

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
FORT WORTH DIVISION**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND
EXCHANGE COMMISSION,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**THE HEARTLAND GROUP
VENTURES, LLC, *et al.*,**

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 4:21-cv-01310-O-BP

ORDER

Before the Court is the Expedited Application to Employ PricewaterhouseCoopers Advisory (Bahamas) Limited as Bahamian Restructuring Consultant to Receiver Effective as of July 2, 2025 (the “Application”), that Deborah D. Williamson, court-appointed Receiver in the case pursuant to the Court’s December 2, 2021 Order Appointing Receiver (ECF No. 17), filed on July 3, 2025.

The Court finds that: (i) it has subject matter jurisdiction over the Application; (ii) it has personal jurisdiction over the Receivership Parties; (iii) Pricewaterhouse Coopers Advisory (Bahamas) Limited (“PwC”) does not represent or hold any interest adverse to the Receivership Parties or the Estates; (iv) the Receiver’s employment of PwC under the scope outlined in the Application is in the best interests of the Estates; (v) proper and adequate notice of the Application has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; (vi) no party or other person, firm, or entity filed objections to the Application; (vii) (a) the Receiver engaged PwC on July 2, 2025, and (b) the employment of PwC should be effective as of that date; and (viii) the Receiver has shown good, sufficient, and sound business purpose and justification for the relief requested in the

Application, and that, after consideration of the Application at the hearing held on this date pursuant to the Court's Order entered on July 3, 2025 (ECF No. 752), the Court **GRANTS** the Application.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

1. The Application is **APPROVED**.
2. Pursuant to the Receivership Order, the Receiver is authorized to employ and retain PwC as Bahamian restructuring consultants in accordance with the compensation terms detailed in the Application effective as of July 2, 2025.
3. PwC is authorized to provide such professional services in this case and assist the Receiver in relation to the issues outlined in the Application, including, without limitation, any issues ancillary and related to the Application.
4. To the extent required by this Court, PwC shall cause to be filed, through the Receiver, applications for the approval of compensation of its fees and expenses on an interim and final basis in compliance with the Court's Receivership Order, the local rules of this Court, and such other procedures that may be fixed by an order of this Court. The Receiver shall have no obligation to compensate PwC unless the Court approves such compensation.
5. The Court reserves jurisdiction to hear and decide any controversy or dispute regarding the Receiver's engagement of PwC and use of Receivership Assets to compensate PwC in this case.

It is so **ORDERED** on July 14, 2025.



Hal R. Ray, Jr.
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE