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### IN THE COURT OF CHANCERY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

JOHN SOLAK,

Plaintiff,

v.

C.A. No.: 2023-0469-BWD

MOUNTAIN CREST CAPITAL LLC, SUYING LIU, DONG LIU, NELSON HAIGHT, TODD MILBOURN, AND WENHUA ZHANG,

Defendants.

# [PROPOSED] SCHEDULING ORDER WITH RESPECT TO NOTICE AND SETTLEMENT HEARING

WHEREAS, a stockholder class action is pending in this Court, entitled *Solak* v. *Mountain Crest Capital LLC, et al.*, C.A. No. 2023-0469-BWD (the "Action");

WHEREAS, a Stipulation and Agreement of Compromise, Settlement, and Release, dated as of July 10, 2025 (the "Stipulation"), has been entered into by and among: (i) plaintiff John Solak ("Plaintiff"), on behalf of himself and the Class (as defined herein); (ii) Suying Liu, Dong Liu, Nelson Haight, Todd Milbourn, and Wenhua Zhang (collectively, the "Individual Defendants") and Mountain Crest Capital, LLC (together with the Individual Defendants, the "Defendants" and, together with Plaintiffs, the "Parties"); and

WHEREAS, the Stipulation provides for a settlement, subject to the approval of the Court, among the Parties and for dismissal of the Action with prejudice as against Defendants upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation (the "Settlement");

NOW, upon consent of the Parties, after review and consideration of the Stipulation filed with the Court and the Exhibits attached thereto, and after due deliberation,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, this	day of	, 2025 that
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- 1. Except for terms defined herein, the Court adopts and incorporates the definitions in the Stipulation for purposes of this Order.
- 2. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action and all matters relating to the Settlement of the Action, as well as personal jurisdiction over all of the Parties and each of the Class Members (as defined below).
- 3. In accordance with the proposed class definition in the Stipulation, for the purposes of the Settlement only, the Action preliminarily shall be maintained as a non-opt-out class action under Delaware Court of Chancery Rules 23(a), 23(b)(1), and 23(b)(2), consisting of the following class (the "Class"):

All record and beneficial holders of Mountain Crest Acquisition Corp. II ("MCAD") common stock who held shares as of the record date of September 7, 2021 through the de-SPAC Transaction on October 28, 2021, including any and all successors, transferees, or assigns of such stockholders. Excluded from the Class are Defendants, members of the immediate family of any Defendant, any entity in which a Defendant

has a controlling interest, and the legal representatives, heirs, successors, or assigns of any such excluded person.

- 4. The Court preliminarily appoints Plaintiff as class representative for the Class and Cooch & Taylor, P.A. and Newman Ferrara LLP ("Plaintiff's Counsel") as counsel for the Class.
- 5. For purposes of the Settlement only, the Court preliminarily finds that: (a) the members of the Class (collectively, the "Class Members") are so numerous that their joinder in the Action would be impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Class; (c) the claims of Plaintiff are typical of the claims of the Class; (d) in connection with the prosecution of the Action and the Settlement, Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Counsel have and will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the Class; (e) the prosecution of separate actions by individual Class Members would create a risk of inconsistent adjudications that would establish incompatible standards of conduct for Defendants, and, as a practical matter, the disposition of the Action as against Defendants would influence the disposition of any pending or future identical suits, actions, or proceedings brought by other Class Members; and (f) Defendants are alleged to have acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the Class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive relief or corresponding declaratory relief with respect to the Class as a whole.
- 6. A hearing (the "Settlement Hearing") will be held on \_\_\_\_\_\_,

  at \_:\_\_ A.M. / P.M., either in person at the Court of Chancery Courthouse, 34

The Circle, Georgetown, Delaware, 19947, or remotely by telephone or videoconference (in the discretion of the Court), to, among other things:

- a. determine whether to finally certify the Class for settlement purposes only, pursuant to Court of Chancery Rules 23(a), 23(b)(1), and 23(b)(2);
- b. determine whether Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Counsel have adequately represented the Class, and whether Plaintiff should be finally appointed as Class representative for the Class and Plaintiff's Counsel should be finally appointed as counsel for the Class;
- c. determine whether the proposed Settlement should be approved as fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Class and in the best interests of the Class;
- d. determine whether the Action should be dismissed with prejudice and the Releases provided under the Stipulation should be granted;
- e. determine whether the Order and Final Judgment approving the Settlement should be entered;
- f. determine whether the proposed Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund is fair and reasonable, and should therefore be approved;

- g. determine whether and in what amount any Fee and Expense Award should be paid to Plaintiff's Counsel out of the Settlement Fund;
- h. hear and rule on any objections to the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and/or Plaintiff's Counsel's application for a Fee and Expense Award; and
- i. consider any other matters that may properly be brought before the Court in connection with the Settlement.
- 7. The Court may adjourn and reconvene the Settlement Hearing, or any adjournment thereof, including the consideration of the application for any Fee and Expense Award, without further notice to Class Members other than oral announcement at the Settlement Hearing or any adjournment thereof, or a notation on the docket in the Action, and the Court retains jurisdiction over the Parties and all Class Members to consider all further applications arising out of or connected with the proposed Settlement.
- 8. The Court may decide to hold the Settlement Hearing by telephone or videoconference without notice to the Class. If the Court orders that the Settlement Hearing be conducted telephonically or by videoconference, that decision will be posted on the Settlement website, www.MCAD-BTTXsettlement.com. Any Class Member (or his, her, or its counsel) who wishes to appear at the Settlement Hearing

should consult the Court's docket and/or the Settlement website for any change in date, time, or format of the Settlement Hearing.

- 9. The Court may approve the Settlement at or after the Settlement Hearing, according to the terms and conditions of the Stipulation, as it may be modified by the Parties, without further notice to Class Members. The Court may approve the Plan of Allocation or a modified plan of allocation at or after the Settlement Hearing, without further notice to Class Members. Further, the Court may render its judgment and order the payment of the Fee and Expense Award at or after the Settlement Hearing, with such modifications as may be consented to by the Parties, without further notice of any kind.
- 10. The Court approves Epiq Systems Inc. as the Settlement Administrator to provide notice to the Class and administer the Settlement, including the allocation and distribution of the Settlement Fund.
- 11. The Court approves, in form and substance, the Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Stockholder Class Action, Settlement Hearing, and Right to Appear attached as Exhibit B to the Stipulation (the "Notice") and the Summary Notice of Pendency and Proposed Settlement of Stockholder Class Action, Settlement Hearing, and Right to Appear attached as Exhibit C to the Stipulation (the "Summary Notice").

- 12. The Court finds that the delivery of the Notice and publication of the Summary Notice in substantially the manner set forth in this Order constitutes the best notice practicable under the circumstances to all persons entitled to such notice of the Settlement Hearing and the proposed Settlement, and meets the requirements of Delaware Court of Chancery Rule 23, the requirements of due process, and all other applicable law and rules.
- 13. Not later than twenty (20) business days after the date of execution of the Stipulation, Plaintiff's Counsel shall obtain, with the aid of the Settlement Administrator, the Securities Transfer Records, in an electronically-searchable form, such as Microsoft Excel. All record holders of stock who hold such stock on behalf of beneficial owners and who receive the Notice shall be requested to forward the Notice promptly to such beneficial owners.
- 14. Beginning not later than ten (10) business days from the date of entry of this Order (such date that is ten (10) business days after the date of entry of this Order, the "Notice Date"), the Settlement Administrator shall cause the Notice, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit B to the Stipulation, to be delivered to each Class Member via the DTC Participant appearing in the Securities Transfer Records. All record holders of stock who hold such stock on behalf of beneficial owners and who receive the Notice shall be requested to either: (i) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Notice, request from the Settlement Administrator

sufficient copies of the Notice to forward to all such beneficial owners, and within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of those Notices, forward them to all such beneficial owners; or (ii) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Notice, provide a list of the names, addresses, and, if available, email addresses of all such beneficial owners to the Settlement Administrator, in which event the Settlement Administrator shall promptly mail the Notice to such beneficial owners. Upon full compliance with this Order, such nominees may seek reimbursement of their reasonable expenses actually incurred in complying with this Order by providing the Settlement Administrator with proper documentation supporting the expenses for which reimbursement is sought.

- 15. Not later than the Notice Date, the Settlement Administrator shall cause the Stipulation and the Notice to be posted on the Settlement website, www.MCAD-BTTXsettlement.com, from which copies of the Notice and the Stipulation may be downloaded.
- 16. All Notice Costs and Administration Costs shall be paid in accordance with the Stipulation without further order of the Court.
- 17. Not later than ten (10) business days after the Notice Date, Plaintiff's Counsel or the Settlement Administrator shall cause the Summary Notice, substantially in the form attached as Exhibit C to the Stipulation, to be published over the Business Wire and posted on Newman Ferrara LLC's website.

- 18. Plaintiff's Counsel is authorized and directed to prepare any tax returns and any other tax reporting form for or in respect of the Settlement Fund, to pay from the Settlement Fund any Taxes and Tax Expenses owed with respect to the Settlement Fund, and to otherwise perform all obligations with respect to Taxes and Tax Expenses and any reporting or filings in respect thereof without further order of the Court in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Stipulation.
- 19. At least seven (7) calendar days prior to the date of the Settlement Hearing, Plaintiff shall file with the Court proof of delivery of the Notice.
- 20. The Settlement Fund that will be held in the Escrow Account shall be deemed and considered to be in custodia legis of the Court, and shall remain subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court, until such time as the Settlement Fund is distributed pursuant to the Stipulation, the Plan of Allocation, and/or further order(s) of the Court.
- 21. Unless the Court orders otherwise, any Class Member may enter an appearance in the Action, at the Class Member's own expense, individually or through counsel of the Class Member's own choice, by filing with the Register in Chancery and delivering a notice of appearance to Plaintiff's Counsel and Defendants' Counsel, at the addresses set forth in Paragraph 22 below, such that it is received no later than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing, or as the Court may otherwise direct. Any Class Member who does not enter an

appearance will be represented by Plaintiff's Counsel, and shall be deemed to have waived and forfeited any and all rights the Class Member may otherwise have to appear separately at the Settlement Hearing.

