## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

Case No.: 20-cv-22109-JB

STATE OF ALASKA, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

RYDER SYSTEM, INC., et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER APPROVING CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND DISMISSING CASE WITH PREJUDICE

WHEREAS, a securities class action is pending in this Court entitled *State of Alaska et al. v. Ryder System, Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:20-cv-22109-JB (the "Action");

WHEREAS, (a) Lead Plaintiffs State of Alaska, Alaska Permanent Fund; The City of Fort Lauderdale General Employees' Retirement System; and The City of Plantation Police Officers Pension Fund (collectively, "Lead Plaintiffs"), on behalf of themselves and the Settlement Class (defined below); and (b) defendants Ryder System, Inc. ("Ryder" or the "Company"); and Robert E. Sanchez; Art A. Garcia; and Dennis C. Cooke (collectively, the "Individual Defendants," and together with Ryder, "Defendants," and together with Lead Plaintiffs, the "Parties") have entered into a Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement, dated May 19, 2023 (the "Stipulation") that provides for a complete dismissal with prejudice of the claims asserted against

Defendants in the Action on the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation, subject to the approval of this Court (the "Settlement");

WHEREAS, unless otherwise defined in this Judgment, the capitalized terms herein shall have the same meaning as they have in the Stipulation;

WHEREAS, by Order dated February 20, 2024 (the "Preliminary Approval Order"), this Court: (a) found, pursuant to Rule 23(e)(1)(B) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, that it (i) would likely be able to approve the Settlement as fair, reasonable, and adequate under Rule 23(e)(2) and (ii) would likely be able to certify the Settlement Class for purposes of the Settlement; (b) ordered that notice of the proposed Settlement be provided to potential Settlement Class Members; and (c) scheduled a hearing regarding final approval of the Settlement;

WHEREAS, due and adequate notice has been given to the Settlement Class;

WHEREAS, the Court conducted a hearing on October 23, 2024 (the "Settlement Hearing"), to consider, among other things, (a) whether the terms and conditions of the Settlement are fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class, and should therefore be approved; and (b) whether a judgment should be entered dismissing the Action with prejudice as against the Defendants; and

WHEREAS, the Court having reviewed and considered the Stipulation, all papers filed and proceedings held herein in connection with the Settlement, all oral and written comments received regarding the Settlement, and the record in the Action, and good cause appearing therefor;

## It is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** that:

- 1. <u>Jurisdiction</u> The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action, and all matters relating to the Settlement, as well as personal jurisdiction over all of the Parties and each of the Settlement Class Members.
- 2. <u>Incorporation of Settlement Documents</u> This Judgment incorporates and makes a part hereof: (a) the Stipulation, filed with the Court on August 17, 2023; and (b) the Notice and the Summary Notice, both of which were filed with the Court on August 12, 2024.
- 3. Class Certification for Settlement Purposes – The Court hereby certifies, for the purposes of the Settlement only, the Action as a class action pursuant to Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of the Settlement Class consisting of: all persons or entities who purchased or otherwise acquired publicly traded Ryder common stock during the period from July 23, 2015 through February 13, 2020, inclusive (the "Class Period"), and were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Settlement Class are: (i) Defendants; (ii) the Immediate Family Members of any Individual Defendant; (iii) present or former Officers and directors of Ryder and their Immediate Family Members; (iv) any parent, subsidiary, or affiliate of Ryder; (v) any firm, trust, corporation, or other entity in which any Defendant or other excluded person or entity has, or had during the Class Period, a controlling interest; and (vi) the legal representatives, agents, affiliates, heirs, successors-in-interest, or assigns of any such excluded persons or entities. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are the persons and entities listed on Exhibit 1 hereto, who or which are excluded from the Settlement Class pursuant to request.

- 4. Settlement Class Findings For purposes of the Settlement only, the Court finds that each element required for certification of the Settlement Class pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure has been met: (a) the members of the Settlement Class are so numerous that their joinder in the Action would be impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class which predominate over any individual questions; (c) the claims of Lead Plaintiffs in the Action are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class; (d) Lead Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel have and will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the Settlement Class; and (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the Action.
- 5. Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and for the purposes of the Settlement only, the Court hereby certifies Lead Plaintiffs State of Alaska, Alaska Permanent Fund; The City of Fort Lauderdale General Employees' Retirement System; and The City of Plantation Police Officers Pension Fund as Class Representatives for the Settlement Class and appoints Lead Counsel Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class and Liaison Counsel Klausner Kaufman Jensen & Levinson as Liaison Class Counsel for the Settlement Class. The Court finds that Lead Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel have fairly and adequately represented the Settlement Class both in terms of litigating the Action and for purposes of entering into and implementing the Settlement and have satisfied the requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a)(4) and 23(g), respectively.

