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| UNITED STATES B CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA | ANKRUPTCY COURT A - SANTA ANA DIVISION |
| In re: | CASE NO.: 8:12-bk-17113-CB |
| DENNIS HA | CHAPTER: 11 |
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| | NOTICE OF SALE OF ESTATE PROPERTY |
| Debtor(s). | |
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| Sale Date: 06/01/2013 | Time: 1:00 pm |
| Location: Exclusive Towing, 14451 Commerce Center Dr | ., Moreno Valley, CA |
| Type of Sale: X Public Private Last date t | to file objections: 04/24/2013 |
| Description of property to be sold: | |
| (1) 2009 Mercedes SLR, VIN#WDDAK76F69M001930 ("Me | |
| (2) 2009 Mercedes SL 65 AMG, VIN#WDBSK79F19F1583- | |
| (3) 2006 Mercedes S600, VIN#WDBNG76J06A474123 ("M | ercedes S600") |
| Terms and conditions of sale: | |
| The vehicles will be sold piecemeal at an auction. See atta | ached Sale Motion for details. |
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| Proposed sale price: | |

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Overbid procedure (*if any*):

To be set by auctioneer at the auction.

If property is to be sold free and clear of liens or other interests, list date, time and location of hearing:

Hearing date/time: May 8, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Location: Ronald Reagan Federal Building and Courthouse 411 West Fourth Street, Courtroom 5D Santa Ana, CA 92701-4593

Contact person for potential bidders (include name, address, telephone, fax and/or email address):

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The Honorable Catherine Bauer, USBC, 411 West Fourth Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701

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| 7 8 | CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CA | LIFORNIA - SANTA ANA DIVISION |
| 9 | In re: | Case No. 8:12-bk-17113-CB |
| 10 | DENNIS HA, | Chapter 11 Proceeding |
| 11 | | NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION FOR |
| 12 | Debtor. | ORDER: (1) AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF |
| 13 14 | | CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY FREE AND CLEAR OF LIENS AND |
| 14 | | ENCUMBRANCES; (2) APPROVING THE EMPLOYMENT AND |
| 16 | | COMPENSATION OF CREDIT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AS |
| 17 | | AUCTIONEER; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES; AND |
| 18 | | DECLARATIONS OF KAVITA GUPTA AND CHARLES G. KLAUS IN SUPPORT |
| 19 | | THEREOF |
| 20 | | [11 U.S.C. §§ 327, 328, 330, 363 and Fed. R. |
| 21 | | Bankr. P. 2014, 6004(h)] |
| 22 23 | | DATE: May 8, 2013 TIME: 10:00 a.m. |
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| 1 | This Motion is based on the within | memorandum of points and authorities, the attached |
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| 2 | Klaus Declaration and Declaration of Kav | ita Gupta (the "Gupta Declaration") and upon such |
| 3 | other evidence as the Court elects to consid | der prior to or at the hearing on this Motion. |
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| 5 | DATED: April 17, 2013 | /s/ Kavita Gupta Kavita Gupta, Chapter 11 Trustee for the estate |
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| 1 | MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES |
| 2 | I |
| 3 | INTRODUCTION |
| 4 | The Trustee requests that this Court approve the sale of the Vehicles at an auction on an |
| 5 | "as is where is" basis, without any representations or warranties pursuant to Section 363(b). |
| 6 | The Vehicles were recently turned over to the bankruptcy estate, which was formerly had |
| 7 | \$795,995 in assets and \$2,465,064 in liabilities, and no significant equity in any of the scheduled |
| 8 | assets to pay creditors. If the Vehicles are not sold, the estate will face an <i>additional</i> monthly |
| 9 | liability in excess of \$7,000 for loan payments, storage and insurance, which would only further |
| 10 | impede the estate's ability to pay creditors. However, if the Vehicles are sold, the bankruptcy |
| 11 | estate could potentially secure approximately \$350,000 in net sales proceeds to pay creditors of |
| 12 | the estate. The Trustee further requests a sale of the Vehicles free and clear of Liens and |
| 13 | Encumbrances under Sections $363(f)(2)$ and $(f)(3)$ because MBFS, the sole secured creditor, has |
| 14 | consented to the proposed sales and CMA's estimated gross auction value for the McLaren and |
| 15 | Mercedes AMG exceed the amount of liens on these vehicles. Moreover, because the Trustee |
| 16 | plans to sell the Vehicles at an auction, which will ensure a fair and neutral sale process, this |
| 17 | Court may properly find that a successful buyer at the auction is a good faith purchaser under |
| 18 | Section 363(m). |
| 19 | The Trustee also seeks to sell the Shares because they are not necessary for the Debtor's |
| 20 | reorganization and accordingly, they should be liquidated to pay creditors of the estate. |
| 21 | Based on the above, the Trustee believes that ample business justification exists to sell |
| 22 | the Vehicles and Shares. |
| 23 | II |
| 24 | STATEMENT OF FACTS |
| 25 | A. <u>The Debtor and the Appointment of the Trustee</u> |
| 26 | On June 7, 2012 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtor filed a voluntary petition under |
| 27 | Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code [Docket No. 1]. As of the Petition Date, the Debtor |
| 28 | scheduled assets and liabilities totaling \$795,995 and \$2,465,064, respectively [Docket No. |
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He scheduled a "[p]artnership interest in two Mercedes; AMG and SLR" with a fair
 market value of \$50,000 [Docket No. 22]. The Debtor did not schedule the 2006 Mercedes or
 the Shares.

On December 13, 2012, this Court issued an order appointing the Trustee [Docket No.
79]. Prior to the Trustee's appointment, the Debtor's estate contained insufficient income, or
equity in any assets that could used to pay creditors [Docket No. 20].

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B. <u>The Trustee's Complaint Seeking Turnover of the Vehicles</u>

During her investigation of the Debtor's assets, the Trustee learned that contrary to the
Debtor's claim of a "partnership interest" in two Mercedes with a claimed fair market value of
approximately \$50,000, the Debtor, using the funds of a suspended corporation, paid deposits in
excess of seven times that amount - or \$350,000 - for the Vehicles, which had an aggregate
purchase price in excess of \$690,000. The titles to these cars were placed in *solely* in the names
of the Debtor's relatives and paramours including, Kiet Cao (cousin), Binh A. Li (ex-wife), and
Katie Dinh (girlfriend) (collectively, the "Defendants").

