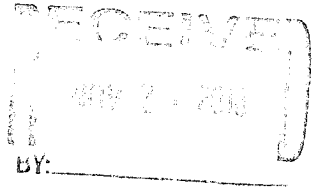


**IN THE ILLINOIS INDEPENDENT TAX TRIBUNAL**

SEARS ROEBUCK & CO.	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
	)	
v.	)	No. 18 TT 84
	)	
CONSTANCE BEARD, in her official capacity as	)	
DIRECTOR OF THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT	)	
OF REVENUE, and the ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT	)	
OF REVENUE,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	



**NOTICE OF BANKRUPTCY FILING AND IMPOSITION OF AUTOMATIC STAY**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 15, 2018, (the “**Commencement Date**”), Sears Holdings Corporation and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the attached-referenced chapter 11 cases (collectively, the “**Debtors**”) each commenced a voluntary case (the “**Chapter 11 Cases**”) under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (11 U.S.C. § 101 *et seq.*) (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “**Bankruptcy Court**”). The Chapter 11 Cases are being jointly administered under Case No. 18-23538 (RDD) (the “**Bankruptcy Cases**”). A copy of the applicable chapter 11 petitions is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that pursuant to section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code (the “**Automatic Stay**”), the filing of a bankruptcy petition “operates as a stay, applicable to all entities,” of, among other things “the commencement or continuation, including the issuance or employment of process, of a judicial, administrative, or other action or proceeding against the debtor that was or could have been commenced before the commencement of the case under [the Bankruptcy Code], or to recover a claim against the debtor that arose before the commencement of the [bankruptcy] case” and “any act to obtain possession of property of the estate or of

property from the estate or to exercise control over property of the estate.” 11 U.S.C. § 362(a)(1), (3). Accordingly, the above-captioned matter has been automatically stayed pursuant to section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

PLEASE BE FURTHER ADVISED that any action taken against the Debtors without obtaining, from the Bankruptcy Court, relief from the Automatic Stay is void *ab initio* and may result in a finding of contempt for violation of the Automatic Stay. The Debtors reserve and retain their statutory right to seek relief in the Bankruptcy Court from any action by Plaintiff(s) or any judgment, order, or ruling entered in violation of the Automatic Stay.

In the event the Tax Tribunal or any parties have questions regarding the Chapter 11 Cases, please contact counsel for the Debtors:

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Dated: November 21, 2018

Respectfully submitted,  
**SEARS ROEBUCK AND CO.**  
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# **EXHIBIT A**

Fill in this information to identify the case

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

Southern District of New York  
(State)

Case number (if known): Chapter 11

Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 201

Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write the debtor's name and the case number (if known). For more information, a separate document, Instructions for Bankruptcy Forms for Non-Individuals, is available.

1. Debtor's name Sears Brands, L.L.C.

2. All other names debtor used in the last 8 years See Schedule 1

Include any assumed names, trade names, and doing business as names

3. Debtor's federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) 42-1564664

4. Debtor's address Principal place of business Mailing address, if different from principal place of business

3333 Beverly Road  
Number Street

Number Street

P.O. Box

Hoffman Estates Illinois 60179  
City State ZIP Code

City State ZIP Code

Location of principal assets, if different from principal place of business

Cook County  
County

Number Street

City State ZIP Code

5. Debtor's website (URL) www.searsholdings.com

6. Type of debtor [X] Corporation (including Limited Liability Company (LLC) and Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)) [ ] Partnership (excluding LLP) [ ] Other. Specify:

7. Describe debtor's business

A. Check one:

- Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
- Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
- Railroad (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(44))
- Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
- Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
- Clearing Bank (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 781(3))
- None of the above Retail

B. Check all that apply:

- Tax- entity (as described in 26 U.S.C. § 501)
- Investment company, including hedge fund or pooled investment vehicle (as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 80a-3)
- Investment advisor (as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 80b-2(a)(11))

C. NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) 4-digit code that best describes debtor. See <http://www.uscourts.gov/four-digit-national-association-naics-codes>.

SIC Code 5311 (NAICS Code 4521)

8. Under which chapter of the Bankruptcy Code is the debtor filing?

Check one:

- Chapter 7
- Chapter 9
- Chapter 11. Check all that apply:
  - Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2,566,050 (amount subject to adjustment on 4/01/19 and every 3 years after that).
  - The debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). If the debtor is a small business debtor, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if all of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).
  - A plan is being filed with this petition.
  - Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).
  - The debtor is required to file periodic reports (for example, 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission according to § 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. File the Attachment to Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy under Chapter 11 (Official Form 201A) with this form.
  - The debtor is a shell company as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 12b-2.
- Chapter 12

9. Were prior bankruptcy cases filed by or against the debtor within the last 8 years?

If more than 2 cases, attach a separate list.

