

Exhibit D

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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND
(Baltimore Division)**

In re

Diamond Comic Distributors, Inc., *et al.*,

Debtors.¹

Case No. 25-10308 (DER)

Chapter 11

(Jointly Administered)

Re: D.I. ~~136~~ & 168

**ORDER (I) APPROVING ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT AMONG THE
DEBTORS AND THE PURCHASER; (II) APPROVING SALE OF CERTAIN OF
THE DEBTORS' ~~ASSETS~~ FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS, CLAIMS,
ENCUMBRANCES AND OTHER INTERESTS; (III) APPROVING
ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN EXECUTORY CONTRACTS
AND UNEXPIRED LEASES; AND (IV) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon the motion (the “Motion”)² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) seeking entry of an order (this “Order”) authorizing and approving: (a) the proposed sale of substantially all of the Debtors’ assets free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances, and other interests other than any assumed liabilities; (b) the assumption of those contracts of the Debtors identified in the applicable asset purchase

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases along with the last four digits of the Debtors’ federal tax identification numbers are: Diamond Comic Distributors, Inc. (3450); Comic Holdings, Inc. (7457); Comic Exporters, Inc. (7458); and Diamond Select Toys & Collectibles, LLC (6585). The Debtors’ mailing address is: 10150 York Road, Suite 300, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030.

² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein are defined in the Motion.

agreement (the “Assigned Contracts”) and assignment and sale of the Assigned Contracts to the successful bidder for the Assets; and (c) granting related relief, and the Court having entered an order (D.I. 136) (the “Bidding Procedures Order”) approving, among other things, the bidding procedures (the “Bidding Procedures”), the proposed form of notice of the Sale Hearing, and Universal Distribution LLC, as the Stalking Horse Bidder for the Alliance Assets; after an extensive marketing process, an Auction was held and conducted pursuant to the terms of the Bidding Procedures Order on March 24, 2025, the Debtors having identified that certain asset purchase agreement, dated ~~[-]~~April 4, 2025, by and among ~~[-]~~Diamond Comic Distributors, Inc. and Diamond Select Toys and Collectibles, LLC (collectively, the “Seller”), and ~~[-]~~Sparkle Pop, LLC (“Purchaser”) (including all exhibits, schedules, and ancillary documents related thereto) (the “APA”) as the highest or ~~other-wise~~otherwise best bid for ~~[-]~~(the Debtors’ DCD Business, CGA Business and the Diamond Select Toy Business, all as defined in the APA (collectively, the “Assets”), and the Court having conducted a hearing on the Motion commencing on ~~March-27~~April 7, 2025 (the “Sale Hearing”) at which time all interested parties were offered an opportunity to be heard with respect to the Motion; and the Court having (a) reviewed and considered the Motion, all relief related thereto, any objections thereto and statements of counsel and the evidence presented in support of the relief requested by the Debtors in the Motion at the Sale Hearing, and (b) found that, after an appropriate marketing process by the Debtors under the facts and circumstances of these cases, Purchaser has submitted the highest or otherwise best bid for the Assets; and adequate and sufficient notice of the Bidding Procedures, the APA, and all transactions contemplated thereunder and in this Order were given pursuant to and consistent with the Bidding Procedures Order; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, creditors, and other parties in interest; and it

further appearing that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Sale Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation thereon; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor;

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT:

A. Jurisdiction and Venue. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this Motion under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue of these cases and this Motion in this District is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

B. Statutory Predicates. The statutory predicates for the relief sought in the Motion are sections 105, 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, as supplemented by Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, 6006, 9007 and 9014, and the applicable requirements of the local rules of the Court.

C. Final Order. This Order constitutes a final order within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 158(a). Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d), and to any extent necessary under Bankruptcy Rule 9014 and Rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, as made applicable by Bankruptcy Rule 7054, this Court expressly finds that there is no just reason for delay in the implementation of this Order, and expressly directs entry of judgment as set forth herein.

D. Notice. Notice of the Motion, the time and place of the proposed Auction, the time and place of the Sale Hearing and the time for filing objections to the Motion (the “Sale Notice”) was reasonably calculated to provide all interested parties with timely and proper notice of the Sale, the Auction, and the Sale Hearing.

E. As evidenced by the certificates of service previously filed with the Court, proper, timely, adequate, and sufficient notice of the Motion, Sale Hearing, Sale and transactions

contemplated thereby, has been provided in accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order, sections 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, 6006, 9007 and 9008. The Debtors have complied with all obligations to provide notice of the Motion as set forth in the Bidding Procedures Order. The notices described above were good, sufficient, and appropriate under the circumstances, and no other or further notice of the Motion, Auction, or Sale Hearing is or shall be required. The disclosures made by the Debtors concerning the Motion, the Auction, and Sale Hearing were good, complete, and adequate.

F. **Compliance with Bidding Procedures Order.** As demonstrated by evidence proffered or adduced, and the representations of counsel at the Sale Hearing, the Debtors have conducted a thorough marketing process and a fair and open sale process in compliance with the Bidding Procedures Order. The Bidding Procedures were non-collusive, substantively and procedurally fair to all parties, were the result of arm's-length negotiations, and afforded a full, fair, and reasonable opportunity for any interested party to obtain necessary due diligence information and to submit the materials required under the Bidding Procedures Order by the Bid Deadline. Through marketing efforts and a competitive sale process conducted in accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order, the Debtors: (i) afforded interested potential purchasers a full, fair, and reasonable opportunity to qualify as bidders and submit their highest or otherwise best offer to purchase the Debtors' Assets; (ii) provided potential purchasers sufficient information to enable them to make an informed judgment on whether to bid on the Assets; and (iii) considered any bids submitted on or before the Bid Deadline. Based upon the circumstances and record of these chapter 11 cases, all creditors and other parties in interest and all prospective purchasers have been afforded a reasonable and fair opportunity to bid for the Assets.

G. In accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order, the Debtors have served ~~a-~~ ~~notice~~notices of potential assumption and assignment (D.I. 160 and 194) (collectively, the “Contract Notice”), which identifies the amount that the Debtors believe is required to be paid to cure any defaults arising under the contract pursuant to section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code (the “Cure Amount”), upon each non-Debtor counterparty to an Assigned Contract. The service and provision of the Contract Notice was good, sufficient, and appropriate under the circumstances and no further notice need be given in respect of assumption, assignment and sale of the Assigned Contracts or establishing a Cure Amount for the respective Assigned Contract. Non-Debtor counterparties to the Assigned Contracts have had an adequate opportunity to object to assumption and assignment of the applicable Assigned Contract and the Cure Amount set forth in the Contract Notice (including objections related to the adequate assurance of future performance and objections based on whether applicable law excuses the non-Debtor counterparty from accepting performance by, or rendering performance to, Purchaser for purposes of section 365(c)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code). The deadline to file an objection to the stated Cure Amount, to the proposed assumption, assignment, or transfer of an Assigned Contract, and adequate assurance of future performance provided by the Purchaser (a “Contract Objection”) has expired and to the extent any such party timely filed a Contract Objection, all such Contract Objections have been resolved, withdrawn, overruled, or continued to a later hearing by agreement of the parties. To the extent that any such party did not timely file a Contract Objection by March 12, 2025 (or other deadline applicable to such party) (the “Contract Objection Deadline”), such party shall be deemed to have consented to (i) the assumption, assignment and sale of the Assigned Contract to the Purchaser and (ii) the proposed Cure Amount set forth on the Contract Notice.

H. **Corporate Authority.** Subject to the entry of this Order, each Debtor (i) has the requisite corporate power and authority to execute, deliver, and perform its obligations under the APA and all other documents contemplated thereby, and has taken all requisite corporate or other organizational action and formalities necessary to authorize and approve the execution, delivery and performance of its obligations under the APA and to consummate the Sale, including as required by its organizational documents, and upon execution thereof, the APA and the related documents were or will be duly executed and delivered by each Debtor and enforceable against such Debtor in accordance with their terms and, assuming due authorization, execution and delivery thereof by the other parties thereto, constituted or will constitute a valid and binding obligation of each Debtor. No government, regulatory, or other consents other than those expressly provided for in the APA were required for the execution, delivery and performance by the Debtors of the APA or the consummation of the Sale contemplated thereby. No consents or approvals of the Debtors, other than those expressly provided for in the APA or this Sale Order, are required for the Debtors to consummate the Sale.

I. The APA was not entered into for the purpose of hindering, delaying, or defrauding creditors under the Bankruptcy Code or under the laws of the United States, any state, territory, possession, or the District of Columbia. Neither the Debtors nor the Purchaser is entering into the transactions contemplated by the APA fraudulently for the purpose of statutory and common law fraudulent conveyance and fraudulent transfer claims or similar claims.

J. The Assets are property of the Debtors' estates and title thereto is vested in the Debtors' estates within the meaning of section 541(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Assets are subject to first priority security interests and liens (the "DIP Liens") granted to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (the "DIP Lender") under the *Final Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Obtain*

Postpetition Senior Secured Financing and the Use of Cash Collateral; (II) Granting Adequate Protection; (III) Granting Liens and Superpriority Administrative Claims; (IV) Modifying the Automatic Stay; (V) Scheduling a Final Hearing; and (VI) Granting Related Relief [D.I. 163] (the “Final DIP Order”). The transfers of the Assets by Debtors to Purchaser (a) vest or will vest Purchaser with all right, title and interest of the Debtors in and to the Assets, and to the fullest extent permitted by 11 U.S.C. § 363(f) and all other applicable laws, free and clear of all liens, claims and encumbrances (including, but not limited to, any “claims” as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(5), reclamation claims, covenants, restrictions, hypothecations, charges, indentures, loan agreements, causes of action, instruments, contracts, leases, licenses, options, rights of first refusal, offsets, rights of recovery, judgments, orders and decrees of any court or foreign or domestic governmental entity, claims for reimbursement, successor liability, contribution, indemnity or exoneration, assignment, preferences, debts, charges, suits, rights of recovery, interests, products liability, alter-ego, environmental liability, successor liability, tax and other liabilities, causes of action and claims, and in each case whether secured or unsecured, choate or inchoate, filed or untiled, scheduled or unscheduled, notice or unnoticed, recorded or unrecorded, perfected or unperfected, allowed or disallowed, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, matured or unmatured, material or non-material, disputed or undisputed, or known or unknown whether arising prior to, on, or subsequent to the date on which Debtors filed their voluntary petitions under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, whether imposed by agreement, understanding, law, equity or otherwise (collectively, the “Encumbrances”), with any such Encumbrances to attach only to the proceeds of sale with the same priority, validity, force and effect as they existed with respect to the Assets prior to Sale closing, and (B) constitute transfers for reasonably equivalent value and fair consideration under

the Bankruptcy Code and applicable non-bankruptcy law. For the avoidance of doubt and without limiting the foregoing, the transfer of the Assets to Purchaser shall be free and clear of any Encumbrances relating to or in connection with (i) any Employee Benefit Plan or pension plans contributed to or maintained by the Debtors, or multiemployer plan participated in by the Debtors prior or subsequent to the Petition Date; (ii) the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act of 1988; (iii) the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 or any similar laws or regulations; or (iv) any collective bargaining agreement(s) to which Debtors are a party or otherwise obligated under.