Accordingly, the Trustee filed a complaint against the Debtor and the Defendants seeking,
among other things, the avoidance and recovery of fraudulent transfers and turnover of the
Vehicles. In late March 2013, the Debtor and the Defendants executed partial judgments in
which they conceded to each and every claim for relief in the complaint regarding the Vehicles.
The Debtor and the Defendants subsequently turned over the Vehicles to the estate.

C. <u>The Security Interest in the Vehicles and the Monthly Garaging and</u> <u>Insurance Costs</u>

In reviewing the Vehicles' certificates of title, the Trustee determined that MBFS is the sole secured creditor asserting a security interest in the McLaren and Mercedes AMG. MBFS has advised the Trustee that the aggregate amount of its liens in these vehicles is \$208,197 as of April 21, 2013. Since taking possession of the Vehicles on behalf of the estate, the Trustee has expended \$3,073 to transport them to a secure storage facility and approximately \$1,500 per month to garage and insure the Vehicles against theft or loss.

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The Unscheduled Shares

The Debtor did not schedule the Shares. However, in reviewing the Debtor's tax returns, the Trustee discovered that the Debtor was receiving dividends from Manulife based on his ownership of shares in that entity. Therefore, the Trustee contacted Manulife and learned that the Debtor owns 548 shares in Manulife (with an approximate liquidation value of \$8,000), which are not encumbered by any liens or levies. She subsequently transferred the Shares into her name as trustee of the bankruptcy estate.

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E. <u>The Sale Effort</u>

During the last two months, the Trustee investigated several options for liquidating the
Vehicles including a cash sale, consignment and an auction. The Trustee received three
purchase offers ranging from \$299,999 to \$380,000, all of which were from retail car dealerships
and/or individuals seeking to resell the cars to consumers. The Trustee rejected the \$299,000
purchase offer because it was significant below the market value for the Vehicles. The other two
potential buyers either withdrew the purchase offer or failed to provide the Trustee with evidence
of its financial ability to consummate the sale.

16 The Trustee ultimately concluded that a highly publicized auction offers the best means 17 of obtaining a favorable sale price for the following reasons. First, an auction will allow potential buyers from around the country to bid for the Vehicles thereby increasing the 18 competition and sale prices for the Vehicles. Second, an auction will result in an immediate sale 19 20 of the Vehicles, thereby eliminating the bankruptcy estate's \$7,000 plus monthly carrying cost 21 for these assets. Although a consignment sale of the Vehicles could result in higher sale price, 22 the uncertainty of the timing of a sale coupled with the estate's monthly carrying costs for the 23 Vehicles would likely eliminate any such gain. Finally, CMA's \$375,000 estimated gross 24 auction value for the Vehicles is comparable to or higher than the \$299,000 offer received by the Trustee. 25

The Trustee seeks to sell the Shares through Computershare Trust Company, N.A.,
Manulife's transfer agent. As of April 16, 2013, the Shares are trading for approximately \$14 a
share and the fee for selling the Shares is \$80.

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CMA's Auction Contract

| 2 | After interviewing a number of auction firms, the Trustee determined that CMA, which |
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| 3 | has over 25 years of experience in conducting auctions of estate property, offered the best |
| 4 | combination of experience and resources. CMA is a bonded auction company (Bond No. |
| 5 | 005S103298464) and a member of the California State Auctioneer Society and the National |
| 6 | Auctioneers Association. Therefore, the Trustee entered into an Auction Contract with CMA, a |
| 7 | copy of which is attached as Exhibit "1" to the Klaus Declaration. The material terms of the |
| 8 | Auction Contract are set forth below. ³ |
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| Format | Onsite auction to be conducted by CMA with online bidding |
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| | administered by Bidspotter |
| Date and Time | Saturday, June 1, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. |
| Site | Exclusive Towing, 14451 Commerce Center Dr., Moreno Valley, CA |
| Assets | Vehicles |
| Marketing | CMA will advertise the auction on the internet, trade publications, local newspapers, "e-blasts" and post cards to targeted list of dealers and other interested parties. The online bidding will be administered by BidSpotter, which will allow potential buyers who are not on-site to participate in the auction, thereby maximizing the potential market |
| | for the Vehicles. |
| Reimbursement of | Auctioneer's expenses incurred in connection with the auction in the |
| Expenses | approximate amount of \$14,650 and reimbursement of approximately \$10,221 for the cost of transporting, garaging and insuring the Vehicle |
| | through May 1, 2013. An itemized budget is attached to the Auction Contract. |
| Compensation | CMA will receive a 10% buyer's premium of the gross proceeds from |
| compensation | the sale from the successful buyers, 3% of which CMA may pay to Bidspotter for its services. |
| Sale Terms | • CMA will sell the Vehicles on an "as is where is" basis, without any representations or warranties |
| | • CMA shall provide the Trustee with an Auctioneers' Report |
| | including a list of items sold, price of each item sold, buyer of each item, and gross sale proceeds. It shall also provide a settlement |
| | summary report, statement itemizing sale expense, copies of all marketing materials and expense receipts. |
| | CMA will maintain insurance on the Vehicles, liability and fire insurance covering the auction site and worker's compensation |
| | insurance for its employees |
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 ^{27 &}lt;sup>3</sup> The foregoing is only intended to be a summary of the relevant terms of the Auction Contract for the benefit of this Court and interested parties. The Auction Contract governs the rights and duties of the Trustee and CMA. In the event of any conflict between this summary and the terms of the Auction Contract, the terms of the Auction Contract shall control.