- No
- Yes
 

District	_____	When	_____	Case number	_____
			MM/ DD/ YYYY		
District	_____	When	_____	Case number	_____
			MM / DD/ YYYY		

10. Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a business partner or an affiliate of the debtor?

List all cases. If more than 1, attach a separate list.

- No
- Yes
 

Debtor	See Schedule 2	Relationship	See Schedule 2
District	See Schedule 2	When	See Schedule 2
Case number, if known	_____		MM / DD/ YYYY

**11. Why is the case filed in this district?**

Check all that apply:

- Debtor has had its domicile, principal place of business, or principal assets in this district for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other district.
- A bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership is pending in this district.

**12. Does the debtor own or have possession of any real property or personal property that needs immediate attention?**

No

Yes. Answer below for each property that needs immediate attention. Attach additional sheets if needed.

**Why does the property need immediate attention?** (Check all that apply.)

- It poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety.

What is the hazard? \_\_\_\_\_

- It needs to be physically secured or protected from the weather.

- It includes perishable goods or assets that could quickly deteriorate or lose value without attention (for example, livestock, seasonal goods, meat, dairy, produce, or securities-related assets or other options).

- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Where is the property?**

Number	Street
City	State
	ZIP Code

**Is the property insured?**

- No
- Yes. Insurance agency \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Statistical and administrative information**

**13. Debtor's estimation of available funds**

Check one:

- Funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.
- After any administrative expenses are paid, no funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.

**14. Estimated number of creditors (on a consolidated basis)**

- |                                  |  |   |
|----------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-49    | <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000   | <input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99   | <input type="checkbox"/> 5,001-10,000  | <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 | <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999 |  |   |

**15. Estimated assets (on a consolidated basis)**

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$50,000          | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001-\$10 million    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001-\$1 billion               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001-\$100,000    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001-\$50 million   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001-\$10 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001-\$500,000   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001-\$100 million  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001-\$50 billion           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001-\$1 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001-\$500 million | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion                  |

**16. Estimated liabilities (on a consolidated basis)**

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$50,000          | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001-\$10 million    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001-\$1 billion                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001-\$100,000    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001-\$50 million   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001-\$10 billion             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001-\$500,000   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001-\$100 million  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001-\$50 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001-\$1 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001-\$500 million | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion                   |

**Request for Relief, Declaration, and Signatures**

**WARNING** – Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

**17. Declaration and signature of authorized representative of debtor**

- The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.
  - I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.
  - I have examined the information in this petition and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.
- I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on October 15, 2018  
MM / DD / YYYY