K. **Sale in Best Interests of the Debtors' Estates.** Good and sufficient reasons for approval of the APA and the transactions to be consummated in connection therewith have been articulated, and the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest. The Debtors have demonstrated both (a) good, sufficient and sound business purposes and justifications and (b) compelling circumstances for the Sale other than in the ordinary course of business, pursuant to section 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, outside of a plan of reorganization, in that, among other things, immediate consummation of the Sale to Purchaser is necessary and appropriate to maximize the value of the Debtors' estates.

L. The Sale must be approved and consummated promptly in order to maximize the value of the Debtors' estates. Time is of the essence in consummating the Sale. Given all of the circumstances of these chapter 11 cases and the adequacy and fair value of the Purchase Price, the proposed Sale constitutes a reasonable and sound exercise of the Debtors' business judgment and should be approved.

M. The consummation of the Sale and the assumption, assignment and sale of the Assigned Contracts are legal, valid, and properly authorized under all applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, including, without limitation, sections 105(a), 363(b), 363(f), 363(m), and 365, and all of the applicable requirements of such sections have been complied with in respect of the transaction.

N. **Good Faith of Purchaser and Sellers.** The APA was negotiated, proposed, and entered into by the Debtors and Purchaser without collusion, in good faith, and from arm's-length bargaining positions, and is substantively and procedurally fair to all parties. Based on the record in these cases and at the Hearing on this Motion, neither any of the Debtors, nor Purchaser has engaged in any conduct that would cause or permit the APA to be avoided under Bankruptcy Code section 363(n). Specifically, Purchaser has not acted in a collusive manner with any person and the Purchase Price was not controlled by any agreement among bidders. The Debtors and Purchaser have fully disclosed the identities of each entity participating in Purchaser's bid. Purchaser is purchasing the Assets, in accordance with the APA, in good faith and is a good faith buyer within the meaning of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code, and is therefore entitled to all of the protections afforded by such provision, and otherwise has proceeded in good faith in all respects in connection with the Debtors' chapter 11 cases. As demonstrated by (i) evidence proffered or adduced at the Sale Hearing and (ii) the representations of counsel made on the record at the Sale Hearing, appropriate marketing efforts and a competitive sale process were conducted in accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order and, among other things: (a) the Debtors and Purchaser complied with the provisions in the Bidding Procedures Order; (b) Purchaser agreed to subject its Bid to the competitive bidding

procedures set forth in the Bidding Procedures Order; and (c) all payments to be made by Purchaser in connection with the Sale have been disclosed.

O. **Highest or Otherwise Best Offer.** The Debtors conducted the Auction in accordance with, and have otherwise complied in all material respects with, the Bidding Procedures Order. The procedures established in the Bidding Procedures Order afforded a full, fair and ~~reasonably~~reasonable opportunity for any person or entity to make a higher or otherwise better offer to purchase the Assets. The Bidding Procedures and the opportunity to submit a higher or otherwise better bid were duly noticed and conducted in a non-collusive, fair, and good faith manner, and a reasonable opportunity was given to any interested party to make a higher or otherwise better offer for the Assets. The APA constitutes the highest or otherwise best offer for the Assets and will provide a greater recovery for the Debtors' estates than would be provided by any other available alternative. The Debtors' determination that the APA constitutes the highest or otherwise best offer for the Assets is a valid and sound exercise of their fiduciary duties and constitutes a valid and sound exercise of the Debtors' business judgment.

P. **Consideration.** The consideration provided by Purchaser pursuant to the APA (a) is fair and reasonable, (b) is the highest or otherwise best offer for the Assets, and (c) constitutes reasonably equivalent value and fair consideration (as those terms are defined in each of the Uniform Voidable Transactions Act (formally the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act), Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, and section 548 of the Bankruptcy Code) under the laws of the United States, any state, territory, possession, or the District of Columbia. No other person or entity or group of entities has offered to purchase the Assets for greater value to the Debtors' estates than Purchaser.

Q. **Legal, Valid, and Binding Transfer.** The Assets are property of the Debtors' estates and title thereto is vested in the Debtors' estates within the meaning of section 541(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. The transfer of the Assets to the Purchaser will be a legal, valid, and effective transfer of the Assets and, except as provided in the APA or this Order, will vest the Purchaser with all right, title, and interest of the Debtors to the Assets free and clear of all Encumbrances, unless specifically assumed by the Purchaser pursuant to the APA, in accordance with section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. The APA is a valid and binding contract between the Debtors and the Purchaser and shall be enforceable according to its terms.

R. **No Merger.** Purchaser is not holding itself out to the public as a continuation of the Debtors, and no common identity of directors, stockholders, members, or other equity holders exists between Purchaser and the Debtors. The Sale does not amount to a consolidation, merger, or *de facto* merger of Purchaser and Debtors and/or Debtors' bankruptcy estates; there is no substantial continuity, common identity, or continuation of enterprise between the Debtors and Purchaser. Purchaser is not a mere continuation of the Debtors or their bankruptcy estates, and Purchaser does not constitute an alter ego or a successor in interest to the Debtors or their bankruptcy estates.

