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August 30, 2024

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:	§	Chapter 11
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RHODIUM ENCORE LLC, <i>et al.</i> , ¹	§	Case No. 24-90448 (ARP)
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Debtors.	§	
	§	(Jointly Administered)
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INTERIM ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO (A) CONTINUE THEIR EXISTING CASH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, (B) HONOR CERTAIN PRE-PETITION OBLIGATIONS RELATED THERETO, AND (C) CONTINUE TO PERFORM INTERCOMPANY TRANSACTIONS, (II) GRANTING SUPERPRIORITY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE STATUS TO POST-PETITION INTERCOMPANY BALANCES, AND (III) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

(Relates to ECF No. 36)

Upon the motion (the “Motion”)² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for entry of an interim order (this “Interim Order”): (a) authorizing, but not directing, the Debtors to (i) continue to operate the Cash Management System; (ii) honor certain pre-petition obligations related thereto; and (iii) continue to perform Intercompany Transactions consistent with historical practice; (b) granting superpriority administrative expense status to post-petition intercompany balances; and (c) scheduling a final hearing to consider approval of the Motion on a final basis, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334;

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases and the last four digits of their corporate identification numbers are as follows: Rhodium Encore LLC (3974), Jordan HPC LLC (3683), Rhodium JV LLC (5323), Rhodium 2.0 LLC (1013), Rhodium 10MW LLC (4142), Rhodium 30MW LLC (0263), Rhodium Enterprises, Inc. (6290), Rhodium Technologies LLC (3973), Rhodium Renewables LLC (0748), Air HPC LLC (0387), Rhodium Shared Services LLC (5868), Rhodium Ready Ventures LLC (8618), Rhodium Industries LLC (4771), Rhodium Encore Sub LLC (1064), Jordan HPC Sub LLC (0463), Rhodium 2.0 Sub LLC (5319), Rhodium 10MW Sub LLC (3827), Rhodium 30MW Sub LLC (4386), and Rhodium Renewables Sub LLC (9511). The mailing and service address of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases is 2617 Bissonnet Street, Suite 234, Houston, TX 77005.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.



and that this Court having the power to 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 Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this matter being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and this Court having found that proper and adequate notice of the Motion and the relief requested therein has been provided in accordance with the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules, and that, except as otherwise ordered herein, no other or further notice is necessary; and objections (if any) to the Motion having been withdrawn, resolved or overruled on the merits; and a hearing having been held to consider the relief requested in the Motion and upon the record of the hearing and all of the proceedings had before this Court; and 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 Motion is granted on an interim basis as set forth herein.
2. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, pursuant to sections 105(a), 345, 363(b)(1), 363(c)(1), and 364(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, to continue to maintain and manage their cash and bitcoin pursuant to the Cash Management System; to collect, concentrate, and disburse cash in accordance with the Cash Management System, including the Debtors' Intercompany Transactions; to make ordinary course changes to their Cash Management System without further order of the Court; and to transfer, hold, or sell Bitcoin in the ordinary course and to transfer proceeds related therefrom to the Debtors' Bank Accounts. Except as otherwise set forth herein, the Debtors and the Banks may, without further order of this Court, agree and implement changes to the Cash Management System and procedures in the ordinary course of business.

3. The Debtors are authorized to (i) designate, maintain, and continue to use any or all of their existing Banks, including those listed on Exhibit A to the Motion, in the names and with the account numbers existing immediately before the Petition Date, (ii) to the extent of available funds, deposit funds in, and withdraw funds from, such accounts by all usual means, including, without limitation, checks, wire transfers, ACH transfers, and other debits, (iii) pay any Bank Fees or other charges associated with the Bank Accounts, whether arising before or after the Petition Date, (iv) pay Bitcoin Mining Pool and Bitcoin Wallet Fees or other charges associated with the Bitcoin Management System; and (v) treat their prepetition Bank Accounts for all purposes as debtor in possession accounts.

4. The Debtors are authorized to open new Bank Accounts and close any existing Bank Accounts in the ordinary course of business provided, that all accounts opened by any of the Debtors on or after the Petition Dates at any bank shall be at depositories that are (i) insured by the FDIC or the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, (ii) designated as an authorized depository by the U.S. Trustee pursuant to the UST Operating Guidelines, and (iii) with a bank that agrees to be bound by the terms of this Order, provided further, for purposes of this Interim/Final Order, be deemed a Bank Account as if it had been listed on Exhibit A to the Motion. The opening or closing of any Bank Accounts shall be timely indicated on the Debtors' monthly operating reports and notice of such opening or closing shall be provided to the U.S. Trustee and any statutory committee.