**x** /s/ Robert A. Riecker Robert A. Riecker  
Signature of authorized representative of debtor Printed name

Vice President  
Title

**18. Signature of attorney**

**x** /s/ Jacqueline Marcus October 15, 2018  
Signature of attorney for debtor Date MM / DD / YYYY

Jacqueline Marcus  
Printed Name

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP  
Firm Name

767 Fifth Avenue  
Number Street

New York New York 10153  
City State ZIP Code

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Contact phone Email address

1867746 New York  
Bar Number State



## Schedule 1

**All Other Names Used by the Debtor or its Affiliates in the Last 8 Years**

A&E Factory Service	Kmart Pharmacies of Minnesota, Inc.
Accents for Less	Kmart Pharmacies, Inc.
American Siding & Deck, Inc.	Kmart Properties, Inc.
American Windows & Sash, Inc.	Kmart Stores of Indiana, Inc.
Appliance Liquidators	Kmart Stores of TNCP, Inc.
Austin Technology Center	KMI, Inc.
Bath and Kitchen Elegance	Koolvent Aluminum Products, Inc.
Bath and Kitchen Elegance of the Desert	Kresge - Kmart Limited
Big Beaver of Caguas Development Corporation	Little Caesars
Big Beaver of Caguas Development Corporation II	Max Acquisition Delaware Inc.
Big Kmart	McKids
Big Kmart (#3680)	McKids The Store
Central Wholesale Appliance Supply, Inc.	McPhail's Appliances
Chantell Marketing	MetaScale Technologies India Private Limited
Circle of Beauty Inc.	Monark
Delver	Monark Holdings Inc.
Delver.com	Monark of California
Designer Depot	Monark Premium Appliance Co.
Eblon Technologies India Private Limited	Monark Premium Appliance Co. of Arizona
Evoke Productions	Monark Premium Appliance Co. of California
FitStudio by Sears	MXSV, Inc.
Florida Builder Appliances, Inc.	NTB - National Tire and Battery
Garment Rack	NTB-National Tire & Battery
HDC Holding Company of Delaware, Inc.	PMB, Inc.
HO. Tampa Development Co.	Prairie Buck I, Inc.
HO. Tysons Office Investment Co.	Prairie Buck II, Inc.
ILJ, Inc.	Private Brands, Ltd.
JAF, Inc.	Relay LLC
KC Kelley Group	San Diego Appliance Sales
Kenmore Direct	Sears
Kids Stockroom	Sears #1284
Kmart	Sears Acquisition Corp.
Kmart Acquisition Corp.	Sears Auto Center
Kmart Apparel Corp.	Sears Auto Center #6582
Kmart Apparel Fashions Corp.	Sears Auto Centers
Kmart Apparel Leasing Corp.	Sears Carpet and Upholstery Care, Inc.
Kmart Apparel Service of Atlanta Corp.	Sears Essentials
Kmart Apparel Service of Des Plaines Corp.	Sears Grand
Kmart Apparel Service of Sunnyvale Corp.	Sears Grand #1673
Kmart Corporation	Sears Holdings Management Corporation
Kmart Enterprises, Inc.	Sears Home Appliance Showrooms
Kmart Far East Limited	Sears Home Improvement Products (South), Inc.
Kmart Financing I	Sears Home Services
Kmart Global Sourcing Ltd.	Sears Home&Life
Kmart Holding Company	Sears Lessee Operations, LLC
Kmart Holdings, Inc.	Sears Logistics Services
Kmart Lessee Operations, LLC	Sears Logistics Services, Inc.
Kmart Management Corporation	Sears Merchandise Group
Kmart Michigan Property Services, L.L.C.	Sears Merchandise Group, Inc.
Kmart of Amsterdam, NY Distribution Center, Inc.	Sears New York Insurance Agency
Kmart of Pennsylvania LP	Sears Oklahoma Insurance Agency

Schedule 1

**All Other Names Used By the Debtor or its Affiliates in the Last 8 Years**

Sears Protection Company Inc.
Sears Protection Company, Inc.
Sears Technology Services LLC
Sears, Roebuck de Mexico, S.A. de C.V.
Sears, Wishbook, Inc.
ServiceLive Direct
SHMC, Inc.
Shop Your Way Local, LLC
shopyourway.com
Sourcing and Technical Services, Inc.
SRC O.P. LLC
SRC Real Estate (TX), LLC
Standards of Excellence
Standards of Excellence Outlet Store
Super K
Super Kmart
SUPER KMART CENTER
Super Kmart Center
Texas Bluelight.com Inc.

The Annex Restaurant
The Great Indoors
Tire Property Holding, Inc.
Tri-Valley Crossings
Troy CMBS Property, L.L.C.
Westar Kitchen & Bath LLC
Westar Kitchen and Bath
Westar Kitchen and Bath, LLC
Western Bluelight.com LLC
WestStar Kitchen and Bath
WestStar Kitchen and Bath LLC
Continental Carpet Cleaning, Inc.
Sears Carpet and Upholstery Care, Inc.
Print Procurement Company, LLC
Print Production Company, LLC
Relay LLC
Shop Your Way Local, LLC
Sears New York Insurance Agency
Sears Oklahoma Insurance Agency

**Schedule 2**

**Pending Bankruptcy Cases Filed by the Debtor and Affiliates of the Debtor**

On the date hereof, each of the affiliated entities listed below, including the debtor in this chapter 11 case, filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the “Court”). A motion will be filed with the Court requesting that the chapter 11 cases of the entities listed below be consolidated for procedural purposes only and jointly administered, pursuant to Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, under the case number assigned to the chapter 11 case of Sears Holdings Corporation.

COMPANY	CASE NUMBER	DATE FILED	DISTRICT	JUDGE
Sears, Roebuck and Co.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Holdings Corporation	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Kmart Holding Corporation	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Kmart Operations LLC	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Operations LLC	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
ServiceLive, Inc.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
A&E Factory Service, LLC	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
A&E Home Delivery, LLC	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
A&E Lawn & Garden, LLC	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
A&E Signature Service, LLC	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
FBA Holdings Inc.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Innovel Solutions, Inc.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Kmart Corporation	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
MaxServ, Inc.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Private Brands, Ltd.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Development Co.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Holdings Management Corporation	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Home & Business Franchises, Inc.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Home Improvement Products, Inc.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Insurance Services, L.L.C.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Procurement Services, Inc.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Protection Company	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Protection Company (PR) Inc.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears, Roebuck de Puerto Rico, Inc.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending

**Pending Bankruptcy Cases Filed by the Debtor and Affiliates of the Debtor**

COMPANY	CASE NUMBER	DATE FILED	DISTRICT	JUDGE
SYW Relay LLC	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Wally Labs LLC	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Big Beaver of Florida Development, LLC	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
California Builder Appliances, Inc.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Florida Builder Appliances, Inc.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
KBL Holding Inc.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
KLC, Inc.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Kmart of Michigan, Inc.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Kmart of Washington LLC	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Kmart Stores of Illinois LLC	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Kmart Stores of Texas LLC	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
MyGofer LLC	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Brands Business Unit Corporation	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Holdings Publishing Company, LLC	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Protection Company (Florida), L.L.C.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
SHC Desert Springs, LLC	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
SOE, Inc.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
StarWest, LLC	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
STI Merchandising, Inc.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Troy Coolidge No. 13, LLC	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
BlueLight.com, Inc.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Brands, L.L.C.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Buying Services, Inc.	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Kmart.com LLC	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Brands Management Corporation	18-____( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending

**ACTION BY  
WRITTEN CONSENT OF  
THE GOVERNING BODIES  
OF**

**KMART HOLDING CORPORATION  
KMART OPERATIONS LLC  
SEARS OPERATIONS LLC  
SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.  
SERVICELIVE, INC.  
A&E FACTORY SERVICE, LLC  
A&E HOME DELIVERY, LLC  
A&E LAWN & GARDEN, LLC  
A&E SIGNATURE SERVICE, LLC  
FBA HOLDINGS INC.  
INNOVEL SOLUTIONS, INC.  
KMART CORPORATION  
MAXSERV, INC.  
PRIVATE BRANDS, LTD.  
SEARS DEVELOPMENT CO.  
SEARS HOLDINGS MANAGEMENT CORPORATION  
SEARS HOME & BUSINESS FRANCHISES, INC.  
SEARS HOME IMPROVEMENT PRODUCTS, INC.  
SEARS INSURANCE SERVICES, L.L.C.  
SEARS PROCUREMENT SERVICES, INC.  
SEARS PROTECTION COMPANY  
SEARS PROTECTION COMPANY (PR), INC.  
SEARS ROEBUCK ACCEPTANCE CORP.  
SEARS, ROEBUCK DE PUERTO RICO, INC.  
SYW RELAY LLC  
WALLY LABS LLC  
BIG BEAVER OF FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT, LLC  
CALIFORNIA BUILDER APPLIANCES, INC.  
FLORIDA BUILDER APPLIANCES, INC.  
KBL HOLDING INC.  
KLC, INC.  
KMART OF MICHIGAN, INC.  
KMART OF WASHINGTON LLC  
KMART STORES OF ILLINOIS LLC  
KMART STORES OF TEXAS LLC  
MYGOFER LLC  
SEARS BRANDS BUSINESS UNIT CORPORATION  
SEARS HOLDINGS PUBLISHING COMPANY, LLC  
SEARS PROTECTION COMPANY (FLORIDA), L.L.C.  
SHC DESERT SPRINGS, LLC  
SOE, INC.  
STARWEST, LLC  
STI MERCHANDISING, INC.  
TROY COOLIDGE NO. 13, LLC  
BLUELIGHT.COM, INC.  
SEARS BRANDS, L.L.C.**

**SEARS BUYING SERVICES, INC.  
KMART.COM LLC  
SEARS BRANDS MANAGEMENT CORPORATION**

October 14, 2018

The required members of the board of directors, the required managers, the sole member, the sole manager, or the sole director, as the case may be (as applicable, the “Governing Body”), of each of the entities referenced above (each, a “Company” and collectively, the “Companies”), do hereby consent to, adopt, and approve, by written consent in accordance with, as applicable, Section 141(f) of the Delaware General Corporation Law, Section 18-302(d) of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, Section 708(b) of the New York Business Corporation Law, Section 525 of the Michigan Business Corporation Act, Section 608.4231 of the Florida Limited Liability Company Act, Section 15-1(d) of the Illinois Limited Liability Company Act, the Washington Limited Liability Company Act, Section 6.201 of the Texas Business Organizations Code, Section 1727(b) of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law, and Section 8.45 of the Illinois Business Corporation Act of 1983 the following resolutions and each and every action effected thereby.

This consent may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of each Company has reviewed and had the opportunity to ask questions about the materials presented by the management and the legal and financial advisors of such Company regarding the liabilities and liquidity of such Company, the strategic alternatives available to it and the impact of the foregoing on such Company’s businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of each Company has had the opportunity to consult with the management and the legal and financial advisors of such Company to fully consider each of the strategic alternatives available to such Company;

WHEREAS, the board of directors (the “Holdings Board”) of Sears Holdings Corporation (“Holdings”) has determined that it is desirable and in the best interests of Holdings, its creditors, and other parties in interest, for Holdings to file a petition seeking relief under the provisions of chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) and to enter into, obtain loans and consummate the transactions under the DIP ABL Financing Documents, as a Borrower (in each case as defined below); and

WHEREAS, the Restructuring Committee of the Holdings Board has determined that it is desirable and in the best interests of Holdings, its creditors, and other parties in interest, to enter into, obtain loans and consummate the transactions under the Junior DIP Financing Documents, as a Borrower (in each case as defined below); and

WHEREAS, each Governing Body desires to approve the following resolutions.

