

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:)	
)	Chapter 11
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AKORN, INC., <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	Case No. 20-11177 (KBO)
)	
)	(Jointly Administered)
Debtors.)	
)	Re: Docket Nos. 4, 66 & 90

**CERTIFICATION OF COUNSEL REGARDING FINAL ORDER
(I) AUTHORIZING, BUT NOT DIRECTING, THE DEBTORS TO (A) PAY
PREPETITION EMPLOYEE WAGES, SALARIES, OTHER COMPENSATION,
AND REIMBURSABLE EMPLOYEE EXPENSES AND (B) CONTINUE EMPLOYEE
BENEFITS PROGRAMS AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

The undersigned hereby certifies as follows:

1. On May 21, 2020, the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) filed the *Debtors’ Motion Seeking Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing, But Not Directing, the Debtors to (A) Pay Prepetition Employee Wages, Salaries, Other Compensation, and Reimbursable Employee Expenses and (B) Continue Employee Benefits Programs and (II) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 4] (the “Motion”) with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”). Attached thereto as **Exhibit B** was a proposed form of order granting the relief requested in the Motion on a final basis (the “Proposed Final Order”).

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, if any, are: Akorn, Inc. (7400); 10 Edison Street LLC (7890); 13 Edison Street LLC; Advanced Vision Research, Inc. (9046); Akorn (New Jersey), Inc. (1474); Akorn Animal Health, Inc. (6645); Akorn Ophthalmics, Inc. (6266); Akorn Sales, Inc. (7866); Clover Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3735); Covenant Pharma, Inc. (0115); Hi-Tech Pharmacal Co., Inc. (8720); Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (9022); Oak Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (6647); Olta Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3621); VersaPharm Incorporated (6739); VPI Holdings Corp. (6716); and VPI Holdings Sub, LLC. The location of the Debtors’ service address is: 1925 W. Field Court, Suite 300, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.



2. On May 22, 2020, the Court entered the *Interim Order (I) Authorizing, But Not Directing, the Debtors to (A) Pay Prepetition Employee Wages, Salaries, Other Compensation, and Reimbursable Employee Expenses and (B) Continue Employee Benefits Programs and (II) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 66] (the “Interim Order”).

3. Pursuant to the Interim Order and the *Notice of (A) Entry of Interim Order (I) Authorizing, But Not Directing, the Debtors to (A) Pay Prepetition Employee Wages, Salaries, Other Compensation, and Reimbursable Employee Expenses and (B) Continue Employee Benefits Programs and (II) Granting Related Relief; and (B) Final Hearing Thereon* [Docket No. 90], objections to the Motion were to be filed by no later than June 8, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. (ET) (the “Objection Deadline”). The Objection Deadline was extended to June 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”).

4. Prior to the Objection Deadline, the Debtors received certain informal comments from the Committee (the “Comments”). Other than the Comments, the Debtors received no other informal responses to the Motion, and no objection or responsive pleading to the Motion has appeared on the Court’s docket in these chapter 11 cases.

5. The Debtors have revised the Proposed Final Order (the “Revised Final Order”) to resolve the Comments and the Revised Final Order is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.

6. The Revised Final Order has been circulated to the Committee and the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, and the aforementioned parties do not object to the entry of the Revised Final Order. For the convenience of the Court and all parties in interest, a blackline of the Revised Final Order marked against the Proposed Final Order is attached hereto as **Exhibit 2**.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Revised Final Order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**, be entered at the earliest convenience of the Court.

Wilmington, Delaware
June 12, 2020

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EXHIBIT 1

Revised Final Order

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Upon the motion (the “Motion”)² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for entry of a final order (this “Final Order”): (a) authorizing, but not directing, the Debtors to (i) pay certain prepetition employee wages, salaries, other compensation, reimbursable employee expenses, and (ii) continue employee benefits programs in the ordinary course, including payment of certain prepetition obligations related thereto; and (b) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having 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 February 29, 2012; and that this Court may

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² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein have the meanings given to such terms in the Motion.

enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and the First Day Declaration and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and the First Day Declaration and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted on a final basis as set forth herein.
2. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to: (a) continue, modify, change, and discontinue the Employee Compensation and Benefits in the ordinary course of business during these chapter 11 cases and without the need for further Court approval, subject to applicable law, and (b) pay and honor prepetition amounts outstanding under or related to the Employee Compensation and Benefits Programs in the ordinary course of business, up to the amounts set forth in paragraph 3 of this Final Order.
3. Pursuant to section 362(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, Employees are authorized to proceed with their claims under the Workers' Compensation Program in the appropriate judicial or administrative forum, and the Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to continue the

Workers' Compensation Program in the ordinary course. This modification of the automatic stay pertains solely to claims under the Workers' Compensation Program.

4. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to forward any unpaid amounts on account of Deductions or Payroll Taxes to the appropriate third-party recipients or taxing authorities in accordance with the Debtors' prepetition policies and practices.

5. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to pay costs and expenses incidental to payment of the Employee Compensation and Benefits obligations, including all administrative and processing costs and payments to outside professionals.

6. Nothing herein shall be deemed to authorize the payment of any amounts that violates or implicates section 503(c) of the Bankruptcy Code; *provided* that nothing herein shall prejudice the Debtors' ability to seek approval of relief pursuant to section 503(c) of the Bankruptcy Code under separate motion at a later time. For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Final Order shall affect any rights any party in interest, including the statutory committee of unsecured creditors appointed in these chapter 11 cases, may have to challenge or to recover for the benefit of the estate those certain prepaid retention payments made to certain Employees prior to the Petition Date, as disclosed in that certain Form 10-K filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019.

7. Nothing contained herein is intended or should be construed to create an administrative priority claim on account of the Employee Compensation and Benefits obligations.

8. Notwithstanding the relief granted in this Final Order and any actions taken pursuant to such relief, nothing in this Final Order shall be deemed: (a) an admission as to the validity, priority, or amount of any particular claim against a Debtor entity; (b) a waiver of the

Debtors' or any other party-in-interest's right to dispute any particular claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) an implication or admission that any particular claim is of a type specified or defined in this Final Order or the Motion; (e) a request or authorization to assume any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) a waiver or limitation of the Debtors' or any other party-in-interest's rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law; or (g) a concession by the Debtors or any other party-in-interest that any liens (contractual, common law, statutory, or otherwise) satisfied pursuant to this Final Order are valid and the Debtors and all other parties-in-interest expressly reserve their rights to contest the extent, validity, or perfection or to seek avoidance of all such liens. Any payment made pursuant to this Final Order should not be construed as an admission as to the validity, priority, or amount of any particular claim or a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party-in-interest's rights to subsequently dispute such claim.

9. The banks and financial institutions on which checks were drawn or electronic payment requests made in payment of the prepetition obligations approved herein are authorized to receive, process, honor, and pay all such checks and electronic payment requests when presented for payment, and all such banks and financial institutions are authorized to rely on the Debtors' designation of any particular check or electronic payment request as approved by this Final Order without any duty of further inquiry and without liability for following the Debtors' instructions.

10. The Debtors are authorized to issue postpetition checks, or to effect postpetition fund transfer requests, in replacement of any checks or fund transfer requests that are dishonored as a consequence of these chapter 11 cases with respect to prepetition amounts owed in connection with any Employee Compensation and Benefits Programs.

11. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

12. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Final Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

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

14. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Final Order.

EXHIBIT 2

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enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and the First Day Declaration and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and the First Day Declaration and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

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Dated: _____, 2020
Wilmington, Delaware

~~UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE~~