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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
 DALLAS DIVISION**

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In re:	)	Chapter 11
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CICI'S HOLDINGS, INC.,	)	Case No. 21-30146 (SGJ)
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Debtor.	)	
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Tax I.D. No. 20-8785177	)	
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In re:	)	Chapter 11
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AWESOME ACQUISITION COMPANY,	)	Case No. 21-30147 (SGJ)
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Debtor.	)	
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Tax I.D. No. 20-0070481	)	
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In re:	)	Chapter 11
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CICI ACQUISITION COMPANY, LLC, <sup>1</sup>	)	Case No. 21-30149 (MVL)
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Debtor.	)	
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<sup>1</sup> CiCi Acquisition Company, LLC does not have a Federal Tax I.D. Number.

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In re: ) Chapter 11  
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CICI ENTERPRISES, LP, ) Case No. 21-30150 (MVL)  
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Debtor. )  
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Tax I.D. No. 57-1185070 )  

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In re: ) Chapter 11  
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CICI GP, LLC, ) Case No. 21-30151 (SGJ)  
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Debtor. )  
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Tax I.D. No. 47-5032948 )  

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In re: ) Chapter 11  
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CICI SERVICES, LLC, ) Case No. 21-30152 (SGJ)  
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Debtor. )  
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Tax I.D. No. 27-0353586 )  

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In re: ) Chapter 11  
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JMC GP, LLC, ) Case No. 21-30153 (MVL)  
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Debtor. )  
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Tax I.D. No. 36-4818268 )  

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In re: ) Chapter 11  
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JMC RESTAURANT DISTRIBUTION, LP, ) Case No. 21-30154 (SGJ)  
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Debtor. )  
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Tax I.D. No. 20-0185075 )  

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In re:	)	
	)	Chapter 11
PIZZA PARENT, LLC,	)	
	)	Case No. 21-30155 (MVL)
Debtor.	)	
	)	(Joint Administration Requested)
Tax I.D. No. 81-3019534	)	(Emergency Consideration Requested)

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**DEBTORS’ EMERGENCY MOTION FOR ENTRY  
OF AN ORDER (I) DIRECTING JOINT ADMINISTRATION  
OF CHAPTER 11 CASES AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

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The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”)<sup>2</sup> respectfully state as follows in support of this motion (this “Motion”):<sup>3</sup>

**Relief Requested**

1. The Debtors seek entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**: (a) directing procedural consolidation and joint administration of these chapter 11 cases; and (b) granting related relief. Specifically, the Debtors request that the Court maintain one file and one docket for all of the jointly-administered cases under the case of CiCi Holdings, Inc. and that the cases be administered under a consolidated caption, as follows:

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<sup>2</sup> The facts and circumstances supporting this motion are set forth in the *Declaration of Richard Peabody, Chief Financial Officer of CiCi’s Holdings, Inc. in Support of First Day Motions* (the “First Day Declaration”), filed contemporaneously with this motion and incorporated by reference herein.

<sup>3</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the First Day Declaration.

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CICI'S HOLDINGS, INC., <i>et al.</i> , <sup>1</sup>	)	Case No. 21-30146 (SGJ)
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Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)
	)	

<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases and the last four digits of each Debtor's taxpayer identification number are as follows: CiCi's Holdings, Inc. (5177); Awesome Acquisition Company (0481); CiCi Acquisition Company, LLC (N/A); CiCi Enterprises, LP (5070); CiCi GP, LLC (2948); CiCi Services, LLC (3586); JMC GP, LLC (8268); JMC Restaurant Distribution, LP (5075); and Pizza Parent, LLC (9534). The Debtors' principal offices are located at 1080 W. Bethel Road, Coppell, Texas 75019, United States.

2. The Debtors further request that the Court order that the foregoing caption satisfies the requirements set forth in section 342(c)(1) of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532 (the "Bankruptcy Code").

