UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS EASTERN DIVISION

In re:

KMART CORPORATION, et al.,

Debtors.

Case No. 02-B02474 (Jointly Administered)

Judge Susan Pierson Sonderby

Hearing Date: To Be Determined Hearing Time: To Be Determined Objection Deadline: To Be Determined

NOTICE OF MOTION

TO THE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on July 31, 2003, we filed the attached FINAL FEE APPLICATION OF SAYBROOK CAPITAL, LLC, FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF EQUITY SECURITY HOLDERS, FOR ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES UNDER 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois in the above-captioned case, a copy of which is hereby served upon you.

Dated: July 31, 2003

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Saybrook Capital, LLC ("Saybrook"), financial advisors to the Official Committee of Equity Security Holders (the "Equity Committee" or "Committee") of Kmart Corporation, et al., respectfully submits its Final Fee Application for Allowance and Payment of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Under 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 (the "Final Fee Application") pursuant to section 330 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code") and local bankruptcy rule 5082-1 for the period commencing on June 19, 2002 and ending on January 17, 2003 (the "Application Period"). In support of the Final Fee Application, Saybrook respectfully states as follows:

BACKGROUND

1. On January 22, 2002 (the "Petition Date"), each of the debtors and debtors-in-possession in the above-referenced bankruptcy case (the "Debtors") filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Court entered an Order Directing the Joint Administration of the Chapter 11 cases (the "Cases").

- 2. On January 25, 2002, this Court entered that certain Administrative Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a) and 331 Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals ("Administrative Order"), which governed the interim fee and expense applications of and payments to retained professionals in the Cases.
- 3. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Venue of this proceeding is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(b)(2)(A) and (B).
- 4. On March 20, 2002, this Court entered that Certain Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a) and 331 Establishing a Joint Fee Review Committee, pursuant to which a Joint Fee Review Committee was formed in these Cases by representatives of the Debtors, the United States Trustee for the Northern District of Illinois (the "U.S. Trustee") and the statutory committees ("JFRC").
- 5. On June 14, 2002, the U.S. Trustee appointed the Equity Committee pursuant to Section 1102(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code. Thereafter, the Equity Committee selected the firm of Saybrook Capital, LLC as its financial advisor.
- 6. Saybrook entered into an Engagement Agreement, attached as Exhibit A hereto, with respect to its retention (the "Agreement") with the Equity Committee. As set forth in the Agreement, in addition to expense reimbursement, Saybrook's compensation for services included a monthly financial advisory cash fee of \$150,000, which was payable beginning July 1, 2002 (the "Start Date") and a one-time \$150,000 due diligence fee, which was due and payable ninety (90) days after the beginning of the engagement. The date of the Order authorizing employment of Saybrook was July 24, 2002 (nunc pro tune as of June 19,

- 2002). Based on an estimation of the likelihood for negotiating additional recovery for equity holders on a valuation basis versus the cost to the Debtors' estates, by mutual agreement between Saybrook and the Equity Committee, Saybrook's engagement ended on January 17, 2003.
- 7. The Debtors' First Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization (the "Plan") was confirmed on April 22, 2003.
- 8. Saybrook submits this Application for final allowance and payment of its fees and expenses arising in the course of its representation of the Equity Committee during the Application Period pursuant to Section 10.2 of the Plan.
- 9. Pursuant to the Administrative Order and protocols established by the JFRC, Saybrook has timely submitted monthly fee statements and/or filed interim fee applications for all fees and expenses that accrued during the Application Period. All payments Saybrook has received with respect to such fees and expenses are more fully described below.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES RENDERED BY SAYBROOK

Committee with respect to a wide range of issues and challenges. Due to the comprehensive nature of the services rendered by Saybrook during the Application Period, no attempt is made herein to detail the totality of such services. However, in order to assist the Court, the U.S. Trustee, the Debtors and other parties in interest in reviewing this Final Fee Application, a summary of Saybrook's billing procedures and the services rendered by Saybrook during the Application Period with regard to specific categories of activity, including certain undertakings within each category, is set forth below.

Pursuant to the Final Fee Application, Saybrook seeks final allowance of \$1,192,258.06 in fees and \$93,504.88 in expenses incurred during the Application Period. In addition, Saybrook requests that the Court authorize the Debtors to promptly remit \$119,229.81 on account of fees incurred by Saybrook during the Application Period that remain unpaid pursuant to the holdback instituted in the Administrative Order.

SUMMARY OF SAYBROOK'S BILLING PROCEDURES

- 12. It is Saybrook's normal business practice to charge its clients in full for services rendered and for all actual, reasonable and necessary out-of-pocket costs and expenses incurred by Saybrook in providing those services.
- personnel necessary to complete the scope of work outlined at the beginning of the engagement. Saybrook typically assigns Partners, Managing Directors, Vice Presidents, Associates and Analysts to a project to advise the client on any financing issues and strategic options related to such financing as well as to participate in the daily management process of a reorganization plan. Other Saybrook staff members also assist with the administrative duties for the engagement. Records are made substantially contemporaneously with the rendition of the professional services and are prepared by the Saybrook staff members who have rendered the services.
- 14. Due to the size and complexity of this case, the assistance of various Saybrook professionals has been called upon. As a full service financial advisor, Saybrook has been able to efficiently advise the Committee on a variety of financing issues without assistance from outside firms. This capacity saves Saybrook's clients, including the

Committee, substantial sums and provides the highest quality integrated representation possible in the most efficient manner.

- Where highly specialized expertise was required, Saybrook, at its own expense, retained the services of Retail Cap Consulting Services ("RCS") to assist with a detailed store-by-store analysis of the Debtors' store closure program. Furthermore, Saybrook provided the results of this analysis to the financial advisors of the Debtors and the other statutory committees for their benefit.
- 16. As is the case with most financial advisory firms, Saybrook's resources are dedicated on a monthly basis and are not organized around hourly fees. Saybrook rarely maintains hourly time records for its engagements. Saybrook has, however, maintained contemporaneous time records in the Debtors' Cases in accordance with this Court's Order dated July 24, 2002 which, among other things, authorized Saybrook's retention.
- 17. All professional services for which an allowance is requested were performed by Saybrook for and on behalf of the Committee and its counsel and not on behalf of any other entity or party-in interest. Summary descriptions of the services performed by category and the related time incurred are as follows:

Review of Store Operations

18. Saybrook monitored and provided regular reports to the Committee on operational issues pertaining to (i) stores and store management; (ii) merchandising; (iii) distribution, sourcing and logistics; (iv) information technology; (v) marketing; and (vi) real estate. Saybrook had numerous meetings and information exchanges with Debtors' management, and Debtors' outside legal, financial, real estate and operational advisors, and

reviewed data provided to Saybrook by the Debtors in written or electronic form. Saybrook also had numerous discussions with senior management related to store operations.

Hours:

462.25

Review of Merchandising, Sourcing and Inventory Planning

19. Saybrook reviewed the organizational structure for sourcing and global operations, including inventory management, SKU rationalization, presentation of goods, sourcing higher margin goods, markdowns in season, and circular rationalization. In addition, Saybrook reviewed Debtors' inventory management actions to prevent overbuying and poor buying. In order to obtain a better understanding of the merchandising, sourcing

and inventory planning, Saybrook met with Bill Underwood (EVP Sourcing and Global

Operations). Saybrook also analyzed budget and plans for division level and GMM sales,

GMM level allowance and co-op plans, merchandising and annual SG&A expenses, and an

overview of cost reduction initiatives.

Hours:

188.25

Analysis of Distribution and Logistics

20. Saybrook reviewed Debtors' distribution systems and how the Debtors utilized their returned goods centers. In order to obtain a better understanding of the systems, Saybrook met with Jim Mixon (SVP Logistics) to discuss Debtors' distribution strategies related to volume management, supply chain/channels and cost control. Saybrook also reviewed Debtors' different warehouse management systems in addition to analyzing the shrink accounting examples to illustrate the ways in which shrink is created. The original and revised DIP budgets and distribution center budgets were also analyzed by Saybrook, in

addition to the consolidated monthly pantry fees and division level monthly inventory and receipts.

Hours:

130.25

Information Technology ("IT")

21. Saybrook discussed information systems with Debtors' CIO and discussed data integrity issues with Debtors' management team. Saybrook pursued answers regarding the actual scope and impact of the data integrity problem and Debtors' progress in addressing it. Saybrook also discussed price management issues and the receiving problem at stores. Saybrook reviewed monthly, quarterly and annual IT SG&A expenses and headcounts for 2001, the 2002 budgets for IT SG&A expenses, capital expenditures, overview of the cost reduction initiative, and information in support of the IBM lease assumption. Saybrook also reviewed Debtors' IT Application Architecture schematic, brief overviews and sample reports of Debtor Merchant Workbench, Operations Workbench, Executive Information System and brief overview of the standardized business process reporting team.

