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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - LOS ANGELES DIVISION**

<p>In re: Howard's Appliances, Inc.,</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Debtor(s).</p>	<p>CASE NO.: 2:25-bk-21116-BB CHAPTER: 11</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NOTICE OF SALE OF ESTATE PROPERTY</p>
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<p>Sale Date: 05/13/2026</p>	<p>Time: 1:00 pm</p>
<p>Location: United States Bankruptcy Court, Courtroom 1539, 255 E. Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012</p>	

Type of Sale: Public Private **Last date to file objections:** 04/29/2026

Description of property to be sold: 57 boxed units of appliance inventory that were originally sold by Whirlpool Corporation to the Debtor on credit.

Terms and conditions of sale: Whirlpool will "take back" the items via credit bid in exchange for a full credit against Whirlpool's invoice price for each item purchased, subject to Bankruptcy Court approval and overbid at the hearing on the Motion and free and clear of all liens, claims and interests. Other terms and conditions apply. See attached notice of hearing and the motion on file with the Clerk of Court.

Proposed sale price: \$ 33,038.12

Overbid procedure (if any): \$40,000.00 initial cash bid / \$5,000.00 thereafter. See attached Notice regarding the overbid procedures.

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

Sale Date: May 13, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.

Location

United States Bankruptcy Court

Central District of California, Los Angeles Division

255 E. Temple Street, Courtroom 1539

Los Angeles, CA 90012

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12 Debtor and
13 Debtor-In-Possession.

Case No. 2:25-bk-21116 BB

Chapter 11

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON DEBTOR AND
DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION'S MOTION FOR
ORDER:**

- (1) **AUTHORIZING SALE OF PERSONAL
PROPERTY FREE AND CLEAR OF
LIENS, CLAIMS, AND INTERESTS
PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §§ 363(b)
AND (f);**
- (2) **APPROVING OVERBID
PROCEDURES;**
- (3) **APPROVING BUYER, SUCCESSFUL
BIDDER, AND BACK-UP BIDDER AS
GOOD-FAITH PURCHASER
PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 363(m);**
- (4) **WAIVING ANY LODGING PERIODS
AND ANY STAY OF THE ORDER ON
THE MOTION; AND**
- (5) **APPROVING SETTLEMENT
PURSUANT TO FEDERAL RULE OF
BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 9019**

Hearing Date/Time/Location:

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1 **TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

2 **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on **May 13, 2026**, at **1:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter
3 as the matter may be heard, the Court will conduct a hearing on the *Motion for Order*:
4 *(1) Authorizing Sale of Personal Property Free and Clear of Liens, Claims, and Interests*
5 *Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 363(b) and (f); (2) Approving Overbid Procedures; (3) Approving*
6 *Buyer, Successful Bidder, and Back-up Bidder as Good-Faith Purchaser Pursuant to*
7 *11 U.S.C. § 363(m); (4) Waiving any Lodging Periods and any Stay of the Order on the*
8 *Motion; and (5) Approving Settlement Pursuant to Bankruptcy Procedure 9019 ("Motion")*¹
9 filed by Howard's Appliances, Inc., the debtor and debtor-in-possession ("Howard's" or
10 "Debtor") in the above-captioned case.

11 By the Motion, the Debtors requests authority to sell to Whirlpool Corporation
12 ("Buyer" or "Whirlpool") certain appliance inventory that was originally sold by Whirlpool to
13 the Debtor on credit (the "To-Be-Transferred Whirlpool Inventory") on a credit bid basis
14 whereby Whirlpool will "take back" the items via credit bid in exchange for a full credit
15 against Whirlpool's invoice price for each item purchased, subject to overbid at the
16 hearing on the Motion and free and clear of all liens, claims and interests. The To-Be-
17 Transferred Whirlpool Inventory consists of 57 of the total 106 boxed units that Whirlpool
18 recorded during its inventory of Whirlpool units held by the Debtor.² Based on the
19 inventory prepared by Whirlpool, the value of the Inventory is \$33,038.12. A copy of the
20 To-Be-Transferred Whirlpool Inventory is attached as to the Motion as Exhibit 1.

