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## **ENTERED**

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The following constitutes the ruling of the court and has the force and effect therein described.

Signed April 5, 2024

United States Bankruptcy Judge

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

In re:

EIGER BIOPHARMACEUTICALS, INC., et al.<sup>1</sup>

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-80040 (SGJ)

(Jointly Administered)

ORDER AUTHORIZING
THE DEBTORS TO (I) PAY PREPETITION WAGES,
SALARIES, AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND (II) CONTINUE
THE POSTPETITION MAINTENANCE OF EMPLOYEE BENEFIT
PROGRAMS, POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES IN THE ORDINARY COURSE

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) authorizing, but not directing, the Debtors to (i) pay prepetition wages, salaries, and employee

<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.



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.

benefits and (ii) to continue the post-petition maintenance of any employee benefit programs, policies, and procedures in the ordinary course of business in accordance with the Debtors' prepetition practices; and (b) granting related relief, each as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon consideration 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 it appearing to the Court that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409;<sup>3</sup> 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. The Debtors are hereby authorized, but not directed, to pay or cause to be paid all amounts required under or related to the Prepetition Employee Obligations or any portion thereof, as described in the Motion; *provided* no amounts shall exceed the statutory cap set forth in sections 507(a)(4) and 507(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 2. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to continue to pay and honor their obligations arising under or related to their plans, practices, programs, and policies for Employees as described in the Motion, including, without limitation, those giving rise to the Prepetition Employee Obligations, as those employee programs were in effect as of the Petition Date and as such employee programs may be modified, terminated, amended, or supplemented from time to

Nothing in this Order shall preclude any later order of the Court approving a motion to transfer venue.

time in the ordinary course of the Debtors' business and in accordance with the Debtors' prepetition policies and practices.

- 3. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to continue and/or modify the Employee Compensation and Benefits on a post-petition basis, in the ordinary course of business, in accordance with the Debtors' prepetition policies and practices, and, in the Debtors' discretion, to pay and honor prepetition and post-petition amounts related thereto.
- 4. Pursuant to section 362(d) of the Bankruptcy Code: (a) Employees are authorized, but not directed, to proceed with their workers' compensation claims in the appropriate judicial or administrative forum under the Workers' Compensation Program, and the Debtors are authorized to pay all prepetition amounts relating thereto in the ordinary course of business; and (b) the notice requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 4001(d) with respect to clause (a) are waived. This modification of the automatic stay pertains solely to claims under the Workers' Compensation Program and any such claims must be pursued in accordance with the applicable Workers' Compensation Program. Payment on account of any recoveries obtained in connection with a claim brought pursuant to this paragraph is limited to the terms and conditions of the applicable Workers' Compensation Program, including with regard to any policy limits or caps.
- 5. Nothing herein shall be deemed to authorize the payment of any amounts which are subject to 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 pursuant to a separate motion.
- 6. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, any payment to be made by the Debtors pursuant to the authority granted herein shall be subject to and in compliance with any

orders entered by the Court authorizing the Debtors' use of cash collateral and/or any budget in connection therewith.

- 7. 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, priority 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 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.
- 8. 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 in this Order.

- 9. The Debtors are authorized to issue post-petition checks or to effect post-petition 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 the relief granted herein.
- 10. 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.
- 11. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Final Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.
- 12. The Debtors are authorized to take all such reasonable actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.
- 13. 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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