3. The Debtors also request that a docket entry, substantially similar to the following, be entered on the docket of each of the Debtors other than CiCi's Holdings, Inc., to reflect the joint administration of these chapter 11 cases:

An order has been entered in accordance with Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Rule 1015-1(a) of the Local Bankruptcy Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas directing joint administration of the chapter 11 cases of CiCi's Holdings, Inc., Case No. 21-30146; Awesome Acquisition Company, Case No. 21-30147; CiCi Acquisition Company, LLC, Case No. 21-30149; CiCi Enterprises, LP, Case No. 21-30150; CiCi GP, LLC, Case No. 21-30151; CiCi Services, LLC, Case No. 21-30152; JMC GP, LLC, Case No. 21-30153; JMC Restaurant Distribution, LP, Case No. 21-30154; and Pizza Parent, LLC, Case No. 21-30155. **All further pleadings and other papers shall be filed in and all further docket entries shall be made in Case No. 21-30146 (SGJ).**

### **Jurisdiction and Venue**

4. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the “Court”) has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). The Debtors confirm their consent, pursuant to rule 7008 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), to the entry of a final order by the Court.

5. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

6. The bases for the relief requested herein are section 105(a) of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532 (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b), and Rule 1015-1(a) of the Local Bankruptcy Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the “Local Rules”).

### **Background**

7. The Debtors are leading owners, operators, and franchisors of family-oriented unlimited pizza restaurants. With approximately 318 locations across 26 states, including 11 owned restaurants and 307 franchise locations owned and operated by 128 franchisees, the CiCi’s brand is known as a “go-to” destination for family and other group outings through its wide variety of pizza, pasta, and salad bar items and cost-effective price point. Much like their competitors and nearly all other customer-facing businesses, the Debtors’ recent operations have been impacted by the uncertainty, unexpected challenges, and ever-changing landscape resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. A more detailed history of the Debtors’ business, as well as their pre-petition efforts to address issues related to safe and efficient operations, franchisee relations, and liquidity issues, are discussed in more detail in the First Day Declaration.

8. On January 25, 2021 (the “Petition Date”), each of the Debtors filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors are operating their

businesses and managing their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No party has requested the appointment of a trustee or examiner in these chapter 11 cases, and no committees have been appointed or designated.

### **Basis for Relief**

9. Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b) provides, in pertinent part, that “[i]f . . . two or more petitions are pending in the same court by or against . . . a debtor and an affiliate, the court may order a joint administration of the estates.” Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1015. The Debtor entities that commenced chapter 11 cases are “affiliates” as that term is defined in section 101(2) of the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules authorize the Court to grant the relief requested herein.

10. Further, Local Rule 1015-1 provides additional authority for the Court to order joint administration of these chapter 11 cases:

When a case is filed for or against a debtor related to a debtor with a case pending in the Bankruptcy Court, a party in interest may file a motion for joint administration in each case. Motions for joint administration will be assigned for determination to the bankruptcy judge presiding over the first related case filed in this district, regardless of the division in which the case is filed.

N.D. Tex. Bankr. L.R. 1015-1(a).

11. Joint administration is generally non-controversial, and courts in this district routinely order joint administration in cases with multiple related debtors. *See, e.g., In re Studio Movie Grill Holdings, LLC*, No. 20-32622 (SGJ) (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Oct. 27, 2020) (directing joint administration of chapter 11 cases); *In re TriVascular Sales LLC*, No. 20-31840 (SGJ) (Bankr. N.D. Tex. July 7, 2020) (same); *In re Tuesday Morning Corp.*, No. 20-31476 (HDH) (Bankr. N.D. Tex. May 28, 2020) (same); *In re Diamondback Industries, Inc.*, Case No. 20-41504 (ELM)

(Bankr. N.D. Tex. April 28, 2020) (same); *In re The LaSalle Grp., Inc.*, No. 19-31484 (SGJ) (Bankr. N.D. Tex. May 7, 2019) (same).<sup>4</sup>

12. Given the integrated nature of the Debtors' operations, and that each of the Debtors are liable for the Debtors' funded liability, joint administration of these chapter 11 cases will provide significant administrative convenience without harming the substantive rights of any party in interest. Many of the motions, hearings, and orders in these chapter 11 cases will affect each and every Debtor entity. The entry of an order directing joint administration of these chapter 11 cases will reduce fees and costs by avoiding duplicative filings and objections. Joint administration also will allow the United States Trustee for the Northern District of Texas and all parties in interest to monitor these chapter 11 cases with greater ease and efficiency.

