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## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS **DALLAS DIVISION**

In re:

EIGER BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, INC., et  $al.^{1}$ 

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-80040 (SGJ)

(Joint Administration Requested) (Emergency Hearing Requested)

# **DEBTORS' EMERGENCY MOTION** FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO FILE SCHEDULES OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Emergency relief has been requested. Relief is requested not later than 1:30 p.m. prevailing Central Time on April 3, 2024.

If you object to the relief requested or you believe that emergency consideration is not warranted, you must appear at the hearing if one is set, or file a written response prior to the date that relief is requested in the preceding paragraph. Otherwise, the Court may treat the pleading as unopposed and grant the relief requested.

A hearing will be conducted on this matter on April 3, 2024 at 1:30 p.m. prevailing Central Time in Courtroom 1, Floor 14, 1100 Commerce Street, Dallas, TX 75242-1496.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, together with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Eiger BioPharmaceuticals, Inc. (1591); EBPI Merger Inc. (9986); EB Pharma LLC (8352); Eiger BioPharmaceuticals Europe Limited (N/A); and EigerBio Europe Limited (N/A). The Debtors' service address is 2155 Park Boulevard, Palo Alto, California 94306.



You may participate in the hearing either in person or by an audio and video connection.

Audio communication will be by use of the Court's dial-in facility. You may access the facility at 1.650.479.3207. Video communication will be by use of the Cisco WebEx platform. Connect via the Cisco WebEx application or click the link on Judge Jernigan's home page. The meeting code is 479 393 582. Click the settings icon in the upper right corner and enter your name under the personal information setting.

Hearing appearances must be made electronically in advance of electronic hearings. To make your appearance, click the "Electronic Appearance" link on Judge Jernigan's home page. Select the case name, complete the required fields and click "Submit" to complete your appearance.

The debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") state as follows in support of this motion:<sup>2</sup>

# **Relief Requested**

- 1. The Debtors seek entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, granting, among other things, the following relief:
  - a. granting an extension of time for them to file Schedules and Statements (as defined below); and
  - b. granting related relief.
- 2. Specifically, the Debtors request an additional twenty-one (21) days (for a total of thirty-five (35) days) to file their Schedules and Statements (as defined below), thereby establishing a deadline of May 6, 2024 for the filing of the Schedules and Statements.

## **Jurisdiction and Venue**

3. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas (the "Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). The Debtors confirm their consent, pursuant to

A detailed description of the Debtors and their business, and the facts and circumstances supporting this motion and the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, are set forth in greater detail in the *Declaration of David Apelian in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Pleadings* (the "First Day Declaration"), filed contemporaneously herewith. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the First Day Declaration.

rule 7008 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), to the Court's entry of a final order in connection with this motion.

- 4. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 5. The bases for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a) and 521 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Bankruptcy Rules 1007 and 9006, and the Procedures for Complex Cases in the Northern District of Texas.

# **Background**

- 6. The Debtors are a commercial-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the development of innovative therapies for hepatitis delta virus (HDV) and other serious diseases. All of the Debtors' rare disease programs have FDA Breakthrough Therapy designation.
- 7. On the date hereof (the "Petition Date"), each Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors are operating their business and managing their property as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. Concurrently with the filing of this motion, the Debtors have requested procedural consolidation and joint administration of these chapter 11 cases pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b). No party has requested the appointment of a trustee or examiner in these cases, and no statutory committee has been appointed.

## **Basis for Relief Requested**

8. Pursuant to section 521 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 1007, if the bankruptcy petition is accompanied by a list of all the Debtors' creditors and their addresses, the Debtors are required, within fourteen (14) days from the date of filing, to file with the court: (a) a schedule of assets and liabilities; (b) a statement of financial affairs; (c) a schedule of current

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income and expenditures; (d) a statement of executory contracts and unexpired leases; and (e) a list of equity security holders (collectively, the "Schedules and Statements").<sup>3</sup>

