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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In re:

THRASIO HOLDINGS, INC., et al.,

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-11840 (CMG)

(Jointly Administered)

Re: Docket Nos. 10 & 74



Order Filed on April 4, 2024 by Clerk U.S. Bankruptcy Court District of New Jersey

# FINAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES

The relief set forth on the following pages, numbered three (3) through eight (8), is **ORDERED**.

**DATED: April 4, 2024** 

Honorable Christine M. Gravelle United States Bankruptcy Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The last four digits of Debtor Thrasio Holdings, Inc.'s tax identification number are 8327. A complete list of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases and each such Debtor's tax identification number may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at <a href="https://www.kccllc.net/Thrasio">https://www.kccllc.net/Thrasio</a>. The Debtors' service address for purposes of these chapter 11 cases is 85 West Street, 3rd Floor, Walpole, MA, 02081.



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Upon the *Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders Authorizing the Payment* of Certain Taxes and Fees (the "Motion")<sup>2</sup> of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") for entry of a final order (this "Final Order"), authorizing the Debtors to (i) negotiate, remit, and pay (or use tax credits to offset) prepetition Taxes and Fees and postpetition Taxes and Fees as they become due and owing in the ordinary course of business that become payable during these chapter 11 cases including obligations arising on account of an Audit or Assessment, and (ii) undertake the Tax Planning Activities, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order of Reference to the Bankruptcy Court Under Title 11 of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, entered July 23, 1984, and amended on September 18, 2012 (Simandle, C.J.); and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion was appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

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

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1. The Motion is **GRANTED** on a final basis as set forth herein.

2. The Debtors are authorized on a final basis to: (a) negotiate, pay, and remit (or use tax credits to offset), or otherwise satisfy the Taxes and Fees (including corresponding Assessments) that arose or accrued prior to the Petition Date and that will become due and owing in the ordinary course of business; and (b) negotiate, pay and remit (or use tax credits to offset) Taxes and Fees that arise or accrue in the ordinary course of business on a postpetition basis—including, for the avoidance of doubt, posting collateral or a letter of credit in connection with any dispute related to the Audits or Assessments or paying any Taxes and Fees arising as a result of the Audits or Assessments; *provided* that notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Motion, in the event the Debtors make a payment with respect to any Taxes and Fees for the prepetition portion of any "straddle" amount, and this Court subsequently determines such amount was not entitled to priority or administrative treatment under section 507(a)(8) or 503(b)(1)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors may (but shall not be required to) seek an order from the Court requiring a return of such amounts.

3. The Debtors shall (a) provide the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, appointed on March 12, 2024 in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the "Committee"), with information regarding any and all Audits or Assessments, as well as any disputes related thereto, whether now existing or subsequently commenced during the course of the chapter 11 cases; (b) consult with the Committee before settling and/or paying any Taxes and Fees in excess of \$1,000,000 arising as a result of the Audits or Assessments; and (c) provide the Committee with five (5) business days' notice prior to entering into any settlements of claims for Taxes and Fees asserted in excess of \$1,000,000.

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4. The Debtors are authorized to continue paying Taxes and Fees on behalf of certain of their non-Debtor affiliates, including any prepetition amounts related thereto, in the ordinary course of business during these chapter 11 cases, consistent with historical practices, *provided* that the Debtors keep clear records of all such payments.

- 5. Subject to the terms of this Final Order, the Debtors are further authorized to settle some or all of the prepetition Taxes and Fees for less than their face amount without further notice or hearing.
- 6. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Motion, the Debtors are authorized to file amended tax returns, including for prepetition periods, and pay any Taxes and Fees in connection therewith.
- 7. Notwithstanding the relief granted herein or any actions taken hereunder, nothing contained in this Final Order shall create any rights in favor of, or enhance the status of any claim held by, any of the Authorities.
- 8. Nothing in this Final Order authorizes the Debtors to accelerate any payments not otherwise due and, for the avoidance of doubt, the Debtors shall not pay any Taxes and Fees before such Taxes and Fees are due to the applicable Authority.
- 9. To the extent that the Debtors have overpaid any Taxes and Fees, the Debtors are authorized to seek a refund or credit.
- 10. The Debtors, in consultation with the Ad Hoc Group, are further authorized to undertake the Tax Planning Activities, as more fully described in the Motion *provided, however*, that the Debtors will give the U.S. Trustee and advisors to the Committee and any other statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases five (5) business days' notice before effectuating

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any such Tax Planning Activity, during which time the U.S. Trustee or any such statutory committee may object to such Tax Planning Activities and request a hearing before the Court.

11. The Debtors' rights to contest the validity or priority of any Taxes and Fees on any grounds they deem appropriate are reserved and extend to the payment of Taxes and Fees relating to Audits that have been completed, are in progress, or arise from prepetition periods.

- 12. The Debtors shall provide the advisors to the Committee with reasonable access to the Debtors and their advisors with respect to all obligations paid pursuant to this Final Order.
- 13. The banks and financial institutions on which checks were drawn or electronic payment requests made in payment of the prepetition obligations approved herein are authorized to receive, process, honor, and pay all such checks and electronic payment requests when presented for payment, and all such banks and financial institutions are authorized to rely on the Debtors' designation of any particular check or electronic payment request as approved by this Final Order.
- 14. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Final Order, and no action taken pursuant to the relief requested or granted (including any payment made in accordance with this Final Order), is intended as or shall be construed or deemed to be: (a) an admission as to the amount of, basis for, priority of, or validity of any claim against the Debtors under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's right (including by the Committee) to dispute any claim on any grounds, including, but not limited to, the right of the Committee to seek to challenge the characterization of any intercompany claims as equity; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) an implication, admission or finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim, other priority claim or otherwise of a type specified or defined in the Motion or this Final Order except as otherwise

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provided for in this Final Order; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates; or (g) a waiver or limitation of any claims, causes of action or other rights of the Debtors or any other party in interest (including the Committee) against any person or entity under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law. The Committee also expressly reserves all rights with respect to the allocation of administrative expenses among Debtor entities.

- 15. The Debtors are authorized to issue postpetition checks, or to effect postpetition fund transfer requests, in replacement of any checks or fund transfer requests that are dishonored as a consequence of these chapter 11 cases with respect to prepetition amounts owed in connection with the relief granted herein.
- Order, any payment to be made, obligation incurred, or relief or authorization granted hereunder shall not be inconsistent with, and shall be subject to and in compliance with, the requirements imposed on the Debtors under the terms of each interim and final order entered by the Court in respect of *Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Obtain Postpetition Secured Financing, (II) Granting Liens and Providing Superpriority Administrative Expense Claims, (III) Authorizing the Use of Cash Collateral, (IV) Granting Adequate Protection, (V) Modifying the Automatic Stay, and (VI) Scheduling a Final Hearing filed substantially contemporaneously herewith (the "DIP Orders"), including compliance with any budget or cash flow forecast in connection therewith and any other terms and conditions thereof.*

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Nothing herein is intended to modify, alter, or waive, in any way, any terms, provisions, requirements, or restrictions of the DIP Orders.

- 17. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.
- 18. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Final Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.
- 19. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Final Order in accordance with the Motion.
- 20. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Final Order.