| G. <u>The Relief Sought in this Motion</u> |
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| 2 | The Trustee wishes to sell the Vehicles and Shares pursuant Section 363(b). She further |
| 3 | seeks to sell the Vehicles free and clear of all Liens and Encumbrances, if any, with such Liens |
| 4 | and Encumbrances to attach to the net sale proceeds in the same validity, extent and priority as |
| 5 | existed prior to such sales pursuant to Section 363(f)(2) and (f)(3). As stated above, MBFS, the |
| 6 | sole secured creditor listed on the certificates of title for the McLaren and Mercedes AMG, |
| 7 | consents to the proposed sale of the Vehicles and the CMA's estimated gross auction value of |
| 8 | \$375,000 exceeds the amount of the liens on those vehicles. |
| 9 | III |
| 10 | THE PROPOSED SALE SHOULD BE APPROVED |
| 11 | PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 363(b) AND 363(f) |
| 12 | The Trustee wishes to sell the Vehicles and the Shares. A review of the applicable cases |
| 13 | interpreting Sections 363(b) and (f), in light of the aforementioned facts, indicates that a sound, |
| 14 | and in fact compelling, basis exists for court approval of such sale. |
| 15 | A. <u>The Sale Should be Approved under Section 363(b)</u> |
| 16 | Section 363(b) empowers a trustee to "sell other than in the ordinary course of |
| 17 | business, property of the estate" after notice and a hearing. 11 U.S.C. § 363(b). A bankruptcy |
| 18 | court has the discretion to authorize a sale under Section 363(b). See In re WPRV-TV, 983 F.2d |
| 19 | 336, 340 (1st Cir. 1993); New Haven Radio, Inc. v. Meister (In re Martin-Trigona), 760 F.2d |
| 20 | 1334, 1346 (2nd Cir. 1985); Committee of Equity Sec. Holders v. Lionel Corp. (In re Lionel |
| 21 | Corp.), 722 F.2d 1063, 1069 (2nd Cir. 1983); Stephens Indus., Inc. v. McClung, 789 F.2d 386, |
| 22 | 390-91 (6th Cir. 1986). In determining whether to exercise its discretion under Section 363(b), |
| 23 | a court generally looks for the existence of a "business justification" for the proposed sale. See, |
| 24 | e.g., In re 240 North Brand Partners, Ltd., 200 B.R. 653, 659 (9th Cir. BAP 1996) ("As a result, |
| 25 | debtors who wish to utilize § 363(b) to dispose of property of the estate must demonstrate that |
| 26 | such disposition has a valid business justification."). A trustee's application of her business |
| 27 | judgment is subject to great judicial deference. Simantob v. Claims Prosecutor, LLC (In re |
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| 1 | Lahijani), 325 B.R. 282, 289 (9th Cir. BAP 2005) ("Ordinarily, the position of the trustee is |
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| 2 | afforded deference, particularly where business judgment is entailed in the analysis or where |
| 3 | there is no objection."). |
| 4 | The Trustee believes that ample business justification exists for approving the sale of |
| 5 | Vehicles and the Shares because these assets are not necessary for the Debtor's reorganization. |
| 6 | Moreover, if the Vehicles are not sold, they will continue to depreciate in value <i>and</i> cost the |
| 7 | estate an additional \$7,000 per month to garage and insure the Vehicles, which will only further |
| 8 | impede the estate's ability to pay its creditors. However, if the Vehicles and Shares are sold, the |
| 9 | Trustee has reasonable grounds to believe that the estate could secure approximately \$350,000 in |
| 10 | net sale proceeds, which could be used to make a distribution to the estate's creditors. |
| 11 | Therefore, the Trustee respectfully requests that this Court approve the sale of the Vehicles and |
| 12 | the Shares. |
| 13 | B. <u>The Sale of the Vehicles Should be Free and Clear of Liens and</u> |
| 14 | Encumbrances under Section 363(f) |
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| 15 | Section 363(f) sets forth the circumstances under which a trustee may sell property of the |
| 15 16 | Section 363(f) sets forth the circumstances under which a trustee may sell property of the estate free and clear of any lien or interest of third parties in such property. It provides, in part: |
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| 1 | 1. <u>The Vehicles May be Sold Free and Clear of Liens and Encumbrances</u> |
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| 2 | under Section 363(f)(2) because MBFS Consents to the Sale |
| 3 | Here, MBFS, the sole secured creditor for the Vehicles, consents to the sale of the |
| 4 | McLaren and Mercedes AMG. Moreover, as discussed above, the Trustee does not |
| 5 | believe that these vehicles are subject to any other liens, claims or encumbrances because |
| 6 | no other lienholders are listed on the certificate of title for these vehicles as required by |
| 7 | the California Vehicle Code. Accordingly the only creditor that holds a valid secured |
| 8 | claim against the Vehicles has consented to the sale, thereby satisfying the required |
| 9 | criteria in Section 363(f)(2). |
| 10 | 2. <u>The Vehicles May Also be Sold Free and Clear of Liens and</u> |
| 11 | Encumbrances Under Section 363(f)(3) Because CMA's Estimated |
| 12 | Auction Price Exceeds the Amount of the Liens on the Vehicles |
| 13 | CMA has conservatively estimated that the estimated gross auction value for the |
| 14 | Vehicles is \$375,000, which amount exceeds the aggregate amount of the liens on the |
| 15 | McLaren and Mercedes AMG (\$208,197). Therefore, the criteria for Section 363(f)(3) |
| 16 | has been met. |
| 17 | C. <u>This Court Should Authorize the Trustee to Pay MBFS from the Sale</u> |
| 18 | Proceeds |
| 19 | The Trustee seeks authority to pay MBFS' liens on the McLaren and Mercedes AMG |
| 20 | from the sale proceeds. In exchange for such payment, MBFS has agreed to waive default |
| 21 | interest. Accordingly, the estate will benefit by not having to pay any default interest and the |
| 22 | legal fees that would otherwise be incurred in connection with contesting any such payments |
| 23 | under a plan of reorganization. Alternatively, if the Trustee is not allowed to pay MBFS, the |
