

Scripps completes transactions to refinance revolver and 2026, 2028 term loans

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CINCINNATI – The E.W. Scripps Company (NASDAQ: SSP) has successfully completed a series of previously announced refinancing transactions, which include:

- Refinance of approximately \$110.8 million aggregate principal amount of existing tranche B-2 term loans with new tranche B-2 term loans due 2028, with remaining existing tranche B-2 term loans repaid in cash, including with proceeds from a new accounts receivable securitization facility, approximately \$223.5 million of proceeds from new tranche B-2 term loans funded by certain participating lenders and cash on hand (including from drawings under our revolving credit facilities);
- Refinance of approximately \$540.2 million (99.8%) aggregate principal amount of existing tranche B-3 term loans with \$200 million new tranche B-2 term loans due 2028 and \$340.2 million new tranche B-3 term loans due 2029, with remaining existing tranche B-3 term loans repaid in cash with cash on hand (including from drawings under our revolving credit facilities);
- Replacement of the existing revolving credit facility with a new revolving credit facility with aggregate commitments of up to \$208 million due July 2027 and another new non-extended revolving credit facility with aggregate commitments of up to \$70 million due January 2026; and
- Entrance into a new accounts receivable securitization facility with aggregate commitments of up to \$450 million.

As a result of the transactions:

- No existing B-2 term loans, existing B-3 term loans or existing revolving commitments remain outstanding;
- Scripps has \$545.2 million aggregate principal amount of new tranche B-2 term loans outstanding and \$340.2 million aggregate principal amount of new tranche B-3 term loans outstanding; and
- Scripps will have total aggregate revolving commitments of up to \$278 million, inclusive of the new nonextended revolving credit facility set forth above.

The completion of the transactions strengthens the balance sheet by extending maturities and providing the company flexibility to continue execution of key strategic initiatives.

The company will file a Form 8-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission that will contain further details regarding the completion of the transactions. The foregoing descriptions of the transactions do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the Form 8-K and exhibits thereto.

Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP served as counsel and Perella Weinberg Partners served as financial advisor to the company. Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP served as counsel and Moelis & Company LLC served as exclusive financial advisor and investment banker to an ad hoc group of certain of existing B-2 and B-3 lenders. Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP acted as counsel to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent for the new credit facilities and left lead arranger with respect to the new revolving credit facility. Mayer Brown LLP served as counsel to PNC Bank, National Association, as administrative agent and a lender with respect to the new accounts receivable securitization facility. Orrick Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP served as counsel to KKR Credit Advisors (US) LLC, on behalf of itself, certain of its affiliates and its or their managed funds and accounts, as a lender with respect to the new accounts receivable securitization facility.

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