

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re

Comsale Group Inc., *et al.*,¹

Debtors in a Foreign Proceeding.

Chapter 15

Case No. 19-13625 (JLG)

Jointly Administered

**ORDER RECOGNIZING FOREIGN MAIN PROCEEDING
AND GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon the *Verified Petition Under Chapter 15 for Recognition of a Foreign Main Proceeding and Related Relief* [Dkt. No. 2] (together with the Forms of Voluntary Petition [Dkt. No. 1], collectively, the “Petition”)² of Grant Thornton Limited, in its capacity as the court-appointed receiver and manager and not in its personal or corporate capacity (the “Receiver”) and authorized foreign representative (the “Foreign Representative”) of Comsale Group Inc., Comsale Computer Inc. and Comsale Inc. (collectively, the “Debtors”), each of which were placed in a receivership on November 5, 2019 by the order (the “Receivership Order”) of the Superior Court of Justice (Commercial List) in Ontario, Canada (the “Canadian Court”), Court File No. CV-19-630501-00CL (the “Canadian Proceeding”) for entry of an order:

- (a) finding that (i) each of the Debtors is eligible to be a “debtor” under chapter 15 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et seq.* (the “Bankruptcy Code”), (ii) the Canadian Proceeding is a foreign main proceeding within the meaning of section 1502 of the Bankruptcy Code, (iii) the

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 15 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s U.S. Federal Tax Identification Number or other unique identifier are: Comsale Group Inc. (7355) (Ontario Corporation Number); Comsale Computer Inc. (7508) (Ontario Corporation Number); and Comsale Inc. (0354) (FEIN). The Receiver and Foreign Representative is Grant Thornton Limited, located at 200 King St. W. 11th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5H 3T4.

² Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Verified Petition.

Foreign Representative satisfies the requirements of a “foreign representative” under section 101(24) of the Bankruptcy Code and (iv) the Petition was properly filed and meets the requirements of section 1515 of the Bankruptcy Code;

- (b) granting recognition of the Canadian Proceeding as a “foreign main proceeding” under sections 1517 and 1520 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (c) granting all relief afforded to foreign main proceedings under section 1520 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (d) recognizing, granting comity to, and giving full force and effect within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States to the order of the Canadian Court appointing the Foreign Representative (the “Receivership Order”), including any and all extensions or amendments thereof authorized by the Canadian Court;
- (e) granting additional relief under sections 1521 and 1507 of the Bankruptcy Code, including for purposes of applying section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code in these chapter 15 cases; and
- (f) granting related relief;

all as more fully described in the Petition; and upon the record of this case, the hearing held on November 15, 2019 to consider the relief requested in the *Motion of the Receiver as Authorized Foreign Representative for Entry of an Order Granting Provisional Relief Pursuant to Sections 105(a) and 1519 of the Bankruptcy Code* and the hearing held on December 11, 2019 (the “Hearing”) on the Petition and this Court’s review and consideration of the Petition and the Stelzer Declaration; and the Court having found and determined that the relief sought in the Petition is consistent with the purposes of chapter 15 of the Bankruptcy Code and is in the best interests of the Debtors and their creditors; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor; and for the reasons stated on the record at the Hearing,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT:³

A. This Court has jurisdiction to consider the Petition and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York dated as of January 31, 2012, Reference M-431, *In re Standing Order of Reference Re: Title 11, 12 Misc. 00032* (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 1, 2012) (Preska, C.J.).

B. The consideration of the Petition and the relief requested therein is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(P), and this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

C. Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1410(1) and (3).

D. Good, sufficient, appropriate, and timely notice of the filing of the Petition and the Hearing has been given by the Foreign Representative, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 1011(b) and 2002(q) and the *Order Scheduling Hearing on Chapter 15 Petition and Related Relief and Specifying Form and Manner of Service of Notice* [Dkt. No. 13] to: (i) the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York; (ii) the Debtors; (iii) Comsale Malaysia Sdn. Bhd.; (iv) Comsale Hong Kong Limited; (v) Neil Shaul and Wenqiang Feng, shareholders of Comsale Group Inc. and Comsale Computer Inc.; (vi) all persons or bodies authorized to administer foreign proceedings of the Debtors, including the Canadian Proceeding; (vii) all entities against whom provisional relief is being sought under section 1519 of the Bankruptcy Code; (viii) all known

³ The findings and conclusions set forth herein and on the record of the Hearing constitute this Court's findings of fact and conclusions of law pursuant to Rule 52 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as made applicable herein by Rules 7052 and 9014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"). To the extent any of the findings of fact herein constitute conclusions of law, they are adopted as such. To the extent any of the conclusions of law herein constitute findings of fact, they are adopted as such.

creditors and contract counterparties of the Debtors in the United States; (ix) all parties to litigation pending in the United States to which any of the Debtors is a party at the time of the filing of the Petition; and (x) all parties that have filed a notice of appearance in these chapter 15 cases. In light of the nature of the relief requested and prior orders of this Court, no other or further notice is required.