| 24 | estate will continue to be liable for payments for depreciating assets that are not necessary for the |
| 25 | Debtor's reorganization. |
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| 1 | IV | |
| 2 | A SUCCESSFUL BUYER IS ENTITLED TO A FINDING THAT IT IS A | |
| 3 | GOOD FAITH PURCHASER UNDER SECTION 363(m) | |
| 4 | Section 363(m) provides: | |
| 5 | "The reversal or modification on appeal of an authorization under subsection (b) or (c) of this section of a sale or lease of property does not affect the validity of a | |
| 6 | sale or lease under such authorization to any entity that purchased or leased such | |
| 7 | property in good faith, whether or not such entity knew of the pendency of the appeal, unless such authorization and such sale or lease were stayed pending | |
| 8 | appeal." 11 U.S.C. § 363 (m). | |
| 9 | A good faith purchaser under Section 363(m) is one who purchases for "value" and | |
| 10 | there is no fraud or collusion in the bidding process. In <i>In re Filtercorp, Inc.</i> , 163 F.3d 570 (9th | |
| 11 | Cir. 1998), the Ninth Circuit held that an insider-purchaser was a good faith purchaser under | |
| 12 | Section 363(m): | |
| 13 | [T]he bankruptcy court found that Gateway Lenders was a purchaser in good faith for all purposes including 11 U.S.C. § 363 (m). This finding is not clearly | |
| 14 | erroneous. A good faith buyer "is one who buys 'in good faith' and 'for value.'" <i>Ewell v. Diebert (In re Ewell)</i> , 958 F.2d 276, 281 (9th Cir.1992) | |
| 15 | (citing <i>In re Abbotts Dairies of Penn., Inc.</i> , 788 F.2d 143, 147 (3d Cir.1986)). "[L]ack of good faith is [typically] shown by 'fraud, collusion between the | |
| 16 17 | purchaser and other bidders or the trustee, or an attempt to take grossly unfair advantage of other bidders." <i>Id. (quoting Community Thrift & Loan v. Suchy</i> (<i>In re Suchy</i>), 786 F.2d 900, 902 (9th Cir.1985)). | |
| 18 | <i>Id.</i> at 577. | |
| 19 | Here, as stated in the Klaus Declaration, CMA will extensively advertise and conduct a | |
| 20 | public auction, which will be devoid of fraud, collusion, any "self-dealing," or manipulation | |
| 21 | because any such sale will be an arm's-length transaction between two unrelated parties. Based | |
| 22 | on the foregoing, the Trustee asserts that a successful buyer at the auction will be a good faith | |
| 23 | purchaser under Section 363(m) and as such, he is entitled to a good faith finding and the | |
| 24 | protections provided for in Section 363(m). | |
| 25 | V | |
| 26 | THE COURT HAS THE DISCRETION TO AND SHOULD WAIVE THE 14 DAY | |
| 27 | PERIOD FOR THE EFFECTIVENESS OF A SALE ORDER | |
| 28 | Rule 6004(h) provides: "[a]n order authorizing the use, sale, or lease of property other | |
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| 1 | than cash collateral is stayed until the expiration of 14 days after entry of the order, unless the |
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| 2 | court orders otherwise." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6004(h) (emphasis added). The legislative history |
| 3 | provides: |
| 4 | "The court may, in its discretion, order that Rule 6004(h) is not applicable so that the property may be used, sold, or leased immediately in accordance with |
| 5 6 | the order entered by the court. Alternatively, the court may order that the stay under Rule 6004(h) is for a fixed period less than 14 days." |
| 7 | The Trustee believes that, unless there are objections to this Motion that are not |
| 8 | consensually resolved, the protections afforded by Rule 6004(h) would be inapplicable to the |
| 9 | sale of the Vehicles and the Shares. Further, as set forth more fully above, the circumstances of |
| 10 | this case militate in favor of allowing the proposed sale to proceed as soon as possible. |
| 10 | Accordingly, the Trustee prays that the Court order that the proposed sale be effectuated |
| 12 | immediately upon entry of the order. |
| 13 | VI |
| 13 | THIS COURT SHOULD APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT AND COMPENSATION OF |
| 14 | CMA AS THE AUCTIONEER UNDER SECTIONS 327, 328 and 330 |
| 15 16 | Section 327, which governs employment of professional persons, provides, in part: |
| 17 18 | the trustee, with the court's approval, may employ one or more attorneys, accountants, appraisers, auctioneers, or other professional persons, that do not hold or represent an interest adverse to the estate, and that are disinterested persons, to represent or assist the trustee in carrying out the trustee's duties under this title. |
| 19 | 11 U.S.C. § 327(a). |
| 20 | Section 328(a) provides, in part: |
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| 22 | The trustee with the court's approval, may employ or authorize the employment of a professional person under section 327 on any reasonable |
| 23 | terms and conditions of employment, including on a retainer, on an hourly basis, <i>on a fixed or percentage fee basis</i> , or on a contingent fee basis |
| 24 | 11 U.S.C. § 328(a) (emphasis added). |
| 25 | Rule 2014 mandates that a professional seeking approval of its employment by the |
| 26 | bankruptcy estate disclose "any proposed arrangement for compensation" and "all of the |
| 27 | person's connections with the Debtor, creditors, any other party in interest, their respective |
| 28 | attorneys and accountants, [and] the United States Trustee." All facts pertinent to a court's |
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determination of whether the professional is disinterested or holds an interest adverse to the
 estate must be disclosed. The professional is required to make a full, candid and complete
 disclosure in its application for employment. *See In re Lotus Properties LP*, 200 B.R. 388, 391
 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 1996) (*citing In re Park Helena Corp.*, 63 F.3d 877, 880-82 (9th Cir. 1995));
 In re Gire, 107 B.R. 739, 746 (Bankr. E.D. Cal. 1989); Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014.