S. **No Successor.** Except for the contractual commitments of Purchaser under the Assumed Liabilities [specifically to the extent set forth in the APA](#), Purchaser is not, and shall not be considered or deemed, as result of any action taken in connection with the Sale, to be a successor in interest of the Debtors or their estates for any purpose, including but not limited to under any federal, state, or local statute or common law, or revenue, pension, ERISA, tax, labor, employment, environmental, escheat or unclaimed property laws, or other law, rule, or regulation (including without limitation filing requirements under any such laws, rules or

regulations), or under any products liability law or doctrine with respect to the Debtors' liability under such law, rule, or regulation or doctrine or common law, or under any product warranty liability law or doctrine with respect to the Debtors' liability under such law, rule or regulation or doctrine and Purchaser and its affiliates shall have no liability or obligation under the Workers Adjustment and Retraining Act (the "WARN Act"), 929 U.S.C. §§ 210 et seq., or the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act, and shall not be deemed to be a "successor employer" for purposes of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, the Americans with Disability Act, the Family Medical Leave Act, the National Labor Relations Act, the Labor Management Relations Act, the Older Workers Benefit Protection Act, the Equal Pay Act, the Civil Rights Act of 1866 (42 U.S.C. 1981), the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, the Multiemployer Pension Protection Act, the Pension Protection Act and/or the Fair Labor Standards Act. Except for the Assumed Liabilities and solely to the extent set forth in the APA, the (i) transfer of the Assets to Purchaser and (ii) assumption, assignment and sale to Purchaser of the Assigned Contracts do not and will not subject Purchaser to any liability whatsoever with respect to the operation of the Debtors' business before the Closing Date or by reason of such transfer under the laws of the United States, any state, territory, or possession thereof, or the District of Columbia, based, in whole or in part, directly or indirectly, on any theory of law or equity, including, without limitation, any theory of equitable law, including any theory of antitrust or successor or transferee liability. For the avoidance of doubt, with respect to the Assigned Contracts, any contractual warranty claims under the Assigned Contracts and claims by counterparties to the Assigned Contracts for contribution toward third-party injury, damage, or loss

are not limited, waived, released, or disclaimed and are affirmatively assumed by Purchaser to the extent provided in the Assigned Contracts.

T. **Free and Clear.** The conditions of section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code have been satisfied in full; therefore, the Debtors may sell the Assets free and clear of any Encumbrances, other than the Assumed Liabilities, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. Purchaser would not have entered into the APA and would not consummate the transactions contemplated thereby if the Sale to Purchaser was not free and clear of all Encumbrances other than the Assumed Liabilities. The Debtors may sell the Assets free and clear of any Encumbrances of any kind or nature whatsoever because in each case, one or more of the standards set forth in section 363(f)(1)–(5) of the Bankruptcy Code has been satisfied. Each entity with any Encumbrances of any kind on the Assets to be transferred on the Closing Date: (i) has, subject to the terms and conditions of this Order, consented to the Sale or is deemed to have consented to the Sale; (ii) could be compelled in a legal or equitable proceeding to accept money satisfaction of such Encumbrances; or (iii) otherwise falls within the provisions of section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the DIP Lender has consented to the sale of the Assets, free and clear of the DIP Liens, conditioned and in express reliance upon the proceeds of sale being remitted at closing to the DIP Lender in accordance with a closing statement reasonably acceptable to the DIP Lender. All Encumbrances attach to any cash proceeds received by the Debtors that are ultimately attributable to the property against or in which such Encumbrances are asserted, subject to the terms of such Encumbrances with the same validity, force, and effect, and in the same order of priority, which such holders of Encumbrances now have against the Assets or their proceeds, if

any, subject to any rights, claims, and defenses the Debtors or their estates, as applicable, may possess with respect thereto.

U. **Not a *Sub Rosa* Plan.** The APA and Sale do not constitute an impermissible *sub rosa* chapter 11 plan for which approval has been sought without the protections that a disclosure statement would afford.

V. **Cure/Adequate Assurance.** Notice of the Debtors' assumption, assignment and sale to the Purchaser of the Assigned Contracts has been provided to each non-Debtor counterparty to an Assigned Contract, together with the Cure Amount, if any, to be paid to such non-Debtor counterparty to cure any defaults under, and to otherwise comply with the requirements of section 365(b) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to each Assigned Contract. As to each Assigned Contract, payment of the Cure Amount listed on Exhibit 1 to the Cure Notice (or such other Cure Amount as agreed, in writing, by the Debtors, the Purchaser and the counterparty to the applicable Assigned Contract or ordered by this Court) is sufficient for the Debtors to comply fully with the requirements of section 365(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. In addition, Purchaser has provided [or will provide](#) adequate assurance of its ability to perform its obligations under each of the Assigned Contracts within the meaning of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code. All other requirements and conditions under the Bankruptcy Code for the assumption by the Debtors and assignment and sale to Purchaser of the Assigned Contracts have been satisfied. Therefore, subject to the terms of this Order, the Assigned Contracts may be assumed by the Debtors and assigned and sold to Purchaser.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted to the extent set forth herein.

2. Any objections or reservation of rights filed or asserted in response to the Motion and the relief granted herein, to the extent not resolved as set forth herein or on the record at the Sale Hearing, are hereby overruled on the merits in their entirety with prejudice, other than objections on account of a Cure Dispute that are presently subject to the cure resolution process.

3. The APA, and all other ancillary documents, and all of the terms and conditions thereof, are hereby approved in all respects. The APA is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

4. Pursuant to sections 363(b) and 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors are hereby authorized without the need of further approval from this Court to (a) execute any additional instruments or documents that may be reasonably necessary or appropriate to implement the APA, *provided* that such additional documents do not materially change the APA's terms adversely as to the Debtors' estates; (b) consummate the Sale in accordance with the terms and conditions of the APA and the instruments to the APA contemplated thereby; and (c) execute and deliver, perform under, consummate, implement, and close fully the transactions contemplated by the APA, including the assumption, assignment and sale to Purchaser (in accordance with the APA) of the Assigned Contracts, together with all additional instruments and documents that may be reasonably necessary or desirable to implement the APA and the Sale. Purchaser shall not be required to seek or obtain relief from the automatic stay under section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code to enforce any of its remedies under the APA or any other Sale-related document. The automatic stay imposed by section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code is modified solely to the extent necessary to implement the preceding sentence and the other provisions of this Order, *provided, however*, that this Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction over any and all disputes with respect thereto.