E. Each of the Debtors has property located in this District, and therefore, each of the Debtors is “eligible” to be a debtor in these chapter 15 cases pursuant to sections 109 and 1501 of the Bankruptcy Code.

F. The Canadian Proceeding is a “foreign proceeding” as such term is defined in section 101(23) of the Bankruptcy Code.

G. The Canadian Proceeding is pending in Canada, which is where the Debtors have their “center of main interests” as referred to in section 1517(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. As such, the Canadian Proceeding is a “foreign main proceeding” pursuant to section 1502(4) of the Bankruptcy Code, is entitled to recognition as a foreign main proceeding pursuant to section 1517(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code and is entitled to all relief afforded to foreign main proceedings under section 1520 of the Bankruptcy Code.

H. The Foreign Representative is a “person” as such term is defined in section 101(41) of the Bankruptcy Code and has been duly appointed and designated as the “foreign representative” of the Debtors as such term is defined in section 101(24) of the Bankruptcy Code.

I. These chapter 15 cases were properly commenced pursuant to sections 1504 and 1509 of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Petition satisfies the requirements of section 1515 of the Bankruptcy Code.

J. The Foreign Representative and each of the Debtors, as applicable, are entitled to the additional assistance and discretionary relief requested in the Petition under sections 1507 and 1521 of the Bankruptcy Code (including application of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code).

K. The Foreign Representative has demonstrated that application of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, as made applicable by sections 105(a), 1521(a)(7) and 1507 of the Bankruptcy Code, is necessary to enable the Foreign Representative or any of the Debtors to assume or reject a contract or compel a contract counterparty to perform under a contract. Absent application of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, there is a material risk that one or more of the Debtors' contract counterparties may terminate agreements or discontinue performance and any such termination or discontinuation could impose severe economic consequences on the Debtors' estates and interfere with liquidation efforts.

L. The relief granted herein is necessary and appropriate, in the interests of the public and of international comity, not inconsistent with the public policy of the United States, warranted pursuant to sections 105(a), 1504, 1507, 1509, 1515, 1517, 1520 and 1521 of the Bankruptcy Code and will not cause hardship to any party in interest. To the extent that any hardship or inconvenience may result to such parties, it is outweighed by the benefits of the requested relief to the Foreign Representative, the Debtors, their creditors and other parties in interest.

M. The relief granted herein is necessary to effectuate the purposes and objectives of chapter 15 of the Bankruptcy Code and to protect the Debtors and the interests of their creditors and all parties in interest.

N. In accordance with section 1507(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, the relief granted herein will reasonably assure: (i) the just treatment of all holders of claims against or interests in the Debtors' property; (ii) the protection of claim holders in the United States against prejudice and inconvenience in the processing of claims in the Canadian Proceeding; (iii) the prevention of preferential or fraudulent dispositions of property of the Debtors; and (iv) the distribution of proceeds of the Debtors' property substantially in accordance with the order prescribed in the Bankruptcy Code.

O. All creditors and other parties in interest, including the Debtors, are sufficiently protected in the grant of the relief ordered hereby in compliance with section 1522(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT AND AFTER DUE DELIBERATION AND SUFFICIENT CAUSE APPEARING THEREFOR, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Petition and the relief requested therein are granted.
2. The Canadian Proceeding is recognized as a "foreign main proceeding" under sections 1517(a) and 1517(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.
3. The Receivership Order, including any extensions or amendments thereto authorized by the Canadian Court, is hereby enforced on a final basis and given full force and effect in the United States (except as otherwise expressly provided herein).
4. The Foreign Representative is recognized as the "foreign representative" as defined in section 101(24) of the Bankruptcy Code in respect of the Canadian Proceeding.
5. All relief and protection afforded to a foreign main proceeding under section 1520 of the Bankruptcy Code is hereby granted to the Canadian Proceeding, the Foreign Representative, the Debtors and their assets located in the United States.

