IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

Chapter 11

LEISURE INVESTMENTS HOLDINGS LLC, et al.,¹

Case No. 25-10606 (LSS)

(Jointly Administered)

Debtors.

Hearing Date: July 23, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (ET)

Objection Deadline: July 16, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)

DEBTORS' MOTION FOR (I) AN ORDER ESTABLISHING BIDDING PROCEDURES AND GRANTING RELATED RELIEF AND (II) AN ORDER OR ORDERS APPROVING THE SALE OF THE ASSETS

Leisure Investments Holdings LLC ("LIH") and certain of its affiliates (collectively, the "Debtors") in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Chapter 11 Cases") hereby submit this motion (this "Motion") for entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> (the "Bidding Procedures Order"), (i) approving the proposed bidding procedures attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u> (the "Bidding Procedures") by which the Debtors will solicit and select the highest or otherwise best offer(s) for the sale of substantially all or a portion of their assets (the "Assets")² through one or more sales of the Assets (each, a "Sale Transaction" or "Sale");³ (ii) establishing procedures for the assumption and assignment of executory contracts

Due to the large number of Debtors in these chapter 11 cases a complete list of the Debtors is not provided herein. A complete list of the Debtors along with the last four digits of their tax identification numbers, where applicable, may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' noticing and claims agent at https://veritaglobal.net/dolphinco, or by contacting counsel for the Debtors. For the purposes of these chapter 11 cases, the address for the Debtors is Leisure Investments Holdings LLC, c/o Riveron Management Services, LLC, 600 Brickell Avenue, Suite 2550, Miami, FL 33131.

As discussed more fully below, the term "Assets" as used herein is intended to refer only to assets owned by a Debtor herein, and not assets of any Non-Debtor (as defined below).

Except where otherwise noted, the term "Sale" as used herein shall refer to either a Going Concern Sale or a Real Estate Sale or, collectively, Going Concern Sales and Real Estate Sales.

Assignment Procedures"); (iii) approving the form and manner of notice with respect to certain procedures, protections, schedules, and agreements described herein and attached hereto, including the Debtors' selection of one or more stalking horse bidders (each a "Stalking Horse Bidder"), if any, and the provision of Bid Protections (as defined below) to such Stalking Horse Bidder, if necessary; (iv) scheduling (a) an auction or (the "Auction") if the Debtors receive two or more timely and acceptable Qualified Bids (as defined below) and (b) a final hearing or hearings (each, a "Sale Hearing") to approve one or more Sales of the Assets; and (v) granting related relief. The Debtors further request that, at the Sale Hearing, this Court enter an order or orders (each, a "Sale Order"), which will be filed before the Sale Hearing: (i) authorizing the sale of the Assets free and clear of liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances; (ii) authorizing the assumption and assignment of certain executory contracts and unexpired leases; and (iii) granting related relief. In support of this motion, the Debtors respectfully state as follows:

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT⁴

1. As the Court is aware, the Debtors' assets and those of their non-debtor affiliates (the "Non-Debtors") are decentralized and spread across the globe. The marketing and sale of the various assets in which the Debtors have a direct or indirect stake will be a monumental undertaking that has only been made more difficult by the contentious governance and control wranglings early in these cases and the need for the Debtors to litigate for weeks on end just to access their own business books and records. Now that the Debtors have gained some measure of

Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Preliminary Statement shall have the meanings ascribed to them below.

control and access to their business as a result of that litigation, the time is ripe to commence the marketing and sale of their Assets.

- 2. Given the complex, diverse and worldwide reach of the Debtors' and Non-Debtors' assets, the Debtors have organized their sale processes with four (4) approaches. First, with respect to Assets that a Debtor directly owns, leases or otherwise has a direct property interest, the Debtors propose to market and sell those Assets according to the Bidding Procedures proposed herein. Second, with respect to assets owned by Non-Debtors, the Debtors intend to file procedures that would apply where its necessary or desirable to have a Debtor or Debtors consent to or approve of such a sale. For example, if a foreign subsidiary of a Debtor-entity is required to obtain the Debtors' consent for such a sale, or where such court-approved consent is otherwise necessary or desirable to close that sale, separate procedures will apply. Third, the Debtors have determined that certain assets have de minimis value in the overall context of these chapter 11 cases and they can be sold more efficiently through de minimis asset sale procedures that the Debtors have proposed concurrent with the filing of this Motion. Finally, given the unique issues surrounding the Miami Seaquarium property, the Debtors intend to address the sale, assumption and assignment or other monetization of the Debtors' interest therein by separate (future) motion.
- 3. The Bidding Procedures proposed herein are intended the streamline the massive undertaking of marketing and selling the Debtors' Assets without the need for further serial motion practice or confusing or conflicting bidding procedures applicable to different Assets. Rather, the Debtors, working with their advisors (including Greenhill and Keen-Summit) developed, the Bidding Procedures that will enable them to be more nimble without needlessly overburdening the Court, while at the same time allowing prospective interested parties the ability to easily understand how the sale process applicable to any given Asset will work. The Debtors and their

advisors believe the Bidding Procedures, while somewhat unique, are required here to enable them to navigate these businesses and assets classes with flexibility while still hewing as closely as practical to a traditional chapter 11 sale process paradigm.

JURISDICTION

- 4. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated as of February 29, 2012. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). Pursuant to rule 9013-1(f) of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Local Rules"), the Debtors consent to the entry of a final order by the Court in connection with this motion to the extent that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.
 - 5. Venue in this Court is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 6. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are Bankruptcy Code sections 105, 363, and 365, rules 2002, 6004 and 6006 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and Local Rules 2002-1 and 6004-1.

BACKGROUND

A. General Background

7. On March 31, 2025 (the "Commencement Date"), certain of the Debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief pursuant to chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. On April 16, 2025 and May 4, 2025, Controladora Dolphin, S.A. de C.V. and Embassy of the Seas Limited, respectively, also filed voluntary petitions for relief pursuant to chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

The Chapter 11 Cases are being jointly administered for procedural purposes only. See Docket Nos. 32, 68 & 126.

- 8. On May 6, 2025, the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the "U.S. Trustee") appointed an official committee of unsecured creditors (the "Committee").
- 9. Additional information regarding the Debtors, including their business operations, their corporate and capital structure, and the events leading to the commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases, are set forth in detail in the Declaration of Steven Robert Strom in Support of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Pleadings [Docket No. 10] (the "First Day Declaration").

B. Specific Background

- (a) The Debtors' Assets and Properties
- 10. The Debtors and their affiliates (collectively, the "Company") operate more than 30 attractions (each, a "Property" and collectively, the "Properties")⁵—dolphin habitats, marinas and water, theme, and adventure parks—in eight countries across three continents, with primary operations in Mexico, the United States, and the Caribbean, including Jamaica, Cayman Islands, Dominican Republic and St. Kitts. The Company also has locations in Italy and Argentina. The Company's parks are home to approximately 2,400 animals from more than 80 species of marine life, including hundreds of marine mammals (such as dolphins, sea lions, manatees and seals), birds, and reptiles. The Company's new management and their advisors continue to diligence the Assets and Properties.

As used in this Motion, the term "Property" and "Properties" shall refer only to those owned, leased or in which a Debtor-entity has a direct interest, and not to those owned or leased by Non-Debtors.

- *(b)* The Proposed Sale Procedures
- above, the Debtors' Assets and Properties comprise a diverse set of geographic locations and operational uses. The Properties may be marketed either as a going concern and/or as a real property transaction. Second, also as described above, the Debtors have faced significant challenges in obtaining access to and control over their books and records, and they have accordingly been unable to compile information necessary for a value-maximizing sale process for all of their Properties. Finally, the Debtors are tight on liquidity, particularly given certain irregularities identified in connection with the use of cash by prior management, which matters will be investigated in due course in these cases. Although strained liquidity is not a unique prospect in bankruptcy, it presents an acute challenge under these circumstances to an enterprise-level marketing and sales process.
- 12. As such, it is neither feasible nor efficient to run a "typical" bankruptcy sales process with one bid deadline for bidders to bid on all or a portion of the Debtors' Assets. Instead, the Debtors require a flexible process that enables them to market their various Properties in an order and at a tempo that maximizes their respective values. Rather than establishing one deadline for bids, the Debtors request the Court authorize them to market their Assets and, after either choosing a Stalking Horse Bidder or otherwise deciding in their business judgment to commence a bidding process for certain Assets (such date, the "Bid Procedures Trigger Date"), the Debtors shall commence a forty-five (45) to seventy-five (75) bid process outlined below for the relevant Assets. The Debtors believe that the relief requested herein will bolster the prospects of a value-maximizing sale transaction. However, given the unique circumstances of these Chapter

11 Cases, it is possible that the Debtors may seek separate relief with respect to certain of their Assets.

of the Assets being marketed. For example, the Debtors may want the auction process for several properties to run in tandem (even though their go-to-market dates may be staggered) in order to maximize the number of properties parties can bid on in the process. Or, there may emerge circumstances where the Debtors must run a shorter or longer marketing and sale process such as time-sensitive/expiring offer or a sale process where it becomes clear early on that a single buyer emerges and the Debtors conclude that running a 75-day, versus a 35-day, process would likely not result in a greater recovery, particularly given the associated burden on the estates in continuing to manage operations at a subject facility. Or there may be circumstances where a much longer process is warranted given the amount and availability of due diligence that is warranted on a given Asset or where there are no time exigencies, but significant interest by several bidders. The Debtors attempted to design the Bidding Procedures to address as many contingencies as possible as they proceed through this process to that they can flexibly adapt to many different scenarios but still capture maximum value for their Assets.

C. The Debtors' Retention of Greenhill and Keen-Summit

14. Parties potentially interested in acquiring the Debtors' assets may either be interested in continuing the operations of the Debtors' parks or solely acquiring the Debtors' real property interests. In light of this, and to maximize the value available to the Debtors' estate, the Debtors require advisors with expertise marketing assets for both purposes. For this reason, the Debtors are seeking to retain both Greenhill & Co., LLC ("Greenhill") and Keen-Summit Capital Partners LLC ("Keen-Summit"). Greenhill will take the lead in marketing assets the Debtors

anticipate will likely attract a going concern buyer (each, a "Going Concern Sale"), and Keen-Summit will take the lead in marketing the assets that the Debtors anticipate will result in a real estate-only transaction (a "Real Estate Sale").

- Going Concern Sale and Real Estate Sale categories for purposes of identifying which firm will lead the respective marketing and sale process. However, it is unclear with respect to certain properties if value will be maximized from buyers interested in a Going Concern Sale or Real Estate Sale. Therefore, in order to maximize the pool of suitors for these properties, the Debtors expect these properties to be marketed by both Greenhill and Keen-Summit as either a Going Concern Sale or a Real Estate Sale. The Debtors believe this approach will maximize the pool of potential buyers, reveal the highest and best use for their assets, and maximize the value of their assets.
- 16. On June 13, 2025, the Debtors filed retention applications seeking this Court's approval to retain Greenhill and Keen-Summit, which are scheduled to be heard concurrent with the instant Motion. Docket Nos. 218 & 219, respectively.

D. The Proposed Bidding, Notice, and Assumption and Assignment Procedures

- (a) Proposed Timeline for Sales⁶
- 17. The Debtors propose the following timeline for each potential Sale:⁷

Consistent with the Milestones set forth on <u>Exhibit C</u> to Fourth Interim Order Authorizing the Debtors to Obtain Postpetition Financing (the "Fourth DIP Order") [Docket No. 227] and the Bidding Procedures proposed herein, the Debtors, the DIP Lenders and the Prepetition First Lien Noteholders have agreed to the proposed sale timelines for the Duck Key, Marineland and Panama City properties as set forth on <u>Schedule 1</u> to this Motion.