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A. <u>CMA Does Not Hold an Interest Adverse to the Estate</u>

The phrase "adverse interest" is not statutorily defined. However, courts have stated
that a party will be deemed to hold or represent an "adverse interest" to the estate when it:
(1) possesses or asserts any economic interest that would tend to lessen the value of the
bankruptcy estate or that would create an actual or potential dispute in which the estate is a
rival claimant; or (2) possesses a predisposition under circumstances that render such a bias
against the estate. *Tevis v. Wilke, Fleury, Hoffelt, Gould & Birney (In re Tevis)*, 347 B.R. 679,
688 (9th Cir. BAP 2006); *In re Lee*, 94 B.R. 172, 177 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 1989).

As evidenced by the Klaus Declaration, CMA has conducted a conflicts check on the
Debtor's creditors. Based on the results of the conflicts check, and except as disclosed herein,
CMA believes that it does not: (a) hold or represent any interest adverse to the Debtor or this
Chapter 11 case that would impair its ability to objectively perform professional services for
the Debtor, in accordance with Section 327; or (b) have any connection with creditors and
other parties-in-interest relating to the Debtor or this Chapter 11 case. *Id.*

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B. <u>CMA is Disinterested</u>

As evidenced by the Klaus Declaration, to the best of CMA's knowledge, neither CMA
nor any of its employees:

1. is a creditor, an equity security holder, or an insider of the Debtor as of
the Petition Date;

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2. is or was, within two years before the Petition Date, a director, officer or
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3. has an interest materially adverse to the interest of the estate or of any class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect

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| 1 | relationship to, connection with or interest in the Debtor or for any other reason. |
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| 2 | None of the professionals comprising or employed by CMA is related to any judge of |
| 3 | the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, the Office of the |
| 4 | United States Trustee ("UST"), or to any person employed by the UST. Id. With the |
| 5 | exception of any fees or expenses that may be due to Bidspotter for its services, CMA has |
| 6 | agreed not to share with any person or entity any compensation received by CMA in this case, |
| 7 | except as among its members. Id. CMA has also reviewed and agreed to abide by the |
| 8 | Guidelines of the Office of the United States Trustee concerning standards for auctioneers. Id. |
| 9 | Based on the above, the Trustee believes that CMA meets the requirements to be |
| 10 | employed as an auctioneer of the Vehicles under Section 327. Id. |
| 11 | C. <u>CMA's Proposed Compensation is Reasonable</u> |
| 12 | The Trustee further believes that CMA's proposed compensation as set forth in the |
| 13 | Auction Contract is reasonable under Section 328 because the buyers of the Vehicles – not the |
| 14 | estate – are responsible for paying the 10% buyer's premium to CMA, 3% of which CMA may |
| 15 | pay to Bidspotter for its services. The estate is only responsible for reimbursing CMA an |
| 16 | aggregate of \$24,871 for expenses incurred in connection with the auction and for transporting, |
| 17 | garaging and insuring the Vehicles. Therefore, the Trustee seeks approval of and authority to |
| 18 | pay CMA pursuant to the terms set forth in the Auction Contract. |
| 19 | VII |
| 20 | CONCLUSION |
| 21 | Based upon the foregoing, the Trustee respectfully requests that this Court grant the relief |
| 22 | herein requested. |
| 23 | DATED: April 17, 2013 /s/ Kavita Gupta |
| 24 | Kavita Gupta, Chapter 11 Trustee for the estate of Dennis Ha |
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| 1 | DECLARATION OF KAVITA GUPTA | | |
| 2 | I, Kavita Gupta, declare as follows: | | |
| 3 | 1. I am the Chapter 11 Trustee of the estate of Dennis Ha, the debtor ("Debtor"). ⁴ | | |
| 4 | 2. The facts stated herein are within my personal knowledge, and if called upon to | | |
| 5 | testify to such facts, I could and would testify competently thereto. | | |
| 6 | 3. On June 7, 2012 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtor filed a voluntary petition | | |
| 7 | under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code [Docket No. 1]. As of the Petition Date, the | | |
| 8 | Debtor scheduled assets and liabilities totaling \$795,995 and \$2,465,064, respectively | | |
| 9 | [Docket No. 20]. He scheduled a "[p]artnership interest in two Mercedes; AMG and SLR" | | |
| 10 | with a fair market value of \$50,000 [Docket No. 22]. The Debtor did not schedule the 2006 | | |
| 11 | Mercedes or the Shares. | | |
| 12 | 4. On December 13, 2012, this Court issued an order appointing me as the | | |
| 13 | Trustee [Docket No. 79]. Prior to my appointment, the Debtor's estate contained insufficient | | |
| 14 | income, or equity in the assets that could used to pay creditors [Docket No. 20]. | | |
| 15 | 5. During my investigation of the Debtor's assets, I learned that contrary to the | | |
| 16 | Debtor's claim of a "partnership interest" in two Mercedes with a claimed fair market value of | | |
| 17 | approximately \$50,000, the Debtor, using the funds of a suspended corporation, paid deposits | | |
| 18 | in excess of seven times that amount - or \$350,000 - for the Vehicles, which had an aggregate | | |
| 19 | purchase price in excess of \$690,000. The titles to these cars were placed in <i>solely</i> in the names | | |
| 20 | of the Debtor's relatives and paramours including, Kiet Cao (cousin), Binh A. Li (ex-wife), and | | |
| 21 | Katie Dinh (girlfriend) (collectively, the "Defendants"). | | |
| 22 | 6. Accordingly, I filed a complaint against the Debtor and the Defendants seeking, | | |
| 23 | among other things, turnover of the Vehicles and the avoidance and recovery of fraudulent | | |
| 24 | transfers. In late March 2013, the Debtor and the Defendants executed partial judgments in | | |
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| 27 | ⁴ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined shall have the meaning set forth in the Motion. | | |
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which they conceded to each and every claim for relief in the complaint regarding the Vehicles.
 The Debtor and the Defendants subsequently turned over the Vehicles to the estate.

7. In reviewing the Vehicles' certificates of title, I determined that MBFS is the
sole secured creditor asserting an interest in the McLaren and Mercedes AMG. MBFS has
advised me that the aggregate amount of its liens in these vehicles is \$208,197 as of April 21,
2013. Since taking possession of the Vehicles on behalf of the estate, I have expended \$3,073
to transport them to a secure storage facility and approximately \$1,500 per month to garage and
insure the Vehicles against theft or loss.

8. The Debtor did not schedule the Shares. However, in reviewing the Debtor's tax
returns, I discovered that the Debtor was receiving dividends from Manulife based on his
ownership of shares in that entity. Therefore, I contacted Manulife and learned that the Debtor
owns 548 shares in Manulife (with an approximate liquidation value of \$8,000), which are not
encumbered by any liens or levies. I subsequently transferred the Shares into my name as
trustee of the bankruptcy estate.

9. During the last two months, I investigated several options for liquidating the
Vehicles including a cash sale, consignment and an auction. I received three purchase offers
ranging from \$299,999 to \$380,000, all of which were from retail car dealerships and/or
individuals seeking to resell the cars to consumers. I rejected the \$299,000 purchase offer
because it was significant below the market value for the Vehicles. The other two potential
buyers either withdrew the purchase offer or failed to provide me with evidence of its financial
ability to consummate the sale.

