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In re:

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES DIVISION

Case No.: 2:20-bk-11547-BB

CHAPTER 11

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OF ORDER APPROVING 363 SALE AND, IN THE ALTERNATIVE, FOR A STAY PENDING APPEAL

Debtor(s).

(No hearing held)

The Court having reviewed and considered the motion of BOBS, LLC ("Bobs") for reconsideration of this Court's decision to authorize a sale of the real property located at 911/917 Loma Vista Drive, Beverly Hills, CA 90210 (the "Property") or, in the alternative, for a stay pending appeal of the order authorizing the foregoing sale [Docket No. 140] (the "Motion"), and the opposition of debtor and debtor in possession Gennady Moshkovich (the "Debtor") thereto [Docket No. 146], and having found:

1. Bobs should not under any circumstances be permitted to credit bid any portion of its alleged claims at a sale of the Property in that there is no

allowed or undisputed portion of its **secured** claim. A portion of its claim may be undisputed, but the Debtor has disputed the **entirety** of Bobs' lien in adversary proceeding number 2:20-ap-01623. As the court discussed in connection with its denial of Bobs' motion to dismiss this adversary proceeding, genuine issues exist as to the validity of the liens it has asserted as against the Property. Therefore, as these liens are the subject of one or more bona fide disputes, Bobs does not hold an **allowed** claim that is secured by the Property in any amount, and the Court finds that these circumstances constitute "cause" within the meaning of Bankruptcy Code section 363(k) to refuse to permit Bobs to credit bid any portion of its claim at a sale of the Property.

Bobs did not object to the sale or seek authority to credit bid at any time prior

- 2. Bobs did not object to the sale or seek authority to credit bid at any time prior to the hearing on the debtor's motion to sell the Property. Even after discussion at the sale hearing of the supplement to that motion that reduced the sale price of the (real) Property and increased the sale price of the related personal property (because it now included artwork), when the Court called upon counsel for Bobs to offer input at the sale hearing, counsel limited his remarks to arguing that, in light of the reduced sale price, the Court should grant Bobs' motion for relief from stay instead of permitting the sale to move forward. He did not raise the issue of whether Bobs should be permitted to credit bid. It was only after the Court had ruled that the sale should be approved that a principal of Bobs who was also present at the hearing (Rommy Shy) requested orally for the first time the opportunity to credit bid with regard to the Property. The Court denied that request both because it was untimely and because Bobs' liens are the subject of a bona fide dispute.
- 3. Thus, Bobs has not established cause for this Court to reconsider its decision to approve a sale of the Property to NVSI, Inc. ("NVSI").

- 4. Bobs' has not made the showing necessary to entitle it to a stay pending appeal. The Motion contains no evidence or argument to support the findings that must be made to entitle Bobs to such relief. In fact, the only mention of such relief in the Motion appears to be a request at the end of the prayer that the Court either grant a stay pending appeal or explicitly deny such relief.
- 5. Both the Court and Bobs have been urging the Debtor to consummate a sale of the Property for months. The Property has been adequately and extensively marketed and the only party who has come forward and expressed an interest in purchasing the Property for cash in an amount at or near the price set forth in the original sale motion is NVSI. The Court found that the sale was proposed in good faith and is the product of arms-length negotiations between NVSI and the Debtor. It is critical that the Debtor consummate a sale promptly -- before the loan proceeds being used by the Debtor to maintain the Property are exhausted. Were the Court to postpone the sale, the only party that would benefit would be Bobs, as the Debtor's inability to continue to maintain the Property is likely to result in the Court's granting relief from stay to Bobs. All other parties in interest would be prejudiced.
- 6. Bobs has not made, and cannot make, a showing that its request to postpone the sale so that it may credit bid is likely to succeed on appeal. As discussed above, on these facts, it would be inappropriate to permit Bobs to submit a credit bid in any amount. However, its alleged liens will attach to the net proceeds of sale to ensure that its interest, if any, in the Property is adequately protected pending the outcome of this litigation. Thus, the balance of hardships also weighs in favor of denying Bobs' request for a stay pending appeal.

In light of the foregoing, and other good cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion is denied. Bobs' request for reconsideration of this Court's approval of a sale of the Property is **DENIED** and its alternative request for a stay pending appeal is **DENIED**.

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Date: December 8, 2020

United States Bankruptcy Judge

Sheri Bluebond