The Debtors, in the exercise of their business judgment, reserve the right to change these sale-related dates to achieve the maximum value for the Assets with the consent of the Lenders.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Discretionary with the consent ⁸ of the Prepetition First Lien Noteholders and DIP Lenders ⁹ (together, the "Lenders") and in consultation with the Committee (collectively with the DIP Lenders and Prepetition First Lien Noteholders, the "Consultation Parties")	Launch marketing and sale process for an Asset
Discretionary with the consent of the Lenders and in consultation with the Consultation Parties	Establish Deadline for Stalking Horse Bids
Discretionary with the consent of the Lenders and in consultation with the other Consultation Parties	Selection of Stalking Horse Bidder
Day 0 - Bid Procedures Trigger Date (the period of time prior to the Bid Procedures Trigger Date, the "Pre-Trigger Date Period") ¹⁰	Debtors File Either (A) Notice Identifying Terms of Stalking Horse Bid, Sale Process Dates and Bidding Procedures (including overbid amounts and auction rules) (the "Stalking Horse Notice"), or (B) If No Stalking Horse Bid is Selected, Notice Commencing the Auction Process (the "Sale Notice")
Day 7 – 14	Assumption and Assignment Notice
Day 14 – 21	Assumption and Assignment Objection Deadline
Day 15 – 60	Sale Objection Deadline
Day 30 – 75	Bid Deadline
Day 35 – 80	Auction
Two days following the Auction (approximately Day 37 – 85)	Auction Objection Deadline
4:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time the day prior to the deadline for filing the agenda for the Sale Hearing (approximately Day 42 – 90)	Reply Deadline

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Any reference to any consent rights granted to any party herein and in any order granting the relief requested herein is qualified that such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld or delayed.

As defined in the *Declaration of Steven Robert Strom in Support of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Pleadings* [Docket No. 10].

The timeline and deadlines from Day 0 through Day 95 to be determined in consultation with the Lenders; provided, however, that any timeline and deadlines set forth in these Bidding Procedures shall not modify any Milestones provided for in the Fourth DIP Order or any such milestones as may be agreed to in any further order approving post-petition financing and/or use of cash collateral.

No Later Than 2 Days Prior to Sale Hearing	File Declaration in Support of Sale Detailing Auction Process (or, at the Debtors' discretion, a proffer or live testimony at the Sale Hearing)
Day 45 – 95	Sale Hearing

The Debtors submit that this proposed timeline is reasonable, will foster robust participation in the sale process, is consistent with local practice and custom, and will not prejudice any parties in interest.

18. By way of illustration, the Debtors may commence marketing of a Real Estate Sale and it may become clear during the Pre-Trigger Date Period that there is only one prospective buyer interested in the specific real estate asset following thorough and exhaustive marketing. In that instance, the Debtors, in consultation with their advisors and the Consultations Parties, may determine that a shorter auction process is warranted or, put another way, that a longer auction process would not yield a greater result and would merely prolong the Debtors' carrying and other administrative expenses relative to that real property asset. In such a circumstance, the auction process following the Bid Procedures Trigger Date may be as follows:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Bid Procedures Trigger Date	Debtors File Stalking Horse Notice
Day 15	Sale Objection Deadline
Day 30	Bid Deadline
Day 35	Auction
Day 37	Auction Objection Deadline
Day 41	Reply Deadline
Day 43	File Declaration in Support of Sale
Day 45	Sale Hearing

19. By way of further illustration, the Debtors may commence marketing of a joint process for a Going Concern Sale or Real Estate Sale and it may become clear during the Pre-

Trigger Date Period that given the complexity of the asset and business, availability of business records, need of interested buyers to have a longer diligence period, number of interested parties and a number of other factors, that a longer auction process will be required and will result in a superior and value-maximizing outcome. In that instance, the Debtors, in consultation with their advisors and the Consultation Parties, may determine that the auction process might be as follows:

<u>Date</u>	Event
Bid Procedures Trigger Date	Debtors File Stalking Horse Notice
Day 21	Sale Objection Deadline
Day 75	Bid Deadline
Day 80	Auction
Day 85	Auction Objection Deadline
Day 90	Reply Deadline
Day 93	File Declaration in Support of Sale
Day 95	Sale Hearing

20. As noted above, this flexibility will afford the Debtors, in consultation with the Consultation Parties, the flexibility manage and deploy their auction process to maximize value based on the various assets classes presented by these cases and the specific interest in a particular asset.

(b) The Bidding Procedures

21. The Bidding Procedures are designed to maximize value for the Debtors' estates while ensuring an orderly and efficient sale process. The Bidding Procedures describe, among other things, (i) the procedures for interested parties to access due diligence materials, submit bids, and become qualified as a Stalking Horse Bidder or to participate in an Auction; (ii) the time, place, and process of any Auction; (iii) the selection and approval of any ultimately Successful Bidders; and (iv) the deadlines with respect to the foregoing. The Debtors believe, with the support of their secured creditors, that the Bidding Procedures provide for a sale process that will maximize

the value of their estates and encourage robust participation in the bid process from all potential bidders. As discussed above, moving forward with this process at this time, and in the manner described herein, will support two important goals: (a) encouraging participation from the widest possible group of bidders for the Debtors' Assets and (b) maximizing recoveries for the Debtors' creditor constituencies.

22. A summary of the principal terms of the Bidding Procedures, a complete copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, including the terms that are required to be highlighted in accordance with Local Rule 6004-1, is as follows:¹¹

Assets to Be Sold (Bidding Procedures Order ¶ 30)	Substantially all or any portion or combination of the Assets either through one sale to a Successful Bidder or multiple sales to multiple Successful Bidders.
Access to Diligence Materials (Bidding Procedures pp. 3-4 & Bidding Procedures Order ¶ 5)	To receive access to due diligence materials and to participate in the bidding process, an interested party must submit to the Debtors or already be bound by (i) an executed confidentiality agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Debtors, (ii) for a Going Concern Sale evidence demonstrating the party's financial ability to consummate a sale transaction for the Assets (any such transaction, a " Transaction "), and (iii) for a Going Concern Sale a statement that such party has a bona fide interest in purchasing all or some of the Assets.
	A party who, in the Debtors' reasonable discretion, satisfies the requirements set forth in the immediately preceding sentence for receiving access to diligence materials shall be a "Diligence Party." As promptly as practicable after the Debtors determine that a party is a Diligence Party, the Debtors will deliver to the Diligence Party access to the Debtors' confidential electronic data room. The Debtors will afford any Diligence Party the time and opportunity to conduct reasonable due diligence before the Bid Deadline (as defined below). Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Debtors reserve the right to withhold any diligence materials that the Debtors determine are sensitive or otherwise not appropriate for disclosure to a Diligence Party who the Debtors determine is a competitor of the Debtors or is

The following summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of the Bidding Procedures. In the event of any inconsistencies between the provisions of the Bidding Procedures and the terms herein, the terms of the Bidding Procedures shall govern. Capitalized terms not defined in this table shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Bidding Procedures.

	affiliated with any competitor of the Debtors. Neither the Debtors nor their representatives shall be obligated to furnish information of any kind whatsoever to any person that is not determined to be a Diligence Party.	
Qualification of Bidders and Qualified Bids (Bidding Procedures pp. 4-8 and Bidding Procedures Order	To be eligible to participate in the Auction, each offer, solicitation, or proposal (each, a "Bid"), and each party submitting such a Bid (each, a "Bidder") must satisfy each of the conditions set forth below, as determined by the Debtors, in consultation with the Consultation Parties. A Bid will not be considered qualified for the Auction if such Bid does not satisfy each of the following conditions:	
	(a) Good Faith Deposit: Each Bid for all or a portion of the Assets must be accompanied by a deposit (a "Good Faith Deposit") submitted by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account identified by the Debtors. Each Good Faith Deposit must equal in the case of a Bid for all or a portion of the Assets, the amount of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price contained in the Modified Purchase Agreement (as defined below), or such other amount as the Debtors determine, in consultation with the Lenders.	
	(b) Bids for Portions of the Assets: A Bid may offer to purchase all or substantially all of the Assets, any portion of the Assets or any combination of the Assets. The Debtors may, with the consent of the Lenders (if such Lenders are not also Bidders) and in consultation with the Bid Consultation Parties (as defined below), waive or modify the application of the Qualified Bid conditions in respect of Bids for a portion of the Assets.	
	(c) <u>Higher or Better Terms</u> : To the extent a Stalking Horse Bidder is selected, each subsequent Bid for any Assets subject to the Stalking Horse Agreement (alone or combined with Bids for other Assets subject to the Stalking Horse Agreement) must be on terms that, in the Debtors' business judgment, in consultation with the Bid Consultation Parties, are higher or better than the terms of the Stalking Horse Agreement.	
	(d) Executed Agreement: Each Bid must be based on the Purchase Agreement or Stalking Horse Agreement, if applicable, and must include executed transaction documents, signed by an authorized representative of such Bidder, pursuant to which the Bidder proposes to effectuate a Transaction (the "Modified Purchase"	

- **Agreement**"). A Bid shall also include a copy of the Modified Purchase Agreement to show all changes requested by the Bidder (including those related to purchase price).
- (e) <u>Designation of Assigned Contracts and Leases, Payment of Cure Amounts (if applicable)</u>: A Bid must identify any and all executory contracts and unexpired leases of the Debtors that the Bidder wishes to have assumed and assigned to it at closing and provide for the payment of all cure amounts payable with respect to such contracts and leases under the Bankruptcy Code.
- (f) Corporate Authority: A Bid must include written evidence reasonably acceptable to the Debtors demonstrating appropriate corporate authorization to submit the Bid and consummate the proposed Transaction, provided that, if the Bidder is an entity specially formed for the purpose of effectuating the Transaction, then the Bidder must furnish written evidence reasonably acceptable to the Debtors of the approval of the submission of the Bid and consummation of the Transaction by the equity holder(s) of such Bidder.
- (g) <u>Disclosure of Identity of Bidder</u>: A Bid must fully disclose the identity of each entity that will be bidding for or purchasing the Assets or otherwise participating in connection with such Bid (including any equity holder or other financial backer if the Bidder is an entity specifically formed for the purpose of effectuating the Transaction), and, with respect to a Going Concern Sale, the complete terms of any such participation, including any binding agreements, arrangements, or understandings concerning a collaborative or joint bid or any other combination concerning the proposed Bid.
- (h) Proof of Financial Ability to Perform: A Bid must include written evidence that the Debtors reasonably conclude, in consultation with their advisors and the Bid Consultation Parties, demonstrates that the Bidder has the necessary financial ability to (i) close the Transaction and (ii) provide adequate assurance of future performance under all contracts to be assumed and assigned in such Transaction. Such information must include, *inter alia*, the following:

- 1. contact names and telephone numbers for verification of financing sources;
- 2. evidence of the Bidder's (a) internal resources and proof of unconditional debt funding commitments from a recognized financial institution and, if applicable, equity commitments in an aggregate amount equal to the cash portion of such Bid (including, if applicable, the Bidder's payment of cure amounts) or the posting of an irrevocable letter of credit from a recognized banking institution issued in favor of the Debtors in such amount, in each case, as are needed to close the Transaction: the Bidder's current financial statements (audited if they exist) or other similar financial information reasonably acceptable to the Debtors, provided, however, that with respect to a Real Estate Asset Sale, a Bidder need only submit one of 2(a) or (b), but not both:
- 3. for a Going Concern Sale, a description of the Bidder's pro forma capital structure; and
- 4. any such other form of financial disclosure or credit-quality support information or enhancement reasonably requested by the Debtors, in consultation with the Lenders (if such Lenders are not also Bidders), demonstrating that such Bidder has the ability to close the Transaction.
- (i) Regulatory and Third-Party Approvals: A Bid must set forth each regulatory and third-party approval required for the Bidder to consummate the Transaction, if any, and the time period within which the Bidder expects to receive such regulatory and third-party approvals (and in the case that receipt of any such regulatory or third-party approval is expected to take more than thirty (30) days following execution and delivery of the Modified Purchase Agreement, those actions the Bidder will take to ensure receipt of such approval(s) as promptly as possible).
- (j) <u>Contingencies</u>: Each Bid may not be conditioned on obtaining financing or any internal approval, or on the outcome or review of due diligence.