**Commencement of Chapter 11 Case**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body has determined, after consultation with the management and the legal and financial advisors of such Company, that it is desirable and in the best interests of such Company, its creditors, and other parties in interest that a petition be filed by such Company seeking relief under the Bankruptcy Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any officer of any of such Company or the sole manager of such Company, as applicable (each, an "Authorized Person"), in each case, acting singly or jointly, be, and each hereby is, authorized, empowered, and directed, with full power of delegation, to negotiate, execute, deliver, file and perform, in the name and on behalf of such Company, and under its corporate seal or otherwise, all petitions, schedules, motions, lists, applications, pleadings, orders and other documents (the "Chapter 11 Filings") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court") (with such changes therein and additions thereto as any such Authorized Person may deem necessary, appropriate or advisable, the execution and delivery of any of the Chapter 11 Filings by any such Authorized Person with any changes thereto to be conclusive evidence that any such Authorized Person deemed such changes to meet such standard); and be it further

RESOLVED, that each Authorized Person, in each case, acting singly or jointly, be, and each hereby is, authorized, empowered, and directed, with full power of delegation, in the name and on behalf of the applicable Company, to take and perform any and all further acts and deeds that such Authorized Person deems necessary, appropriate, or desirable in connection with such Company's chapter 11 case (each, a "Chapter 11 Case") or the Chapter 11 Filings, including, without limitation, (i) the payment of fees, expenses and taxes such Authorized Person deems necessary, appropriate, or desirable, and (ii) negotiating, executing, delivering, performing and filing any and all additional documents, schedules, statements, lists, papers, agreements, certificates and/or instruments (or any amendments or modifications thereto) in connection with, or in furtherance of, such Company's Chapter 11 Case with a view to the successful prosecution of such Chapter 11 Case (such acts to be conclusive evidence that such Authorized Person deemed the same to meet such standard); and be it further

#### **Debtor-in-Possession Financing**

RESOLVED, that in connection with the Chapter 11 Case, it is in the best interest of (i) in the case of each of Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. ("SRAC") and Kmart Corporation ("Kmart") to enter into and obtain loans and (ii) in the case of the Guarantors (as defined in the DIP ABL Term Sheet (as defined below)) to guarantee such loans, and consummate the transactions under that certain senior secured superpriority priming debtor-in-possession asset-based credit facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$1.875 billion (the "DIP ABL Loan"), representing an increase of \$300 million from the existing facility, on terms set forth on the term sheet attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "DIP ABL Term Sheet"). The DIP ABL Loan, will be evidenced by such Term Sheet, and upon entry of the final order approving, among other things, such Company's entry into the DIP ABL Loan, a senior secured superpriority priming debtor-in-possession asset-based credit agreement, in each case to be entered into by and among, Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. ("SRAC") and Kmart Corporation ("Kmart", together with SRAC, the "DIP ABL Borrowers"), and Holdings and the other Loan Parties (as defined in the DIP ABL Term Sheet (other than the DIP ABL Borrowers) as guarantors (the "Guarantors"), the lenders from time to time party thereto (the "DIP ABL Lenders"), and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent for the DIP ABL Lenders (in such capacity and together with its successors, the "DIP ABL Agent") (together with the Exhibits and Schedules annexed thereto, the "DIP ABL Loan Credit Agreement" and together with the DIP Loan Documents (as defined in the Dip ABL Loan Term Sheet), the "DIP ABL Financing Documents"), in each case subject to approval of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York which is necessary and appropriate to the conduct of the business of such Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the form, terms and provisions of (i) the DIP ABL Term Sheet, including the use of proceeds to provide liquidity for such Company throughout the Chapter 11 Case, substantially consistent with the DIP ABL Term Sheet, which has been presented to the Board and (ii) any and all of the other documents, agreements (including the DIP ABL Credit Agreement and the other DIP Loan Documents), including, without limitation, any guarantee and security agreement, letters,