10. I ultimately concluded that a highly publicized auction offers the best means of
obtaining a favorable sale price for the following reasons. First, an auction will allow potential
buyers from around the country to bid for the Vehicles thereby increasing the competition and
sale prices for the Vehicles. Second, an auction will result in an immediate sale of the
Vehicles, thereby eliminating the bankruptcy estate's \$7,000 plus monthly carrying cost for
these assets. Although a consignment sale of the Vehicles could result in higher sale price, the

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uncertainty of the timing of a sale coupled with the estate's monthly carrying costs for the
 Vehicles would likely eliminate any such gain. Finally, CMA's \$375,000 estimated gross
 auction value for the Vehicles is comparable to or higher than the \$299,000 offer that I
 received.

5 11. I seek to sell the Shares through Computershare Trust Company, N.A.,
6 Manulife's transfer agent. As of April 16, 2013, the Shares are trading for approximately \$14
7 a share and the fee for selling the Shares is \$80.

8 12. After interviewing a number of auction firms, I determined that CMA, which has
9 over 25 years of experience in conducting auctions of estate property, offered the best
10 combination of experience and resources. CMA is a bonded auction company (Bond No.
11 005S103298464) and a member of the California State Auctioneer Society and the National
12 Auctioneers Association. Therefore, I entered into an Auction Contract with CMA, a copy of
13 which is attached as Exhibit "1" to the Klaus Declaration

14 13. As stated above, MBFS, the sole secured creditor listed on the certificates of title
15 for the McLaren and Mercedes AMG, *consents* to the proposed sale of the Vehicles and the
16 CMA's estimated gross auction value of \$375,000 exceeds the amount of the liens on those
17 vehicles.

18 14. I believe that ample business justification exists for approving the sale of
19 Vehicles and the Shares because these assets are not necessary for the Debtor's reorganization.
20 Moreover, if the Vehicles are not sold, they will continue to depreciate in value *and* cost the
21 estate an additional \$7,000 per month to garage and insure the Vehicles, which will only further
22 impede the estate's ability to pay its creditors. However, if the Vehicles and Shares are sold, I
23 have reasonable grounds to believe that the estate could secure approximately \$350,000 in net
24 sales proceeds, which could be used to make a distribution to the estate's creditors.

15. I seek authority to pay MBFS' liens on the McLaren and Mercedes AMG from
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| 1 | reorganization. Alternatively, if I am not allowed to pay MBFS, the estate will |
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| 3 | reorganization. |
| 4 | 16. I believe that CMA's proposed compensation as set forth in the Auction |
| 5 | Contract is reasonable under Section 328 because the buyers of the Vehicles – not the estate – |
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| 7 | Bidspotter for its services. The estate is only responsible for reimbursing CMA an aggregate |
| 8 | of \$24,871 for expenses incurred in connection with the auction and for transporting, garaging |
| 9 | and insuring the Vehicles. |
| 10 | I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is |
| 11 | true and correct. |
| 12 | Executed this 17 th day of April 2013, in Newport Beach, California. |
| 13 | /s/ V mits Cunta |
| 14 | /s/ Kavita Gupta Kavita Gupta, Chapter 11 Trustee for the estate of |
| 15 | Dennis Ha |
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| 1 | DI | ECLARATION OF CHARLES G. KLAUS | | |
| 2 | I, Charles G. Klau | us, declare as follows: | | |
| 3 | 1. I am an e | mployee of Credit Management Association ("CMA"), the proposed | | |
| 4 | auctioneer for Kavita Gu | pta, the Chapter 11 Trustee of the estate of Dennis Ha. ⁵ | | |
| 5 | 2. The facts stated herein are within my personal knowledge, and if called upon to | | | |
| 6 | testify to such facts, I cou | testify to such facts, I could and would testify competently thereto. | | |
| 7 | 3. CMA is a | bonded auction company (Bond No. 005S103298464) and a member | | |
| 8 | of the California State Au | uctioneer Society and the National Auctioneers Association. | | |
| 9 | 17. CMA has | conservatively estimated that the amount of the gross auction value for | | |
| 10 | the Vehicles is \$375,000. Attached hereto as Exhibit "1" is a true and correct copy of the | | | |
| 11 | Auction Contract (which | includes the budget). The material terms of the Auction Contract are | | |
| 12 | set forth below. ⁶ | | | |
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| 13 | Format | Onsite auction to be conducted by CMA with online bidding administered by Bidspotter | | |
| 14 15 | Date | Within two weeks after the entry of the order approving this Motion | | |
| 15 | Site | Exclusive Towing, 14451 Commerce Center Dr., Moreno Valley, | | |
| | Assets | CA Vehicles | | |
| 17 18 19 20 | Marketing | CMA will advertise the auction on the internet, trade publications, local newspapers, "e-blasts" and post cards to targeted list of dealers and other interested parties. The online bidding will be administered by BidSpotter, which will allow potential buyers who are not on-site to participate in the auction, thereby maximizing the potential market for the Vehicles. | | |
| 21 22 | Reimbursement of Expenses | Auctioneer's expenses incurred in connection with the auction in the approximate amount of \$12,450 and reimbursement of approximately \$7,320 for the cost of transporting, garaging and insuring the Vehicles through May 1, 2013. | | |
| 23 | Compensation | CMA will receive a 10% buyer's premium of the gross proceeds from the sale from the successful buyers, not the estate. | | |
| 24 | Sale Terms | • CMA will sell the Vehicles on an "as is where is" basis, without | | |

^{26 &}lt;sup>5</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined shall have the meaning set forth in the Motion.

 ⁶ The foregoing is only intended to be a summary of the relevant terms of the Auction Contract for the benefit of this Court and interested parties. The Auction Contract governs the rights and duties of the Trustee and CMA. In the event of any conflict between this summary and the terms of the Auction Contract, the terms of the Auction Contract shall control.