- (k) Irrevocable: Each Bid must expressly provide that (i) the Bidder is prepared to consummate the transaction set forth in the Modified Purchase Agreement promptly following entry of the Sale Order and satisfaction of the closing conditions (if any) set forth in the Modified Purchase Agreement, and (ii) the offer reflected in such Bid shall remain open and irrevocable until the earlier of 45 days from the auction date or the closing of the Transaction, provided that if such Bid is accepted as the Successful Bid or the Backup Bid (each as defined herein), such Bid shall continue to remain open and irrevocable as provided under "Closing the Auction; Successful Bidder" and "Backup Bidder" below.
- (l) Purchase Price Allocation: Each Bid must: (i) clearly state which Assets the Bidder is agreeing to purchase and which liabilities the Bidder is agreeing to assume; (ii) clearly set forth the purchase price to be paid, including and identifying separately any cash and non-cash components; and (iii) specify the portion of the aggregate purchase price thereunder that is being allocated to each of the Assets (on a facility by facility basis), including, if applicable, any equity interests in non-Debtor entities.
- (m) <u>Bid Deadline</u>: Each Bid must be received by the Debtors as well as each of the following parties, in writing, on or before the specific bid deadline established by the Debtors with the consent of the Lenders and in consultation with the Consultation Parties (each, a "Bid Deadline"):
 - (i) Riveron Management Services, LLC, 2515 McKinney Ave., Suite 1600, Dallas, TX 75201, Attn: Michael Flynn (michael.flynn@riveron.com);
 - (ii) Greenhill & Co., LLC, 1271 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10020, Attn: Jakub Mleczko (jakub.mleczko@greenhill.com), Neil Augustine (neil.augustine@greenhill.com), and Charles Geizhals (charles.geizhals@greenhill.com);
 - (iii) Keen-Summit Capital Partners LLC, 1 Huntington Quadrangle Suite 2C04, Melville, New York 11747, Attn: Chris Mahoney (cmahoney@keen-summit.com) and Heather Milazzo (hmilazzo@keen-summit.com);

- (iv) counsel to the Debtors, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, 1000 N. King Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Sean Greecher (sgreecher@ycst.com) and Jared W. Kochenash (jkochenash@ycst.com);
- (v) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, 844 King Street, Room 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Benjamin Hackman, Esq. (Benjamin.a.hackman@usdoj.gov);
- (vi) counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee"), (a) Raines Feldman Littrell LLP, 824 North Market Street, Suite 805, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Thomas J. Francella, Jr. (tfrancella@raineslaw.com) and (b) Law Offices of Manganelli, Leider & Savio, P.A., 1900 N.W. Corporate Blvd., Ste. 200W, Boca Raton, FL 33431, Attn: Christian Savio (csavio@mls-pa.com);
- (vii) the DIP Lenders and counsel to the DIP Lenders, Baker & McKenzie LLP, 452 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10018, Attn: Blaire A. Cahn (blaire.cahn@bakermckenzie.com), and 830 Brickell Plaza, Suite 3100, Miami, FL 33131, Attn: Paul J. Keenan Jr. (paul.keenan@bakermckenzie.com);
- (viii) the DIP Agent, GLAS Americas, LLC, 3 Second Street, Suite 206 Jersey City, NJ 07311, Re: Triton Investments Holdings, LLC (clientservices.usadcm@glas.agency);
- (ix) counsel to the DIP Agent, Troutman Pepper Locke, LLP, 111 Huntington Avenue Boston, MA 02199, Attn: Adrienne K. Walker (awalker@troutman.com);
- (x) the Prepetition First Lien Agent GLAS Americas, LLC, 3 Second Street, Suite 206 Jersey City, NJ 07311; Attn: Controladora Dolphin, S.A. de C.V-Collateral Agent (clientservices.usadcm@glas.agency);
- (xi) counsel to the Prepetition First Lien Agent Foley & Lardner LLP, 111 Huntington Avenue, Suite 2500, Boston, MA 02199, Attn: Adrienne K. Walker (awalker@foley.com);

(xii) the Prepetition Second Lien Agent, GLAS Americas, LLC, 3 Second Street, Suite 206 Jersey City, NJ, 07311, Attn: Controladora Dolphin, S.A. de C.V-Collateral Agent; clientservices.usadcm@glas.agency);

(xiii) counsel to the Prepetition Second Lien Agent, Foley & Lardner LLP, 111 Huntington Avenue, Suite 2500, Boston, MA 02199, Attn: Adrienne K. Walker (awalker@foley.com); and

(xiv) all known parties holding or asserting liens, claims, encumbrances or other interests in the assets being sold and their respective counsel, if known.

A Bid received from a Bidder on or before the Bid Deadline that meets the requirements set forth above for the applicable Assets shall constitute a "Qualified Bid" for such Assets, and such Bidder shall constitute a "Qualified Bidder" for such Assets; provided, however, that if the Lenders (unless (i) such Lender is a Bidder, (ii) the contemplated Qualified Bid(s) top(s) a previously approved Stalking Horse Bidder (as defined in the Bidding Procedures), or (iii) the cumulative proceeds to date and the contemplated Qualified Bid(s) result(s) in the DIP and pre-petition secured debt being paid in full) determine that the adequacy of the consideration provided for in any Bid is insufficient, then such Bid shall not be deemed a Qualified Bid and such Bidder shall not be deemed a Qualified Bidder for purposes of these Bidding Procedures regardless of whether the above conditions are satisfied.

Credit Bidding (Bidding Procedures p. 8)

Notwithstanding anything else contained in the Bidding Procedures, the DIP Lenders and the lenders under the Debtors' prepetition notes shall have the right, subject in all respects to the Bankruptcy Code and other applicable law, to credit bid all or any portion of their allowed secured claims at the Auction pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 363(k) or other applicable law, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the documents governing such debt obligations, and that such lenders are exempt from the requirement to provide a Good Faith Deposit related to any such Bid; *provided* that such Bid otherwise complies with these Bidding Procedures, any applicable intercreditor agreement and the Bankruptcy Code and such credit bidding rights shall be subject to entry of a final postpetition financing order and any challenge rights preserved therein; *provided further* that any lender who puts forward such a Bid is no longer considered a Bid Consultation Party with respect to the Asset or Assets on which it is bidding.

Option to Select Stalking Horse with Bid Protections (Bidding Procedures Order ¶¶ 9-11 & Bidding Procedures pp. 8-10)

Subject to the provisions set forth in the Bidding Procedures and with the consent of the Lenders (if such Lenders are not also Bidders) and in consultation with the Bid Consultation Parties, the Debtors may enter into a Stalking Horse Agreement, subject to higher or otherwise better offers at the Auction, with any Stalking Horse Bidder that submits a Qualified Bid acceptable to the Debtors and the Lenders (if (a) such Lenders are not also Bidders and (b) the cumulative proceeds to date and the contemplated stalking horse sale does not result in the DIP and pre-petition secured debt being paid in full), in consultation with the Bid Consultation Parties, to establish a minimum Qualified Bid at the Absent further order of the Court, the Stalking Horse Agreement shall limit the break-up fee in an incremental amount to be determined by the Debtors with the consent of the Lenders (if (a) such Lenders are not also Bidders and (b) the cumulative proceeds to date and the contemplated stalking horse sale does not result in the DIP and pre-petition secured debt being paid in full), in consultation with the Bid Consultation Parties, in amount no greater than 3% of the Qualified Bid and expense reimbursement in an amount not to exceed 1% of the Qualified Bid (together with the Minimum Overbid Increment, the "Bid Protections"). In the event that the Debtors determine that the Bid Protections must exceed the amounts set forth herein, the Debtors shall request that the Bankruptcy Court hold a hearing on the approval of any such greater Bid Protections on an expedited basis.

In the event that the Debtors select one or more parties to serve as a Stalking Horse Bidder, upon such selection, the Debtors shall file the Stalking Horse Notice with the Bankruptcy Court and serve the Stalking Horse Notice on the Bid Procedures Notice Parties with three (3) business days' notice of and an opportunity to object to the designation of such Stalking Horse Bidder and disclosure of the Bid Protections set forth in the Stalking Horse Agreement, and absent objection, the Debtors may submit an order to the Court under certification of counsel approving the selection of such Stalking Horse Bidder. To the extent necessary, the Debtors' right to seek the Court's approval of one or more Stalking Horse Bidders, with notice and a hearing, is hereby preserved.

Any Stalking Horse Agreement executed by the Debtors and the transactions contemplated thereby will be deemed a Qualified Bid for all purposes, and any Stalking Horse Bidder party to a Stalking Horse Agreement executed by the Debtors will be deemed to be a Qualified Bidder.

Auction (Bidding Procedures pp. 9-10 & Bidding

If two or more Qualified Bids for the same Assets are received by the Bid Deadline, the Debtors will conduct the Auction to determine the highest or otherwise best Qualified Bid. If two or more Qualified Bids exist for acquiring specific sub-groups of Assets, then the Debtors may, in the exercise of their reasonable business judgment (in consultation

Procedures Oder ¶ 8)

with the Bid Consultation Parties), first conduct a Sub-Auction (as defined below) for such sub-group of Assets. If less than two Qualified Bids are received by the Bid Deadline with respect to any portion of the Assets, the Debtors, with the consent of the Lenders, may elect not to conduct an Auction with respect to such Assets. If only one Qualified Bid is received with respect to all or a portion of the Assets, the Debtors may, with the consent of the Lenders (if (a) such Lenders are not also Bidders and (b) the cumulative proceeds to date and the contemplated stalking horse (if applicable) sale does not result in the DIP and prepetition secured debt being paid in full) and after consultation with the Bid Consultation Parties, designate such Qualified Bid as a Successful Bid. Only Qualified Bidders may participate in the Auction.

The Auction shall take place on the date and time designated by the Debtors, in consultation with the Consultation Parties, at the offices of counsel for the Debtors, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, 1000 N. King Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, or such other place and time as the Debtors shall reasonably notify all Qualified Bidders and the Consultation Parties.

Only the Debtors, the Consultation Parties, the Stalking Horse Bidder(s) (if any), any other Qualified Bidders, and/or other party as the Debtors may determine to include in their discretion, in each case along with their representatives and advisors, shall be entitled to attend the Auction (such attendance to be in person) and only Qualified Bidders will be entitled to make any Overbids (as defined below) at the Auction.