5. This Order and terms and provisions of the APA shall be binding in all respects upon the Debtors, their estates, their successors and assigns, all creditors of, and holders of equity interests in, the Debtors, any holders of Encumbrances in, against, or on all or any portion of the Assets (whether known or unknown), Purchaser and all successors and assigns of Purchaser, the Assets, and any trustees subsequently appointed in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases or upon a conversion to chapter 7 under the Bankruptcy Code of the Debtors' cases. This Order and the APA shall inure to the benefit of the Debtors, their estates and creditors, Purchaser, and the respective successors and assigns of each of the foregoing. The APA shall not be subject to rejection or avoidance by the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, their equity holders, or any trustee, examiner, or receiver. Any trustee appointed in these chapter 11 cases shall be and are hereby authorized to operate the business of the Debtors to the fullest extent necessary to perform compliance with the terms of this Sale Order and the APA.

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

7. The Sale of the Assets to Purchaser pursuant to the APA and the consummation of the transactions contemplated thereby do not require any consents other than as specifically required in the APA. Each and every federal, state and local government agency or department is hereby authorized to accept any and all documents and instruments necessary and appropriate to consummate the transaction contemplated by the APA. A certified copy of this Order may be filed with the appropriate clerk or recorded with any recorder of any state, county or local authority to act to cancel any Encumbrances.

8. **Transfer of Assets Free and Clear of Encumbrances.** Pursuant to sections 105(a), 363(b), 363(f), 365(b) and 365(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors are authorized to

transfer the Assets to Purchaser in accordance with the APA and such transfer shall constitute a legal, valid, binding, and effective transfer of such Assets. Such transfer of the Assets shall vest Purchaser with title in and to the Assets and, other than the Assumed Liabilities, Purchaser shall take title to and possession of the Assets free and clear of all Encumbrances (other than the Assumed Liabilities) of any kind or nature whatsoever, including but not limited to successor or successor in interest liability and claims in respect of the Excluded Liabilities, with all such Encumbrances to attach to the sale proceeds, if any, with the same validity, force and effect, and in the same order of priority, which such Encumbrance had prior to the Sale, subject to any rights, claims and defenses of the Debtors or their estates in connection therewith. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the sale proceeds shall be remitted to the DIP Lender in accordance with the Final DIP Order and consistent with a closing statement reasonably acceptable to the DIP Lender.

9. Unless otherwise expressly included in the Assigned Contracts or the definition of “Assumed Liabilities” in the APA and solely to the extent set forth in the APA, Purchaser shall not be responsible for any Encumbrances, including, but not limited to, in respect of the following: (a) any mortgages, deeds of trust, and security interests; (b) any claims that might otherwise arise under or pursuant to (i) the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, as amended, (ii) the Fair Labor Standards Act, (iii) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (iv) the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973, (v) the National Labor Relations Act, (vi) the WARN Act, (vii) the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, as amended, (viii) the Americans with Disabilities Act, (ix) the Family Medical Leave Act, (x) the Labor Management Relations Act, (xi) the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act, (xii) other federal or state environmental laws, (xiii) state discrimination laws, (xiv) state unemployment

compensation laws or any other similar state laws, or (xv) any other state or federal benefits or claims relating to any employment with the Debtors or any of its respective predecessors; (c) any bulk sales or similar law; (d) any tax statutes or ordinances, including, without limitation, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any state or local tax laws; (e) any escheat or unclaimed property laws; (f) to the extent not included in the foregoing, any of the Excluded Liabilities under the APA; and (g) any theories of successor or transferee liability as a result of any action taken in connection with the Sale.

10. On the Closing Date, each of the Debtors' creditors ~~is~~ shall and is hereby authorized to execute such documents and take all other actions as may be reasonably necessary to release its Encumbrances or other interests in the Acquired Assets, if any, as such Encumbrances may have been recorded or may otherwise exist.

11. If any person or entity which has filed statements or other documents or agreements evidencing Encumbrances on, against, or in, all or any portion of the Assets (other than statements or documents with respect to the Assumed Liabilities) shall not have delivered to the Debtors prior to the Closing Date, in proper form for filing and executed by the appropriate parties, termination statements, instruments of satisfaction, releases of liens and easements, and any other documents necessary for the purpose of documenting the release of all Encumbrances of any kind or other interests which the person or entity has or may assert with respect to all or any portion of the Assets, the Debtors are hereby authorized, and Purchaser is hereby authorized, to execute and file such statements, instruments, releases, and other documents on behalf of such person or entity with respect to the Assets.

12. On the Closing Date, this Order shall be construed and shall constitute for any and all purposes a full and complete general assignment, conveyance, and transfer to Purchaser

of the Debtors' interests in the Acquired Assets. This Order is and shall be effective as a determination that, on the Closing Date, all Encumbrances or other interest of any kind or nature whatsoever existing as to the Assets prior to the Closing Date, other than the Assumed Liabilities, shall have been unconditionally released, discharged, and terminated to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, and that the conveyances described herein have been effected. This Order shall be binding upon and govern the acts of all persons and entities, including, without limitation, all filing agents, filing officers, title agents, title companies, recorders of mortgages, recorders of deeds, registrars of deeds, administrative agencies, governmental departments, secretaries of state, federal, state, and local officials, and all other persons and entities who may be required by operation of law, the duties of their office, or contract, to accept, file, register or otherwise record or release any documents or instruments, or who may be required to report or insure any title or state of title in or to any lease; and each of the foregoing persons and entities is hereby authorized to accept for filing any and all of the documents and instruments necessary and appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated by the APA. A certified copy of this Order may be filed with the appropriate clerk and/or recorded with the recorder to act to cancel any Encumbrances and other interests of record except those assumed as Assumed Liabilities.

13. All persons or entities that are presently, or on the Closing Date may be, in possession of some or all of the Assets to be sold, transferred, or conveyed (wherever located) to Purchaser pursuant to the APA are hereby directed to surrender possession of the Assets to Purchaser on the Closing Date or at such later time as Purchaser reasonably requests. Subject to the terms, conditions and provisions of this Order, all persons and entities are hereby forever prohibited and enjoined from taking any action that would adversely affect or interfere with the

ability of the Debtors to sell and/or transfer the Assets to Purchaser in accordance with the terms of the APA.

14. To the greatest extent available under applicable law, Purchaser shall be authorized, as of the Closing Date, to operate under any license, permit, registration, and governmental authorization or approval of the Debtors with respect to the Assets to the extent transferred in the APA, and all such licenses, permits, registrations, and governmental authorizations and approvals are deemed to have been transferred to Purchaser as of the Closing Date. To the extent provided by section 525 of the Bankruptcy Code, no Governmental Unit may revoke or suspend any grant, permit, or license relating to the operation of the Assets sold, transferred, assigned, or conveyed to Purchaser or its Affiliates on account of the filing or pendency of these chapter 11 cases or the consummation of the Sale. Each and every federal, state, and local governmental agency or department is hereby authorized and directed to accept any and all documents and instruments necessary and appropriate to consummate the Sale set forth in the APA.

15. **Prohibition of Actions Against Purchaser.** Except for the Assumed Liabilities and any rights or obligations set forth in the Assigned Contracts and solely to the extent set forth in the APA, Purchaser shall not have any liability or other obligation of the Debtors arising under or related to any of the Assets. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and as expressly permitted in the APA, Purchaser shall not be liable for any Encumbrances (other than the Assumed Liabilities as set forth in the APA) including, but not limited to, for any liabilities, whether known or unknown as of the Closing, now existing or hereafter arising, whether fixed or contingent, with respect to the Debtors or any obligations of the Debtors, including, but not limited to, liabilities on account of any taxes arising, accruing, or payable under, out of, in

connection with, or in any way relating to the operation of the Debtors' business prior to the Closing Date.

16. Except with respect to the Assumed Liabilities and any rights and obligations as set forth in the Assigned Contracts, or as otherwise expressly provided for in this Order or the APA, all persons and entities, including, but not limited to, all debt holders, equity security holders, governmental, tax and regulatory authorities, lenders, trade creditors, litigation claimants, and other creditors, holding Encumbrances of any kind or nature whatsoever against or in all or any portion of the Assets (whether legal or equitable, secured or unsecured, matured or unmatured, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, senior or subordinate), arising under or out of, in connection with, or in any way relating to the Debtors, the Assets, the operation of the Debtors' business prior to the Closing Date or the transfer of the Assets to Purchaser in accordance with the APA, hereby are forever barred, estopped, and permanently enjoined from asserting against Purchaser, its successors or assigns, its property, or the Assets, such persons' or entities' Encumbrances in and to the Assets, including, without limitation, the following actions: (a) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding against Purchaser, its successors, assets, or properties; (b) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering in any manner any judgment, award, decree, or order against Purchaser, its successors, assets or properties; (c) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Encumbrances of any kind whatsoever or any other interest against Purchaser, its successors, assets, or properties; (d) asserting any setoff or right of subrogation of any kind against any obligation due Purchaser or its successors; (e) commencing or continuing any action, in any manner or place, that does not comply or is inconsistent with the provisions of this Order or other orders of the Court, or the agreements or actions contemplated or taken in respect thereof; or (f) revoking, terminating, or

failing or refusing to transfer or renew any license, permit, or authorization to operate any of the Assets or conduct the business operated with the Assets.

17. All persons and entities are hereby forever prohibited and enjoined from taking any action that would adversely affect or interfere with the ability of the Debtors to sell and transfer the Assets to Purchaser in accordance with the terms of the APA, and this Order.

18. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein shall prevent (a) the Debtors from pursuing an action against Purchaser arising under the APA or the related documents, or (b) any administrative agencies, governmental, tax and regulatory authorities, secretaries of state, federal, state, and local officials from properly exercising their police and regulatory powers.

19. **Assumption, Assignment and Sale of Contracts.** The Debtors are hereby authorized ~~and directed~~, in accordance with sections 105(a), 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, to (a) assume, assign and sell to Purchaser, in accordance with the APA, effective upon the Closing Date, the Assigned Contracts free and clear of all Encumbrances and other interests of any kind or nature whatsoever (other than the Assumed Liabilities) and (b) execute and deliver to Purchaser such documents or other instruments as Purchaser deems necessary to assign and transfer the Assigned Contracts and the Assumed Liabilities to Purchaser in accordance with the APA.

20. The Purchase has provided or will provide adequate assurance of future performance under the Assigned Contracts within the meaning of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.

21. Effective as of the Closing Date, the Assigned Contracts shall be assumed by the Debtors and assigned and sold to Purchaser, notwithstanding any provision in any such Assigned Contract or applicable law (including those of the type described in sections 365(b)(2), 365(c),

and 365(f) of the Bankruptcy Code) that directly or indirectly prohibits, restricts, or conditions such assignment or transfer, and following the Closing Date shall remain in full force and effect for the benefit of Purchaser, in accordance with the APA, and, pursuant to section 365(k) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors shall be relieved from any further liability with respect to the Assigned Contracts after such assignment to and assumption by Purchaser in accordance with the APA; and upon the Closing Date, in accordance with sections 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, Purchaser shall be fully and irrevocably vested in all rights, title, and interest of each Assigned Contract.