- 6. **Notice** – The Court finds that the dissemination of the Notice and the publication of the Summary Notice: (a) were implemented in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order; (b) constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (c) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of (i) the pendency of the Action; (ii) the effect of the proposed Settlement (including the Releases to be provided thereunder); (iii) Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses; (iv) their right to object to any aspect of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses; (v) their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class; and (vi) their right to appear at the Settlement Hearing; (d) constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to receive notice of the proposed Settlement; and (e) satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4, et seq., as amended, and all other applicable law and rules. The Court also finds that the notice requirements set forth in the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005, 28 U.S.C. § 1715, to the extent applicable to the Action, have been satisfied.
- 7. <u>Final Settlement Approval and Dismissal of Claims</u> Pursuant to, and in accordance with, Rule 23(e)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this Court hereby fully and finally approves the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation in all respects (including, without limitation: the amount of the Settlement; the Releases

provided for therein; and the dismissal with prejudice of the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action), and finds that the Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class. Specifically, the Court finds that (a) Lead Plaintiffs and Lead Counsel have adequately represented the Settlement Class; (b) the Settlement was negotiated by the Parties at arm's length involving an experienced mediator; (c) the relief provided under the Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate taking into account the costs, risks, and delay of litigating this action through discovery, summary judgment, trial, and appeal; the proposed means of distributing the Settlement Fund to the Settlement Class; and the proposed attorneys' fee award; and (d) the Settlement treats members of the Settlement Class equitably relative to each other. The Parties are directed to implement, perform, and consummate the Settlement in accordance with the terms and provisions contained in the Stipulation.

- 8. The Action and all of the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action by Lead Plaintiffs and the other Settlement Class Members are hereby dismissed with prejudice. The Parties shall bear their own costs and expenses, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Stipulation.
- 9. <u>Binding Effect</u> The terms of the Stipulation and of this Judgment shall be forever binding on Defendants, Lead Plaintiffs, and all other Settlement Class Members (regardless of whether or not any individual Settlement Class Member submits a Claim Form or seeks or obtains a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund), as well as their respective successors and assigns. The persons

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and entities listed on Exhibit 1 hereto are excluded from the Settlement Class pursuant to request and are not bound by the terms of the Stipulation or this Judgment.

- 10. <u>Releases</u> The Releases set forth in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Stipulation, together with the definitions contained in paragraph 1 of the Stipulation relating thereto, are expressly incorporated herein in all respects. The Releases are effective as of the Effective Date. Accordingly, this Court orders that:
- (a) Without further action by anyone, and subject to paragraph 11 below, upon the Effective Date, Lead Plaintiffs and each of the other Settlement Class Members (whether or not such person submitted a Claim Form or shares in the Net Settlement Fund), on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, and on behalf of any other person or entity legally entitled to bring Released Plaintiffs' Claims on behalf of any Settlement Class Member, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of this Judgment, shall have, fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, discharged, and dismissed with prejudice each and every Released Plaintiffs' Claim (including, without limitation, any Unknown Claims) against Defendants and all of the Defendants' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from asserting, commencing, instituting, maintaining, prosecuting, or continuing to prosecute any and all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims

against any and all of the Defendants' Releasees in this Action or in any other proceeding.

- (b) Without further action by anyone, and subject to paragraph 11 below, upon the Effective Date, Defendants, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, and on behalf of any other person or entity legally entitled to bring Released Defendants' Claims on behalf of any Defendant, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of this Judgment, shall have, fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, discharged, and dismissed with prejudice each and every Released Defendants' Claim (including, without limitation, any Unknown Claims) against Lead Plaintiffs and all of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined, to the fullest extent permitted by law, from asserting, commencing, instituting, maintaining, prosecuting, or continuing to prosecute any and all of the Released Defendants' Claims against any and all of the Plaintiffs' Releasees in this Action or in any other proceeding.
- 11. Notwithstanding paragraphs 10(a) (b) above, nothing in this Judgment shall bar any action by any of the Parties to enforce or effectuate the terms of the Stipulation or this Judgment.
- 12. <u>Bar Order</u> In accordance with 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(f)(7)(A), any and all claims for contribution arising out of the Action or any of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims (i) by any person or entity against any Defendant, and (ii) by any Defendant

against any person or entity, other than as set out in 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(f)(7)(A)(ii), are hereby permanently barred, extinguished, discharged, satisfied, and unenforceable. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Judgment shall apply to bar or otherwise affect any claim for insurance coverage by any Defendant.