The Debtors and their advisors shall direct and preside over the Auction, which shall be transcribed. Other than as expressly set forth herein, the Debtors (in consultation with the Consultation Parties or, to the extent provided herein, the Bid Consultation Parties) may conduct the Auction in the manner they determine will result in the highest or otherwise best offer for any of the Assets, including conducting multiple Auctions for different subgroupings of the Assets (each, a "Sub-Auction"). The Debtors shall provide to the Consultation Parties and each Qualified Bidder participating in the Auction with a copy of the Modified Purchase Agreement associated with the highest or otherwise best Qualified Bid with respect to the Assets for which such Qualified Bidder is bidding, as determined by the Debtors in consultation with the Bid Consultation Parties (such highest or otherwise best Qualified Bid, the "Auction Baseline Bid"). At the start of the Auction, the Debtors shall describe the material terms of the Auction Baseline Bid and each Qualified Bidder participating in the Auction must confirm that (a) it has not engaged in any collusion with respect to the bidding or sale of any of the Assets described herein, (b) it has reviewed, understands, and accepts the Bidding Procedures, (c) it has consented to the core

	jurisdiction of the Bankruptcy Court (as described more fully below), and (d) its Qualified Bid is a good-faith <i>bona fide</i> offer that it intends to consummate if selected as the Successful Bidder.
Terms and Announcement of Overbids (Bidding Procedures pp. 10- 12 & Bidding Procedures Oder	An "Overbid" is any bid made at the Auction, in accordance with the requirements set forth herein, subsequent to the Debtors' announcement of the respective Auction Baseline Bid. To submit an Overbid for purposes of this Auction, a Bidder must comply with the following conditions:
¶ 8)	(a) Minimum Overbid Increments: The initial Overbid, if any, shall provide for total consideration to the Debtors with a value that exceeds the value of the consideration under the Auction Baseline Bid by an incremental amount to be determined by the Debtors, with the consent of the Lenders (if such Lenders are not also Bidders) and in consultation with the Consultation Parties, and announced at the time the Auction Baseline Bid is announced (the "Minimum Overbid Increment"), and each successive Overbid shall exceed the then-existing Overbid by an incremental amount that is not less than the Minimum Overbid Increment. The Debtors reserve the right, with the consent of the Lenders (if such Lenders are not also Bidders) and in consultation with the Bid Consultation Parties, to announce reductions or increases in the Minimum Overbid Increment at any time during the Auction. Additional consideration in excess of the amount set forth in the respective Auction Baseline Bid may include (i) cash and/or noncash consideration, provided, however, that the value for such non-cash consideration shall be determined by the Debtors in their reasonable business judgment, in consultation with the Bid Consultation Parties, and (ii) in the case of a Bid by the DIP Lenders or the lenders under the Debtors' prepetition notes, a credit bid of up to the full amount of the such secured creditors' allowed secured claim, subject to the terms of any applicable intercreditor agreement and the Bankruptcy Code and such credit bidding rights shall be subject to entry of a final postpetition financing order and any challenge rights preserved therein.
	(b) Remaining Terms Are the Same as for Qualified Bids: Except as modified in the Bidding Procedures, an Overbid at the Auction must comply with the conditions

for a Qualified Bid set forth above, *provided, however*, that the Bid Deadline shall not apply. Any Overbid must include, in addition to the amount and the form of consideration of the Overbid, a description of all changes requested by the Bidder to the Purchase Agreement or Modified Purchase Agreement, as the case may be, in connection therewith. For the avoidance of doubt, any Overbid shall be irrevocable and shall remain open and binding on the Bidder in accordance with these Bidding Procedures and the conditions for a Oualified Bid.

At the Debtors' discretion, to the extent not previously provided (which shall be determined by the Debtors in consultation with the Lenders (if such Lenders are not also Bidders)), a Bidder submitting an Overbid at the Auction must submit, as part of its Overbid, written evidence (in the form of financial disclosure or credit-quality support information or enhancement reasonably acceptable to the Debtors), as the Debtors, in their reasonable business judgment in consultation with the Lenders (if such Lenders are not also Bidders), may request, demonstrating such Bidder's ability to consummate the Transaction proposed by such Overbid.

Announcement and Consideration of Overbids.

- (a) Announcement of Overbids: A Bidder submitting an Overbid at the Auction shall announce at the Auction the material terms of such Overbid, including the total amount and type of consideration offered in such Overbid.
- (b) Consideration of Overbids: The Debtors reserve the right, in their reasonable business judgment in consultation with the Bid Consultation Parties, to make one or more continuances of the Auction to, among other things: facilitate discussions between the Debtors and individual Qualified Bidders; allow individual Qualified Bidders to consider how they wish to proceed; and give Qualified Bidders the opportunity to provide the Debtors with such additional evidence as the Debtors, in their reasonable business judgment in consultation with the Bid Consultation Parties, may require, that the Qualified Bidder has sufficient internal resources, or has received sufficient non-contingent debt and/or equity funding

commitments, to consummate the proposed Transaction at the prevailing Overbid amount; *provided* that, to the extent the Debtors determine to request that any Qualified Bidder increase the amount of their Good Faith Deposit, the Debtors first shall consult with the Lenders (if such Lenders are not also Bidders) before making such request; *provided further* that any such Qualified Bidder will provide a statement on the record that they will increase the amount of their Good Faith Deposit in proportion with the Overbid, and that any such Qualified Bidder and Backup Bidder will have 24 hours to increase the amount of their Good Faith Deposits in accordance with this provision.

No Round-Skipping.

Round-skipping, as described herein, is explicitly prohibited. To remain eligible to participate in the Auction or specific Sub-Auction for an Asset or Assets, in each round of bidding, (i) each Qualified Bidder must submit a Bid in such round of bidding that is a higher or otherwise better offer than the immediately preceding Bid submitted by a Qualified Bidder in such round of bidding and (ii) to the extent a Qualified Bidder fails to bid in such round of bidding or to submit a Bid in such round of bidding that is a higher or otherwise better offer than the immediately preceding Bid submitted by a Qualified Bidder in such round of bidding, as determined by the Debtors in their reasonable business judgment (in consultation with the Bid Consultation Parties), such Qualified Bidder shall be disqualified from continuing to participate in the Auction for such Asset(s); provided that with the consent of the Lenders and in consultation with the Bid Consultation Parties, the Debtors may adopt and utilize the Auction procedures other than the foregoing procedure for any round of bidding.

Closing the Auction; Successful Bidder (Bidding Procedures pp. 12-13 & Bidding Procedures Oder ¶ 8) The Auction shall continue until there is only one Qualified Bid for the Assets that the Debtors determine in their reasonable business judgment, and in consultation with the Bid Consultation Parties, is the highest or otherwise best Qualified Bid at the Auction. Thereafter, the Debtors shall select such Qualified Bid, in consultation with the Bid Consultation Parties, as the overall highest or otherwise best Qualified Bid (such Bid, the "Successful Bid," and the Bidder submitting such Successful Bid, the "Successful Bidder"). In making this decision, the Debtors shall consider the Bid Assessment Criteria.

The Auction shall close when the Successful Bidder(s) submits fully executed sale and transaction documents memorializing the terms of the Successful Bid(s). Within one (1) business day after the conclusion of

the Auction, the Successful Bidder(s) shall deliver an additional Good Faith Deposit payment so that each such bidder's total Good Faith Deposit equals 10% of the purchase price of the Successful Bid(s).

Promptly following the Debtors' selection of the Successful Bid(s) and the conclusion of the Auction, the Debtors shall announce the Successful Bid(s) and Successful Bidder(s) and shall file with the Bankruptcy Court notice of the Successful Bid(s) and Successful Bidder(s).

The Debtors shall not consider any Bids submitted after the conclusion of the Auction. Every Bidder shall be required to keep its Bid(s) open and irrevocable until the sooner to occur of forty-five (45) days from the closing of the Auction or the closing of the transactions contemplated thereby.

Closing with Alternative Backup Bidders (Bidding Procedures p. 13 & Bidding Procedures Oder ¶¶ 4, 8) Notwithstanding anything in the Bidding Procedures to the contrary, the Qualified Bid for the Assets that the Debtors determine in their reasonable business judgment, in consultation with the Bid Consultation Parties, is the next highest or otherwise best Qualified Bid at the Auction after the Successful Bid, will be designated as the "Backup Bid" and the Bidder submitting such Backup Bid, the "Backup Bidder." The Backup Bidder shall be required to keep the Backup Bid open and irrevocable until the earlier of 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on the date that is eighty (80) days after the date of entry of the Sale Order (the "Outside Backup Date") or the sooner to occur of 45 days from the closing of the Auction or the closing of the transaction with the Successful Bidder.

Following entry of the Sale Order, if the Successful Bidder fails to consummate the Successful Bid, the Debtors may, in consultation with the Bid Consultation Parties, designate the Backup Bid to be the new Successful Bid and the Backup Bidder to be the new Successful Bidder, and the Debtors will be authorized, but not required, to consummate the transaction with the Backup Bidder without further order of the Bankruptcy Court. In such case of a breach or failure to perform on the part of the Successful Bidder, the defaulting Successful Bidder's deposit shall be forfeited to the Debtors. The Debtors specifically reserve the right to seek all available damages, including specific performance, from any defaulting Successful Bidder (including any Backup Bidder designated as a Successful Bidder) in accordance with the terms of the Bidding Procedures.

Concurrent with the Debtors' announcement of the Successful Bid(s) and Successful Bidder(s), the Debtors shall announce the Backup Bid

	and Backup Bidder and shall file with the Bankruptcy Court notice of the Backup Bid and Backup Bidder.
Modification of Bidding and Auction Procedures (Bidding Procedures p. 12 & Bidding Procedures Oder ¶ 8)	The Debtors, in consultation with the Bid Consultation Parties, in the exercise of their fiduciary duties for the purpose of maximizing value for their estates from the sale process, may modify the Bidding Procedures and implement additional procedural rules for conducting the Auction. Specifically, among other things, the Debtors, in consultation with the Bid Consultation Parties, may determine to select more than one Successful Bid and more than one Successful Bidder (and/or more than one Backup Bids and more than one Backup Bidder, in which event such Backup Bids may provide for groupings of Assets that are different from the groupings of Assets reflected in the Successful Bid(s)) for separate portions of the Assets. For the avoidance of doubt, and notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Debtors will not modify these Bidding Procedures without the prior written consent of the Required DIP Lenders, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed.

- (c) Reservation of Rights Regarding Potential Stalking Horse Bidder(s) and Form of Purchase Agreement
- 23. As discussed above, the Debtors have determined, in a reasonable exercise of their business judgment, that seeking the relief requested herein and commencing a sale process is warranted and necessary. The Debtors are continuing their discussions with potential purchasers and, in accordance with the Bidding Procedures, may enter into a purchase agreement with any Stalking Horse Bidder acceptable to the Debtors and in accordance with the Bid Procedures to establish a minimum Qualified Bid at, and subject to higher or otherwise better offers during, the Auction (if any).
- 24. To facilitate a competitive, value-maximizing Sale Transaction, the Debtors are requesting authority, in the exercise of their business judgment and in accordance with the Bidding Procedures, to offer any Stalking Horse Bidder one or more of: (i) a break-up fee in an incremental amount to be determined by the Debtors, in consultation with the Consultation Parties, in amount no greater than 3% of the Qualified Bid (the "**Break-Up Fee**"); (ii) reimbursement of the Stalking

Horse Bidder's reasonable fees and expenses not to exceed 1% of the Qualified Bid in the discretion of the Debtors, in consultation with the Consultation Parties (the "Expense Reimbursement"); and/or (iii) initial overbid protection (the "Minimum Overbid Increment" and, together with the Break-Up Fee and the Expense Reimbursement, the "Bid Protections").

