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

In re:

PLASTIQ INC., et al.,<sup>1</sup>

Chapter 11

Case No. 23-10671 (BLS)

Debtors.

(Jointly Administered)

## SUMMARY SHEET TO SECOND MONTHLY FEE APPLICATION OF KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS LLC, AS ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR TO THE DEBTORS, FOR THE PERIOD FROM <u>AUGUST 1, 2023 THROUGH AND INCLUDING AUGUST 31, 2023</u>

General Information	
Name of Applicant:	Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC
Authorized to Provide Services to:	The above-captioned debtors
Petition Date:	May 24, 2023
Date of Retention Order:	June 19, 2023, effective as of May 24, 2023
Type of Application:	Monthly
Summary of Fees and Expenses Sought in th	e Fee Application
Period for Which Compensation and Reimbursement is Sought in the Fee Application:	August 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023
Amount of Compensation Sought as Actual, Reasonable, and Necessary for the Fee Period:	\$1,099.89 (80% of \$1,374.86)
Amount of Expense Reimbursement Sought as Actual, Reasonable, and Necessary for the Fee Period:	\$0.00
Total Compensation and Expense Reimbursement Request for the Fee Period:	\$1,099.89 (80% of \$1,374.86)

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## **COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY**

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
Solicitation	7.7	\$1,374.86
Totals	7.7	\$1,374.86

## **COMPENSATION BY INDIVIDUAL**

Initials	Name	Position	Hours	Rate	Total
PJM	Patrick Morrow	Solicitation Consultant	3.9	\$182.75	\$712.72
SEW	Scott Ewing	Solicitation Consultant	3.8	\$174.25	\$662.14
	TOTALS		7.7		\$1,374.86

<b>Total Incurred:</b>	\$1,374.86
Blended Rate:	\$178.55

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Pursuant to Sections 330 and 331 of Title 11 of the United States Code, §§ 101-1532 (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy</u> <u>Rules</u>"), Rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Local Rules</u>"), and the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* dated June 19, 2023 [Docket No. 110] (the "<u>Interim Compensation Order</u>"), Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC ("<u>KCC</u>"), administrative advisor for the above-captioned debtors (the "<u>Debtors</u>"), hereby submits its second monthly fee application (this "<u>Fee Application</u>") for allowance of compensation for professional services provided in the amount of \$1,374.86 and authorization of payment of \$1,099.89 (which is 80% of \$1,374.86) for the period from August 1, 2023 through and including August 31, 2023 (the "<u>Fee Period</u>"). In support of this Fee Application, KCC represents as follows:

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#### **JURISDICTION**

1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Court</u>") has 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. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), and KCC confirms its consent pursuant to Local Rule 9013-l(f) to the entry of a final order by the Court in connection with this Fee Application to the extent that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

2. Venue in this Court is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

3. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are section 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2016, and Local Rules 2016-1 and 2016-2.

#### **BACKGROUND**

4. On May 24, 2023 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the Debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

5. On the Petition Date, the Debtors filed an application to employ KCC as its claims and noticing agent (in such capacity, the "<u>Claims and Noticing Agent</u>") pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) and Local Rule 2002-1(f) [Docket No. 4] (the "<u>Section 156(c) Application</u>"), which was approved by the Court on May 25, 2023 [Docket No. 35] (the "<u>Section 156(c) Order</u>").

6. Given that the administration of these chapter 11 cases would require KCC to perform duties outside the scope of 28 U.S.C. § 156(c), the Debtors supplemented the Section 156(c) Application with an application to retain KCC to perform certain services as the Debtors' administrative advisor in these chapter 11 cases (in such capacity, the "<u>Administrative Advisor</u>"). Accordingly, on May 31, 2023, the Debtors filed the *Debtors' Application for Entry of an Order* 

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(1) Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Kurtzman Carson Consultants as Administrative Advisor to the Debtors, Effective as of the Petition Date; and (11) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 52]. On June 19, 2023, the Court entered the Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC as Administrative Advisor, Effective as of the Petition Date [Docket No. 108] (the "Retention Order"). The Retention Order authorized the Debtors to compensate KCC in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any orders entered in these cases governing professional compensation and reimbursement for services rendered and charges and disbursements incurred.

