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

In re:

Chapter 11

RHODIUM ENCORE LLC, et al.,¹

Debtors.

(Jointly Administered)

Case No. 24-90448 (ARP)

SAFE AHG'S MOTION TO SEAL THE SAFE AHG EMERGENCY MOTION TO TERMINATE EXCLUSIVITY

If you object to the relief requested, you must respond in writing. Unless otherwise directed by the Court, you must file your response electronically at https://ecf.txsb.uscourts.gov/ within twenty-one days from the date this motion is filed. If you do not have electronic filing privileges, you must file a written objection that is actually received by the clerk within twenty-one days from the date this motion was filed. Otherwise, the Court may treat the pleading as unopposed and grant the relief requested.

The Ad Hoc Group (the "SAFE AHG") of parties to Simple Agreements for Future Equity

("SAFEs") with Debtor Rhodium Enterprises, Inc. ("REI") in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases

(the "Chapter 11 Cases") of Rhodium Encore LLC and its affiliated debtors and debtors in

possession (the "Debtors" or "Rhodium"), by and through its counsel, files this Motion to Seal

("Motion to Seal") confidential information included in the SAFE AHG Emergency Motion to

Terminate Exclusivity ("Termination Motion") and respectfully submits the following.

¹ The 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), Air HPC LLC (0387), Rhodium Renewables Sub LLC (9511), Rhodium Shared Services LLC (5868), and Rhodium Technologies LLC (3973). The mailing and service address of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases is 2617 Bissonnet Street, Suite 234, Houston, TX 77005.



<u>RELIEF REQUESTED</u>

1. By this Motion to Seal, pursuant to sections 105(a) and 107(b) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"), Rule 9018 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>"), and Rule 9037-1 of the Bankruptcy Local Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "<u>Local Rules</u>"), the SAFE AHG respectfully requests entry of an order authorizing the SAFE AHG (i) to file an unredacted version of the Termination Motion under seal; and (ii) to file an unsealed version of the Termination Motion that redacts all Confidential and Highly Confidential – Professionals' Eyes Only information, as defined in the *Stipulated Protective Order*, ECF No. 152 ("<u>Protective Order</u>"), dated September 18, 2024 (collectively, "<u>Confidential Information</u>").

2. A proposed form of order granting the relief requested herein is annexed hereto as Exhibit A (the "Proposed Order").

3. The SAFE AHG will file an unsealed, redacted version of the Termination Motion on the public docket and will provide an unredacted version of the Termination Motion to the Debtors and to other parties in interest upon further court order or upon agreement of the Debtors, the SAFE AHG, and other designating parties in interest (the "<u>Parties</u>").

JURISDICTION, VENUE, AND LEGAL PREDICATE

4. This Court has jurisdiction with respect to this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(b)(1) and 1334. This Motion to Seal is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). Venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1408.

5. The bases for the relief requested herein are Bankruptcy Code sections 105(a) and 107(b), Bankruptcy Rule 9018, and Rules 9037-1 and 9013-1 of the Local Rules.

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BACKGROUND

6. On August 24, 2024, each of the Debtors filed a voluntary petition for relief under

chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the

Southern District of Texas.

7. The Court has entered the Protective Order, ECF No. 152, to govern the disclosure

and use of confidential discovery materials in these Chapter 11 Cases.

8. The Protective Order provides:

All pleadings, memoranda supporting motions, briefs, deposition transcripts, discovery requests and responses, exhibits, and other documents that quote information from Confidential Information or Highly Confidential – Professionals' Eyes Only Information and Confidential Information and Highly Confidential – Professionals' Eyes Only Information if filed with the Court, shall be redacted from the Court filing (either by redacting the relevant text of the submission or redacting the entirety of any exhibit that has been designated as containing Confidential Information or Highly Confidential – Professionals' Eyes Only Information or Highly Confidential – Professionals' Eyes Only Information or Highly Confidential – Professionals' Eyes Only Information) or filed under seal pursuant to the Court's rules governing sealed documents, unless the Designating Party consents in writing to such Confidential Information or Highly Confidential – Professionals' Eyes Only Information being filed publicly.

9. The Parties are signatories to the Protective Order.

RELIEF REQUESTED SHOULD BE GRANTED

10. Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code codifies the Court's inherent, equitable powers, and empowers it to "issue any order, process, or judgment that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this title." 11 U.S.C § 105(a). Moreover, pursuant to section 107(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Court may authorize the SAFE AHG to redact Confidential Information in the publicly filed Termination Motion, and to file the non-public Termination Motion under seal, by permitting the issuance of an order that protects entities from potential harm that may result from the disclosure of certain confidential information. *See* 11 U.S.C. § 107(b). Specifically, section 107(b) provides, in relevant part:

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On request of a party in interest, the bankruptcy court shall, and on the bankruptcy court's own motion, the bankruptcy court may -(1) protect an entity with respect to a trade secret or confidential research, development, or commercial information.

11 U.S.C. § 107(b).

11. Bankruptcy Rule 9018 sets forth the procedures by which a party may obtain a protective order authorizing the filing of a document under seal. Bankruptcy Rule 9018 provides, in relevant part, "[o]n motion, or on its own initiative, with or without notice, the court may make any order which justice requires (1) to protect the estate or any entity in respect of a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information." Bankruptcy Rule 9018; *see also* Local Rule 9037-1 ("A motion, reply or other document may initially be filed under seal if the filing party simultaneously files a motion requesting that the document be maintained under seal.").

12. The Confidential Information the SAFE AHG seeks to seal here quotes or is derived from documents that the Debtors and the Special Committee of the board of directors of Debtor REI designated as Confidential or Highly Confidential – Professionals' Eyes Only. The SAFE AHG is therefore compelled to submit such information under seal in accordance with the terms of the applicable Protective Order.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

13. Notwithstanding the filing of this Motion to Seal, the SAFE AHG reserves all of its rights, remedies, claims, and defenses with respect to the propriety of the confidentiality designations applied to the information subject to this Motion to Seal, including whether such information satisfies the requirements for protection under the standards set forth in the Protective Order and/or applicable law.

NO PREVIOUS REQUEST

14. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made by the SAFE AHG to this or any other court.

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WHEREFORE, the SAFE AHG respectfully requests entry of the Proposed Order granting the relief requested herein and such other and further relief the Court may deem just and appropriate.

Dated: June 6, 2025

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on June 6, 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

> <u>/s/ Sarah Link Schultz</u> Sarah Link Schultz

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(Jointly Administered)

ORDER GRANTING THE SAFE AHG'S MOTION TO SEAL THE SAFE AHG EMERGENCY MOTION TO TERMINATE EXCLUSIVITY

Upon the motion (the "<u>Motion to Seal</u>") of the Ad Hoc Group (the "<u>SAFE AHG</u>") of parties to Simple Agreements for Future Equity with Debtor Rhodium Enterprises, Inc. seeking entry of an order pursuant to Bankruptcy Code² sections 105(a) and 107(b), Bankruptcy Rule 9018, and Local Rule 9037-1 authorizing the SAFE AHG (i) to file an unredacted version of the SAFE AHG Emergency Motion to Terminate Exclusivity ("<u>Termination Motion</u>") under seal; and (ii) to file an unsealed version of the Termination Motion that redacts all Confidential and Highly Confidential – Professionals' Eyes Only information, as defined in the Protective Order, as more fully set forth in the Motion to Seal; and this Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion to Seal and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334; and consideration of the Motion to Seal and requested relief being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and it appearing that

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² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Termination Motion.

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venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1408; and due and proper notice of the Motion to Seal having been provided; and such notice having been adequate and appropriate under the circumstances, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion to Seal; and all objections, if any, to the Motion to Seal having been withdrawn, resolved, or overruled; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion to Seal establish just cause for the relief granted here; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion to Seal is GRANTED.

2. The SAFE AHG is authorized to file an unredacted version of the Termination Motion under seal.

3. The SAFE AHG is authorized to file an unsealed version of the Termination Motion that redacts all Confidential and Highly Confidential – Professionals' Eyes Only information, as defined in the Protective Order.

4. The information marked as Confidential or Highly Confidential – Professionals' Eyes Only (collectively, "<u>Confidential Information</u>") contained within the unredacted version of the Termination Motion shall remain confidential and under seal, and absent further order of this Court, shall not be made available to anyone, except that copies shall be provided (i) to the Court and Clerk, (ii) to the Debtors, and (iv) to other persons upon further order of the Court or upon agreement of the Debtors, the SAFE AHG, and other designating parties in interest (the "<u>Parties</u>").

5. Any party who receives an unredacted version of the Termination Motion, in accordance with this Order, shall be made aware of the terms of this Order, and shall keep the

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Confidential Information contained therein strictly confidential.

6. This Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

7. The Parties, including the SAFE AHG, are authorized to take all actions necessary

to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Termination Motion.

8. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or relating to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Dated: , 2025

Houston, Texas

Hon. Judge Alfredo R. Perez United States Bankruptcy Judge