25. The Debtors have prepared two (2) forms of asset purchase agreement (with certain ancillary agreements thereto, the "Purchase Agreement"), including one form of Purchase Agreement for parties interested in acquiring Assets as a going concern and one form of Purchase Agreement for parties interested in acquiring the Debtors' real property Assets. The Debtors intend to provide copies of the forms of Purchase Agreement to all parties who designate their interest in submitting a Bid and will also make such forms of Purchase Agreement available in the electronic dataroom established by the Debtors in connection with their sale process. As set forth in the Bidding Procedures, each Bid must be based on the Purchase Agreement and must include a markup showing any changes to the form of Purchase Agreement.

E. Notice Procedures

- 26. The Debtors propose the following notice procedures to be implemented in connection with the sale process.
 - (a) Notice of Sale, Auction, and Sale Hearing
- 27. Within five (5) business days after the entry of the Bidding Procedures Order or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter (the "Mailing Date"), the Debtors shall serve the Bidding Procedures Order by first-class mail, postage prepaid, or, for those parties who have consented to receive notice by the Electronic Case Files ("ECF") system, by ECF, upon (i) all entities reasonably known to have expressed an interest in a transaction with respect to all or part of the Assets within the past two (2) years; (ii) all entities known to have asserted any lien, claim, interest,

or encumbrance in or upon any of the Assets; (iii) counsel for the Committee; (iv) counsel to the DIP Lenders; (v) counsel to the Prepetition Noteholders; (vi) counsel to the Prepetition Priming First and Second Lien Collateral Agent; (vi) counsel to the Prepetition First and Second Lien Collateral Agent; (viii) the U.S. Trustee; (ix) all federal, state, and local regulatory or taxing authorities or recording offices which have a reasonably known interest in the relief granted herein; (x) the United States Attorney's office for the District of Delaware and all states in which the Debtors conduct business; (xi) the Internal Revenue Service; (xii) all parties entitled to notice pursuant to Local Rule 2002-1(b); (xiii) all known creditors of the Debtors, including their contract counterparties; (xiv) all registered holders of equity securities in the Debtors; and (xv) all parties expressing an interest in the Assets (collectively, the "Bid Procedures Notice Parties"); provided, however, that to the extent email addresses are available for any of the foregoing parties, such parties may be served by email.

- 28. On the Bid Procedures Trigger Date, the Debtors shall serve the Bidding Procedures and either the Stalking Horse Notice or the Sale Notice, as applicable, substantially in the forms attached hereto as **Exhibits B**, **C**, and **D**, respectively, containing the material terms of the Bidding Procedures, including the Assets to be sold, the relevant dates, and bidding increments, by first-class mail, postage prepaid, or by ECF on the Bid Procedures Notice Parties. On the Bid Procedures Trigger Date or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, the Debtors shall also publish the Bidding Procedures and Sale Notice in the *New York Times* and, if the Debtors with the consent of the Lenders deem local publication appropriate, such other local publications that the Debtors may choose in their reasonable business judgment with the consent of the Lenders.
- 29. The Debtors request that such notice be deemed sufficient and proper notice of the Sale Transaction with respect to known interested parties.

- (b) Notice of Selection of Stalking Horse Bidder
- 30. In the event that the Debtors select one or more parties to serve as a Stalking Horse Bidder, upon such selection, the Debtors shall file the Stalking Horse Notice with the Court and serve the Stalking Horse Notice on the Bid Procedures Notice Parties with three (3) business days' notice of and an opportunity to object to the designation of such Stalking Horse Bidder and disclosure of the Bid Protections set forth in the Stalking Horse Agreement, and absent objection, the Debtors may submit an order to the Court under certification of counsel approving the selection of such Stalking Horse Bidder. To the extent necessary, the Debtors' right to seek the Court's approval of one or more Stalking Horse Bidders, with notice and a hearing, is hereby preserved.
 - (c) Date, Time, Place, and Notice of Auction
- 31. The Auction, if any, shall take place on the date that is thirty-five (35) to sixty-five days (65) following the Bid Procedures Trigger Date, which date shall be disclosed in the Sale Notice and Bidding Procedures, at the offices of counsel for the Debtors, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, 1000 N. King Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, or such other place and time as the Debtors shall notify all Qualified Bidders and the Consultation Parties.
 - (d) Notice of Successful Bidder
- 32. As soon as reasonably practicable after the conclusion of the Auction, the Debtors shall file on the docket, but not serve, a notice identifying any Successful Bidder(s) (the "Post-Auction Notice"), substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit E</u>.
 - (e) Date, Time, and Place of Sale Hearing
- 33. The Sale Hearing shall be conducted by the Court on the date that is forty-five (45) to seventy-five (75) days following the Bid Procedures Trigger Date (the "Sale Hearing Date") or such other date as the Court is available and may, in accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order, be adjourned or rescheduled without notice. The Sale Hearing Date shall be disclosed in 33265931.15

the Sale Notice and Bidding Procedures. At the Sale Hearing, the Debtors will seek Court approval of the Successful Bid and the Backup Bid (if any). Unless the Court orders otherwise, the Sale Hearing shall be an evidentiary hearing on matters relating to the Sale Transaction and there will be no further bidding at the Sale Hearing. In the event that the Successful Bidder cannot or refuses to consummate the Sale because of the breach or failure on the part of the Successful Bidder, the Backup Bidder will be deemed the new Successful Bidder and the Debtors shall be authorized, but not required, to close with the Backup Bidder on the Backup Bid without further order of the Court.

(f) Objection Deadline

34. Objections, if any, to the Sale or entry of the Sale Order (a "Sale Objection"), must be filed by the date that is thirty (30) from the Bid Procedures Trigger Date (the "Sale Objection Deadline"), which shall be disclosed in the Sale Notice and Bidding Procedures, and served on (i) counsel to the Debtors, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, 1000 N. King Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Sean Greecher (sgreecher@ycst.com) and Jared W. Kochenash (jkochenash@ycst.com; (ii) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, 844 King Street, Room 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Benjamin Hackman, Esq. (Benjamin.a.hackman@usdoj.gov); (iii) counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee"), (a) Raines Feldman Littrell LLP, 824 North Market Street, Suite 805, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Thomas J. Francella, Jr. (tfrancella@raineslaw.com) and (b) Law Offices of Manganelli, Leider & Savio, P.A., 1900 N.W. Corporate Blvd., Ste. 200W, Boca Raton, FL 33431, Attn: Christian Savio (csavio@mls-pa.com); (iv) the DIP Lenders and counsel to the DIP Lenders, Baker & McKenzie LLP, 452 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10018, Attn: Blaire A. Cahn (blaire.cahn@bakermckenzie.com), and 830 Brickell Plaza, Suite 3100, Miami, FL 33131, Attn: Paul J. Keenan Jr. (paul.keenan@bakermckenzie.com); (iv) the DIP

Agent, GLAS Americas, LLC, 3 Second Street, Suite 206 Jersey City, NJ 07311, Re: Triton Investments Holdings, LLC (clientservices.usadcm@glas.agency); (v) counsel to the DIP Agent, Troutman Pepper Locke, LLP, 111 Huntington Avenue Boston, MA 02199, Attn: Adrienne K. Walker (awalker@troutman.com); (vi) the Prepetition First Lien Agent GLAS Americas, LLC, 3 Second Street, Suite 206 Jersey City, NJ 07311; Attn: Controladora Dolphin, S.A. de C.V-Collateral Agent (clientservices.usadcm@glas.agency); (vii) counsel to the Prepetition First Lien Agent Foley & Lardner LLP, 111 Huntington Avenue, Suite 2500, Boston, MA 02199, Attn: Adrienne K. Walker (awalker@foley.com); (viii) the Prepetition Second Lien Agent, GLAS Americas, LLC, 3 Second Street, Suite 206 Jersey City, NJ, 07311, Attn: Controladora Dolphin, S.A. de C.V-Collateral Agent,; clientservices.usadcm@glas.agency); (ix) counsel to the Prepetition Second Lien Agent, Foley & Lardner LLP, 111 Huntington Avenue, Suite 2500, Boston, MA 02199, Attn: Adrienne K. Walker (awalker@foley.com); and (x) all parties that have requested notice in these Chapter 11 Cases (collectively, the "Objection Recipients").

- 35. In addition, any objections relating to the Auction process (an "Auction Objection") must be filed two days following the Auction (the "Auction Objection Deadline"), which date shall be disclosed in the Sale Notice and Bidding Procedures, and served on the Objection Recipients and counsel to any Successful Bidder(s).
- 36. All replies to any Sale Objection, Auction Objection or Designated Contract Objection (as defined below) must be filed by 4:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time the day prior to the deadline for filing the agenda for the Sale Hearing (the "**Reply Deadline**").
- 37. Any party failing to timely file an objection to any Sale Transaction or the Auction will be forever barred from objecting and will be deemed to have consented to any Sale Transaction, including the transfer of the Debtors' right, title and interest in, to, and under the

Debtors' Assets free and clear of any and all liens, claims, encumbrances and other interests in accordance with a definitive agreement for any Sale Transaction.

F. Assumption and Assignment Procedures

- 38. The Debtors propose the procedures set forth below for notifying counterparties to executory contracts and unexpired leases of proposed cure amounts in the event the Debtors decide to assume and assign such contracts or leases.
 - (a) Notice of Assumption and Assignment
- Procedures and Bidding Procedures Order (any such date, the "Assumption and Assignment Service Date"), the Debtors shall file with the Court, and post on the website maintained for these chapter 11 cases at https://veritaglobal.net/dolphinco (the "Case Website"), a notice of assumption and assignment, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit F (the "Notice of Assumption and Assignment") and, included therewith, a list (the "Designated Contracts List") that specifies (i) each of the Debtors' executory contracts and unexpired leases (the "Designated Contracts") and (ii) the proposed amount necessary, if any, to cure all monetary defaults, if any, under each Designated Contract (the "Cure Costs"). If no Cure Cost is listed on the Designated Contracts List, the Debtors believe that there is no Cure Cost, as of the date of such notice. The Debtors shall serve, via first class mail, a customized version of the Notice of Assumption and Assignment, without the Designated Contracts List, which shall include (a) instructions regarding how to view that list on the Case Website (the "DCL Instructions"), (b) information necessary and appropriate to provide notice of the relevant proposed assumption and assignment of Designated Contract(s)

For the avoidance of doubt, the failure by the Debtors to list a contract on the Designated Contract List shall not be deemed an admission that such contract is not executory and therefore not subject to assumption and assignment and the proposed Cure Cost for any such contract shall be deemed \$0.00.

and rights thereunder, (c) Cure Costs, if any, and (d) the procedures for objecting thereto ((b)–(d) collectively, the "Necessary Notice Information") on all counterparties to the Designated Contracts. The Debtors shall serve, via first class mail, a modified version of the Notice of Assumption and Assignment that contains the DCL Instructions and Necessary Notice Information on the Rule 2002 Notice List. Service as set forth herein shall be deemed proper, due, timely, good, and sufficient notice and no other or further notice is necessary.