21 The To-Be-Transferred Whirlpool Inventory is encumbered by the following alleged
22 lien, the scope and priority of which are governed by Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial
23 Code:

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26 ¹ Capitalized terms have the same meaning or definition as the capitalized terms in the Motion.

27 ² The remaining units are either (i) aged or (ii) came from R&B Wholesale. The units that came from
28 R&B Wholesale are outside Whirlpool's lien rights. The older units will be auctioned pursuant to the Auction
Motion, subject to Whirlpool's lien rights.

Lienholder	Date Recorded	Lien Amount	Type
Whirlpool Corporation	12/18/23	\$1,172,079.89	UCC-1

The Debtor scheduled an obligation owing to Whirlpool in the amount of \$1,172,079.89, secured by all assets of the Debtor.

On March 6, 2026, Whirlpool filed a proof of claim in the Debtor's case in the amount of \$1,172,618.89, designated as Claim 48-1 ("Secured Claim") in the Court's register of claims. The Secured Claim is for amounts due from the Debtor to Whirlpool for goods sold by Whirlpool to the Debtor on credit, secured by certain appliance inventory.

Whirlpool has offered to credit bid on the To-Be-Transferred Whirlpool Inventory in the amount of \$33,038.12 ("Credit Bid"), which shall be credited in the amount of \$33,038.12 in partial satisfaction of Buyer's Secured Claim in return for transfer of title to the To-Be-Transferred Whirlpool Inventory free and clear of all liens, claims, and interests, subject to any higher and better offers that may be received at or before the hearing on the Motion. The Debtor has accepted that offer.

The Debtor proposes the following procedure to allow for overbids prior to the Court's approval of the sale of the To-Be-Transferred Whirlpool Inventory to ensure the To-Be-Transferred Whirlpool Inventory is sold for the best possible price:

1. Qualifying bidders ("Qualifying Bidder") shall:
 - a. Bid at least \$40,000 in cash for the To-Be-Transferred Whirlpool Inventory;
 - b. Set forth in writing the terms and conditions of the offer that are at least as favorable to the Debtor as those set forth in the Sale and Settlement described herein;
 - c. Be financially qualified, in the Debtor's exercise of its sound business judgment, to close the sale;
 - d. Submit an offer that does not contain any contingencies to closing the sale, including, but not limited to, financing, inspection, or repair contingencies;

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1 e. Deliver a written offer and evidence of financial qualification to
2 the Debtor's counsel (at the address shown in the upper left hand corner of
3 the first page of the Motion) by no later than two business days prior to the
4 hearing on this Motion ("Overbid Deadline"). In its absolute and sole
5 discretion, the Debtor shall have the right to accept additional overbids
6 submitted after the Overbid Deadline.

7 2. If the Debtor receives a Qualified Bid by the Overbid Deadline, an
8 auction will take place at the time of the hearing on the Motion ("Auction"). Only the
9 Buyer and any party who is deemed a Qualifying Bidder shall be entitled to bid.

10 3. Any incremental bid in the bidding process shall be at least \$5,000.00
11 higher than the prior bid for the To-Be-Transferred Whirlpool Inventory.

12 4. Upon conclusion of the Auction, the Debtor shall decide, subject to
13 Court approval, which of the bids is the best bid, and such bid shall be deemed to
14 be the "Successful Bid." The bidder who is accepted by the Debtor as the
15 successful bidder ("Successful Bidder") must pay all amounts reflected in the
16 Successful Bid in cash (or, in the case of Buyer, via credit bid and reduction in the
17 Secured Claim) no later than 5 days after the Effective Date. The Debtor may also
18 acknowledge a back-up bidder ("Back-Up Bidder") which shall be the bidder with
19 the next best bid. Should the Successful Bidder fail to close the sale of the To-Be-
20 Transferred Whirlpool Inventory, the Debtor may sell the Inventory to the Back-Up
21 Bidder without further Court order.

22 5. Overbids shall be all cash and no credit shall be given to the
23 purchaser or overbidder(s).

24 The Debtor does not believe there will be any tax consequences from the sale.

25 In addition to the proposed Credit Bid and sale, the Debtor requests approval of a
26 settlement of claims between the Debtor and Whirlpool, to the extent the Credit Bid is a
27 settlement. The proposed settlement will allow the Debtor to reduce secured debt in
28 exchange for transfer of the To-Be-Transferred Whirlpool Inventory to Whirlpool.

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1 The Motion seeks an order:

2 1. Finding that notice of the Motion is proper and adequate;

3 2. Approving the Buyer's Credit Bid and authorizing the Sale of the To-Be-
4 Transferred Whirlpool Inventory to the Buyer, Successful Bidder, or the Back-Up Bidder,
5 "as is," "where is," "with all faults," and without warranty or recourse, but free and clear of
6 any and all liens, claims, and interests pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 363(b) and (f). In the
7 event sales proceeds are received through an approved overbid, such proceeds will not
8 be disbursed without further order of this Court.

9 3. Determining that the Buyer, the Successful Bidder, and the Back-Up Bidder
10 are "good faith purchasers" pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 363(m).

11 4. Approving the overbid procedures outlined in the Motion.

12 5. Approving the terms of the Settlement pursuant to Federal Rule of
13 Bankruptcy Procedure 9019(a) and authorizing the Debtor to take any and all necessary
14 actions to consummate the Settlement.

15 6. Waiving any requirements for lodging periods of the order approving this
16 Motion imposed by Local Bankruptcy Rule 9021-1 and any other applicable bankruptcy
17 rules.

18 7. Waiving the stay of the order approving this Motion imposed by Federal Rule
19 of Bankruptcy Procedure 6004(h) and any other applicable bankruptcy rules.

20 8. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

21 The Motion is based upon the Exhibits, the declarations of David Steinhafel, David
22 M. Goodrich and Scott M. Hilken, the record in this case, all judicially noticeable facts
23 and all evidence, arguments and representations made at or prior to the hearing on the
24 Motion. Any party requesting a copy of the Motion, or any supporting documents filed with
25 the Court with respect to the Motion may contact counsel for the Debtor, David M.
26 Goodrich, Golden Goodrich LLP, by email at dgoodrich@go2.law, by mail at 3070 Bristol
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1 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that any response to the Motion must conform
2 with Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(f)(1), must be filed with the Bankruptcy Court no less
3 than 14 days prior to the above hearing date, and must be served no less than 14 days
4 prior to the above hearing date upon (i) the Debtor’s counsel of record, Golden Goodrich
5 LLP, 3070 Bristol Street, Suite 640, Costa Mesa, CA 92626, Attention: David M.
6 Goodrich, fax (714) 966-1002, *dgoodrich@go2.law*, and (ii) the Office of the United States
7 Trustee. Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(h), the failure to timely file and serve
8 an opposition to the Motion may be deemed by the Court to be consent to the relief
9 requested in the Motion.

10 **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that parties may appear at the hearing either
11 in-person (in Courtroom 1539) or by ZoomGov video or ZoomGov audio.

12 ZoomGov connection information for each hearing is provided on Judge
13 Bluebond’s publicly-posted hearing calendar, which may be viewed online at: [http://ecf-](http://ecf-ciao.cacb.uscourts.gov/CiaoPosted/?jid=BB)
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15 Bluebond.)

16 Dated: April 16, 2026

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18 By: /s/ David M. Goodrich
19 DAVID M. GOODRICH
20 Attorneys for
21 Howard’s Appliances, Inc.
22 Debtor and Debtor-In-Possession
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I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is:

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A true and correct copy of the foregoing document entitled (*specify*): **NOTICE OF HEARING ON DEBTOR AND DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION'S MOTION FOR ORDER: (1) AUTHORIZING SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY FREE AND CLEAR OF LIENS, CLAIMS, AND INTERESTS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §§ 363(b) AND (f); (2) APPROVING OVERBID PROCEDURES; (3) APPROVING BUYER, SUCCESSFUL BIDDER, AND BACK-UP BIDDER AS GOOD-FAITH PURCHASER PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 363(m); AND (4) WAIVING ANY LODGING PERIODS AND ANY STAY OF THE ORDER ON THE MOTION; AND (5) APPROVING SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 9019** 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 indicated below:

1. **TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF)**: Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (*date*) **April 16, 2026**, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy 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:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct.

April 16, 2026

Date

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