- 9. Bankruptcy Rule 1007(c) and 9006(b) permit the Court to extend the deadline to file the Schedules and Statements "for cause." *See* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(c) ("[A]ny extension of time to file schedules, statements, and other documents . . . may be granted only on motion for cause shown."); Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9006(b) (providing that "when an act is required . . . to be done at or within a specified time by [the Bankruptcy Rules] . . . , the court for cause shown may at any time in its discretion" extend the specified time period). Showing "cause" merely requires that a debtor "demonstrate some justification for the issuance of the order." *See, e.g., Bryant v. Smith*, 165 B.R. 176, 182 (W.D. Va. 1994) (discussing the standard for granting extensions under Bankruptcy Rule 1007) (internal citations and quotation marks omitted). In addition, Bankruptcy Code section 105(a) empowers the Court to "issue any order, process, or judgment that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of [the Bankruptcy Code]." 11 U.S.C. § 105(a).
- basis, it will take substantial time for the Debtors to analyze and compile the information needed to complete its Schedules and Statements. Additionally, in light of the Debtors' limited liquidity, there is a financial priority for key personnel to focus on maximizing the value of the assets, including through assisting in the sale process, uninterrupted business operations, and a smooth transition to chapter 11. Consequently, it would be unduly burdensome on the Debtors to prepare and file the Schedules and Statements within fourteen (14) days of the Petition Date.

Contemporaneously herewith, the Debtors filed the Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) File a Consolidated Creditor Matrix and (B) File a Consolidated List of 30 Largest Unsecured Creditors; (II) Waiving the Requirement to File a List of Equity Security Holders; (III) Authorizing the Debtors to Redact Certain Personally Identifying Information; and (IV) Approving the Form and Manner of Notifying Creditors of the Commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases and Other Information by which the Debtors request that the requirements to file a list of, and to provide notice directly to, equity security holders be waived.

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- 11. The analysis and compilation of the information for the Schedules and Statements will take more time because: (a) there are other urgent demands upon the Debtors as a result of the filing of these chapter 11 cases that will consume the time of key personnel; (b) the Debtors' operations involve numerous contracts, and other agreements and it will take time to compile and review each of those documents; (c) the Debtors may have contingent, unliquidated, or disputed claims that are difficult to quantify; and (d) the Debtors and their professionals need additional time to evaluate the information comprising the Schedules and Statements.
- 12. The Debtors estimate that an extension of twenty-one (21) additional days (for a total of thirty-five (35) days) will provide sufficient time to prepare and file their Schedules and Statements. This request for a twenty-one-day extension is in-keeping with requests made by similarly situated debtors and is standard for cases of this size and complexity. The Debtors thus request that the Court establish May 6, 2024 as the date on or before which it must file Schedules and Statements, without prejudice to the Debtors' right to seek further extensions from this Court, or to seek a waiver of the requirement of filing certain Schedules and Statements.
- 13. In view of the magnitude of information that must be assembled and compiled, and the limited time available to do so, ample cause exists for the extension. Additionally, courts in this district have previously granted similar relief. *See, e.g., In re Ebix, Inc.*, Case No. 23-80004 (SWE) (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Jan. 17, 2024) [Docket No. 193]; *In re Impel Pharmaceuticals Inc.*, Case No. 23-80016 (SGJ) (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Dec. 21, 2023) [Docket No. 48]; *In re Tuesday Morning*, Case No. 23-90001 (ELM) (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Feb. 17, 2023) [Docket No. 161]; *In re Sunland Medical Foundation*, Case No. 23-80000 (MVL) (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Aug. 31, 2023) [Docket No. 39]; *In re Northwest Senior Housing Corporation*, Case No. 22-30659 (MVL) (Bankr. N.D. Tex. April 19, 2023) [Docket No. 90].

## **Emergency Consideration**

14. Bankruptcy Rule 6003 empowers a court to grant relief within the first twenty-one days after the Petition Date "to the extent that relief is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm." Failure to receive the relief requested in this motion during the first twenty-one days of these chapter 11 cases would severely disrupt the Debtors' operations at this critical juncture, jeopardizing the Debtors' ability to run a value maximizing sale process for the benefit of its creditors and parties in interest. The Debtors have satisfied the "immediate and irreparable" harm standard in Bankruptcy Rule 6003 and request that the Court approve the relief requested on an emergency basis.

