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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
BANKRUPTCY DIVISION**

In re

Case No.: 1:24-bk-00002

IMPERIAL PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL
(CNMI), LLC,

**FINAL ORDER AUTHORIZING DEBTOR
TO OBTAIN POSTPETITION
INDEBTEDNESS**

Debtor and
Debtor-in-Possession.

[Related to Dkt. Nos. 12, 47, 53, 84, 86, 87, 97,
111, 116, 117, 118, 119, 140, 143]

The *Motion for Authorizing Debtor to Obtain Postpetition Secured Indebtedness* (as modified, the “Motion,” ECF No. 12),¹ filed by IMPERIAL PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL (CNMI), LLC, debtor and debtor-in-possession (the “Debtor” or “Borrower”) on April 23, 2024, came on for a final hearing before the Honorable Ramona V. Manglona, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the United States District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands (the “Court”) on June 21, 2024 and June 27, 2024.

Chuck C. Choi, Esq. (vtc),² Allison A. Ito, Esq. (vtc), Charles H. McDonald II, Esq., and Michael Chen, Esq. (vtc) appeared on behalf of the Debtor. Howyo Chi, the Debtor’s representative,

¹ Capitalized terms not herein defined shall have the meaning set forth in the Motion.

² “(vtc)” denotes that the appearance was made via video conference.



1 also appeared. Neil J. Verbrugge, Esq. (vtc) appeared for the Office of the United States Trustee
2 (“UST”). Aaron Halegua, Esq. (vtc) appeared for Joshua Gray (“Gray”). Michael White, Esq.,
3 appeared on behalf of Clear Management. Martin Wright (vtc) and Tim Shepherd (vtc), representatives
4 for Clear Management also appeared. Robert Glass, Esq. appeared for the Commonwealth of the
5 Northern Mariana Islands (“CNMI”). Christopher K.S. Wong, Esq. (vtc), and Keith Chambers, II,
6 appeared (as proposed counsel) for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”).
7 Colin Thompson, Esq. appeared for USA Fanter and other creditors. Michael Dotts, Esq. appeared for
8 Dotts Law Office. Karla Malagon Castillo, Esq. (vtc) appeared for the U.S. Department of Labor
9 (“USDOL”). Vincent Seman, Esq. appeared for Kan Pacific. Steven Pixley, Esq. appeared for Take
10 Care. Joey San Nicolas, Esq. appeared for Loi Lam Sit (the “Lender”).

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12 Having reviewed the Motion (ECF No. 12) and all papers filed in support thereof, the
13 Declaration of Howyo Chi in Support of “First Day” Motions (ECF No. 14), the Amended Loan Term
14 Sheet (ECF No. 47-1), the DIP Loan Agreement (ECF No. 47-2), the UST Statement Regarding
15 Debtor’s First Day Motions (ECF No. 19), the Declaration of Loi Lam Sit (ECF No. 111), the
16 Supplemental Declaration of Loi Lam Sit (ECF No.140), the Supplemental Declaration of Howyo Chi
17 in Support of DIP Financing Motion (ECF No. 143), the UST Supplemental Statements Regarding
18 [the Motion] (ECF Nos. 53, 114), the oppositions filed by CNMI (ECF Nos. 84, 119), Gray (ECF Nos.
19 86, 117), the Committee (ECF Nos. 87, 116), and USDOL (ECF No. 118), the Response filed by
20 Michael W. Dotts (ECF No. 97) and having heard the statements of counsel regarding the relief
21 requested in the Motion at the hearing, the Court finding that (a) it has jurisdiction over this matter
22 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, (b) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2),
23 (c) notice of the final hearing on the Motion was sufficient under the circumstances; (d) final relief is
24 necessary to avoid harm to the business pending a final hearing, and (e) the legal and factual bases set

1 forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion
2 to grant the requested relief on a final basis, and good cause therefore,

3 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

4 1. The Motion is GRANTED on a final basis. To the extent the Amended Term Sheet or
5 Loan Agreement is inconsistent with the terms of this Order, this Order shall govern.

6 a. Further Advances. Lender is authorized to loan on a final basis, up to \$1,400,000.00
7 (the “DIP Credit Facility”) to the Debtor.

8 b. Use of Proceeds & Carve Out. The DIP Credit Facility shall be used to pay post-
9 petition administrative expenses of the Chapter 11 Case, subject to the budget
10 attached hereto as Exhibit “1”, including but not limited to, payment for
11 maintenance and preservation of the property of the Debtor’s estate, rent, insurance,
12 utility services, operating expenses and court-approved professional fees and as
13 such pre-petition expenses as may be approved by the Court; provided, however,
14 Lender’s administrative expense claim shall be subject to the following “carve
15 outs” (“Carve Out”): (1) U.S. Trustee quarterly fees; (2) in the event this case is
16 converted to a proceeding under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, any
17 administrative expense claim created or recognized by this Order shall be
18 subordinated to the chapter 7 trustee’s fees and expenses, but not including the fees
19 and expenses of the chapter 7 trustee’s professionals; and (3) a further \$950,000
20 shall be “carved out” and set aside for fees and expenses of professionals employed
21 at the expense of the estate (including attorneys, accountants and appraisers) as may
22 be approved by the Court, and as set forth in the budget approved by the Lender.

23 c. No Cap on Carve Out for Committee Professionals. Notwithstanding anything
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1 contained in this Order, the Amended Term Sheet or Loan Agreement, there shall
2 be no limit on the Carve Out for any Committee professionals.

3 d. Priority: All Advances shall be afforded administrative priority status pursuant to
4 11 U.S.C. § 364(b) as an administrative expense only for funds actually advanced
5 by Lender to benefit the estate pursuant to the budget; provided, however, that
6 Lender's priority shall be subject to the Carve Out.

7 e. Interest Rate. Simple interest at the rate of 10% per annum shall accrue. Default
8 interest shall accrue at an additional 2% per annum.

9 f. Maturity. The DIP Credit Facility shall be due on or before the earlier of: (a) the
10 occurrence of an Event of Default, (b) entry of an order converting the chapter 11
11 case to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code or dismissing the chapter 11
12 case, (c) the entry of an order appointing a chapter 11 trustee or examiner, (d) the
13 effective date of a chapter 11 plan; or (e) December 31, 2024.

14 g. Loan Documents. Borrower shall execute and deliver, and cause to be executed and
15 delivered to Lender a Promissory Note, and such other documents as are
16 reasonable and customary for similar loans.

17 h. Fees and Expenses. Upon closing of the DIP Credit Facility, Borrower will pay
18 Lender's reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred in connection with
19 documenting and obtaining approval of the DIP Credit Facility; provided, however,
20 prior to Debtor paying any of Lender attorneys' fees and expenses, Lender shall
21 first provide a copy of any invoices to the Committee and UST and provide at least
22 14 days for the Committee and UST to review and object to the payment of any
23 attorneys' fees or expenses. In the event of an unresolved objection, the Lender may
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file a motion to seek Court approval of its reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses.

i. Governing Law. The Amended Term Sheet, Loan Agreement, and any related loan documents shall be governed by and interpreted under the Bankruptcy Code (as codified in Title 11 of the United States Code), the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the laws of the Commonwealth, where applicable.

j. Events of Default. Customary defaults shall exclude (a), (d), (e) and (f) of Section 7.1 of the proposed Loan Agreement filed herein as ECF 47-2.

2. Lender shall be deemed a good faith lender pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 364(e).

3. The Debtor is authorized to transfer into a separate debtor-in-possession account designated "Professionals' Fee Account" up to \$950,000 of the DIP Credit Facility, in accordance with the terms of the budget.

4. This Order shall be binding on the Debtor, its estate, creditors, and any subsequently appointed Chapter 7 Trustee, provided however, that the priorities granted to the Lender shall be subordinate to the fees and costs of any Chapter 7 Trustee, but not the fees and costs of the Chapter 7 Trustee's professionals.

5. This Order shall inure to the benefit of the Lender and the Debtor and their respective successors and assigns.

It is SO ORDERED this 18th day of July 2024.



RAMONA V. MANGLONA
Chief Judge

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1 Approved as to form:

2 /s/ Neil J. Verbrugge

3 Curtis B. Ching, Esq.

4 Neil J. Verbrugge, Esq.

5 Counsel for Office of the U.S. Trustee

6 Approved as to form:

7 /s/ Christopher Wong

8 Aram Ordubegian, Esq.

9 Christopher Wong, Esq.

10 Keith Chambers, II, Esq.

11 Counsel for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors

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EXHIBIT 1

CASHFLOW FORECAST

	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Total
Beginning cash balance	136,859.31	344,981.81	146,104.31	102,063.79	60,186.29	18,308.79	(25,279.89)	(17,157.39)	-
SALES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DIP Loan	400,000.00	150,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	150,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	1,400,000.00
GROSS PROFIT	400,000.00	150,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	150,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	1,400,000.00
OPERATING EXPENSES									
AUTO EXPENSES	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	1,600.00
BANK FEES	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	37.50	300.00
COMMONWEALTH CASINO COMMISSION/ CNMI Treasury*									
EQUIPMENT LEASES									
INSURANCE	50,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,000.00
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES (NONBANKRUPTCY)	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	24,000.00
RENT - DPL		207,000.00							207,000.00
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	950.00	950.00	950.00	950.00	950.00	950.00	950.00	950.00	7,600.00
SALARIES & WAGES	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	240,000.00
GENERAL ADMIN EXPENSES	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	2,400.00
TAX - GENERAL EXCISE									
TAX - PAYROLL	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	36,000.00
TAX - REAL PROPERTY									
TAX - OTHERS									
UTILITIES (ELECTRICITY/WATER)	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	20,000.00
UTILITIES (COMMUNICATIONS / PHONE / INTERNET)	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	2,400.00
UTILITIES (GARBAGE)	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	90.00	720.00
CHAPTER 11 EXPENSES (UST Quarterly Fees)			2,163.02				1,711.18		
CHAPTER 11 PROFESSIONALS	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	950,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	191,877.50	348,877.50	144,040.52	141,877.50	141,877.50	193,588.68	191,877.50	191,877.50	1,545,894.20
NET OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	208,122.50	(198,877.50)	(44,040.52)	(41,877.50)	(41,877.50)	(43,588.68)	8,122.50	8,122.50	1,545,894.20
Ending cash balance	344,981.81	146,104.31	102,063.79	60,186.29	18,308.79	(25,279.89)	(17,157.39)	(9,034.89)	-