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United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Texas

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October 14, 2024 Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

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

In re:	§	Chapter 11
RHODIUM ENCORE LLC, et al.,1	§ §	Case No. 24-90448 (ARP)
Debtors.	§ §	
	§ 8	(Jointly Administered)

## ORDER GRANTING THE APPLICATION FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF LEHOTSKY KELLER COHN LLP AS SPECIAL LITIGATION COUNSEL

(Relates to ECF No. 173)

This matter comes before the Court upon the application, dated September 22, 2024 (the "Application"),<sup>2</sup> of Rhodium Encore LLC and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, "Debtors"), for entry of an order, pursuant to sections 327(e), 328(a), 330, and 1107 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2014 and 2016, Local Rules 2014-1 and 2016-1, and paragraph 47 of the Procedures for Complex Case Procedures, authorizing Debtors to retain and employ Lehotsky Keller Cohn LLP as special litigation counsel.

The Court has considered the Application and the Cohn Declaration and the Topping Declaration submitted therewith. This Court has jurisdiction to consider the Application and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. Venue is proper before this Court pursuant

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Application.



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), Jordan HPC Sub LLC (0463), Rhodium 2.0 Sub LLC (5319), Rhodium 10MW Sub LLC (3827), Rhodium 30MW Sub LLC (4386), Rhodium Encore Sub LLC (1064), Rhodium Enterprises, Inc. (6290), Rhodium Industries LLC (4771), Rhodium Ready Ventures LLC (8618), Rhodium Renewables LLC (0748), Rhodium Renewables Sub LLC (9511), Rhodium Shared Services LLC (5868), and Rhodium Technologies LLC (3973). The mailing and service address of Debtors in these chapter 11 cases is 2617 Bissonnet Street, Suite 234, Houston, TX 77005.

to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. The Court may consider and rule on the Application as it is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

The Court is satisfied, based on the representations made in the Application and Cohn Declaration that Lehotsky Keller Cohn LLP "does not represent or hold any interest adverse to the debtor or to the estate with respect to the matter on which [Lehotsky Keller Cohn LLP] is to be employed," as required by 11 U.S.C. § 327(e). The Court is satisfied that due and proper notice of the Application was provided, that such notice was adequate and appropriate under the circumstances, and no other or further notice need be provided. All objections, if any, to the Application have been withdrawn, resolved, or overruled. The Court has determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application establish just cause to grant the relief requested therein. The relief requested in the Application is necessary for Debtors' reorganization and is in the best interest of Debtors and their respective estates and creditors. Accordingly,

## IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Debtors are authorized, but not directed, pursuant to sections 327(e), 328(a), 329, and 504 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2014 and 2016, Local Rules 2014 and 2016, and paragraph 47 of the Complex Case Procedures, to retain and employ Lehotsky Keller Cohn LLP as special litigation counsel in these chapter 11 cases, effective as of the Petition Date, as follows:
  - a. Lehotsky Keller Cohn LLP, along with co-counsel Stris & Maher LLP, may represent Debtors in all matters in which the Whinstone Dispute is at issue, including specifically in the Motions to Assume Contracts With Whinstone (ECF Nos. 7, 32), and in the Tarrant County Litigation; and
  - 2. Debtors shall retain and employ Lehotsky Keller Cohn LLP under a general retainer

in accordance with Lehotsky Keller Cohn LLP's normal hourly rates and disbursement policies, as contemplated by the Application.

- 3. Lehotsky Keller Cohn LLP shall be compensated in accordance with, and will file interim and final fee applications for allowance of its compensation and expenses, and shall be subject to, sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, the U.S. Trustee Guidelines and any other applicable procedures and orders of the Court. For billing purposes, Lehotsky Keller Cohn LLP will keep its time in one-tenth (1/10) hour increments in accordance with the U.S. Trustee Guidelines. Lehotsky Keller Cohn LLP also intends to make a reasonable effort to comply with the U.S. Trustee's requests for information and additional disclosures as set forth in the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, both in connection with the Application and any interim and final fee applications to be filed by Lehotsky Keller Cohn LLP in these chapter 11 cases. All billing records filed in support of Lehotsky Keller Cohn LLP's fee applications will use an open and searchable LEDES or other electronic data format and will use the U.S. Trustee's standard project categories.
- 4. Lehotsky Keller Cohn LLP shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses as provided by the U.S. Trustee Guidelines.
- 5. Lehotsky Keller Cohn LLP shall use its best efforts to avoid any duplication of services provided by any of Debtors' other retained professionals in these chapter 11 cases.
- 6. Lehotsky Keller Cohn LLP shall provide seven days' notice to Debtors, the U.S. Trustee, and the attorneys for any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases of any increase in Lehotsky Keller Cohn LLP's hourly rates as set forth in the Cohn Declaration. The U.S. Trustee retains all rights to object to any rate increase on all grounds, including the reasonableness standard set forth in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Court retains the

right to review any rate increase pursuant to section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 7. To the extent the Application is inconsistent with this Order, the terms of this Order shall govern.
- 8. Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary or appropriate to carry out the relief granted in this Order.
- 9. This Court retains jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Order.

Signed: October 14, 2024

Alfredo R Pérez

United States Bankruptcy Judge