young Conaway, Homer Bonner, and KTBS each filed a supplement to their respective First Interim Fee Applications pursuant to the *Appendix B Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under United States Code by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases* [Docket Nos. 1678, 1679 & 1680, respectively].

- Province, Inc. ("Province") financial advisor to the Debtors; and
- Garden City Group, LLC ("GCG"), the Debtors' claims and noticing agent.

Objections to the First Interim Fee Application, if any, were due on or before May 17, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. (ET) (the "Objection Deadline").

On July 2, 2018, the Court-appointed fee examiner, Elisa S. Frejka (the "Fee Examiner"), filed the Fee Examiner's Consolidated Final Report Regarding First Interim Quarterly Fee Requests of (I) Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP; (II) Homer Bonner Jacobs, P.A.; (III) Garden City Group, LLC; (IV) Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern LLP; (V) Province, Inc.; (VI) Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP; (VII) Berger Singerman LLP; (VIII) FTI Consulting, Inc.; and (IX) Venable LLP [Docket No. 2070] (the "Fee Examiner's Report"), which addressed each of the Professionals' respective interim fee applications contained within the First Interim Fee Application and, as applicable, outlined the resolutions and compromises reached with the Professionals with respect thereto.

Other than the Fee Examiner's Report, no formal or informal responses to the First Interim Fee Application were received by the Debtors prior to the Objection Deadline, and a review of the docket in these chapter 11 cases reveals to answer, objection, or other responsive pleading thereto. Accordingly, the Debtors' undersigned counsel hereby submits the proposed form of order attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit 1">Exhibit 1</a> (the "Proposed Order") approving the First Interim Fee Applications on the terms set forth therein.

WHEREFORE, as no responses or objections were received to the First Interim Fee

Applications other than the Fee Examiner's Report, and as both the Fee Examiner and the United

States Trustee for the District of Delaware have reviewed the Proposed Order and advised the

Debtors' undersigned counsel that they do not object to entry thereof, the Debtors respectfully

request that the Court enter the Proposed Order at its earliest convenience without further notice or a hearing.

Dated: July 6, 2018

Wilmington, Delaware

/s/ Betsy L. Feldman

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### **EXHIBIT 1**

**Proposed Order** 

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# OMNIBUS ORDER APPROVING FIRST INTERIM FEE APPLICATIONS OF THE DEBTORS' PROFESSIONALS

Upon consideration of the first interim fee application (the "First Interim Fee Application") of certain professionals retained in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Professionals") by the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), a list of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses on an interim basis; and Elise S. Frejka (the "Fee Examiner") having filed a final report (the "Fee Examiner's Report") with respect to each of the Professionals; and it appearing to the Court that all of the requirements of §§ 327, 328, 330, 331 and 503(b) of title 11 of the United States Code, as well as Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, have been satisfied; and it further appearing that the compensation earned and expenses incurred were reasonable and necessary; and that the notice of the First Interim Fee Application was appropriate; and the Fee Examiner

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having no objection to the relief requested herein, as certain of the Professionals have voluntarily

reduced their fees or expenses or reached the agreements memorialized in the Fee Examiner's

Report; and after due deliberation and sufficient good cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The First Interim Fee Application is APPROVED with respect to the amounts set

forth on Exhibit A.

2. The Professionals are granted allowance of compensation in the amounts set forth

on Exhibit A.

3. The Professionals are allowed the reimbursement of reasonable and necessary

expenses in the amounts set forth on Exhibit A.

4. The Debtors are authorized and directed to remit payment to the Professionals in

the amounts set forth on Exhibit A, less all amounts previously paid on account of such fees and

expenses.

5. This Order shall be deemed a separate order for each Professional and the appeal

of any order with respect to any Professional shall have no effect on the authorized fees and

expenses of any other Professional.

6. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters relating to the

interpretation or implementation of this Order.

Dated: July\_\_\_\_, 2018

Wilmington, Delaware

KEVIN J. CAREY

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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### EXHIBIT A

Name of Professional	Date and Docket No. of Interim Fee Application, Related Monthly Fee Applications and Fee Examiner's Report	Aggregate Amount of Fees Approved on an Interim Basis	Aggregate Amount of Expenses Approved on an Interim Basis
Klee, Tuchin, Bogdanoff & Stern LLP <sup>1</sup>	4/27/18 1677, 1680, 815, 2070	\$576,697.50 <sup>2</sup>	\$3,574.59
Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP <sup>3</sup>	4/27/18 1677, 1678, 617, 786, 922, 2070	\$1,605,197.00	\$68,788.30
Homer Bonner Jacobs, P.A. <sup>4</sup>	4/27/18 1677, 1679, 671, 877, 2070	\$181,486.00	\$263,942.42
Province, Inc. <sup>5</sup>	4/27/18 1677, 923, 2070	\$200,000.00	\$2,437.36
Garden City Group, LLC <sup>6</sup>	4/27/18 1677, 782, 1631, 2070	\$77,175.50	\$0.00

Pursuant to the Fee Examiner's Report [D.I. 2070], the Fee Examiner recommended allowance of fees and reimbursement of expenses as requested in the First Interim Fee Application.

As explained in detail in KTBS's monthly fee applications, KTBS has agreed to accept, as calculated for the entirety of the cases (as opposed to on a month-by-month basis), the lesser of (x) its actual billed hourly rates and (y) a blended rate of \$850 per hour for attorney time. Accordingly, although the number herein represents KTBS's fees at its capped rates, KTB&S has reserved its right to, at a later time, seek approval of payment of its fees at its actual rates (which total \$638,555.50).

After discussions with the Fee Examiner, Young Conaway agreed to reduce the request for reimbursement of pre-petition expenses in the amount of \$3,293.06, which pre-petition expenses were reconciled with the pre-petition retainer or written off. Additionally, pursuant to the Fee Examiner's Report, [D.I. 2070], Young Conaway agreed to a reduction in fees in the amount of \$1,918.50 and a reduction in expenses in the amount of \$689.88.

After discussions with Homer Bonner and Homer Bonner's eDiscovery vendor, Homer Bonner's request for reimbursement of expenses was reduced by \$3,650.00, and Homer Bonner agreed to a reduction in fees by \$1,696.50.

Pursuant to the Fee Examiner's Report [D.I. 2070], the Fee Examiner recommended allowance of fees and reimbursement of expenses as requested in the First Interim Fee Application.

Pursuant to the Fee Examiner's Report [D.I. 2070], GCG agreed to a reduction in fees in the amount of \$2,769.00.