notices, certificates, documents and instruments authorized, executed, delivered, reaffirmed, verified and/or filed in connection with the DIP ABL Loan and the performance of obligations thereunder, including the borrowings, guarantees, granting of security and pledging of collateral contemplated thereunder, are hereby, in all respects confirmed, ratified and approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any Authorized Person is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, in the name and on behalf of such Company, to cause such Company to negotiate and approve the terms, provisions of and performance of, and to prepare, execute and deliver the DIP ABL Term Sheet and DIP ABL Credit Agreement, in the name and on behalf of such Company under its corporate seal or otherwise, and such other documents, agreements, instruments and certificates as may be required by the DIP ABL Agent or required by the DIP ABL Term Sheet, including the DIP ABL Credit Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such Company be, and hereby is, authorized to incur the obligations and to undertake any and all related transactions contemplated under the DIP ABL Financing Documents including the borrowing and reborrowing of loans, guaranteeing of obligations of the Borrowers, granting of security thereunder and the pledging of collateral; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any Authorized Person is hereby authorized to grant security interests in, and liens on, any and all property of such Company as collateral pursuant to the DIP ABL Financing Documents to secure all of the obligations and liabilities of such Company thereunder to the respective lenders and agents under the DIP ABL Financing Documents, and to authorize, execute, verify, file and/or deliver to the DIP ABL Agent, on behalf of such Company, all agreements, documents and instruments required by the respective lenders and agents under the DIP ABL Financing Documents in connection with the foregoing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any Authorized Person, in connection with the DIP Financing, be authorized, empowered, and directed to negotiate and obtain the use of cash collateral or other similar arrangements, including, without limitation, to enter into any guarantees and to pledge and grant liens on and security interests in any and all property of such Company as may be contemplated by or required under the terms of any cash collateral agreements or other similar arrangements entered into in connection with the DIP Financing, in such amounts as is reasonably necessary for the continuing conduct of the affairs of such Company in the Chapter 11 Case and any of such Company's affiliates who may also, concurrently with such Company's petition, file for relief under the Bankruptcy Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any Authorized Person is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, in the name and on behalf of such Company, to take all such further actions including, without limitation, to pay all fees and expenses, in accordance with the terms of the DIP ABL Financing Documents, which shall, in such Authorized Person's sole judgment, be necessary, proper or advisable to perform such Company's obligations under or in connection with the DIP ABL Term Sheet, DIP ABL Credit Agreement or any of the other DIP ABL Financing Documents and the transactions contemplated therein and to carry out fully the intent of the foregoing resolutions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any Authorized Person is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, in the name and on behalf of such Company, to execute and deliver any amendments, supplements, modifications, renewals, replacements, consolidations, substitutions and extensions of the DIP ABL Term Sheet, the DIP ABL Credit Agreement and/or any of the DIP ABL Financing Documents, in each case consistent with the DIP ABL Financing Documents, which shall, in such Authorized Person's sole judgment, be necessary, proper or advisable; and be it further



**Retention of Advisors**

RESOLVED, that the law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, located at 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153, is hereby retained as attorneys for such Company in the Chapter 11 Case, subject to Bankruptcy Court approval; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the firm of M-III Advisory Partners, LP, located at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112, is hereby retained as financial advisor for such Company in the Chapter 11 Case, subject to Bankruptcy Court approval; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the firm of Lazard Freres & Company, located at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112, is hereby retained as investment banker for such Company in the Chapter 11 Case, subject to Bankruptcy Court approval; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the firm of DLA Piper LLP, located at 500 Eighth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004, is hereby retained to provide such Company with additional real estate and advisory services in the Chapter 11 Case, subject to Bankruptcy Court approval; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the firm of Prime Clerk, located at 830 Third Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10022, is hereby retained as claims, noticing and solicitation agent for such Company in the Chapter 11 Case, subject to Bankruptcy Court approval; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, with respect to each Company, each Authorized Person, in each case, acting singly or jointly, be, and each hereby is, authorized, empowered, and directed, with full power of delegation, in the name and on behalf of such Company, to negotiate, execute, deliver, file and perform any agreement, document or certificate and to take and perform any and all further acts and deeds (including, without limitation, (i) the payment of any consideration and (ii) the payment of fees, expenses and taxes) that such Authorized Person deems necessary, proper, or desirable in connection with such Company's Chapter 11 Case, including, without limitation, negotiating, executing, delivering and performing any and all documents, agreements, certificates and/or instruments (or any amendments or modifications thereto) in connection with the engagement of professionals contemplated by these resolutions, with a view to the successful prosecution of the Chapter 11 Case; and be it further

**Ratification**

RESOLVED, that any and all past actions heretofore taken by any Authorized Officer, any director, or any member of each Company in the name and on behalf of the applicable Company in furtherance of any or all of the preceding resolutions be, and the same hereby are, ratified, confirmed, and approved in all respects.