- Assignment may file an objection (a "Designated Contract Objection") only if such objection is to the proposed assumption and assignment of the applicable Designated Contract or the proposed Cure Costs, if any. All Designated Contract Objections must (i) state, with specificity, the legal and factual basis for the objection as well as what Cure Costs are required, if any, (ii) include appropriate documentation in support thereof, and (iii) be filed and served on the Objection Recipients no later than the date and time designated by the Debtors consistent with the Bidding Procedures and Bidding Procedures Order (the "Assumption and Assignment Objection Deadline").
- 41. If a counterparty to a Designated Contract files a Designated Contract Objection in a manner that is consistent with the requirements set forth above, and the parties are unable to consensually resolve the dispute prior to the Sale Hearing, the amount to be paid or reserved with respect to such objection will be determined at the Sale Hearing, such later hearing date that the Debtors determine in their discretion, or such other date determined by the Court.
 - (b) Supplemental Notice of Assumption and Assignment
- 42. Although the Debtors intend to make a good-faith effort to identify all Designated Contracts that may be assumed and assigned in connection with a Sale Transaction, the Debtors

may discover certain contracts inadvertently omitted from the Designated Contracts list or Successful Bidder(s) may identify other executory contracts or unexpired leases that they desire to assume and assign in connection with the Sale. Accordingly, the Debtors reserve the right, at any time after the Assumption and Assignment Service Date and before the closing of a Sale Transaction, to (i) supplement the list of Designated Contracts on the Notice of Assumption and Assignment with previously omitted Designated Contracts in accordance with the definitive agreement for a Sale Transaction, (ii) remove a Designated Contract from the list of contracts ultimately selected as a Designated Contract that a Successful Bidder proposes be assumed and assigned to it in connection with a Sale Transaction, and/or (iii) modify the previously stated Cure Cost associated with any Designated Contract.

- 43. In the event that the Debtors exercise any of the rights reserved above, the Debtors will promptly serve a supplemental notice of assumption and assignment (a "Supplemental Notice of Assumption and Assignment"). The Supplemental Notice of Assumption and Assignment will be served by electronic transmission, hand delivery, or overnight mail on the counterparty (and its attorney, if known) to each impacted Designated Contract at the last known address available to the Debtors. Each Supplemental Notice of Assumption and Assignment shall include the same information with respect to listed Designated Contracts as was included in the Notice of Assumption and Assignment.
- 44. Any counterparty to a Designated Contract listed on a Supplemental Notice of Assumption and Assignment may file an objection (a "Supplemental Designated Contract Objection"). A Supplemental Designated Contract Objection may be filed only if such objection is to the proposed assumption and assignment of the applicable Designated Contract or the proposed Cure Costs, if any. All Supplemental Designated Contract Objections must (i) state, with

specificity, the legal and factual basis thereof as well as what Cure Costs the objecting party believes are required, if any, (ii) include appropriate documentation in support of the objection, and (iii) be filed and served on the Objection Recipients no later than fourteen (14) days from the date of service of such Supplemental Notice of Assumption and Assignment (the "Supplemental Designated Contract Objection Deadline"), which date will be set forth in the Supplemental Notice of Assumption and Assignment.

45. If a counterparty to a Designated Contract files a Supplemental Designated Contract Objection in a manner that is consistent with the requirements set forth above, and the parties are unable to consensually resolve the dispute, the Debtors will seek an expedited hearing before the Court (a "Supplemental Designated Contract Hearing") to determine the Cure Costs, if any, and approve the assumption of the relevant Designated Contracts. If there is no such objection, then the Debtors will obtain an order of this Court, including by filing a certification of no objection, (a "Supplemental Designated Contract Order") fixing the Cure Costs and approving the assumption of any Designated Contract listed on a Supplemental Notice of Assumption and Assignment.

(c) Additional Procedures

46. If the counterparty to a Designated Contract does not file and serve a Designated Contract Objection or Supplemental Designated Contract Objection in a manner that is consistent with the requirements set forth above, such counterparty will be deemed to have consented to the assumption and assignment of the Designated Contract to a Successful Bidder as an Acquired Contract (as defined below), notwithstanding any anti-alienation provision or other restriction on assumption or assignment in the Designated Contract, and shall be forever barred from asserting

any objection with regard to such assumption and assignment, except with respect to the adequate assurance of future performance by such Successful Bidder.

- 47. Any objections to a Successful Bidder's proposed form of adequate assurance of future performance must be filed and served on the Objection Recipients by the later of (i) the Auction Objection Deadline, and (ii) if applicable, the Supplemental Designated Contract Objection Deadline, and will be resolved at the Sale Hearing or at the Supplemental Designated Contract Hearing, as applicable, or, in the Debtors' discretion, adjourned to a later hearing.
- Absent the filing of a Designated Contract Objection or Supplemental Designated Contract Objection and a subsequent order of the Court establishing an alternative Cure Cost, the (i) Cure Costs, if any, set forth in the Notice of Assumption and Assignment (or Supplemental Notice of Assumption and Assignment) shall be controlling, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any Designated Contract or any other document, and (ii) the counterparty to the Designated Contract will be deemed to have consented to the assumption, assignment, and sale of the Designated Contract and the Cure Costs, if any, and will be forever barred from asserting any other claims related to such Designated Contract against the Debtors or the applicable Successful Bidder, or the property of any of them.
- 49. The inclusion of a Designated Contract on the Notice of Assumption and Assignment (or Supplemental Notice of Assumption and Assignment) will not (a) obligate the Debtors to assume any Designated Contract listed thereon or the Successful Bidder(s) to take assignment of such Designated Contract or (b) constitute any admission or agreement of the Debtors that such Designated Contract is an executory contract. Only those Designated Contracts that are included on a schedule of assumed and Acquired Contracts attached to the final Purchase

Agreement with the Successful Bidder(s) (each, an "Acquired Contract") will be assumed and assigned to the Successful Bidder(s).

RELIEF REQUESTED

50. By this motion, the Debtors request entry of the Bidding Procedures Order, which will authorize and approve, among other things: (i) the Bidding Procedures for soliciting bids; (ii) the Assumption and Assignment Procedures; (iii) the form and manner of notice with respect to certain procedures, protections, schedules, and agreements described herein and attached hereto; (iv) the scheduling of the Auction (if any) and the Sale Hearing; and (v) granting related relief. At the Sale Hearing, the Debtors will also request entry of the Sale Order(s) that will approve a Sale Transaction or Sale Transactions.

SUPPORTING AUTHORITY

51. Bankruptcy Code section 363(b)(1) provides that "[t]he trustee, after notice and a hearing, may use, sell, or lease, other than in the ordinary course of business, property of the estate." 11 U.S.C. § 363(b)(1). Courts in this Circuit and others, in applying this section, have required that the sale of a debtor's assets be based upon the sound business judgment of the debtor. See, e.g., Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank, Ltd. v. Montgomery Ward Holding Corp. (In re Montgomery Ward Holding Corp.), 242 B.R. 147 (Bankr. D. Del. 1999) (holding that an asset sale may be authorized under Bankruptcy Code section 363 if the court finds a "sound business purpose" for the sale) (citing Committee of Equity Sec. Holders v. Lionel Corp. (In re Lionel Corp.), 722 F.2d 1063, 1070 (2d Cir. 1983)); see also Official Comm. of Unsecured Creditors v. LTV Corp. (In re Chateaugay Corp.), 973 F.2d 141, 143 (2d Cir. 1992) (holding that a judge reviewing a

To the extent that any of the deadlines set forth in this motion do not comply with the Local Rules, the Debtors hereby request a waiver of any such Local Rule.

section 363(b) application must find from the evidence presented a good business reason to grant such application).

- 52. "Under Delaware law, the business judgment rule operates as a presumption 'that directors making a business decision, not involving self-interest, act on an informed basis, in good faith and in the honest belief that their actions are in the corporation's best interest." *Continuing Creditors' Comm. of Star Telecomms., Inc. v. Edgecomb*, 385 F.Supp.2d 449, 462 (D. Del. 2004) (quoting *Grobow v. Perot*, 539 A.2d 180, 187 (Del. 1988) overruled on other grounds, Brehm v. *Eisner*, 746 A.2d 244 (Del. 2000)); see also Ad Hoc Comm. of Equity Holders of Tectonic Network, *Inc. v. Wolford*, 554 F. Supp.2d 538, 555 n.111 (D. Del. 2008) (same). Thus, this Court should grant the relief requested in this motion if the Debtors demonstrate a sound business justification therefor. *See In re Del. & Hudson Ry. Co.*, 124 B.R. 169, 179 (D. Del. 1991).
- 53. The Debtors have sound business justifications for selling the Assets at this time. As described in the First Day Declaration, the Debtors' business operations and financial performance have been declining, and the Debtors' prior management refused to engage in meaningful negotiations with the Debtors' lenders. As the Court has witnessed, prior management has continued its obtrusive conduct during the early stages of these Chapter 11 Cases, and the Debtors continue to face financial and operational challenges.
- 54. Moreover, in the exercise of their business judgment, the Debtors have concluded that implementing a marketing and sale process on the terms set forth in the Bidding Procedures will enable the Debtors to maximize the value of their assets. As discussed above, the Bidding Procedures are calculated to foster the broadest possible participation by potential bidders while preserving the Debtors' right to exercise their fiduciary duties in connection with the marketing and sale process. This approach is grounded in the Debtors' belief that commencing a fair and

robust sale and auction process at this time may maximize the value of their estates for the benefit of creditors. Additionally, the Debtors' secured creditors are supportive of the sale process.

55. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that the Bidding Procedures are designed to maximize the value of the Assets and that the sale of the Assets to a Successful Bidder (or Successful Bidders), is in the Debtors' best interests, and should be approved.

A. The Bidding Procedures Are Fair, Designed to Maximize the Value Received for the Acquired Assets and Are Consistent with the Debtors' Reasonable Business Judgment.

- 56. The Bidding Procedures are consistent with the Debtors' reasonable business judgment and should be approved. Courts have made clear that a debtor's business judgment is entitled to substantial deference. *See, e.g., Stanizale v. Nachtomi (In re Tower Air, Inc.)*, 416 F.3d 229, 234 (3d Cir. 2005) (indicating the "business judgment rule creates a presumption that directors making a business decision, not involving self-interest, act on an informed basis, in good faith and in the honest belief that their actions are in the corporation's best interest" (quotations omitted)). To that end, courts recognize that procedures intended to enhance competitive bidding are consistent with the goal of maximizing the value received by the estate and therefore are appropriate in the context of bankruptcy sales. *See, e.g., Official Comm. of Subordinated Bondholders v. Integrated Res., Inc. (In re Integrated Res., Inc.)*, 147 B.R. 650, 659 (S.D.N.Y. 1992), *appeal dismissed*, 3 F.3d 49 (2d Cir. 1993) (noting that such procedures "encourage bidding and to maximize the value of the debtor's assets"); *see also In re Cal Dive Int'l, Inc.*, No. 15-10458 (CSS) (Bankr. D. Del. June 25, 2015) [D.I. 539].
- 57. The Debtors believe that the Bidding Procedures are appropriate under Bankruptcy Code sections 105 and 363 to ensure that the bidding process is fair and reasonable and will yield the maximum value for their estates and creditors. The currently proposed Bidding Procedures

will establish parameters pursuant to which the value of the Assets may be fully tested at the Auction and ensuing Sale Hearing. Such procedures will increase the likelihood that the Debtors receive the greatest possible consideration for the Assets because they will ensure a competitive and fair bidding process that will encourage participation by financially capable bidders who demonstrate the ability to close such a transaction. Indeed, the Debtors have put limited (if any) constraints on the ability of prospective purchasers to bid on the Assets, and instead have encouraged bid flexibility by, *inter alia*, allowing the Debtors to consider all competing offers and to select, in their reasonable business judgment, and after consultation with the Consultation Parties (as defined in the Bidding Procedures), the highest or otherwise best offer for the Assets. The Bidding Procedures also provide potential bidders with sufficient notice and an opportunity to acquire information necessary to submit a timely and informed bid. Further, the Debtors have instituted mechanisms to ensure an open and robust bidding process at the Auction.

58. Accordingly, for all of the foregoing reasons, the Debtors believe that the Bidding Procedures (i) will encourage robust bidding for the Assets, (ii) are consistent with other procedures previously approved by courts in this District, and (iii) are appropriate under the relevant standards governing auction proceedings and bidding incentives in bankruptcy proceedings and should be approved.

B. Bid Protections May Be Necessary to Preserve the Value of the Debtors' Estates.

59. By this motion, the Debtors reserve the right to enter into a Stalking Horse Agreement, as an exercise of their business judgment and in accordance with the Bidding Procedures, and to offer Bid Protections in connection therewith. Specifically, the Debtors may offer any Stalking Horse Bidder some or all of the following Bid Protections: (i) a Break-Up Fee; (ii) an Expense Reimbursement; and/or (iii) a Minimum Overbid Increment. The Debtors

respectfully reserve the right to seek approval of break-up fees and expense reimbursement in excess of the Bid Protections on an expedited basis.

- 60. Approval of these forms of Bid Protections in connection with the sale of significant assets pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 363 has become established practice in chapter 11 cases. See, e.g., Calpine Corp. v. O'Brien Envtl. Energy, Inc. (In re O'Brien Envtl. Energy, Inc.), 181 F.3d 527 (3d Cir. 1999); Integrated Res., Inc., 147 B.R. at 656-57 (noting that overbid procedures and break-up fee arrangements that have been negotiated by a debtor are to be reviewed according to the deferential "business judgment" standard, under which such procedures and arrangements are "presumptively valid"); In re 995 Fifth Ave. Assocs., L.P., 96 B.R. 24, 28 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1989) (holding that the business judgment standard protects break-up fees and other contractual provisions negotiated in good faith). The United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit has approved bidding incentives in the bankruptcy context. See In re O'Brien, 181 F.3d 527; see also Reliant Energy Channelview LP v. Kelson Channelview LLC (In re Reliant Energy Channelview LP), 594 F.3d 200, 206–08 (3d Cir. 2010). The court in O'Brien held that even though bidding incentives are measured against a business judgment standard in non-bankruptcy transactions, the administrative expense provisions of Bankruptcy Code section 503(b) govern in the bankruptcy context. Accordingly, to be approved, bidding incentives must provide some post-petition benefit to a debtor's estate. See In re O'Brien, 188 F.3d at 533.
- 61. The Debtors believe that the Bid Protections increase the likelihood of a sale to a contractually committed bidder at a price the Debtors believe is fair, while providing the Debtors with an opportunity to enhance the value to their estates through an auction process. Without the Bid Protections, a Stalking Horse Bidder may not be willing to enter into a Purchase Agreement. The amount of the Bid Protections are a good-faith estimate of protections that would be

reasonable and appropriate in light of the size and nature of the potential Sale Transactions and the efforts that likely will be expended by a Stalking Horse Bidder. Payment of the Bid Protections also will not diminish the value of Debtors' estates, as the Debtors do not intend to terminate the Purchase Agreement and pay the Bid Protections, unless doing so would permit the Debtors to accept a better Bid.

C. Approval of the Sale Is Warranted under Bankruptcy Code Section 363(b).

62. As set forth above, a debtor may be authorized to sell assets out of the ordinary course of business pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 363 and before obtaining a confirmed plan of reorganization when it demonstrates a sound business purpose for doing so. See In re Abbotts Dairies of Pa., Inc., 788 F.2d 143, 147-49 (3d Cir. 1986) (implicitly adopting the "sound business judgment test" of Lionel); In re Dura Auto. Sys., Inc., No. 06-11202 (KJC), 2007 WL 7728109, at *5 (Bankr. D. Del. Aug. 15, 2007) (finding that "[t]he Debtors have demonstrated compelling circumstances and a good, sufficient, and sound business purpose and justification for the Sale prior to, and outside of, a plan of reorganization"); Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank Ltd. v. Montgomery Ward Holding Corp. (In re Montgomery Ward Holding Corp.), 242 B.R. 147, 153 (D. Del. 1999) ("In determining whether to authorize the use, sale or lease of property of the estate under [section 363(b)], courts require the debtor to show that a sound business purpose justifies such actions "); Delaware & Hudson Ry. Co., 124 B.R. at 176 (sale of substantially all of debtor's assets outside of reorganization plan is appropriate when a sound business reason justifies such a sale); Comm. of Equity Sec. Holders v. Lionel Corp. (In re Lionel Corp.), 722 F.2d 1063, 1070 (2d Cir. 1983) (concluding that "there must be some articulated business justification, other than appearement of major creditors, for using, selling or leasing property out of the ordinary course of business before the bankruptcy judge may order such disposition under section 363(b)");

Titusville Country Club v. Pennbank (In re Titusville Country Club), 128 B.R. 396, 399 (Bankr. W.D. Pa. 1991) (stating that the "sound business purpose test" is appropriate). Once a court has determined there is a sound business justification for a sale outside of a plan, the court must also determine that (i) the trustee has provided the interested parties with adequate and reasonable notice, (ii) the sale price is fair and reasonable, and (iii) the purchaser is proceeding in good faith. Delaware & Hudson, 124 B.R. at 176.

- 63. The Debtors submit that the sale of the Assets is based upon their sound business judgment. As explained above, the Debtors have determined that a sale, conducted in accordance with the Bidding Procedures, is in the best interest of their estates. Based on the declining performance of the Debtors' business and their evaluation of various strategic alternatives, and cognizant of their fiduciary obligation to maximize value for the benefit of all creditors, the Debtors determined to seek approval of the Bidding Procedures to implement a marketing and sale process for their Assets. The Debtors believe that a sale process will allow them to obtain the highest value for the Assets and provide the greatest recovery to their creditors.
- 64. The Debtors also meet the additional requirements necessary to approve a sale under Bankruptcy Code section 363. As stated herein, the Debtors will provide adequate notice of the Sale(s) to interested parties, and the Debtors believe that the notice procedures described herein are reasonable and adequate under the circumstances. Additionally, the Debtors will enter into a Purchase Agreement only after a substantial and deliberate effort to market the Assets and if the sale price is fair and reasonable, and after consultation with the Consultation Parties. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that it is a valid exercise of their business judgment to seek the relief requested by this motion.

D. The Proposed Sale Transaction(s) Satisfies the Requirements of Bankruptcy Code Section 363(f) for a Sale Free and Clear of Interests.

- 65. Bankruptcy Code section 363(f) provides that a sale of encumbered property "free and clear of any interest" is permissible only if "applicable non-bankruptcy law permits sale of such property free and clear of such interest," entities holding interests in the property consent to the sale, "such interest is a lien and the price at which such property is to be sold is greater than the aggregate value of all liens on such property, such interest is in bona fide dispute, or such entity could be compelled, in a legal or equitable proceeding, to accept a money satisfaction of such interest." 11 U.S.C. § 363(f).
- 66. Bankruptcy Code section 363(f) is drafted in the disjunctive. As such, it is necessary to meet only one of these five conditions. To the extent an entity with liens on the Assets does not consent to the proposed Sale Transaction, the Debtors believe that they will be able to demonstrate at the applicable Sale Hearing satisfaction of the requirements of Bankruptcy Code 363(f). Alternatively, the Debtors may sell the Assets free and clear of any other interests under section 363(f)(5), because the liens on any Assets sold will attach to the proceeds of such a sale and entities holding such interests could be compelled to accept money satisfaction in legal or equitable proceedings. Accordingly, pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 363, the Debtors may sell the Assets free and clear of all liens, claims, and encumbrances.
- 67. The Debtors also submit that it is appropriate to sell the Assets free and clear of successor liability relating to the Debtors' business. Such a provision ensures that the Successful Bidder is protected from any claims or lawsuits premised on the theory that the Successful Bidder is a successor in interest to one or more of the Debtors. Courts have consistently held that a buyer of a debtor's assets pursuant to a Bankruptcy Code section 363 sale takes free and clear from successor liability relating to the debtor's business. *See, e.g., United States v. Knox-Schillinger*

(In re Trans World Airlines, Inc.), 322 F.3d 283, 288–90 (3d Cir. 2003) (sale of assets pursuant to section 363(f) barred successor liability claims for employment discrimination and rights under travel voucher program); United Mine Workers of Am. 1992 Benefit Plan v. Leckie Smokeless Coal Co. (In re Leckie Smokeless Coal Co.), 99 F.3d 573, 585–86 (4th Cir. 1996) (affirming the sale of debtors' assets free and clear of certain taxes); Amphenol Corp. v. Shandler (In re Insilco Techs., Inc.), 351 B.R. 313, 321–22 (Bankr. D. Del. 2006) (stating that a 363 sale permits a buyer to take ownership of property without concern that a creditor will file suit based on a successor liability theory); In re General Motors Corp., 407 B.R. 463, 505-06 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2009), aff'd sub nom., In re Motors Liquidation Corp., 428 B.R. 43 (S.D.N.Y. 2010) & 430 B.R. 65 (S.D.N.Y. 2010) (holding that "[T]he law in this Circuit and District is clear; the Court will permit GM's assets to pass to the purchaser free and clear of successor liability claims, and in that connection, will issue the requested findings and associated injunction."); In re Chrysler LLC, 405 B.R. 84, 111 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2009) ("[I]n personam claims, including any potential state successor or transferee liability claims against New Chrysler, as well as in rem interests, are encompassed by section 363(f) and are therefore extinguished by the Sale Transaction.").

68. The purpose of an order authorizing the transfer of assets free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances, and all other interests would be frustrated if claimants could thereafter use the transfer as a basis to assert claims against a purchaser arising from a seller's pre-sale conduct. Moreover, without such assurances, the Debtors would run the risk that potential bidders may not enter the auction or, if they did, would do so with reduced bid amounts. To that end, the Successful Bidder should not be liable under any theory of successor liability relating to the Debtors' businesses, but should hold the Assets free and clear.

E. A Successful Bidder Should Be Entitled to the Protections of Bankruptcy Code Section 363(m).

- 69. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 363(m), a good faith purchaser is one who purchases assets for value, in good faith, and without notice of adverse claims. *See Mark Bell Furniture Warehouse, Inc.*, v. D. M. Reid Assocs., Ltd. (In re Mark Bell Furniture Warehouse, Inc.), 992 F.2d 7, 8 (1st Cir. 1993); In re Willemain v. Kivitz, 764 F.2d 1019, 1023 (4th Cir. 1985); In re Congoleum Corp., No. 03-51524, 2007 WL 1428477, *2 (Bankr. D.N.J. May 11, 2007); Abbotts Dairies of Pa., 788 F.2d 143, 147 (3d Cir. 1986).
- 70. Any agreement consummating a Sale or Sales will be negotiated at arm's-length by sophisticated parties, each represented by their own advisors. Accordingly, the Debtors request that the Sale Order(s) include a provision that the Successful Bidder (or Successful Bidders) for the Assets is a "good faith" purchaser within the meaning of Bankruptcy Code section 363(m). The Debtors believe that providing any Successful Bidder with such protection will ensure that the maximum price will be received by the Debtors for the Assets and closing of the same will occur promptly.