Hours:

38.75

Marketing Issues

22. Saybrook discussed how Debtors' brand management affected marketing efforts. Saybrook also spoke with Debtors' management regarding Debtors' new target markets and demographics. Saybrook reviewed consolidated monthly and quarterly advertising expenses for 2000 and 2001, monthly, quarterly and annual marketing SG&A expenses and headcounts for 2001 and budgets for 2002 consolidated monthly and quarterly with regard to advertising expenses.

Hours:

33.75

Operating Business Model

23. Saybrook dedicated significant professional resources to building a

fully functional dynamic operating model of the Debtors' operations in order to test the

Debtors' business plan and explore alternate exit strategies with the Committee. The design

and creation of the model required extensive additional due diligence of the Debtors'

financial and operating factors to implement the proper allocations and cost drivers of the

businesses. The operating model was designed at the individual store level in order to

facilitate manipulation of multiple business strategies down to closure of individual stores

and entire distribution centers. This operating model was a valuable tool in allowing the

Committee to understand how proposed operational changes would affect the Debtors' future

financial performance and ultimately the value of the Debtors' equity securities. Such an

operating model was unavailable to the Committee despite repeated requests to the Debtors.

Hours:

226.75

5-Year Business Plan

24. Saybrook participated in multiple meetings and conference calls with

the Debtors and their advisors in connection with the development of the 5-Year business

plan. Saybrook prepared and presented analyses of the different iterations of the 5-year plan

for the Committee. Saybrook independently tested and analyzed the Debtors' assumptions in

order to evaluate the feasibility of such assumptions. Saybrook constructed multiple detailed

valuation analyses based on the Debtors' projections in order to assist the Committee and its

professionals in formulating its strategy for negotiating recoveries.

Hours:

260.50

Review of Financial Performance

25. Saybrook analyzed various aspects of the Debtors' financial

performance, including the Debtors' liquidity position and compliance with the EBITDA

covenants in the DIP financing agreement, weekly flash reports, 13-week cash flow

forecasts, and other financial reports of the Debtors. Saybrook also monitored the variance

between actual operating results and the Debtors' relevant budgets. The results of our review

and analysis were regularly reported to the Committee.

Hours:

306.25

Claims Analysis

26. Saybrook reviewed and analyzed potential claims in the Cases related

to lease rejection or assumption and the Debtors' actions regarding executory contracts. In

addition, Saybrook conducted additional due diligence pertaining to the Debtors' pension

obligations. Lastly, Saybrook evaluated potential claims for a variety of alternative exit

strategies potentially considered by the Debtors, and regularly presented its analysis to the

Committee.

Hours:

205.00

Recovery Analysis

27. Saybrook reviewed the Debtors' proposed plan of reorganization and

explored alternative structures in order to maximize potential recoveries for the Committee's

constituents. Saybrook prepared various valuation models to assist the Committee in

evaluating and formulating alternatives, including warrant and equity valuation models.

Saybrook reviewed preliminary term sheets related to potential sources of exit financing.

The results of Saybrook's analysis were reported regularly to the Committee.

Hours:

263.50

Marketing Concepts

28. Saybrook participated in the review of the Debtors' "store of the

future" concept, including onsite tours of the test site in Michigan and detailed interviews

with program participants and the Debtors. In addition, Saybrook reviewed the capital

improvements required to create the store of the future. In addition, Saybrook monitored and

analyzed financial forecasts from the "store of the future" concept and results of the Chicago

test market experience. Saybrook incorporated the Debtors' "store of the future" strategy in

its analysis and the strategy's corresponding impact on the Debtors' future financial results in

order to assist the Committee in determining whether to support the Debtors' strategic

direction.

Hours:

85.50

Reviewed Stewardship Issues and Financial/Accounting Issues

29. Saybrook reviewed accounting stewardship analyses from Debtors'

counsel and participated in multiple briefings related to the stewardship issues. Saybrook

also attended numerous conference calls and meetings with representatives from the

Committee's counsel and other parties in interest in order to monitor the ongoing stewardship

investigation. Saybrook shifted substantially all of the stewardship investigation

responsibilities to Committee's counsel in mid-October as the remaining issues were mostly

legal in nature.

