

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

In re:)
) Chapter 11
PLASTIQ INC., *et al.*,¹)
) Case No. 23-10671 (BLS)
Debtors.)
) (Jointly Administered)
)
) **Re: Docket No. 4**
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**ORDER AUTHORIZING RETENTION AND
APPOINTMENT OF KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS LLC AS
CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT, EFFECTIVE AS OF PETITION DATE**

Upon the application (the “**Section 156(c) Application**”)² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession(collectively, the “**Debtors**”) for retention and appointment of Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC (“**KCC**”) as claims and noticing agent (“**Claims and Noticing Agent**”), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c), section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, and Local Rule 2002-1(f), to, among other things, (a) distribute required notices to parties in interest, (b) receive, maintain, docket, and otherwise administer the proofs of claim filed in the Chapter 11 Cases, and (c) provide such other administrative services, all as more fully set forth in the Section 156(c) Application; and this Court having reviewed the Section 156(c) Application, the First Day Declaration, and the Gershbein Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction to consider the Section 156(c) Application and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: PlastiQ Inc. (6125), PLV Inc. d/b/a/ PLV TX Branch Inc. (5084), and Nearside Business Corp. (N/A). The corporate headquarters and the mailing address for the Debtors is 1475 Folsom Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, California 94103.

² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Section 156(c) Application.



Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2) and that this Court may 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 Section 156(c) Application in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and it appearing that proper and adequate notice of the Section 156(c) Application has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; and upon the record herein; and after due deliberation thereon; and this Court having determined that there is good and sufficient cause for the relief granted in this Order, therefore, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. Notwithstanding the terms of the Engagement Agreement, the Section 156(c) Application is approved as set forth in this Order.

2. The Debtors are authorized to retain and appoint KCC as Claims and Noticing Agent effective as of the Petition Date under the terms of the Engagement Agreement as set forth in this Order, and KCC is authorized and directed to perform noticing services and to receive, maintain, record, and otherwise administer the proofs of claim filed in the Chapter 11 Cases, and other related tasks as described in the Section 156(c) Application.

3. KCC shall serve as the custodian of court records and shall be designated as the authorized repository for all proofs of claim filed in the Chapter 11 Cases and is authorized and directed to maintain an official claims register for the Debtors and to provide the Clerk with a certified duplicate thereof upon the request of the Clerk.

4. KCC is authorized and directed to provide an electronic interface for filing proofs of claim and to obtain a post office box or address for the receipt of proofs of claim. KCC shall provide public access to the claims register, including complete proofs of claim with attachments, if any, without charge.

5. KCC is authorized to take such other action to comply with all duties and Services set forth in the Section 156(c) Application.

6. The Debtors are authorized to compensate KCC in accordance with the terms of the Engagement Agreement upon the receipt of reasonably detailed invoices setting forth the Services provided by KCC and the rates charged for each, and to reimburse KCC for all reasonable and necessary expenses it may incur, upon the presentation of appropriate documentation, without the need for KCC to file fee applications or otherwise seek Court approval for the compensation of its Services and reimbursement of its expenses.

7. Notwithstanding the Section 156(c) Application or Engagement Agreement, to the extent the Debtors wish to expand the scope of KCC's services beyond those Services set forth in the Section 156(c) Application and Engagement Agreement, the Debtors shall be required to seek further approval from this Court.

8. KCC shall maintain records of all Services showing dates, categories of Services, fees charged, and expenses incurred, and shall serve monthly invoices on the Debtors, the U.S. Trustee, counsel for the Debtors, counsel for any official committee appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases, and any party in interest who specifically requests service of the monthly invoices.

9. The parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve any dispute that may arise relating to the Engagement Agreement or monthly invoices; *provided* that the parties may seek resolution of the matter from this Court if resolution is not achieved.

10. Without further order of this Court, pursuant to section 503(b)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code, the fees and expenses of KCC under this Order shall be an administrative expense of the Debtors' estates.

11. KCC may apply its retainer to all prepetition invoices, which retainer shall be replenished to the original retainer amount, and thereafter, KCC may hold its retainer under the Engagement Agreement during the Chapter 11 Cases as security for the payment of fees and expenses incurred under the Engagement Agreement.