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| 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 | any representations or warranties CMA shall provide the Trustee with an Auctioneers' Report including a list of items sold, price of each item sold, buyer of each item, and gross sale proceeds. It shall also provide a settlement summary report, statement itemizing sale expense, copies of all marketing materials and expense receipts. CMA will maintain insurance on the Vehicles, liability and fire insurance covering the auction site and worker's compensation insurance for its employees Upon the approval of CMA's employment, CMA will obtain a Special Purpose Auctioneer's Bond in the amount of \$400,000. The Auctioneer's Bankruptcy Bond will be filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court – Santa Ana Division and a copy will be provided to the Office of the United States Trustee. I have also advised the Trustee the total value of all | | |
| 10 | pending bankruptcy auctions in which CMA is involved in this district does not exceed CMA's | | |
| 11 12 | Bankruptcy Bond and liability insurance coverage and that CMA has liability insurance in the | | |
| 12 | amount of \$2 million. | | |
| 13 | 5. CMA has conducted a conflicts check on the Debtor's creditors. Based on the | | |
| 15 | results of the conflicts check, and except as disclosed herein, CMA believes that it does not: | | |
| 16 | (a) hold or represent any interest adverse to the Debtor or this Chapter 11 case that would | | |
| 17 | impair its ability to objectively perform professional services for the Debtor, in accordance with | | |
| 18 | Section 327; or (b) have any connection with creditors and other parties-in-interest relating to | | |
| 10 | the Debtor or this Chapter 11 case. | | |
| 20 | 6. To the best of CMA's knowledge, neither CMA nor any of its employees: | | |
| 20 | a) is a creditor, an equity security holder, or an insider of the Debtor as of | | |
| 21 | the Petition Date; | | |
| 22 | b) is or was, within two years before the Petition Date, a director, officer or | | |
| 23 24 | employee of the Debtor; and | | |
| 24 25 | c) has an interest materially adverse to the interest of the estate or of any | | |
| | class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect | | |
| 26 27 | relationship to, connection with or interest in the Debtor or for any other reason. | | |
| 27 | 7. None of the professionals comprising or employed by CMA is related to any | | |
| 28 | judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, the Office of | | |
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| 1 | the United States Trustee ("UST"), or to any person employed by the UST. With the exception | | |
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| 5 | Office of the United States Trustee concerning standards for auctioneers. | | |
| 6 | I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that | | |
| 7 | the foregoing is true and correct. | | |
| 8 | Executed this 16th day of April 2013, in Tustin, California. | | |
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EXHIBIT 1

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EXCLUSIVE AUTHORIZATION TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC AUCTION

Credit Management Association ("Auctioneer")

and

Kavita Gupta, Chapter 11 Trustee for the estate of Dennis Ha, Debtor, Case No. 8:12-bk-17113-CB ("Seller")

agree as follows:

1. <u>REPRESENTATION: TERMS OF SALE:</u> Auctioneer shall represent Seller in connection with an online public auction sale (the "Auction") of the following (the "Assets"): **One 2009 Mercedes-Benz SL65 Class VIN: WDBSK79F19F158343; One 2009 Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren VIN: WDDAK76F69M001930; and One 2006 Mercedes-Benz Class S600 VIN: WDBNG76J06A474123.**

2. <u>COMMISSION</u>: Auctioneer shall receive as its fee a 10% buyer's premium of the gross proceeds of the sale, which it shall collect from the successful bidders. CMA acknowledges that Seller has received a bid for purchase of the Assets ("Base Bid"), and the Base Bid has been allocated to each of the vehicle Assets. If no higher or better bids are received for the Assets, the Assets will be sold to the party making the Base Bid. Auctioneer will not be entitled to collect its buyer's premium if the Assets are sold for the Base Bid amount. Auctioneer will be entitled to collect from the successful bidder or bidders its buyer's premium if the Assets are sold for amounts greater than the allocated Base Bid.

3. <u>WARRANTIES</u>: The Assets shall be sold "as is, where is" and without warranty, and with such additional disclaimers of warranty or other disclaimers as Seller shall specify, excluding product that has in-place transferable maintenance agreements.

4. <u>ADVERTISING</u>: Auctioneer shall advance all funds necessary for advertising the Auction. The Auctioneer's estimated advertising expenses are set forth in the budget attached hereto as Exhibit A. All advertising expenses shall be reimbursed to the Auctioneer from the gross proceeds of the sale.

5. <u>LABOR, TRANSPORTATION, DIRECT COSTS</u>: Labor and sale preparation (which shall include pre-auction set up and post auction check out, preparation, moving and storage of assets for auction) shall require expenses as set forth in the budget attached hereto as Exhibit A. All expenses shall be reimbursed to the Auctioneer from the gross proceeds of the sale.

6. <u>SECURITY SERVICES:</u> Not applicable.

7. <u>SALES PRE OR POST AUCTION</u>: Auctioneer shall be entitled to an equal fee on each sale generated pre-Auction or post-Auction. Neither Auctioneer nor Seller shall accept a pre-Auction or post-Auction bid without mutual consent.

8. <u>COLLECTION AND DISBURSEMENT OF AUCTION PROCEEDS</u>: Auctioneer shall collect gross proceeds of the sale for deposit into a neutral depository maintained by Auctioneer. All

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applicable sales taxes shall be paid out of such depository, and Seller shall be issued a check for all the net proceeds (defined as gross proceeds, less Auctioneer's fees, reimbursements subject to Paragraph 4, 5 and 6 above). All other expenses shall be reimbursed once the Auctioneer's report is submitted and approved by the bankruptcy court.

9. <u>SCHEDULED DATE OF THE AUCTION AND LOCATION</u>: The Auction shall be held on a date no later than two weeks after entry of the court order approving Auctioneer's employment.

10. <u>BANKRUPTCY COURT APPROVAL</u>: This agreement is subject to approval by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California.

11. <u>STANDARDS</u>: The Auction shall be conducted in accordance with the professional standards and expectations of the auction industry, in accordance with Section 2328 of the California Uniform Commercial Code, Section 5.35 of the Penal Code and the provisions of the California Civil Code, and in accordance with all state, local and U.S. bankruptcy laws. However, Auctioneer does not guarantee that any sale will be made, and Auctioneer is not responsible in the event that a buyer fails to live up to its agreement.

12. <u>PRE-SALE ESTIMATES</u>: Seller acknowledges that pre-sale estimates are only that, and are no guarantee of price at auction.

13. <u>INSURANCE:</u> Auctioneer shall be responsible for maintaining all property insurance coverage pertaining to assets designed for auction, being transferred to auction sites and being stored at auction sites. Auctioneer shall also keep in force existing liability and fire insurance covering potential and existing auction sites. Auctioneer will carry Worker's Compensation insurance for its employees in compliance with all applicable state and local laws.