Hours:

83.25

Real Estate and Store Closures

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30. Saybrook participated in numerous meetings with the Debtors and

their advisors to understand potential store closures and its impact on financial results. As

part of this process, Saybrook utilized its proprietary operating model to test profitability

changes resulting from the Debtors' store closure plan. In addition, Saybrook and its retail

store expert (RCS) independently analyzed and tested the Debtors' progress and

methodologies in formulating its store closure plan. Saybrook also participated in

discussions regarding real estate lease negotiations. Saybrook regularly prepared reports in

order for the Committee to understand and evaluate the Debtors' strategies and determine

whether to support or oppose their actions.

Hours:

128.00

General Administration

31. Saybrook spent time preparing expense summaries and time records

related to the Cases. This category also includes time spent related to the development of

work plans, coordination of meetings, document management, review of billing

documentation and distribution of materials to Committee members. Saybrook prepared the

First Interim Fee Application as financial advisors to the Committee. Saybrook also

prepared detailed monthly invoices and fee summaries.

Hours:

214.75

SUMMARY OF ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED BY SAYBROOK

32. Saybrook maintains detailed records of all actual and necessary out-

of-pocket expenses incurred and typically charged in connection with rendering professional

services to its clients in the ordinary course of its business practice and at the request of any

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party in interest will submit additional records. A brief explanation of certain costs incurred and charged to the estate is set forth below:

- (a) Saybrook does not charge its clients for photocopying done in-house; copying done by outside services is charged at cost, but does not include general transportation costs to Saybrook's offices;
- (b) Saybrook charges its clients for document retrieval services and specialized searches and services, such as messengers and conference calling, at cost;
- (c) Saybrook charges its clients for mileage (\$0.365 per mile, if sought) and parking costs incurred by its Partners, Managing Directors, Vice Presidents and Associates in connection with services rendered, at cost;
- (d) Saybrook charges its clients for cab fares or other transportation costs incurred by its Partners, Managing Directors, Vice Presidents and Associates when working on specific client matters, at cost;
- (e) Saybrook does not charge its clients for word processing services rendered by a specialized operator and by the secretary assigned to each Partner. Saybrook does not charge for the use of its computer system based on the amount of time utilized to prepare documents;
- (f) Saybrook charges its clients for the cost of overtime and weekend meals when pressing client matters require the advisor to work during the meal, in accordance with the UST Guidelines and the Court Guidelines;
- (g) In accordance with the UST Guidelines and the Court Guidelines, Saybrook is seeking reimbursement for long distance telephone calls at cost; and
- (h) Saybrook does not make a profit on any expenses.

Below is a summary of the Saybrook's expenses for the Application Period:1

EXPENSE SCHI	PDUTIE
Expense	Amount
Airfare	\$58,154.44
Auto/Parking	\$3,585.68
Taxi	\$4,031.55

Further expense detail is being compiled and is available upon request.

EXPENSE SC	HEDULE
Expense	Amount
Lodging	\$17,861.64
Meals	\$2,271.51
Postage/Delivery	\$2,521.88
Photocopies/Printing	\$2,225.56
Telecommunication	\$2,852.62
TOTA	L \$93,504.88

PAYMENTS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED

- 33. Pursuant to the Administrative Order and the protocols established by the JFRC, Saybrook has timely submitted and circulated monthly fee statements for June of 2002 and each month thereafter through January 2003 (collectively, the "Monthly Fee Statements"). No objections were received with respect to any of the Monthly Fee Statements submitted during the Application Period. Attached hereto as Exhibit B are copies of each Monthly Fee Statement submitted by Saybrook in the Cases.
- 34. As Saybrook's engagement ended on January 17, 2003, all amounts were billed pursuant to the Monthly Fee Statements, and, therefore, Saybrook did not submit an estimate of additional fees and expenses accrued through May 6, 2003 in accordance with Section 10.2 of the Plan.
- 35. To date, the Debtors have paid Saybrook \$1,166,537.13 on account of fees and expenses pursuant to the Monthly Fee Statements. Such amount represents 90% of all fees for services rendered and 100% of all disbursements made by Saybrook during the Application Period.
- 36. As of the filing of this Final Fee Application, Saybrook has not received payment of \$119,225.81 for fees that accrued during the Application Period. Such

amount represents the 10% aggregate fee holdback instituted pursuant to the Administrative Order. The Plan, including, without limitation, Section 10.2 thereof, did not relieve the Debtors of the obligation to make such outstanding payment pursuant to the Administrative Order.