RESOLVED, that, with respect to each Company, each Authorized Person, any one of whom may act without the joinder of any of the others, hereby is authorized in the name and on behalf of such Company, to take all such further actions, including, but not limited to, (i) the negotiation of such additional agreements, amendments, modifications, supplements, reports, documents, instruments, applications, notes or certificates not now known but which may be required, (ii) the execution, delivery and filing (if applicable) of any of the foregoing and (iii) the payment of all fees, consent payments, taxes and other expenses as any such Authorized Person, in his or her sole discretion, may approve or deem necessary, appropriate or desirable in order to carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and the transactions contemplated thereby, all of such actions, executions, deliveries, filings and payments to be conclusive evidence of such approval or that such Authorized Person deemed the same to be so necessary, appropriate or desirable; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any and all past actions heretofore taken by any Authorized Person, any director, or any member of any Company in the name and on behalf of such Company in furtherance of any or all of the preceding resolutions be, and the same hereby are, ratified, confirmed, and approved in all respects.

*[Signature Page Follows]*

Fill in this information to identify the case:

Debtor name: Sears Brands, L.L.C.  
 United States Bankruptcy Court for the: Southern District of New York  
(State)  
 Case number (If known): \_\_\_\_\_

Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 204

**Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: Consolidated List of Creditors Who Have the 20 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders**

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A list of creditors holding the 20 largest unsecured claims must be filed in a Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 case. Include claims which the debtor disputes. Do not include claims by any person or entity who is an insider, as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(31). Also, do not include claims by secured creditors, unless the unsecured claim resulting from inadequate collateral value places the creditor among the holders of the 20 largest unsecured claims.

Name of creditor and complete mailing address, including zip code	Name, telephone number, and email address of creditor contact	Nature of the claim (for example, trade debts, bank loans, professional services, and government contracts)	Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, or disputed	Amount of unsecured claim		
				Total claim, if partially secured	Deduction for value of collateral or setoff	Unsecured claim
1 The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Attn.: Office of the Chief Counsel 1200 K Street, N.W., Suite 300 Washington District of Columbia 20005	Attn.: Office of the Chief Counsel Phone: 202-326-4110 Facsimile: 202-326-4114 Email:	Pension Benefits				Unknown
2 SRAC Medium Term Notes c/o BNY Midwest Trust Company Attn.: President or General Counsel 101 Barclay St., Floor 8W, New York, New York 10286	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 312-294-5200 Facsimile: Email:	Unsecured Notes				\$2,311,800,000.00
3 Holdings Unsecured Notes (8.00%) c/o Computershare Trust Company, N.A. Attn.: President or General Counsel 250 Royal Street Canton, Massachusetts 02021	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 781-575-2000 Facsimile: 781-575-4210 Email:	Unsecured Notes				\$411,000,000.00
4 Holdings Unsecured PIK Notes (8.00%) c/o Computershare Trust Company, N.A. Attn.: President or General Counsel 250 Royal Street Canton, Massachusetts 02021	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 781-575-2000 Facsimile: 781-575-4210 Email:	Unsecured Notes				\$222,600,000.00
5 SRAC Unsecured Notes c/o The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A. Attn.: Corporate Trust Department 4 Chase MetroTech Center, 3rd Floor Brooklyn, New York 11245	Attn.: Corporate Trust Department Phone: Facsimile: Email:	Unsecured Notes				\$185,600,000.00
6 SRAC Unsecured PIK Notes c/o BNY Midwest Trust Company Attn.: President or General Counsel 101 Barclay Street, Floor 8W New York, New York 10286	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 312-294-5200 Facsimile: Email:	Unsecured Notes				\$107,900,000.00

Debtor

Sears Brands, L.L.C.  
Name

Case number (if known)

