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HF Stores Realisations Limited (formerly House of Fraser (Stores) Limited) (in Administration) ("the Company")

On 10 August 2018, the Company entered administration and AM Hudson, R H Kelly, CP Dempster and CA Lewis were appointed as Joint Administrators by order of the Court of Session.

As creditors will recall, the administration of the Company was extended first by consent of the secured and preferential creditors of the Company to 10 August 2020. Thereafter, the court ordered four further extensions to the administration to 10 August 2021; 10 February 2023; 10 February 2024; and 10 February 2025 respectively.

In the meantime, RH Kelly resigned as a Joint Administrator on 29 June 2022 and CP Dempster resigned as a Joint Administrator on 24 November 2023. The Joint Administrators did not seek a further extension of the administration of the Company beyond 10 February 2025. Accordingly, the administration came to an end on 10 February 2025 and the appointment of the remaining Joint Administrators came to an end at that time.

In terms of paragraph 98 of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986, where a person ceases to be the administrator of a company, he is discharged from liability in respect of any action of his as administrator, with effect (in the circumstances of the Company) from a time specified by the court.

AM Hudson and CA Lewis (as former Joint Administrators of the Company) now intend to apply to the Court of Session under paragraph 98 of Schedule B1 of the Insolvency Act 1986 for an order giving effect to the discharge of each of the Joint Administrators from liability in respect of any action by any of them as administrators. It is intended that the application will ask the court to specify that the discharge will take retrospective effect from the date the administration came to an end, being 10 February 2025.

Should any creditors have an objection to this application, they should provide details of their objection to AM Hudson and CA Lewis by writing to hofadministrationsuk.ey.com or to AM Hudson and CA Lewis at Ernst & Young, 1 More London Place, London, SE1 2AF, by no later than Wednesday 2 July 2025.