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Receiver

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,
Plaintiff,

v.

AUTOMATORS LLC, *et al.*,
Defendants,

PEREGRINE WORLDWIDE, LLC, a
Delaware limited liability company,
Relief Defendant.

Case No.: 3:23-cv-01444-DMS-BGS

ORDER:

- (1) APPROVING RECEIVER'S
FINAL REPORT AND
ACCOUNTING;**
- (2) AUTHORIZING
TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO
FEDERAL TRADE
COMMISSION FOR
DISTRIBUTION;**
- (3) BARRING FUTURE
CLAIMS;**
- (4) CLOSING THE
RECEIVERSHIP;**
- (5) DISCHARGING THE
RECEIVER; AND**
- (6) RETAINING
JURISDICTION**

Date: July 11, 2025
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Dept: Courtroom 13A
Judge: Hon. Dana M. Sabraw
Place: United States District Court
333 West Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

1 The Motion by Receiver Stapleton Group Inc. for Entry of an Order (1)
2 Approving the Receiver's Final Report and Accounting; (2) Authorizing Transfer
3 of Funds to Federal Trade Commission; (3) Barring Future Claims; (4) Closing
4 the Receivership; (5) Discharging the Receiver; and (6) Retaining Jurisdiction
5 (the "Motion") came on for hearing at the above-referenced date and time before
6 the Honorable Dana M. Sabraw, United States District Judge presiding.
7 Appearances were noted as on the record.

8 The Court having reviewed and considered the Notice of Motion, the
9 Motion, the supporting Declaration and accompanying Exhibits, all the papers
10 and files in this matter, and having heard the comments of counsel and interested
11 parties at the time of the hearing, for GOOD CAUSE APPEARING,

12 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 13 1. The Motion and all relief sought therein is GRANTED;
- 14 2. Approval of Final Report. The Receiver's Final Report and Accounting
15 attached to the Motion as Exhibit "1" is approved. All actions and
16 activities taken by or on behalf of the Receiver and all payments made
17 by the Receiver in connection with the administration of the
18 receivership estate are hereby approved and confirmed.
- 19 3. Reserve for Closing Tasks. The Court authorizes the Receiver to
20 establish a reserve in the amount of no more than \$50,000 and to make
21 payments from the Reserve to the Receiver, legal and tax Professionals,
22 any taxing authority, and any other necessary professionals or vendors
23 in connection with those actions taken after the payment of
24 administrative fees and expenses to wind-down and close the
25 receivership (the "Reserve"). The Receiver may pay all professional
26 fees incurred following May 31, 2025, from the Reserve without further
27 order of the Court. Any surplus Reserve remaining after the payment of
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1 outstanding fees and expenses shall be included in the distribution to
2 the Federal Trade Commission set forth below.

3 4. Distribution to Federal Trade Commission. The Receiver is authorized
4 to transfer the net funds in the Receivership Estate to the Federal Trade
5 Commission for distribution purposes and the Receiver shall not
6 otherwise distribute funds to claimants.

7 5. Final Tax Returns. The Receiver is authorized to engage Ratzlaff
8 Tamberi & Gill to prepare and submit any final and post-receivership
9 tax returns for the Receivership Entities as the Receiver determines to
10 be necessary or appropriate, and payment for any associated tax
11 liability, and payment for the Receiver's tax professionals may be made
12 from the Reserve.

13 6. Destruction of Records. The Receiver Parties are authorized to destroy,
14 or otherwise dispose of, all books, records, computer equipment, other
15 computer related-devices, and other items related to the Receivership
16 in the Receiver's discretion and at such time as it deems proper (other
17 than those necessary to support the tax returns filed by the Receiver as
18 set forth above) if within thirty days after written notice to the Federal
19 Trade Commission (the "FTC"), the FTC does not take custody of such
20 records and other items.

21 7. Discharge, Bar of Future Claims, and Injunction. At the appropriate
22 time in its discretion, the Receiver shall file a closing declaration in
23 which it attests that it has completed the final distribution as specified
24 herein, has filed the final necessary tax returns with sufficient time for
25 a prompt assessment to be completed by the Internal Revenue Service,
26 and paid the final fees and costs of the Receivership (the "Closing
27 Declaration"). Effective upon the filing of the Closing Declaration, the
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Receiver and its agents, employees, members, officers, independent contractors, attorneys, representatives, predecessors, successors and assignees (the “Receiver Parties”): (a) shall not have any liability to any person or entity for any action taken in good faith in connection with carrying out the Receiver’s administration of this receivership estate, and the exercise of any powers, duties and responsibilities in connection therewith; and (b) are (i) discharged, (ii) released from all claims and liabilities arising out of and/or pertaining to the receivership, and (iii) relieved of all duties and responsibilities pertaining to the receivership previously established in this action. All claims against the receivership estate are barred, and all persons are enjoined from commencing or prosecuting, without leave of this Court, any action against the Receiver or its agents in connection with or arising out of the Receiver Parties’ services to this Court in this Receivership.

8. Closure Effective Upon Filing of Closing Declaration. The Receivership will be closed effective upon the filing of the Closing Declaration, without further order from this Court. The Closing Declaration will provide an accounting of all funds turned over to the Federal Trade Commission after the payment of final fees and expenses, and closing of the Reserve.

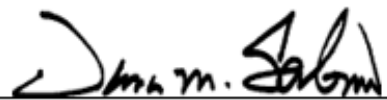
9. Retention of Jurisdiction. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over any and all matters relating to the Receiver, the receivership and the receivership estate, including any matters relating to the distribution of funds received by the Receiver in connection with its obligations as Receiver or otherwise received after the receivership is closed. To the extent any dispute arises concerning the Receiver’s administration of the receivership estate or to the extent any person or entity seeks to

1 pursue or assert any claim or action against the Receiver or any agent,
2 employee, member, officer, independent contractor, attorney or
3 representative of the Receiver, arising out of or related to this
4 receivership, the Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and resolve any
5 dispute or claim.

6 10. The Receiver is authorized to take all steps necessary or appropriate to
7 complete the administration of the Receivership and its assets in
8 accordance with the relief granted in the Motion.

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10 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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12 Dated: August 15, 2025

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14 Hon. Dana M. Sabraw
15 United States District Judge
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