22. All defaults or other obligations of the Debtors under the Assigned Contracts arising or accruing prior to the Closing (without giving effect to any acceleration clauses or any default provisions of the kind specified in section 365(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code) shall be cured on the Closing Date or as soon thereafter as practicable by payment of the Cure Amount by Purchaser. To the extent that any counterparty to an Assigned Contract did not object to its Cure Amount by the Contract Objection Deadline, such counterparty is deemed to have consented to such Cure Amount and the assumption, assignment and sale of its respective Assigned Contract(s) to Purchaser in accordance with the APA. Purchaser shall have no liability arising or accruing under the Assigned Contracts on or prior to the Closing, except as otherwise expressly provided in the APA, the Assigned Contracts or this Order. The non-Debtor counterparties to the Assigned Contracts are barred from asserting against the Debtors, their estates, Purchaser, and their respective successors and assigns, any default or unpaid obligation allegedly arising or occurring before the Closing, any pecuniary loss resulting from such default, or any other obligation under the Assigned Contracts arising or incurred prior to the Closing,

other than the Cure Amount set forth on the Contract Notice or such other Cure Amount as agreed to by the Debtors (with the consent of Purchaser) or as determined by the Court.

23. Unless otherwise represented by the Debtors in a separate notice, on the record at the Sale Hearing, or pursuant to a contract or lease amendment entered into by the Debtors, Purchaser, and the appropriate counterparty (any such amendment being deemed approved by this Order), the Contract Notice reflects the sole amounts necessary under section 365(b) of the Bankruptcy Code to cure all monetary defaults under the Assigned Contracts, and no other amounts are or shall be due in connection with the assumption by the Debtors and the assignment and sale to Purchaser of the Assigned Contracts in accordance with the APA.

24. Except for the Assumed Liabilities, upon the Debtors' assignment and sale of the Assigned Contracts to Purchaser under the provisions of this Order and any additional orders of this Court and payment of any Cure Amount, no default shall exist under any Assigned Contract, and no counterparty to any Assigned Contract shall be permitted (a) to declare a default by Purchaser under such Assigned Contract or (b) otherwise take action against Purchaser as a result of Debtors' financial condition, bankruptcy, or failure to perform any of their obligations under the relevant Assigned Contract. Except for the Assumed Liabilities, each non-Debtor party to an Assigned Contract hereby is also forever barred, estopped, and permanently enjoined from (i) asserting against the Debtors or Purchaser, or the property of any of them, any default or claim arising out of any indemnity obligation or warranties for acts or occurrences arising prior to or existing as of the Closing, including those constituting Excluded Liabilities or, against Purchaser, any counterclaim, defense, setoff, recoupment or any other claim asserted or assertable against the Debtors; and (ii) imposing or charging against Purchaser any rent accelerations, assignment fees, increases, or any other fees as a result of the Debtors'

assumption, assignment and sale to Purchaser of any Assigned Contract in accordance with the APA. The validity of such assumption, assignment and sale of each Assigned Contract shall not be affected by any dispute between the Debtors and any non-Debtors party to an Assigned Contract.

25. Except as provided in the APA or this Order, after the Closing, the Debtors and their estates shall have no further liabilities or obligations with respect to any Assumed Liabilities and all holders of such Assumed Liabilities of any kind whatsoever are forever barred and estopped from asserting such claims against the Debtors, their successors or assigns, their property, or their assets or estates. The failure of the Debtors or Purchaser to enforce at any time one or more terms or conditions of any Assigned Contract shall not be a waiver of such terms or conditions, or of the Debtors' and Purchaser's rights to enforce every term and condition of the Assigned Contracts.

26. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Order or the Contract Notice, with respect to the Assigned Contracts for which the non-Debtor counterparties thereto filed timely Contract Objections that have not been resolved as of the entry of this Order, these Contract Objections are adjourned (collectively, the "Adjourned Contract Objections"). The Cure Amount of any Assigned Contract subject to an Adjourned Contract Objection shall be fixed at the amounts agreed to in writing by the Debtors (subject to the consent of Purchaser) and such counterparties, or if no such agreement is reached, fixed at the amounts ordered by this Court after a hearing at a date and time reasonably determined by the Debtors in consultation with Purchaser (or otherwise scheduled by this Court). Pending the parties' consensual resolution of the Adjourned Contract Objection or the Court's adjudication of such amounts: (i) any Assigned Contract that is the subject of an Adjourned Contract Objection solely with respect

to Cure Amount may be assumed by the Debtors and assigned and sold to Purchaser, provided that the Purchaser segregates the Cure Amount the non-Debtor counterparty asserts in the Adjourned Contract Objection is required to be paid (or such lower amounts as agreed to by Purchaser and the counterparty) with proof thereof to the counterparty; and (ii) Purchaser may elect to re-designate any Assigned Contract to exclude such contract. Upon the Cure Amount subject to an Adjourned Contract Objection becoming fixed as provided for in this paragraph: (a) such fixed amount shall be the “Cure Amount” for the Assigned Contract for all purposes under this Order; (b) the Purchaser may elect to re-designate the related Assigned Contract to exclude such contract; and (c) if the Assigned Contract is not re-designated and was not previously assumed by the Debtors and assigned and sold to Purchaser, such Assigned Contract shall be promptly assumed by the Debtors and assigned and sold to Purchaser.

27. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, and subject to the APA, Purchaser may remove any contract or lease from the applicable Schedule of the APA (and thereby exclude such Contract from the definition of Assigned Contracts). The Debtors shall file a schedule of the Assigned Contracts reasonably promptly after the Closing Date, and shall supplement such schedule from time to time as necessary to reflect the resolution of Adjourned Contract Objections. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this paragraph affects Purchaser’s right to re-designate an Assigned Contract to exclude such contract following any resolution of an Adjourned Contract Objection with respect to the Assigned Contract, whether such resolution occurs before or after the Closing Date.