## Waiver of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and 6004(h)

15. The Debtors request that the Court enter an order providing that notice of the relief requested herein satisfies Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and that the Debtors have established cause to exclude such relief from the fourteen-day stay period under Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), which is necessary to implement the relief requested in this motion.

## **Reservation of Rights**

16. Nothing contained herein or any action taken pursuant to relief requested is intended to be or shall be construed as (a) an admission as to the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim against a Debtor entity under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any party in interest's rights to dispute any claim or interest on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any claim; (d) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law; (e) an implication or admission that any particular claim is of a type specified or defined in this motion or any order granting the relief requested in this motion or a finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim or other priority claim; (f) a request for or approval to assume, adopt,

or reject any agreement, contract, program, policy, or lease under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; or (g) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates. Likewise, if the Court grants the relief sought herein, any payment made pursuant to the Court's order is not intended to be and should not be construed as an admission to the validity of any claim or a waiver of the Debtors' or any party in interest's rights to subsequently dispute such claim.

#### Notice

17. The Debtors will provide notice of this motion to the following: (a) the U.S. Trustee for the Northern District of Texas; (b) the holders of the thirty (30) largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (c) Innovatus Life Sciences Lending Fund I, LP, as agent to the Debtors' secured lenders, and counsel thereto; (d) the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Texas; (e) the Food and Drug Administration; (f) the Internal Revenue Service; (g) the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; (h) the state attorneys general for the states in which the Debtors conduct business; and (i) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. No other or further notice is needed in light of the nature of the relief requested.

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The Debtors respectfully request entry of the order granting the relief requested herein and granting such other relief as the Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

Dated: April 1, 2024

Dallas, Texas

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# **Certificate of Service**

I certify that on April 1, 2024, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas.

/s/ Thomas R. Califano
Thomas R. Califano

# Exhibit A

**Proposed Order** 

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:

EIGER BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, INC., et al. 1

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-80040 (SGJ)

(Joint Administration Requested)

# ORDER EXTENDING TIME TO FILE SCHEDULES OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AND STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Upon the motion ("<u>Motion</u>")<sup>2</sup> of the debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>"), for entry of an order (this "<u>Order</u>") (a) granting an extension of twenty-one (21) additional days to file their Schedules and Statements; and (b) granting related relief, each as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon consideration

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, together with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Eiger BioPharmaceuticals, Inc. (1591); EBPI Merger Inc. (9986); EB Pharma LLC (8352); Eiger BioPharmaceuticals Europe Limited (N/A); and EigerBio Europe Limited (N/A). The Debtors' service address is 2155 Park Boulevard, Palo Alto, California 94306.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the respective meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

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of the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334; and this matter being a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and the Court being able to issue a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district being proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and appropriate notice of and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion having been given; and the relief requested in the Motion being in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is

#### **HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

- 1. Pursuant to Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 1007(c) and 9006, the Debtors are granted an additional twenty-one (21) calendar days (for a total of thirty-five (35) calendar days from the Petition Date) to file the Schedules and Statements.
- 2. Notwithstanding the relief granted herein and any actions taken pursuant to such relief, nothing in this Order shall be deemed: (a) an admission as to the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim against a Debtor entity under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any party in interest's rights to dispute any claim or interest on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any claim; (d) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law; (e) an implication or admission that any particular claim is of a type specified or defined in this order or any other order granting the relief requested in this motion or a finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim or other priority claim; (f) an approval to assume, adopt, or reject any agreement, contract, program, policy, or lease under section 365 of

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the Bankruptcy Code; or (g) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates. Any payment made pursuant to this order is not intended to be nor should it be construed as an admission as to the validity of any claim or a waiver of the Debtors' rights to subsequently dispute such claim.

- 3. 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 Bankruptcy Local Rules for the Northern District of Texas are satisfied by such notice.
- 4. The Debtors are authorized to take all such reasonable actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.
- 5. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

### END OF ORDER ###

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