5. The Debtors are authorized to open new Bitcoin Wallets or join new Bitcoin Mining Pools and close any existing Bitcoin Wallets or leave any Bitcoin Mining Pools in the ordinary course of business, provided however, the opening or closing of any Bitcoin Wallets shall be timely indicated on the Debtors' monthly operating reports and notice of such opening or closing shall be

provided to the U.S. Trustee and any statutory committee. If the Debtors open a new Bitcoin Wallet or join a new Bitcoin Mining Pool, the Debtors may, in the ordinary course, transfer Bitcoin and cash assets between any new and existing Bitcoin Wallet, Bitcoin Mining Pool, or Bank Accounts.

6. The Banks are authorized to receive, process, honor, and pay any and all drafts, checks or other items issued, or to be issued, and wire transfers, ACH transfers, and electronic funds transfers requested, or to be requested, by the Debtors to the extent that sufficient funds are on deposit in available funds in the applicable Bank Accounts to cover such payments and otherwise in accordance with the applicable Cash Management System agreements. The Banks are authorized to accept and rely on all representations made by the Debtors with respect to which checks, drafts, wires, electronic funds transfers, ACH transfers, or other items should be honored or dishonored in accordance with this or any other order of this Court, whether such checks, drafts, wires, transfers, or other items are dated prior to, on, or subsequent to the Petition Date, without any duty to inquire otherwise.

7. Any Bank with which the Debtors maintained Bank Accounts as of the Petition Date is authorized to debit the Debtors' accounts in the ordinary course of business without the need for further order of this Court for: (i) all drafts, checks, wire transfers, electronic funds transfers, ACH transfers, or other items drawn on the Debtors' accounts which are cashed or exchanged for cashier's checks by the payees thereof prior to the Petition Date; (ii) all checks or other items deposited in one of the Debtors' accounts with the Bank prior to the Petition Date which have been dishonored or returned unpaid for any reason, together with any fees and costs in connection therewith, to the same extent the Debtors were responsible for such items prior to the Petition Date; and (iii) all undisputed prepetition and postpetition amounts outstanding, if any,

owed to the Bank as Bank Fees for the maintenance of the Cash Management System and charge back returned items to the Bank Accounts in the ordinary course.

8. The Banks shall not be liable to any party on account of: (i) following the Debtors' representations, instructions, or presentations as to any order of the Court (without any duty of further inquiry); (ii) the honoring of any prepetition checks, drafts, wires, electronic funds transfers, ACH transfers, or other items in a good faith belief or upon a representation by the Debtors that the Court has authorized such prepetition check, draft, wire, transfers, or other item; or (iii) an innocent mistake made despite implementation of reasonable handling procedures.

9. Those certain existing agreements relating to any Bank Accounts, Bitcoin Wallets, Bitcoin Mining Pools, or other Cash Management System accounts between the Debtors, on the one hand, and the applicable Banks, Bitcoin Wallets, or Bitcoin Mining Pools on the other hand, shall continue to govern the postpetition cash management relationship between such parties, and all of the provisions of such agreements, including, without limitation, the termination and fee provisions, shall remain in full force and effect.

10. The Debtors are authorized pursuant to sections 363(c) and 364(a) of the Bankruptcy Code to continue to perform under and honor Intercompany Transactions in the ordinary course of business, so long as such Intercompany Transactions are materially consistent with the Debtors' operation of their business in the ordinary course during the prepetition period.

11. All Intercompany Claims against one Debtor by another Debtor or a Non-Debtor Affiliate arising after the Petition Date as a result of Intercompany Transactions shall be accorded administrative expense priority status in accordance with section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. For the avoidance of doubt, the relief granted in this Interim Order with respect to the postpetition Intercompany Transactions and the Intercompany Claims resulting therefrom shall not constitute

a finding as to the validity, priority, or status or any prepetition Intercompany Claim or any Intercompany Transaction from which such Intercompany Claim may have arisen, and the Debtors expressly reserve any and all rights with regard to the validity, priority, or status of any prepetition Intercompany Claim or any Intercompany Transaction from which such Intercompany Claim may have arisen.