14. <u>ATTORNEY'S FEES:</u> If any action at law or in equity is brought to enforce the terms of this agreement, the prevailing party will be entitled to reasonable attorney's fees and expenses, including fees and expenses upon appeal.

15. <u>INDEMNIFICATION</u>: Seller agrees to indemnify and hold Auctioneer harmless from any and all liability and loss that Auctioneer may sustain as a result of claims, demands, costs or judgment, except those due to Auctioneer's willful conduct or misconduct or gross negligence, arising from or in connection with the Auction or advertising or the same including without limitation, sales tax claims, claims of creditors or Seller (or its customers) or affiliates or insiders of same.

16. <u>MODIFICATIONS TO CONTRACT</u>: This agreement constitutes the entire agreement concerning the subject matter hereof. No modification or waiver hereof shall be binding unless in writing and signed by or on behalf of both parties.

17. <u>DISPUTE RESOLUTION</u>: Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this contract, or breach thereof, that cannot be settled consensually among the parties hereto shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California.

Auctioneer employs only licensed and bonded California Auctioneers. The Auctioneer and the auction company have a bond on file with the California Secretary of State.

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The undersigned accepts the foregoing under the described upon terms and conditions set forth and acknowledges a receipt of a copy.

Dated: _____

CREDIT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION 40 East Verdugo Ave., Burbank, CA 91502-1931 (818) 972-5349 ("Auctioneer")

By:

David T. Macomber, Vice President & CFO

Kavita Gupta, Chapter 11 Trustee ("Seller")

By: _____

Title: _____

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EXHIBIT A

In re: Kavita Gupta, Trustee for Dennis Ha Chapter 11 Case No. 8:12-bk-17113-CB Proposed Budget for Sale of Vehicles On Site and On Line Auction

Estimated Gross Auction Value: \$375,000

| Costs: 1st attempt to pick up Vehicles | 1,423.50 |
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| Move 3 Vehicles to Exclusive Towing 14451 Commerce Center Drive, Moreno Valley, CA 92553 | 1,650.00 |
| Storage Charges 3 Vehicles From 1-22-13 thru 6-5-13 | 5,103.00 |
| Insurance for 3 Vehicles Thru June 5, 2013 | 2,045.25 |
| Bankruptcy Bond Premium | 3,750.00 |
| Bidspotter.com (Onsite & Online) | 500.00 |
| Advertising: LA Times Ads LA Newspaper Group Ads Hemmings.com Individual listing w/Auction Tab Adwords post w/Keyword: Exact car make/model Facebook Posting Targeted toward those who like Mercedes over the age of 30 HTMI Email Blast to Luxury Car Dealers | 6,000.00 |
| Detailing @ 3x100 | 300.00 |
| Set-up & Preview Labor (1 person x 3 days x \$250) | 750.00 |
| Administrative/Acct (1 person x 2 days x \$250) | 500.00 |
| Auction Day Labor (3 persons x 1 day x \$250) | 750.00 |
| Checkout Labor (1 person x 2 days x \$250) | 500.00 |
| Mileage (auction staff) | 600.00 |
| Unforeseen Expenses | 1,000.00 |

Total Estimated Costs \$24,871.75

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| 1 | PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT |
| 2 | I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is: 18101 Von Karman Avenue, Suite 510, Irvine, CA 92612 |
| 3 | A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (<i>specify</i>): <u>NOTICE OF MOTION AND MOTION</u> FOR ORDER: (1) AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PERSONAL PROPERTY FREE AND CLEAR OF LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES; (2) APPROVING THE EMPLOYMENT AND |
| 4 | COMPENSATION OF CREDIT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION AS AUCTIONEER; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES; AND DECLARATIONS OF KAVITA GUPTA AND CHARLES G. |
| 5 6 | <u>KLAUS IN SUPPORT THEREOF</u> will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below: |
| | 1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF): Pursuant to |
| 7 | controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (<i>date</i>) April 17, 2013, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy |
| 8 | case or adversary proceeding and determined that the following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below: |
| 9 | Jeffrey S Benice jsb@jeffreybenice.com Crystal Bergstrom cbergstrom@judicialenforcement.com |
| 10 | Frank Cadigan frank.cadigan@usdoj.gov |
| 11 | Mark Domeyer mdomeyer@mileslegal.com Robert P Goe kmurphy@goeforlaw.com, rgoe@goeforlaw.com;mforsythe@goeforlaw.com |
| 12 | Nancy S Goldenberg nancy.goldenberg@usdoj.gov Kavita Gupta kgupta@guptaferrer.com, pj@winthropcouchot.com;chipp@winthropcouchot.com |
| 13 | Kavita Gupta (TR) kgupta@guptaferrer.com Elizabeth A LaRocque kmurphy@goeforlaw.com, elarocque@goeforlaw.com |
| 14 | Sean A O'Keefe sokeefe@okeefelc.com Ramesh Singh claims@recoverycorp.com |
| 15 | United States Trustee (SA) ustpregion16.sa.ecf@usdoj.gov Service information continued on attached page |
| 16 | 2. SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL: |
| 17 18 | On (<i>date</i>) <u>April 17, 2013</u> , I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows: Listing the judge here |
| 10 | constitutes a declaration that mailing to the judge <u>will be completed</u> no later than 24 hours after the document is filed. |
| | Service information continued on attached page |
| 20 | 3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR |
| 21 | EMAIL: (state the method for each person or entity served): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on |
| 22 | (<i>date</i>) <u>April 17, 2013</u> , I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to such service method), by facsimile transmission and/or |
| 23 | email as follows: Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that personal delivery on, or overnight mail to, the judge <u>will be completed</u> no later than 24 hours after the document is filed. |
| 24 | The Honorable Catherine Bauer, USBC, 411 West Fourth Street, Santa Ana, CA 92701 |
| 25 | Service information continued on attached page |
| 26 27 | I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. |
| 28 | April 17, 2013 Kerry A. Murphy /s/Kerry A. Murphy |
| | Date Printed Name Signature |
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Citi Mortgage P.O. Box 689196 Des Moines, IA 50368-9196

FIA Card Services. N.A. PO Box 15102 Wilmington, DE 19886-5102

LVNV Funding, LLC It successors & Assigns/Assignees of NCO Portfolio Management Resurgent Capital Services PO Box 10587 Greenville, SC 29306-0587

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