- 7. The Retention Order authorizes KCC to provide the following services:
  - (a) assisting with, among other things, the preparation of the Debtors' schedules of assets and liabilities, schedules of executory contracts and unexpired leases and statements of financial affairs;
  - (b) assisting with, among other things, solicitation, balloting, tabulation and calculation of votes, as well as preparing any appropriate reports required in furtherance of confirmation of any chapter 11 plan;
  - (c) generating an official ballot certification and testifying, if necessary, in support of the ballot tabulation results for any chapter 11 plan(s) in the chapter 11 cases;
  - (d) generating, providing and assisting with claims objections, exhibits, claims reconciliation and related matters; and
  - (e) providing such other claims processing, noticing, solicitation, balloting and administrative services, but not those included in the Section 156(c) Application, as may be requested by the Debtors from time to time.
- 8. The amounts sought in this Application do not include any fees that may be payable

by the Debtors for services provided by KCC under the Section 156(c) Order. Procedures for the payment of such fees and disbursements are separately addressed in the Section 156(c) Order. Additionally, no fees and disbursements for services provided to the Debtors under the Retention Order are or will be sought to be paid under the Section 156(c) Order.

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9. All services for which compensation is requested by KCC were performed on behalf of the Debtors.

#### SUMMARY AND VALUATION OF SERVICES

10. The amount of time spent by each employee providing services to the Debtors for the Fee Period is detailed in line item listings of time entries and descriptive detail set forth herein and in the invoices attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>. These are KCC's normal hourly rates of compensation for work of this character. The reasonable value of the services rendered by KCC for the Fee Period as Administrative Advisor to the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases is \$1,374.86. KCC is not seeking reimbursement for any expenses in this Application.

11. During the Fee Period, KCC's professionals spent 7.7 hours assisting the Debtors and their professionals with the Solicitation. This included reviewing the voting amount spreadsheet, reviewing and processing ballots, preparing and updating voting reports, and drafting the Solicitation Tabulation Declaration.

12. KCC believes that the time entries included in <u>Exhibit A</u> are in compliance with the requirements of Local Rule 2016-2.

13. In accordance with the factors enumerated in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, KCC submits that the amount requested is fair and reasonable given (a) the complexity of these cases, (b) the time expended, (c) the nature and extent of services rendered, (d) the value of such services, and (e) the costs of comparable services other than in a case under this title. Case 23-10671-BLS Doc 314 Filed 09/19/23 Page 7 of 8

#### **CONCLUSION**

WHEREFORE, KCC respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order: (i) granting the Fee Application and allowing compensation in the amount of \$1,374.86; (ii) directing payment by the Debtors of \$1,099.89 (which is 80% of \$1,374.86) for professional services; and (iii) granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: September 19, 2023 El Segundo, California

> <u>/s/ Sarah Harbuck</u> KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS LLC Sarah Harbuck Drake D. Foster 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor El Segundo, California 90245 Tel: 310.751.1539

Administrative Advisor to the Debtors

#### **CERTIFICATION**

I, Sarah Harbuck, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, state as follows:

- a) I am Assistant General Counsel of the applicant firm, Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC.
- b) I am familiar with the work performed by Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC on behalf of the Debtors.
- c) I have reviewed the foregoing Fee Application and the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Moreover, I have reviewed Local Rule 2016-2, and submit that the Fee Application substantially complies with such order.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing statements are true to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Dated: September 19, 2023 El Segundo, California

/s/ Sarah Harbuck

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Objection Deadline: October 10, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)

### **NOTICE OF SECOND MONTHLY FEE APPLICATION**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Second Monthly Fee Application of Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC, as Administrative Advisor to the Debtors, for the Period from August 1, 2023 Through and Including August 31, 2023 (the "Application") has been filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court"). The Application seeks allowance of monthly fees in the amount of \$1,374.86 and monthly expenses in the amount of \$0.00.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that objections to the Application, if any, are required to be filed on or before October 10, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (ET) (the "Objection Deadline") with the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 3rd Floor, 824 N. Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. You must also serve any such objection so as to be received by the following on or before the Objection Deadline: (i) counsel to the Debtors, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, Rodney Square, 1000 North King Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Matthew B. Lunn, Esq. (mlunn@ycst.com) and Joseph M. Mulvihill, Esq. (jmulvihill@ycst.com); (ii) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, J. Caleb Boggs Building, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Richard L. Schepacarter, Esq.(richard.schepacarter@usdoj.gov); (iii) counsel to the DIP Lender, Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, 919 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10022, Attn: Adam Harris, Esq. (adam.harris@srz.com) and Reuben E. Dizengoff, Esq.(reuben.dizengoff@srz.com) and Landis Rath & Cobb LLP, 919 Market Street, Suite 1800, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: Matthew B. McGuire, Esq. (mcquire@lrclaw.com); (iv) counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, DLA Piper LLP (US), 1251 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020, Attn: Dennis C. O'Donnell, Esq. (dennis.odonnell@us.dlapiper.com) and DLA Piper LLP (US), 1201 N. Market Street, Suite 2100, Wilmington, DE 19801, Attn: R. Craig Martin, Esq. (craig.martin@us.dlapiper.com) and Aaron S. Applebaum, Esq. (aaron.applebaum@us.dlapiper); and (v) administrative agent to the Debtors, Kurtzman Carson Consultants, 222 N. Pacific Coast Hwy, 3rd Floor, El Segundo, CA 90245, Attn: Sarah Harbuck, Esq. (sharbuck@kccllc.com) and Drake Foster, Esq. (dfoster@kccllc.com).

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**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** THAT, PURSUANT TO THE *ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR INTERIM COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES OF PROFESSIONALS* [DOCKET NO. 110], IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED AND SERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE PROCEDURES, THE DEBTORS WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO PAY 80% OF THE REQUESTED FEES AND 100% OF THE REQUESTED EXPENSES WITHOUT FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** THAT ONLY IF AN OBJECTION IS PROPERLY AND TIMELY FILED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE PROCEDURES WILL A HEARING BE HELD ON THE APPLICATION

Dated: September 19, 2023 Wilmington, Delaware

## YOUNG CONAWAY STARGATT & TAYLOR, LLP

/s/ Joseph M. Mulvihill Michael R. Nestor (No. 3526) Matthew B. Lunn (No. 4119) Joseph M. Mulvihill (No. 6061) Jared W. Kochenash (No. 6557) 1000 North King Street Rodney Square Wilmington, Delaware 19801 Tel.: (302) 571-6600 Facsimile: (302) 571-1253 Email: mnestor@ycst.com mlunn@ycst.com jmulvihill@ycst.com jkochenash@ycst.com

Counsel for Debtors and Debtors in Possession

## EXHIBIT A



September 18, 2023

Plastiq, Inc. Scott Canna c/o Portage Point Partners 1330 Avenue of the Americas, 22nd Floor New York NY 10019

> Re: Plastiq, Inc. USBC Case No. 23-10671

Dear Scott Canna c/o Portage Point Partners:

Enclosed please find Kurtzman Carson Consultants' ("KCC") invoice for the period August 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023 in the amount of \$1,374.86 for the above referenced matter. Pursuant to our services agreement, KCC's invoice is due upon receipt.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (310) 751-1803 or egershbein@kccllc.com.

Sincerely, Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC

Evan Gershbein EVP Restructuring

Enclosures

Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC 222 N Pacific Coast Hwy, El Segundo, CA, 90245 Phone 310-823-9000 Fax 310-823-9133 kcellc.com

Account Number	70994FA	Invoice Date	September 18, 2023
Invoice Number	US_KCC2573614	Due Date	Due upon receipt
	Plastic	q, Inc.	
	Summ	nary	
	Description	<u>Amount</u>	
	Hourly Fees		
	Hourly Fees Charged	\$1,374.86	6
	Total of Hourly Fees	\$1,374.8	3
	<u>Expenses</u>		
	Expenses	\$0.0	0
	Total Expenses	\$0.00	)
	Invoice Subtotal	\$1,374.8	6
	Sales and Use Tax	0.0	0
	Total Invoice	\$1,374.86	5
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Please reference your Account Number and Invoice Number on your Remittance.

Account Number

Invoice Number

**Total Amount Due** 

Amount Paid

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\$

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\$1,374.86

#### Check Payments to:

Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC Dept CH 16639 Palatine, IL 60055-6639

#### Wire Payments to:

Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC HSBC Bank, NA 452 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10018 Account # 000183571 FED ABA # 021001088 ACH Routing # 022000020

08/01/2023 - 08/31/2023

## Total Hourly Fees by Employee

<u>Initial</u>	Employee Name	Position Type	<u>Hours</u>	Rate	<u>Total</u>
PJM	Patrick Morrow	SOL	3.90	\$182.75	\$712.72
SEW	Scott Ewing	SOL	3.80	\$174.25	\$662.14
			Total		\$1,374.86

08/01/2023 - 08/31/2023

## Time Detail

<u>Date</u>	Employee	<b>Description</b>	Position Type	<u>Category</u>	<u>Hours</u>
8/2/2023	SEW	Quality control review of Voting Amount Spreadsheet	SOL	Solicitation	0.50
			Total for 8/2	Total for 8/2/2023	
8/3/2023	PJM	Setup eBallot template for Class 3 and Class 4 claims	SOL	Solicitation	1.20
8/3/2023	SEW	Quality control review of Class 4 ballots	SOL	Solicitation	0.20
			Total for 8/3	3/2023	1.40
8/11/2023	PJM	Review ballots input into KCC CaseView	SOL	Solicitation	0.60
			Total for 8/1	1/2023	0.60
8/14/2023	SEW	Administrative quality control review of ballots input into KCC CaseView	SOL	Solicitation	0.20
			Total for 8/1	4/2023	0.20
8/18/2023	PJM	Prepare ballot report for ballots received to date; prepare debtor by debtor	SOL	Solicitation	0.80
8/18/2023	SEW	calculation and class calculation Administrative quality control review of ballots input into KCC CaseView	SOL	Solicitation	0.30
			Total for 8/1	Total for 8/18/2023	
8/21/2023	SEW	Prepare draft of Solicitation Tabulation Declaration	SOL	Solicitation	1.20
			Total for 8/2	21/2023	1.20
8/23/2023	PJM	Prepare updated voting report to include recent ballots received	SOL	Solicitation	0.60
8/23/2023	SEW	Input received ballot into KCC CaseView	SOL	Solicitation	0.10
			Total for 8/2	Total for 8/23/2023	
8/24/2023	SEW	Input received ballot into KCC CaseView	SOL	Solicitation	0.10
			Total for 8/2	Total for 8/24/2023	
8/25/2023	PJM	Prepare updated voting report to include recent ballots received	SOL	Solicitation	0.70
			Total for 8/2	Total for 8/25/2023	
8/31/2023	SEW	Review/revise draft of Solicitation Tabulation Declaration; Communication with KCC Team re same	SOL	Solicitation	1.10
8/31/2023	SEW	Coordinate processing of Class 4 ballots with KCC Team re Ballot Voting Deadline	SOL	Solicitation	0.10
			Total for 8/3	31/2023	1.20
			Total Hou	rs	7.70

08/01/2023 - 08/31/2023

## Expenses

**Description** 

Units Rate Amount

Total Expenses