12. The Debtors shall maintain accurate records of all transfers within the Cash Management System so that all postpetition transfers and transactions shall be adequately and promptly documented in, and readily ascertainable from, their Books and Records, to the same extent maintained by the Debtors before the Petition Date. The Debtors shall make such records available upon reasonable request by the U.S. Trustee and any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases.

13. To the extent any of the Debtors' Bank Accounts are not in compliance with section 345(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, or any of the U.S. Trustee's requirements or guidelines, the Debtors shall have sixty (60) days, until October 23, 2024, without prejudice to seeking an additional extension, to come into compliance with section 345(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and any of the U.S. Trustee's requirements or guidelines or to make such other arrangements as agreed to by the U.S. Trustee; provided, that nothing herein shall prevent the Debtors or the U. S. Trustee from seeking further relief from the Court to the extent that an agreement cannot be reached. The Debtors may obtain a further extension of the 60-day period referenced above by entering into a written stipulation with the U.S. Trustee and filing such stipulation on the Court's docket without the need for further Court order.

14. The Debtors are authorized to use their existing Business Forms; provided, that once the Debtors' existing check stock has been exhausted, the Debtors shall include, or direct

others to include, the designation “Debtor-in-Possession” and the corresponding bankruptcy case number on all checks as soon as reasonably practicable to do so; and provided further, that with respect to any Business Forms that exist or are generated electronically, the Debtors shall use reasonable efforts to ensure that such electronic Business Forms are labeled “Debtor In Possession” as soon as reasonably practicable following entry of this Interim Order.

15. The Debtors are authorized to continue their Bitcoin mining and sales operations, which includes selling Bitcoin and moving trading revenues into the Debtors’ Bank Accounts, provided however, the Debtors shall maintain accurate and complete records of all transfers within the Bitcoin Management System so that all post-petition transfers and transactions shall be adequately and promptly documented in their books and records. The Debtors shall make such records available to the U.S. Trustee and any statutory committee upon request.

16. The Debtors shall maintain accurate and complete records of all transfers within the Cash Management System, including transfers between Debtors, so that all postpetition transfers and transactions shall be adequately and promptly documented in, and readily ascertainable from, their books and records, to the same extent maintained by the Debtors before the Petition Date. The Debtors shall (a) maintain records of all Intercompany Transactions, and (b) make such records available to the U.S. Trustee and any statutory committee upon request. To the extent that the transfers within the Cash Management system are disbursements, they will be noted and reflected on the monthly operating reports and post confirmation reports filed by Debtors.

17. Nothing in the Motion or this Interim Order shall be deemed to authorize the Debtors to accelerate any payments not otherwise due prior to the date of the hearing to consider entry of an order granting the relief requested in the Motion on a final basis.

18. Except as otherwise provided herein, nothing contained in the Motion or this Interim Order or any payment made pursuant to the authority granted by this Interim Order is intended to be or shall be deemed as (i) an admission as to the validity of any claim against the Debtors, (ii) a waiver of the Debtors' or any party in interest's rights to dispute the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim, (iii) a waiver of the Debtors' or any party in interest's rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable nonbankruptcy law, (iv) an agreement or obligation to pay any claims, (v) a waiver of any claims or causes of action which may exist against any creditor or interest holder, (vi) an admission as to the validity of any liens satisfied pursuant to this Motion, or (vii) an approval, assumption, adoption, or rejection of any agreement, contract, lease, program, or policy under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.

19. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Motion or this Order, any payment to be made, and any relief or authorization granted herein, shall be subject to, and must be in compliance with, the terms and conditions in any interim or final order entered by the Court approving the Debtors' entry into any post-petition debtor in possession financing facility (each such order, a "DIP Order"), including any approved budget in connection therewith (as may be updated and approved from time to time in accordance with the terms of any such DIP Order). To the extent there is any inconsistency between the terms of a DIP Order (including any approved budget) and any approval or action taken or proposed to be taken hereunder, the terms of the DIP Order shall control.

20. The requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b) have been satisfied.

21. Notice of the Motion is adequate under Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a).


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

23. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary or appropriate to carry out the relief granted in this Interim Order.

24. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Interim Order.

25. A final hearing to consider the relief requested in the Motion shall be held **September 23, 2024 at 9am (Prevailing Central Time)** and any objections or responses to the Motion shall be filed on or prior to **September 17, 2024 at 5 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time)**.

Signed: August 30, 2024


Alfredo R Pérez
United States Bankruptcy Judge