LEGAL PREDICATES

- 37. Section 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that the Court may award to a professional person employed under Bankruptcy Code §§ 327 or 1103, "reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services rendered by [such] ...professional person..." 11 U.S.C. §330(a).
- Saybrook has supplied herein the information necessary to determine the reasonableness of the fees requested as outlined in Bankruptcy Code §330(a). The summary of the services rendered, together with the summary of time spent on such activities, demonstrates that the services rendered to the Equity Committee were necessary and/or beneficial to the Equity Committee and the Debtors' estates at the time the services were rendered. The description of the services that Saybrook rendered as described herein, demonstrates that its services were performed in a reasonable amount of time, which was commensurate with the task at hand, and the complex nature of the Cases. Finally, the fees charged and compensation sought herein is comparable to what Saybrook and other financial advisors seek and obtain from non-bankruptcy clients for engagements of similar complexity.
- 39. Saybrook does not seek compensation not allowed under Bankruptcy Code § 330(a)(4)(A). There was no unnecessary duplication of services either by Saybrook personnel or between Saybrook personnel and other professionals working on behalf of the Equity Committee or the Debtors and their estates. Saybrook did not perform services which

were not (i) reasonably likely to benefit the Debtors' estate or (ii) necessary to the administration of the Cases. At the time Saybrook rendered its services, such a reasonable likelihood existed as to each matter in question.

- 40. In addition, Saybrook believes the following factors contribute to the reasonableness of the compensation being sought:
 - (A) <u>Preclusion of Other Employment</u>. Adequate representation of the Equity Committee in the Cases has required substantial commitment of the resources of Saybrook and had Saybrook not accepted this engagement, the time spent by it on these Cases could have been devoted to other employment.
 - (B) <u>Time Limitation or Other Circumstances</u>. Many of the matters in these Cases have required attention on an expedited basis.
 - (C) Amounts Involved and Results Obtained. In order to achieve a recovery for the equity holders in these Cases, continued monitoring of the Debtors' financial performance and execution of business plan objectives was required. In part, as a result of Saybrook's services including negotiations with respect to the formation of the Plan, a distribution to equity holders was made pursuant to the Plan.
 - (D) <u>Fee Awards in Similar Cases.</u> The fees requested by Saybrook are reasonable and are comparable to the fees sought and awarded in many similar cases.
 - (E) <u>Time and Labor Required</u>. Saybrook performed its services in a reasonable amount of time, commensurate with the task at hand and the complex nature of these Cases.
 - (F) Novelty and Difficulty of the Questions Presented by the Cases. The Cases represented the largest retail bankruptcy in history, and Saybrook was tasked with valuation and business plan analysis in order to facilitate a recovery for equity holders.
 - (G) <u>Skills Required to Perform the Services Properly</u>. The complex nature of the Cases required specialized expertise in valuation and restructuring for which Saybrook staffed experienced and senior professionals requiring thousands of hours of work.
 - (H) <u>Experience, Reputation and Ability of Professionals</u>. The experience level and ability of the Saybrook professionals is evidenced by the

- work performed in the time frames required given the complex nature of these Cases.
- (I) <u>Risk Inherent in the Engagement</u>. Saybrook has borne the risk of non-payment had the Cases proved to be administratively insolvent.
- (J) Nature and Length of Professional Relationship. Saybrook worked closely with the Equity Committee, its other advisors, the Debtors and other parties in interest in these Cases for a significant period of time, and the engagement was significant in terms of duration and the nature of services rendered.

RELIEF REQUESTED

41. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2016(a), attached as Exhibit C hereto is the affidavit of Jonathan Rosenthal, a member of Saybrook, in support of this Final Fee Application.

WHEREFORE, Saybrook respectfully requests that this Court enter the form of order, attached as Exhibit D hereto, or another order acceptable to the Court, (i) allowing the \$1,192,258.06 of fees and \$93,504.88 of expenses of Saybrook for the Application Period on a final basis, (ii) authorizing and directing the Debtors to promptly remit payment of \$119,225.81 to Saybrook on account of the accrued fees of Saybrook that remain unpaid pursuant to the holdback, and (iii) granting such other relief as the Court deems just and appropriate under the circumstances.

DATED: July 30, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

SAYBROOK CAPITAL, LLC

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