13. Moreover, joint administration will not adversely affect the Debtors' respective constituencies because this Motion seeks only administrative, not substantive, consolidation of the Debtors' estates. Parties in interest will not be harmed by the relief requested; instead, parties in interest will benefit from the cost reductions associated with the joint administration of these chapter 11 cases. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that the joint administration of these chapter 11 cases is in the best interests of their estates, their creditors, and all other parties in interest.

#### **Notice**

14. The Debtors will provide notice of this Motion to the following parties or their counsel: (a) the U.S. Trustee for the Northern District of Texas; (b) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (c) counsel to the lenders under the Debtors' prepetition credit facility; (d) the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern

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<sup>4</sup> Because of the voluminous nature of the orders cited herein, such orders have not been attached to this Motion. Copies of these orders are available upon request to the Debtors' proposed counsel.

District of Texas; (e) the Internal Revenue Service; (f) the state attorneys general for states in which the Debtors conduct business; and (g) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. In light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice is needed.

**No Prior Request**

15. No prior request for the relief sought in this Motion has been made to this or any other court.

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WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, granting the relief requested herein and such other relief as the Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted this 25th day of January, 2021.

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**Certificate of Service**

I certify that on January 25, 2021, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas.

/s/ Jason S. Brookner

Jason S. Brookner

**Exhibit A**

**Proposed Order**

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AWESOME ACQUISITION COMPANY,	)	Case No. 21-30147 (SGJ)
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Debtor.	)	
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Tax I.D. No. 20-0070481	)	

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In re:	)	Chapter 11
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Debtor.	)	
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Tax I.D. No. 81-3019534	)	<b>Re: Docket No. [ ]</b>

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**ORDER (I) DIRECTING JOINT ADMINISTRATION  
OF CHAPTER 11 CASES AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

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Upon the motion (the “Motion”)<sup>2</sup> of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for entry of an order (this “Order”), (a) directing the joint administration of the Debtors’ chapter 11 cases for procedural purposes only, and (b) granting related relief; all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors’ estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors’ notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the “Hearing”); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is **HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

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<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein.

2. The above-captioned chapter 11 cases are consolidated for procedural purposes only and shall be jointly administered by the Court under Case No. 21-30146 (SGJ) (the “Lead Case”).

3. All pleadings, papers, and documents, except proofs of claim, lists, schedules, and statements, filed in the jointly administered cases shall bear the caption of the Lead Case, as follows:

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Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)
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4. The foregoing caption satisfies the requirements set forth in section 342(c)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.

5. All orders, pleadings, papers and documents, except proofs of claim, lists, schedules, and statements, shall be filed and docketed in the Lead Case.

6. A docket entry, substantially similar to the following, shall be entered on the docket of each of the Debtors other than the Lead Case, to reflect the joint administration of these chapter 11 cases:

An order has been entered in accordance with Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Rule 1015-1(a) of the Local Bankruptcy Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas directing joint administration of the chapter 11 cases of CiCi's Holdings, Inc., Case No. 21-30146; Awesome Acquisition Company, Case No. 21-30147; CiCi Acquisition Company, LLC, Case No. 21-30149; CiCi Enterprises, LP, Case No. 21-30150; CiCi GP, LLC, Case No. 21-30151; CiCi Services, LLC, Case No. 21-30152; JMC GP, LLC, Case No. 21-30153; JMC Restaurant Distribution, LP, Case No. 21-30154; and Pizza Parent, LLC, Case No. 21-30155. **All further pleadings and other papers shall be filed in and all further docket entries shall be made in Case No. 21-30146 (SGJ).**

7. The Debtors shall maintain, and the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas shall keep, one consolidated docket, one file, and one consolidated service list.

8. All proofs of claim, lists, schedules, and statements (if applicable) shall be filed and docketed under the case number representing the estate in which the claim is made, and a creditor of more than one estate shall file and docket a proof of claim in each case to which a claim may be made, and only in the amount which the creditor may make a claim from that estate.

9. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Order shall be deemed or construed as directing or otherwise effecting a substantive consolidation of these chapter 11 cases and this Order shall be without prejudice to the rights of any part in interest to seek entry of an order substantively consolidating these cases.

10. The Debtors are authorized to take all reasonable actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.

11. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

### END OF ORDER ###

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