	Name of creditor and complete mailing address, including zip code	Name, telephone number, and email address of creditor contact	Nature of the claim (for example, trade debts, bank loans, professional services, and government contracts)	Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, or disputed	Amount of unsecured claim		
					Total claim, if partially secured	Deduction for value of collateral or setoff	Unsecured claim
7	Whirlpool Corporation Attn.: President or General Counsel 2000 North M-63 Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 269-923-5000 Facsimile: 269-923-3722 Email:	Trade Payable			\$23,409,729.00	
8	Frigidaire Company c/o Electrolux Attn.: President or General Counsel P.O. Box 2638 Carol Stream, Illinois 60132-2638	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 786-388-6400 Facsimile: Email:	Trade Payable			\$18,617,186.00	
9	Winia Daewoo Electronics America Attn.: President or General Counsel 65 Challenger Road, Suite 360 Ridgefield Park, New Jersey 07660	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 877-393-7823 Facsimile: Email:	Trade Payable			\$15,180,156.00	
10	Cardinal Health Attn.: President or General Counsel 7000 Cardinal Place Dublin, Ohio 43017	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 614-757-5000 Facsimile: Email:	Trade Payable			\$13,877,913.00	
11	Icon Health and Fitness Inc. Attn.: President or General Counsel 1500 South 1000 West Logan, Utah 84321	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 877-993-7999 Facsimile: 435-750-5238 Email:	Trade Payable			\$12,102,200.00	
12	HK Greatstar Int'l Co. Ltd. Attn.: President or General Counsel Rm 35, 4/F., Po Yip Building 23 Hing Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 852 2110 4002 Facsimile: 852 3585 6687 Email:	Trade Payable			\$10,354,683.00	
13	Samsung Electronics America HA Attn.: President or General Counsel 85 Challenger Road, 7th Floor Ridgefield Park, New Jersey 07660	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 201-229-4000 Facsimile: 201-229-4029 Email:	Trade Payable			\$8,054,247.00	
14	Apex Tool International LLC Attn.: President or General Counsel 910 Ridgebrook Road, Suite 200 Sparks, Maryland 21152	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 410-773-7800 Facsimile: 800-234-0472 Email:	Trade Payable			\$6,605,582.00	
15	Black & Decker US Inc. c/o Stanley Black & Decker Attn.: President or General Counsel 1000 Stanley Drive New Britain, Connecticut 06053	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: Facsimile: Email:	Trade Payable			\$5,893,734.00	
16	Eastern Prime Textile Limited Attn.: President or General Counsel Unit F10/F, King Win FTY Building No. 65-67 King Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 852 21918293 Facsimile: 852 27939353 Email:	Trade Payable			\$5,761,992.00	
17	Winners Industry Company Limited Attn.: President or General Counsel Unit A, Wah Lung Building 49-53 Wang Lung Street, Tsuen wan, New Territories, Hong Kong	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 86 769 83213199 Facsimile: 86 769 83213177 Email:	Trade Payable			\$5,359,201.00	

Debtor

Sears Brands, L.L.C.  
 Name

Case number (if known)

	Name of creditor and complete mailing address, including zip code	Name, telephone number, and email address of creditor contact	Nature of the claim (for example, trade debts, bank loans, professional services, and government contracts)	Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, or disputed	Amount of unsecured claim		
					Total claim, if partially secured	Deduction for value of collateral or setoff	Unsecured claim
18	Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. Attn.: President or General Counsel 379 Thornal Street, 4th Floor Edison, New Jersey 08837	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 732-590-2600 Facsimile: Email:	Trade Payable			\$5,333,545.00	
19	Active Media Services Inc. Attn.: President or General Counsel 1 Blue Hill Plaza Pearl River, New York 10965	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 845-735-1700 Facsimile: 845-735-0717 Email:	Trade Payable			\$5,192,874.00	
20	Automotive Rentals Inc. Attn.: President or General Counsel 4001 Leadenhall Road Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054-4611	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: Facsimile: Email:	Trade Payable			\$4,830,313.00	

Fill in this information to identify the case:

Debtor name: Sears Brands, L.L.C.  
United States Bankruptcy Court for the: Southern District of New York  
(State)  
Case number (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

Official Form 202

**Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury for Non-Individual Debtors**

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An individual who is authorized to act on behalf of a non-individual debtor, such as a corporation or partnership, must sign and submit this form for the schedules of assets and liabilities, any other document that requires a declaration that is not included in the document, and any amendments of those documents. This form must state the individual's position or relationship to the debtor, the identity of the document, and the date. Bankruptcy Rules 1008 and 9011.

**WARNING – Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.**

**Declaration and signature**

I am the president, another officer, or an authorized agent of the corporation; a member or an authorized agent of the partnership; or another individual serving as a representative of the debtor in this case.  
I have examined the information in the documents checked below and I have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct:

- Schedule A/B: Assets—Real and Personal Property (Official Form 206A/B)
- Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property (Official Form 206D)
- Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims (Official Form 206E/F)
- Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases (Official Form 206G)
- Schedule H: Codebtors (Official Form 206H)
- Summary of Assets and Liabilities for Non-Individuals (Official Form 206Sum)
- Amended Schedule \_\_\_\_\_
- Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: List of Creditors Who Have the 20 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders (Official Form 204)
- Other document that requires a declaration \_\_\_\_\_

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on October 15, 2018  
MM / DD / YYYY

x

/s/ Robert A. Riecker  
Signature of individual signing on behalf of debtor

Robert A. Riecker  
Printed name

Vice President  
Position or relationship to debtor

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney hereby certifies that he caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing, NOTICE OF BANKRUPTCY FILING AND IMPOSITION OF AUTOMATIC STAY, to be served upon other counsel of record listed below by electronic mail this 21<sup>st</sup> day of November, 2018, addressed as follows:

Michael Coveny  
Counsel  
Illinois Department of Revenue  
Bureau of Legal Services  
100 West Randolph Street, Level 7  
Chicago, Illinois 60601  
[Michael.coveny@Illinois.gov](mailto:Michael.coveny@Illinois.gov)

By:   
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Fred Marcus