12. The Debtors shall indemnify KCC under the terms of the Engagement Agreement, as modified pursuant to this Order.

13. KCC shall not be entitled to indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement pursuant to the Engagement Agreement for services other than the Services provided under the Engagement Agreement, unless such services and the indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement therefor are approved by this Court.

14. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Engagement Agreement, the Debtors shall have no obligation to indemnify KCC, or provide contribution or reimbursement to KCC, for any claim or expense that is either: (a) judicially determined (the determination having become final) to have arisen from KCC's gross negligence, willful misconduct, or fraud; (b) for a contractual dispute in which the Debtors allege the breach of KCC's contractual obligations if this Court determines that indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement would not be permissible pursuant to *In re United Artists Theatre Co.*, 315 F.3d 217 (3d Cir. 2003); or (c) settled prior to a judicial determination under (a) or (b), but determined by this Court, after notice and a hearing, to be a claim or expense for which KCC should not receive indemnity, contribution, or reimbursement under the terms of the Engagement Agreement as modified by this Order.

15. If, before the earlier of (a) the entry of an order confirming a chapter 11 plan in the Chapter 11 Cases (that order having become a final order no longer subject to appeal), or (b) the entry of an order closing the Chapter 11 Cases, KCC believes that it is entitled to the payment of

any amounts by the Debtors on account of the Debtors' indemnification, contribution, and/or reimbursement obligations under the Engagement Agreement (as modified by this Order), including the advance of defense costs, KCC must file an application therefor in this Court, and the Debtors may not pay any such amounts to KCC before the entry of an order by this Court approving the payment. If KCC seeks reimbursement from the Debtors for attorneys' fees and expenses in connection with the payment of an indemnity claim pursuant to the Engagement Agreement, the invoices and supporting time records for any attorneys' fees and expenses shall be included in KCC's own applications, both interim and final, but determined by this Court after notice and a hearing. This paragraph is intended only to specify the period of time under which this Court shall have jurisdiction over any request for fees and expenses by KCC for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement, and not a provision limiting the duration of the Debtors' obligation to indemnify KCC. All parties in interest shall retain the right to object to any demand by KCC for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement.

16. In the event KCC is unable to provide the Services set out in this Order, KCC will immediately notify the Clerk and the Debtors' counsel and, upon approval of this Court, cause to have all original proofs of claim and computer information turned over to another claims and noticing agent with the advice and consent of the Clerk and the Debtors' counsel.

17. After entry of an order terminating KCC's services, upon the closing of the Chapter 11 Cases, or for any other reason, KCC shall be responsible for archiving all proofs of claim with the Federal Archives Record Administration, if applicable, and transmitting to the Clerk all claims in an electronic format, if applicable, and shall be compensated by the Debtors in connection therewith.

18. KCC shall not cease providing claims processing services during the Chapter 11 Cases for any reason, including nonpayment, without an order of this Court.

19. In the event the Chapter 11 Cases are converted to cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code and if claims agent representation would be necessary in the converted chapter 7 cases, KCC shall continue to be paid in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) under the terms set forth herein.

20. The Debtors may submit a separate retention application, pursuant to section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code and/or any applicable law, for work that is to be performed by KCC but is not specifically authorized by this Order.

21. In the event of any inconsistency between the Engagement Agreement, the Section 156(c) Application, and this Order, this Order shall govern.

22. All time periods set forth in this Order shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

23. Nothing in this Order constitutes (a) an admission as to the validity of any claim against the Debtors; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any party in interest's rights to dispute the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim or interest under applicable law or nonbankruptcy law; (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; or (e) a request for or granting of approval for assumption of any agreement, contract, program, policy, or lease under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code. 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.

24. Notice of the Section 156(c) Application shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Section 156(c) Application, and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are waived by such notice.

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

26. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Section 156(c) Application.

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

Dated: May 25th, 2023
Wilmington, Delaware


BRENDAN L. SHANNON
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE