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The following constitutes the order of the Court.**Signed: September 25, 2024**

Charles Novack
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge*Proposed Attorneys for the Debtors and
Debtors in Possession***UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT****NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA****SANTA ROSA DIVISION**

In re:

LEFEVER MATTSON, a California
corporation, *et al.*,¹

Debtor.

Lead Case No. 24-10545 (CN)

(Jointly Administered)

Chapter 11

**INTERIM ORDER AUTHORIZING
THE DEBTORS TO (A) PAY
PREPETITION EMPLOYEE WAGES,
BENEFITS, AND RELATED ITEMS;
AND (B) CONTINUE CERTAIN
EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND
BENEFIT PROGRAMS IN THE
ORDINARY COURSE**

¹ The last four digits of LeFever Mattson's tax identification number are 7537. Due to the large number of debtor entities in these Chapter 11 Cases, a complete list of the Debtors and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at <https://veritaglobal.net/LM>. The address for service on the Debtors is 6359 Auburn Blvd., Suite B, Citrus Heights, CA 95621.



Upon consideration of the *Motion of Debtors for Interim and Final Orders Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Pay Prepetition Employee Wages, Benefits, and Related Items; and (B) Continue Certain Employee Compensation and Benefit Programs in the Ordinary Course* (the “Motion”)¹ filed by the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (the “Debtors”); the Court having reviewed the Motion and the Sharp Declaration and having considered the statements of counsel and the evidence adduced with respect to the Motion at a hearing before the Court (the “Hearing”); and the Court having found that (i) the Court has jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and the *Order Referring Bankruptcy Cases and Proceedings to Bankruptcy Judges*, General Order 24 and Rule 5011-1(a) of the Bankruptcy Local Rules for the United States District Court for the Northern District of California; (ii) venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; (iii) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); (iv) notice of the Motion and the Hearing was sufficient under the circumstances; and (v) good cause exists to waive the requirements imposed by Bankruptcy Rule 6003, to the extent it is applicable; and after due deliberation the Court having determined that the relief requested in the Motion is (a) in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, and their creditors and (b) necessary to prevent immediate and irreparable harm to the Debtors and their estate; and good and sufficient cause having been shown;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted on an interim basis.

2. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, pursuant to sections 105(a), 363(b), and 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, to pay and honor all Prepetition Employee Obligations, that are due and payable and relate to the period prior to the Petition Date, in accordance with the Debtors’ ordinary course of conduct and consistent with the Debtors’ prepetition practices, up to but not exceeding the Section 507 Cap.

3. Prior to the entry of a final order on the Motion, the Debtors shall deliver a list of any payments of Prepetition Employee Obligations made to the Debtors’ employees pursuant to

¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Motion.

1 this Interim Order to the United States Trustee and any official committee appointed in these
2 Chapter 11 Cases, provided that such information shall be kept confidential by its recipients and
3 shall not be disclosed to any other party unless otherwise ordered by the Court.

4 4. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to continue providing the Prepetition
5 Benefits and the Vacation Benefits in the ordinary course of business.

6 5. Banks and financial institutions are authorized, but not directed, at the Debtors'
7 request, to receive, process, honor and pay, to the extent of funds on deposit, any and all checks
8 issued or to be issued or electronic funds transfers requested or to be requested by the Debtors
9 relating to the Prepetition Employee Obligations.

10 6. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to issue new postpetition checks, or
11 effect new electronic funds transfers, on account of the Prepetition Employee Obligations.

12 7. Nothing contained in this Interim Order or in the Motion is intended to be or shall
13 be construed as (i) an admission as to the validity of any claim against the Debtors; (ii) a waiver
14 of the Debtors' or any appropriate party in interest's rights to dispute the amount of, basis for, or
15 validity of any claim against the Debtors; (iii) a waiver of any claims or causes of action that may
16 exist against any creditor or interest holder; or (iv) an approval, assumption, adoption, or rejection
17 of any agreement, contract, lease, program, or policy between the Debtors and any third party
18 under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.

19 8. Notwithstanding entry of this Interim Order, nothing herein is intended to create,
20 and nothing herein shall create, any rights in favor of, or enhance the status of any claim held by,
21 any party.

22 9. This Order does not authorize any payment pursuant to section 503(c) of the
23 Bankruptcy Code.

24 10. The requirements for immediate entry of this Interim Order pursuant to Bankruptcy
25 Rule 6003(b) have been satisfied.

26 11. The requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) are waived.

27 12. Notwithstanding the provisions of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), this Interim Order
28 shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

1 13. A hearing to consider the relief requested in the Motion on a final basis is set for
2 October 15, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. (Pacific Time). Any objections to granting the relief requested on
3 a final basis must be filed with the Court and served on counsel for the Debtor by October 8, 2024.

4 14. The Debtors are hereby authorized to take such actions and to execute such
5 documents as may be necessary to implement the relief granted by this Order.

6 15. The Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or
7 related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

8 ** END OF ORDER **

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12 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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14 TRACY HOPE DAVIS
15 UNITED STATES TRUSTEE

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17 By: /s/ Jared A. Day
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19 Trial Attorney for United States Trustee

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