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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA RICHMOND DIVISION

In re:

PAPER SOURCE, INC., et al., ¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 21-30660 (KLP)

Jointly Administered

KD COLE ARMSTRONG HOLDCO, LLC'S SUPPLEMENT TO OBJECTION TO DEBTORS' NOTICE OF POTENTIAL ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF <u>EXECUTORY CONTRACTS OR UNEXPIRED LEASES AND CURE AMOUNTS</u>

KD Cole Armstrong Holdco, LLC ("Landlord") submits this Supplemental Objection to

Debtors' Notice of Potential Assumption and Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts or

Unexpired Leases (the "Potential Assumption Notice") [Docket No. 337] and in support hereof

states as follows:

I. BACKROUND

1. Landlord and Debtor, Paper Source, Inc. ("Tenant"), are parties to a Lease

Agreement dated October 27, 2014 (the "Lease") with respect to premises at 4525 Cole Avenue,

Dallas, Texas 75205 (Store # 647).

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Pine Holdings, Inc. (4460) and Paper Source, Inc. (8035). The Debtors' service address is 125 South Clark St., Chicago, IL 60603.

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2. In June 2020, Landlord and Tenant entered into a Second Amendment to Lease (the "Second Amendment") pursuant to which Landlord agreed to defer certain rent due in April, May, and June 2020 in the amount of \$39,241.23 (the "Deferred Base Rent") in exchange for Tenant's agreement to repay the Deferred Base Rent in six equal installments commencing January 4, 2021.

3. As of the Petition Date, Tenant is in arrears under the Lease in the amount of \$53,018.77, including Deferred Base Rent of \$19,620.60. As of April 1, 2021, Tenant owes \$76,623.16 under the Lease, including Deferred Base Rent of \$26,160.80.

4. On April 21, 2021, Landlord filed an *Objection to Debtors' Notice of Potential Assumption and Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases and Cure Amounts* (the "**Objection**") [Docket No. 373].

5. Landlord and Tenant have now agreed to the terms of a Third Amendment to Lease that, among other things, resolves the cure amount and Tenant's post-petition obligations through May 31, 2021.

6. On May 19, 2021, Tenant filed its *Notice of Filing of Information Supporting Prospective Purchaser's Adequate Assurance of Future Performance Under Contracts and Leases to be Assumed and Assigned* (the "**Notice**") [Docket No. 457]. This Supplemental Objection is filed to raise certain additional objections with respect to the Notice.

II. OBJECTION

7. Landlord hereby incorporates by reference the factual statements and authorities cited in the Objection. Landlord raises the following additional concerns with respect to the Notice:

a. Landlord objects to lack of clarity from Purchaser regarding timing of payment of Lease obligations, and requires confirmation that Purchaser

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will pay all lease obligations due and payable as of and after the date of approval of the assumption of the Lease, not to be later than June 1, 2021;

- b. Landlord objects to the description of Purchaser's financial condition, which consists of representation of a liquidity amount which is burdened by an indeterminate amount of debt, and requires the submission of Purchaser's balance sheet, at a minimum, to determine if Purchaser is in fact providing adequate assurances of Purchaser's ability to satisfy its obligations under the Lease.; and
- c. Landlord objects to the lack of clarity with respect to Purchaser's operations, and requires confirmation that Purchaser intends to maintain the same level of quality of operations which Debtor maintained, rather than just that Purchaser intends to continue to operate a business involving the sale of paper goods.
- 8. Landlord also hereby joins in any Objections filed by similarly situated landlords.

WHEREFORE, Landlord respectfully requests that (i) as a condition of any assumption of

the Lease, Purchaser address to the satisfaction of Landlord, the issues raised herein; (ii) that

Landlord be provided all the protections of 11 U.S.C. § 365; and (iii) that Landlord be awarded

such other and further relief to which it may be entitled.

Dated: May 12, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 12th day of May, 2021, the foregoing Objection was filed using the Court's ECF system, which caused electronic notification of filing to be served on all registered users of the ECF system that have requested such notification in this case. I further certify that a true copy of the foregoing Objection was served by electronic mail and/or first-class U.S. Mail to all parties listed below:

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