22. Any Class Member may file a written objection to the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and/or Plaintiff's Counsel's application for the Fee and Expense Award (an "Objector"), if the Class Member has any cause, why the proposed Settlement, Plan of Allocation, and/or the application for the Fee and Expense Award should not be approved; provided, however, that, unless otherwise directed by the Court for good cause shown, no Objector shall be heard or entitled to contest the approval of the terms and conditions of the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the application for the Fee and Expense Award unless that person or entity has filed a written objection with the Register in Chancery, Court of Chancery Courthouse, 34 The Circle, Georgetown, Delaware 19947, and served (electronically by File & ServeXpress, by hand, by first class U.S. mail, or by express service) copies of the objection upon each of the following counsel at the following mailing addresses such that it is received no later than fifteen (15) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing, with copies also emailed to:

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Attorneys for Plaintiff

DAILEY LLP Andrew H. Sauder 1201 N. Orange St., Suite 7300 Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (302) 468-5007 Attorneys for Defendants

Counsel for the Parties are directed to promptly furnish each other with copies of any and all objections that might come into their possession.

23. Any objections must: (i) identify the case name and civil action number, "Solak v. Mountain Crest Capital LLC, et al., C.A. No. 2023-0469-BWD"; (ii) state the name, address, and telephone number of the Objector and, if represented by counsel, the name, address, and telephone number of the Objector's counsel; (iii) be signed by the Objector; (iv) contain a specific, written statement of the objection(s) and the specific reason(s) for the objection(s), including any legal and evidentiary support the Objector wishes to bring to the Court's attention, and if the Objector has indicated that he, she, or it intends to appear at the Settlement Hearing, the identity of any witnesses the Objector may call to testify and any exhibits the Objector intends to introduce into evidence at the Settlement Hearing; and (v) include documentation sufficient to prove that the Objector is a member of the Class.

Documentation establishing that an Objector is a member of the Class must consist of copies of monthly brokerage account statements or an authorized statement from the Objector's broker containing the transactional and holding information found in an account statement. Plaintiff's Counsel may request that the Objector submit additional information or documentation sufficient to prove that the objector is a Class Member.

- 24. Any Person who fails to object in the manner described above shall be deemed to have waived the right to object (including any right of appeal) and shall be forever barred from raising any objection in the Action or any other action or proceeding or otherwise contesting the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the application for the Fee and Expense Award in the Action, or any other proceeding, and will otherwise be bound by the Order and Final Judgment to be entered and the releases to be given. Class Members who do not object need not appear at the Settlement Hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.
- 25. At least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing, Plaintiff shall file any opening brief in support of the proposed Settlement and Plan of Allocation, and Plaintiff's Counsel shall file their application for the Fee and Expense Award, including any supporting affidavit(s). At least seven (7) calendar days prior to the date of the Settlement Hearing, the Parties shall file any reply in response to any objections to the Settlement or the Plan of Allocation, and Plaintiff's

Counsel shall file any reply in response to any objections to their application for the Fee and Expense Award.

26. All proceedings in the Action against Defendants, other than proceedings as may be necessary to carry out the terms and conditions of the Stipulation, are hereby stayed and suspended until further order of the Court. Pending final determination of whether the Settlement should be approved, the Court bars and enjoins Plaintiff and all other Class Members, and anyone acting or purporting to act on behalf of, in the stead of, or derivatively for, any Class Member, from commencing, pursuing, prosecuting, instigating, maintaining, or in any way participating in the commencement, pursuit, continuation, or prosecution of any action asserting any of the Released Plaintiff's Claims against any of the Released Defendants Parties.

- 27. The Court may, for good cause shown, extend any of the deadlines set forth in this Order without further notice to the Class.
- 28. The Court retains exclusive jurisdiction to consider all further applications arising out of or connected with the proposed Settlement.

Vice Chancellor Bonnie W. David

#### This document constitutes a ruling of the court and should be treated as such.

Court: DE Court of Chancery Civil Action

Judge: Bonnie W. David

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### Court Authorizer

**Comments:** 

The settlement hearing will take place on October 24, 2025, at 1:30 p.m., at the Court of Chancery, 34 The Circle, Georgetown, Delaware, 19947.

/s/ Judge Bonnie W. David