F. Notice of the Auction and Sale Hearing Is Reasonable and Appropriate.

71. The Debtors submit that the Sale Notice as set forth above, along with publication of the Sale Notice as described herein above on one occasion on the Mailing Date or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter (and in local publications of general circulation as the Debtors deem appropriate) is reasonable and appropriate and will be adequate to ensure that all interested parties have the opportunity to bid on the Assets, and/or object to the proposed sale of the Debtors' Assets. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that the foregoing method of notice is reasonable under the circumstances.

G. Assumption and Assignment of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases Should Be Authorized.

72. Bankruptcy Code section 365(a) provides, in pertinent part, that a debtor in possession "subject to the court's approval, may assume or reject any executory contract or unexpired lease of the debtor." 11 U.S.C. § 365(a). The standard governing a debtor's decision to assume or reject an executory contract or unexpired lease is whether the debtor's reasonable business judgment supports assumption or rejection. See, e.g., In re HO Glob. Holdings, Inc., 290 B.R. 507, 511 (Bankr. D. Del. 2003) (debtor's decision to assume or reject executory contract is governed by business judgment standard and can only be overturned if decision was product of bad faith, whim, or caprice); In re Market Square Inn, Inc., 978 F.2d 116, 121 (3d Cir. 1992) (assumption or rejection of lease "will be a matter of business judgment by the bankruptcy court" (citation omitted)); Sharon Steel Corp. v. Nat'l Fuel Gas Distrib. Corp., 872 F.2d 36, 39-40 (3d Cir. 1989) (same). If the debtor's business judgment has been reasonably exercised, a court should approve the assumption or rejection of an unexpired lease or executory contract. See Grp. of Inst. Investors v. Chi. M. St. P. & P.R.R. Co., 318 U.S. 523 (1943); Sharon Steel Corp. v. Nat'l Fuel Gas Distrib. Corp., 872 F.2d at 39–40. The business judgment test "requires only that the trustee [or debtor in possession] demonstrate that [assumption or] rejection of the contract will benefit the estate." Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp. v. West Penn Power Co., (In re Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corp.), 72 B.R. 845, 846 (Bankr. W.D. Pa. 1987) (quoting In re Stable Mews Assocs., 41 B.R. 594, 596 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y 1984)). Any more exacting scrutiny would slow the administration of a debtor's estate, increase costs, interfere with the Bankruptcy Code's provision for private control of administration of the estate, and threaten the court's ability to control a case impartially. See Richmond Leasing Co. v. Capital Bank, N.A., 762 F.2d 1303, 1311 (5th Cir. 1985) (citation omitted). In addition, for a debtor to assume an executory contract, it must "cure, or provide

adequate assurance that the debtor will promptly cure," any default, including compensation for any "actual pecuniary loss" relating to such default. 11 U.S.C. § 365(b)(1)(A).

- 73. Once an executory contract is assumed, the trustee or debtor in possession may elect to assign such contract. *See L.R.S.C. Co. v. Rickel Home Ctrs., Inc. (In re Rickel Home Ctr., Inc.)*, 209 F.3d 291, 299 (3d Cir. 2000) (indicating that "[t]he Code generally favors free assignability as a means to maximize the value of the debtor's estate"); *Leonard v. General Motors Corp. (In re Headquarters Dodge, Inc.)*, 13 F.3d 674, 682 (3d Cir. 1994) (noting that purpose of Bankruptcy Code section 365(f) is to assist trustee in realizing the full value of the debtor's assets).
- 74. Bankruptcy Code section 365(f) provides that the "trustee may assign an executory contract . . . only if the trustee assumes such contract . . . and adequate assurance of future performance is provided." 11 U.S.C. § 365(f)(2). The meaning of "adequate assurance of future performance" depends on the facts and circumstances of each case, but should be given a "practical, pragmatic construction." *In re DBSI, Inc.*, 405 B.R. 698, 708 (Bankr. D. Del. 2009); *EBG Midtown S. Corp. v. McLaren/Hart Envtl. Eng'g Corp. (In re Sanshoe Worldwide Corp.)*, 139 B.R. 585, 592 (S.D.N.Y. 1992); *In re Decora Indus.*, 2002 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 27031, at * 23 (D. Del. 2002) (stating that "adequate assurance falls short of an absolute guaranty of payment" (citation omitted)); *Carlisle Homes, Inc. v. Azzari (In re Carlisle Homes, Inc.)*, 103 B.R. 524, 538 (Bankr. D.N.J. 1988).
- 75. Adequate assurance may be provided by demonstrating the assignee's financial health and experience in managing the type of enterprise or property assigned. *See, e.g., In re Bygaph, Inc.*, 56 B.R. 596, 605-06 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1986) (adequate assurance is present when prospective assignee of lease from debtor has financial resources and has expressed willingness to devote sufficient funding to business to give it strong likelihood of succeeding).

- 76. To facilitate and effect the proposed Sale Transaction, the Debtors request approval of the assumption and assignment of any Acquired Contracts to any Successful Bidder under Bankruptcy Code section 365. The Debtors further request that the Sale Order(s) provide that the Acquired Contracts will be transferred to, and remain in full force and effect for the benefit of, the Successful Bidder(s) notwithstanding any provisions in the Acquired Contracts, including those described in Bankruptcy Code sections 365(b)(2) and (f)(1) and (3) that prohibit such assignment.
- 77. Any Successful Bidder must (i) submit evidence sufficient to demonstrate its financial wherewithal and ability to consummate the Sale Transaction, including the assumption of the Acquired Contracts at the closing of the Asset Purchase Agreement and (ii) provide adequate assurance of future performance in connection with any assigned executory contracts and leases. Furthermore, to the extent that any defaults exist under any executory contract or unexpired lease that is to be assumed and assigned in connection with the sale of the Assets, the Successful Bidder will cure any such default prior to such assumption and assignment.
- 78. The Debtors will present facts at the Sale Hearing to demonstrate the financial credibility, willingness, and ability of the Successful Bidder to perform under the Acquired Contracts. The Sale Hearing thus will afford the Court and other interested parties the opportunity to evaluate the ability of the Successful Bidder to provide adequate assurance of future performance under the Acquired Contracts, as required under Bankruptcy Code section 365(b)(1)(C). Further, as set forth above, the Debtors will give notice to all parties to the Acquired Contracts or the Previously Omitted Contracts of their intention to assume the Acquired Contracts or the Previously Omitted Contracts, as the case may be, and what the Debtors believe are the Cure Costs.

79. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that implementation of the proposed Assumption and Assignment Procedures is appropriate in these cases. The Court therefore should have a sufficient basis to authorize the Debtors to reject or assume and assign contracts as will be set forth in the Successful Bidder's Asset Purchase Agreement.

H. Request for Relief Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d)

- 80. Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h) provides that an "order authorizing the use, sale, or lease of property . . . is stayed until the expiration of 14 days after entry of the order, unless the court orders otherwise." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6004(h). Bankruptcy Rule 6006(d) further provides that an "order authorizing the trustee to assign an executory contract or unexpired lease under § 365(f) is stayed until the expiration of 14 days after the entry of the order, unless the court orders otherwise." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6006(d).
- 81. The Debtors believe that any Sale Transaction should be consummated as soon as practicable to preserve and maximize value. Accordingly, the Debtors request that any Sale Order approving the sale of the Assets and the assumption and assignment of the Designated Contracts be effective immediately upon entry of such order and that the fourteen-day stay under Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d) be waived.

DEBTORS' RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

82. Except as otherwise provided in the Purchase Agreement, these Bidding Procedures or the Bidding Procedures Order, the Debtors further reserve the right, in their reasonable business judgment in consultation with the Consultation Parties or, to the extent provided herein, the Bid Consultation Parties to: (i) determine which bidders are Qualified Bidders; (ii) determine which Bids are Qualified Bids; (iii) determine which Qualified Bid is the highest or otherwise best proposal and which is the next highest or otherwise best proposal; (iv) determine the value of any

non-cash consideration; (v) reject, at any time prior to the closing of the Auction or, if no Auction is held, at any time prior to entry of the Sale Order, any Bid that is (a) inadequate or insufficient, (b) not in conformity with the requirements of these Bidding Procedures, the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code or, if applicable, any intercreditor agreement, or (c) contrary to the best interests of the Debtors and their estates; (vi) waive terms and conditions set forth herein with respect to all potential bidders; (viii) impose additional terms and conditions; (viii) extend the deadlines set forth herein; (ix) continue or cancel the Auction and/or Sale Hearing in open court, or by filing a notice on the docket of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, without further notice; (x) include any other party as a Consultation Party and attendee at the Auction; and (xi) modify the Bidding Procedures and implement additional procedural rules for conducting the Auction so long as such rules are not inconsistent in any material respect with the Bankruptcy Code, any intercreditor agreement, if applicable, the Bidding Procedures Order, or any other order of the Court.

NOTICE

83. The Debtors will provide notice of this motion to (i) the U.S. Trustee; (ii) counsel to the Committee; (iii) counsel to the agents under the Debtors' prepetition credit facilities; (iv) counsel to the DIP Lender; (v) the Internal Revenue Service; and (vi) any parties entitled to notice pursuant to Local Rule 2002-1(b). In light of the nature of the relief requested in this motion, the Debtors respectfully submit that no further notice is necessary.

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WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court (i) enter the Bidding Procedures Order, (ii) after the Sale Hearing, enter the Sale Order or Sale Orders, and (iii) grant such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: July 2, 2025

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SCHEDULE 1

Duck Key Sale Process Milestones¹

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
July 9, 2025	File Bidding Procedures Motion (satisfied)
July 30, 2025	Entry of Bidding Procedures Order
September 21, 2025 (assumes July 23, 2025 entry of Bidding Procedures Order)	File Sale Motion for Duck Key Operations (satisfied)
October 19, 2025 ²	Bid Deadline
October 26, 2025	Entry of Sale Order on Duck Key Operations
November 9, 2025	Duck Key Operations Sale Closing

Marineland Sale Process Milestones

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
July 9, 2025	File Bidding Procedures Motion (satisfied)
July 30, 2025	Entry of Bidding Procedures Order
September 21, 2025 (assumes July 23, 2025 entry of Bidding Procedures Order)	File Sale Motion for Marineland Operations (satisfied)
October 19, 2025	Bid Deadline
October 26, 2025	Entry of Sale Order on Marineland Operations
November 9, 2025	Marineland Operations Sale Closing

Upon entry of the Bidding Procedures Order or as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter, the Debtors intend to file the Sale Notice or Stalking Horse Notice, as applicable, for the Duck Key Operations, Marineland Operations, and the Panama City Property. For the avoidance of doubt, such date shall constitute the Bid Procedures Trigger Date for each of the properties. By way of example, if the Debtors file the applicable Sale Notice or Stalking Horse Notice by July 30, 2025, a ninety-five (95) day sale process would end on November 2, 2025.

This date is obtained by adding twenty-one (21) days (which is the required notice period for a sale motion) from the deadline to file a sale motion, assuming the applicable sale order would be entered that day, and then adding seven (7) days (the required time period from the milestones set forth in the Fourth Interim DIP Order).

Panama City Sale Process Milestones

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
July 9, 2025	File Bidding Procedures Motion (satisfied)
July 30, 2025	Entry of Bidding Procedures Order
September 21, 2025 (assumes July 23, 2025 entry of Bidding Procedures Order)	File Sale Motion for Panama City Operations (satisfied)
October 19, 2025	Bid Deadline
October 26, 2025	Entry of Sale Order on Panama City Operations
November 9, 2025	Panama City Operations Sale Closing