6. Sections 362 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code shall hereby apply with respect to the Debtors and the property of the Debtors that is located within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States. All entities (as that term is defined in section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code) other than the Foreign Representative and its authorized representatives and agents are hereby permanently enjoined from:

- a. executing against any asset of any Debtor;
- b. commencing or continuing, including issuing or employing process, of a judicial, quasi-judicial, administrative, regulatory, arbitral, or other action or proceeding, or to recover a claim, including, without limitation, any and all unpaid judgments, settlements or otherwise against any Debtor, its property, or any direct or indirect transferee of or successor to any property of any Debtor, or any property of such transferee or successor, or the seeking of any discovery related to any of the foregoing, which in each case is in any way inconsistent with, relates to, or would interfere with, the administration of the Debtors' estates in the Canadian Proceeding or Canadian law;
- c. taking or continuing any act to create, perfect or enforce a lien or other security interest, setoff or other claim against any Debtor or any of its property or proceeds thereof, which in each case is in any way inconsistent with, relates to, or would interfere with, the administration of the Debtors' estates in the Canadian Proceeding or Canadian law;
- d. transferring, relinquishing or disposing of any property of any Debtor to any entity other than the Foreign Representative and its authorized representatives and agents or taking or continuing any act to obtain possession of, commingle, or exercise control over, such property, which in each case is in any way inconsistent with, relates to, or would interfere with, the administration of the Debtors' estates in the Canadian Proceeding or Canadian law;
- e. commencing or continuing in any manner, directly or indirectly, an individual action or proceeding concerning any Debtor's assets, rights, obligations or liabilities, or to resolve any dispute arising out of the Canadian Proceeding or Canadian law relating to the Canadian Proceeding, in each case, to the extent they have not been stayed pursuant to sections 1520(a) and 362 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- f. declaring or considering the filing of the Canadian Proceeding, the Receivership Order or any of these chapter 15 cases a default or event of default under any agreement, contract or arrangement; and

- g. terminating, modifying, refusing to perform, or otherwise accelerating obligations or exercising remedies under any contract with any of the Debtors on the basis of (i) the insolvency or financial condition of the Debtors at any time before the closing of these cases; (ii) the commencement of the Canadian Proceeding, the entry of the Receivership Order or the commencement of these chapter 15 cases; or (iii) the appointment of, and taking possession by, the Foreign Representative of any asset or contract of any Debtor;

provided, in each case, that such injunctions shall be effective solely within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

7. Sections 1521(a)(1)-(3) and (5)-(7) of the Bankruptcy Code shall apply with respect to the Debtors and the property of the Debtors that is located within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States.

8. Pursuant to section 1520(a)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Foreign Representative is entitled to operate the Debtors' businesses and administer their assets, including without limitation, all bank accounts and accounts receivable. All banks at which the Debtors maintain bank accounts are authorized to: (i) honor the Foreign Representative's instructions with respect to accessing any such accounts; and (ii) accept, hold, or permit withdrawal, transfer, or other disposition of funds in accordance with the Foreign Representative's instructions.

9. Subject to sections 1520 and 1521 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Canadian Proceeding and the Receivership Order, and the transactions consummated or to be consummated thereunder, shall be granted comity and given full force and effect in the United States to the same extent that they are given effect in Canada, and each is binding on all creditors of the Debtors and their successors and assigns.

10. Under section 1521(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code, all prior relief granted to the Debtors or the Foreign Representative by this Court under section 1519(a) of the Bankruptcy Code shall be extended and the *Order Granting Motion of the Foreign Representative for Provisional*

Relief Pursuant to Sections 105(a) and 1519 of the Bankruptcy Code [Dkt. No. 12] shall remain in full force and effect, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained therein.

11. No action taken by the Foreign Representative, any Debtor or their respective agents, representatives, advisors, or counsel, in preparing, disseminating, applying for, implementing or otherwise acting in furtherance of the Canadian Proceeding, the documents contemplated thereunder, this Order, the chapter 15 cases, any further order for additional relief in the chapter 15 cases, or any adversary proceedings in connection therewith, will be deemed to constitute a waiver of the immunity afforded such persons under sections 306 or 1510 of the Bankruptcy Code.

12. No party shall incur any liability for following the terms of this Order (whether by acting or refraining from acting), except in the case of the party's own gross negligence or willful misconduct.

13. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, this Order shall not be construed as (i) enjoining the police or regulatory act of a governmental unit, including a criminal action or proceeding, to the extent not stayed under section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code or (ii) staying the exercise of any rights that section 362(o) of the Bankruptcy Code does not allow to be stayed.

14. The Foreign Representative, the Debtor, and their respective agents are authorized to serve or provide any notices required under the Bankruptcy Rules or local rules of this Court.

15. Notwithstanding any provision in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules to the contrary, (i) this Order shall be effective immediately and enforceable upon its entry, (ii) the Foreign Representative is not subject to any stay in the implementation, enforcement, or

realization of the relief granted in this Order and (iii) this Order shall constitute a final order within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 158(a).

16. The Foreign Representative and its agents are authorized and empowered to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted under this Order in accordance with the Petition.

17. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to the implementation, enforcement, amendment or modification of this Order.

Dated: December 13, 2019
New York, New York

/s/ *James L. Garrity, Jr.*

THE HONORABLE JAMES L. GARRITY, JR.
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE