UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

In re:

HOME PRODUCTS INTERNATIONAL, INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 22-06276

Honorable Janet S. Baer

(Jointly Administered)

ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF FOLEY & LARDNER LLP AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN <u>POSSESSION EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE</u>

Upon the application (the "<u>Application</u>")² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") for the entry of an order (this "<u>Order</u>") authorizing the Debtors to retain and employ Foley & Lardner LLP (collectively, "<u>Foley</u>") as their attorneys effective as of the Petition Date, pursuant to sections 327(a) and 330 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"), Rules 2014(a) and 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>"), and Rule 2014-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Northern District of Illinois (the "<u>Local Rules</u>"); and the Court having reviewed the Application, the Declaration of Edward Green, a partner at Foley (the "<u>Green Declaration</u>"), and the Declaration of James Auker (the "<u>Auker Declaration</u>"); and the Court having found that the Court having found that the Application is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157 (b)(2); and the Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Application in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and the Court having found based on the representations made in the

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal identification number are: Home Products International, Inc. (7027) and Home Products International-North America, Inc. (0451).

² Each capitalized term used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Application.

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Application and in the Green Declaration that (a) Foley does not hold or represent an interest adverse to the Debtors' estates and (b) Foley is a "disinterested person" as defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code and as required by section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code; and the Court having found that the relief requested in the Application and in the Auker Declaration is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and the Court having found that the Debtors provided adequate and appropriate notice of the Application under the circumstances and that no other or further notice is required; and the Court having reviewed the Application and having heard statements in support of the Application at a hearing held before the Court (the "Hearing"); and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and any objections to the relief requested herein having been withdrawn or overruled on the merits; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application is GRANTED as set forth herein.

2. The Debtors are authorized to retain and employ Foley as their attorneys effective as of the Petition Date.

3. The compensation and reimbursement of expenses of Foley shall be sought upon, and paid only upon an order granting, an application pursuant to §§ 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any other procedures as may then be applicable, from time to time, and such procedures or guidelines as may be fixed by order of the Court or otherwise in force in the Chapter 11 Cases. Foley intends to make a reasonable effort to comply with the U.S. Trustee's requests for information and additional disclosures as set forth in the applicable U.S. Trustee Guidelines both in connection with the

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Application and the interim and final fee applications to be filed by Foley in these Chapter 11 Cases.

4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the relief granted in this Order and any payment to be made hereunder, including (but not limited to) Foley's compensation, shall be subject to the terms of the final order authorizing the Debtors' use of Cash Collateral and any subsequent order of this Court authorizing the Debtors to use cash collateral or funds from debtor-in-possession financing (including with respect to any budgets governing or relating to such use) (collectively, "<u>Cash Collateral Orders</u>" and each a "<u>Cash Collateral Order</u>"), and to the extent there is any inconsistency between the terms of this Order and a Cash Collateral Order, the terms of such Cash Collateral Order shall govern.

5. At least ten days before implementing any increase in the rates of Foley's professionals providing services in this case, Foley shall file and serve on the United States Trustee and any official committee a supplemental affidavit providing justification for any such rate increases and stating whether the Debtors have agreed to them. All parties in interest retain the right to object to any rate increase on any grounds.

6. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from the implementation of this Order.

7. To the extent the Application or the Green Declaration is inconsistent with this Order, the terms of this Order shall govern.

8. The terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

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DATED: August 3, 2022

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