28. **No Successor Liability.** Purchaser and its successors and assigns shall not be deemed, as a result of any action taken in connection with the transfer of the Assets, (i) to be a successor to the Debtors or their estates, (ii) to have, de facto or otherwise, merged or

consolidated with or into the Debtors or their estates, (iii) to be a continuation or substantial continuation of the Debtors or any enterprise of the Debtors, (iv) to have a common identity with the Debtors, (v) to have acquired the trade or business of any of the Debtors for any purpose under applicable U.S. federal law (including the Bankruptcy Code and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended), or (vi) to be held out to the public as a continuation of the Debtors or the Debtors' trade or business, and Purchaser shall have no successor, transferee, or vicarious liability of any kind or character, including, but not limited to, under any theory of foreign, federal, state, or local antitrust, environmental, successor, tax, ERISA, assignee, or transferee liability, labor, product liability, employment, de facto merger, substantial continuity, or other law, rule, or regulation, whether known or unknown as of the Closing Date, now existing or hereafter arising, whether asserted or unasserted, fixed or contingent, liquidated or unliquidated with respect to the Debtors or any obligations of the Debtors arising prior to the Closing Date. Except as otherwise provided herein ~~or~~ and in the APA with respect to the Assumed Liabilities, the transfer of the Assets to Purchaser pursuant to the APA shall not result in Purchaser or the Assets having any liability or responsibility for, or being required to satisfy in any manner, whether in law or in equity, whether by payment, setoff, or otherwise, directly or indirectly, any claim against the Debtors or against any insider of the Debtors or any liens, claims, interests, or encumbrances.

29. **Consideration.** The consideration provided by Purchaser under the APA constitutes (i) reasonably equivalent value under the Bankruptcy Code, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act, and the Uniform Voidable Transactions Act, (ii) fair consideration under the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, and (iii) reasonably equivalent value, fair consideration and fair value under any other applicable Laws of the United States, any state, territory or

possession thereof, or the District of Columbia. The consideration provided by Purchaser for the Assets under the APA is fair and reasonable and may not be avoided under section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code.

30. **Good Faith.** The transactions contemplated by the APA are undertaken by Purchaser without collusion and in “good faith,” as that term is used in section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code and, accordingly, the reversal or modification on appeal of the authorization provided herein to consummate the Sale shall not affect the validity of the Sale (including the assumption, assignment and sale of the Assigned Contracts) with Purchaser, unless such authorization is duly stayed pending such appeal. Purchaser is a good faith purchaser of the Purchased Assets, and is entitled to all of the benefits and protections afforded by section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code.

31. **Books and Records.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the APA, following the closing date for the Sale, Purchaser shall grant the Debtors and their respective representatives, including any trustee or fiduciary appointed to act on behalf of the Debtors or as a successor to the Debtors (the “Trustee”), reasonable access to the books and records transferred to Purchaser pursuant to the APA during regular business hours and upon ~~reasonable~~two (2) business days’ notice for the purpose of allowing the Debtors and their successors, the Trustee or their representatives to perform the duties necessary to administer the Debtors’ estates. The Debtors and any of their successors and assigns or any other transferee of the Debtors’ books, records, documents, files, electronic data, in whatever format, including native format, wherever stored (collectively, the “Books and Records”), including any purchaser of the Debtors’ assets, shall preserve and maintain such Books and Records and make such Books and Records accessible to the Debtors, the Committee, or any successor to the Debtors,

including any liquidating or litigation trust, and shall not destroy, abandon, transfer, or otherwise render unavailable such Books and Records within three (3) years following the Closing Date without providing counsel to the Committee, or any successor to the Debtors, at least sixty (60) days' advance written notice and an opportunity to take possession of the Books and Records or otherwise object and be heard by this Court.

32. **Failure to Specify Provisions.** The failure specifically to include any particular provisions of the APA in this Order shall not diminish or impair the effectiveness of such provisions, it being the intent of the Court that the APA be authorized and approved in its entirety; *provided, however*, that this Order shall govern if there is any inconsistency between the APA (including all ancillary documents executed in connection therewith) and this Order. Likewise, all of the provisions of this Order are non-severable and mutually dependent. To the extent that this Order is inconsistent with any prior order or pleading with respect to the Motion in these chapter 11 cases, the terms of this Order shall control.

33. **Non-Material Modifications.** The APA and any related agreements, documents, or other instruments may be modified, amended, or supplemented by the parties thereto, in writing signed by such parties, and in accordance with the terms thereof, without further order of the Court, provided that any such modification, amendment, or supplement does not have a material adverse effect on the Debtors' estates.

34. **Subsequent Plan Provisions.** Nothing contained in any chapter 11 plan confirmed in the Debtors' cases or any order confirming any such plan or in any other order in these chapter 11 cases (including any order entered after any conversion of any of these cases to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code) or any related proceeding subsequent to entry of this Order shall alter, conflict with, or derogate from, the provisions of the APA or this Order.

To the extent of any such conflict or derogation, the terms of the APA or this Order, as applicable, shall govern.

35. **No Stay of Order.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h) and Bankruptcy Rule 6006(d), and pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 7062 and 9014, this Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon its entry.

36. **Retention of Jurisdiction.** This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction pursuant to its statutory powers under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), to, among other things, interpret, implement, and enforce the terms and provisions of this Order and the APA, all amendments thereto, and any waivers and consents thereunder and each of the agreements executed in connection therewith to which any Debtor is a party or which has been assigned and sold by the Debtors to Purchaser in accordance with the APA, and to adjudicate, if necessary, any and all disputes concerning or relating in any way to the Sale, including, but not limited to, retaining jurisdiction to (a) interpret, implement and enforce the provisions of this Order and the APA; (b) adjudicate, if necessary, any and all disputes concerning or relating in any way to the Sale; (c) protect Purchaser against any Encumbrances or other interests in the Debtors or the Assets of any kind or nature whatsoever, attaching to the proceeds of the Sale; and (d) enter any orders under sections 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the Assigned Contracts.

END OF ORDER

EXHIBIT 1

Asset Purchase Agreement