- 13. Rule 11 Findings The Court finds and concludes that the Parties and their respective counsel have complied in all respects with the requirements of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in connection with the institution, prosecution, defense, and settlement of the Action.
- 14. **No Admissions** Neither this Judgment, the Stipulation (whether or not consummated), including the exhibits thereto and the Plan of Allocation contained therein (or any other plan of allocation that may be approved by the Court), the negotiations leading to the execution of the Stipulation and the Settlement, nor any proceedings, communications, drafts, documents, or agreements taken pursuant to or in connection with the Stipulation and/or approval of the Settlement (including any arguments proffered in connection therewith):
- (a) shall be offered against any of the Defendants' Releasees as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Lead Plaintiffs or the validity of any claim that was or could have been asserted or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in this Action or in any other litigation, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or other wrongdoing of any kind of any of the Defendants' Releasees, or in any way referred

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to for any other reason as against any of the Defendants' Releasees, in any arbitration proceeding or other civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation;

- (b) shall be offered against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees that any of their claims are without merit, that any of the Defendants' Releasees had meritorious defenses, or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount, or with respect to any liability, negligence, fault, or wrongdoing of any kind, or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, in any arbitration proceeding or other civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation; or
- (c) shall be construed against any of the Releasees as an admission, concession, or presumption that the consideration to be given under the Stipulation represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial; provided, however, that the Parties and the Releasees and their respective counsel may refer to this Judgment and the Stipulation to effectuate the protections from liability granted hereunder and thereunder or otherwise to enforce the terms of the Settlement.
- 15. <u>Retention of Jurisdiction</u> Without affecting the finality of this Judgment in any way, this Court retains continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over:

- (a) the Parties for purposes of the administration, interpretation, implementation, and enforcement of the Settlement; (b) the disposition of the Settlement Fund; (c) any motion for an award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses by Lead Counsel in the Action that will be paid from the Settlement Fund; (d) any motion to approve the Plan of Allocation; (e) any motion to approve the Class Distribution Order; and (f) the Settlement Class Members for all matters relating to the Action.
- 16. Separate orders shall be entered regarding approval of a plan of allocation and the motion of Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses. Such orders shall in no way affect or delay the finality of this Judgment and shall not affect or delay the Effective Date of the Settlement.
- 17. Modification of the Agreement of Settlement Without further approval from the Court, Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants are hereby authorized to agree to and adopt such amendments or modifications of the Stipulation or any exhibits attached thereto to effectuate the Settlement that: (a) are not materially inconsistent with this Judgment; and (b) do not materially limit the rights of Settlement Class Members in connection with the Settlement. Without further order of the Court, Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any provisions of the Settlement.
- 18. <u>Termination of Settlement</u> If the Settlement is terminated as provided in the Stipulation or the Effective Date of the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, this Judgment shall be vacated and rendered null and void, and shall be of no further force and effect, except as otherwise provided by the Stipulation, and this

Judgment shall be without prejudice to the rights of Lead Plaintiffs, the other Settlement Class Members, and Defendants, and Lead Plaintiffs and Defendants shall revert to their respective positions in the Action as of April 18, 2023, as provided in the Stipulation.

19. **Entry of Final Judgment** – There is no just reason to delay the entry of this Judgment as a final judgment in this Action. Accordingly, the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed to immediately enter this final judgment in this Action.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Miami, Florida this 12th day of November, 2024.

The Honorable Jacqueline Becerra United States District Judge

## Exhibit 1

## $\underline{\text{List of Persons and Entities Excluded from the Settlement Class Pursuant}}_{\text{to Request}}$

Name City, State

1. Jennifer McManus Cottageville, SC

2. Laurel Connell Barrie, Ontario,

Canada

3. Malta Pension Investments St. Julians, Malta

4. Elizabeth Finsterwalder Roselle, IL

5. Michael Finsterwalder Roselle, IL