# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

	Hearing Date: March 29, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (ET) Objection Deadline: March 22, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)
Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)
FTX TRADING LTD., et al.,1	Case No. 22-11068 (JTD)
In re:	Chapter 11

MOTION OF DEBTORS FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SALE OF DEBTORS' INTERESTS IN SEQUOIA CAPITAL FUND, L.P. FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS, CLAIMS, INTERESTS AND ENCUMBRANCES; (II) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING DEBTORS' ENTRY INTO, AND PERFORMANCE UNDER, THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT; (III) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN CONTRACTS; AND (IV) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

FTX Trading Ltd. ("<u>FTX Trading</u>") and its affiliated debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") hereby submit this motion (this "<u>Motion</u>") for entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> (the "<u>Order</u>"), pursuant to sections 105(a), 363 and 365 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et seq*. (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"), rules 2002, 6004, 6006, 9007, 9008 and 9014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>") and rules 2002-1, 6004-1 and 9006-1 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Local Rules</u>"), (a) authorizing and approving the sale (the "<u>Sale</u> Transaction") of the limited partnership interests (the "Interests") held by the Debtors in Sequoia

https://cases.ra.kroll.com/FTX.

The last four digits of FTX Trading Ltd.'s and Alameda Research LLC's tax identification numbers are 3288 and 4063, respectively. Due to the large number of debtor entities in these Chapter 11 Cases, a complete list of the Debtors and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at

Capital Fund, L.P. (the "Subject Company") free and clear of all liens, claims, interests and encumbrances in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement; (b) authorizing and approving the Debtors' entry into, and performance under, the Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of March 8, 2023, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B (the "Agreement"), between Debtor, Clifton Bay Investments LLC (formerly known as Alameda Research Ventures LLC), a Delaware limited liability company ("Seller"), and Al Nawwar Investments RSC Limited, a company with limited liability incorporated under the laws of the Abu Dhabi Global Market ("Purchaser"); (c) authorizing and approving the assumption and assignment of the Amended and Restated Exempted Limited Partnership Agreement of Sequoia Capital Fund, L.P., dated as of February 8, 2022, and any shareholders agreements, management agreements, bylaws, side letters and other documents and agreements governing the rights and obligations of Seller, as an investor in the Subject Company as set forth in the Agreement (collectively, the "Operative Documents"); and (d) granting related relief. In further support of this Motion, the Debtors submit the concurrently filed declaration of Bruce Mendelsohn attached hereto as Exhibit C (the "Mendelsohn Declaration"), which is incorporated herein by reference, and the Debtors respectfully state as follows:

### **Background**

1. On November 11 and November 14, 2022 (as applicable, the "Petition Date"), the Debtors filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") voluntary petitions for relief under the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. Joint administration of these Chapter 11 Cases was authorized by the Court by entry of an order on November 22, 2022 [D.I. 128]. On December 15, 2022, the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the

- "<u>U.S. Trustee</u>") appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "<u>Committee</u>") pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code [D.I. 231].
- 2. Additional factual background relating to the Debtors' businesses and the commencement of these Chapter 11 Cases is set forth in the *Declaration of John J. Ray III in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Pleadings* [D.I. 24], the *Declaration of Edgar W. Mosley II in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Pleadings* [D.I. 57], the *Supplemental Declaration of John J. Ray III in Support of First Day Pleadings* [D.I. 92] and the *Supplemental Declaration of Edgar W. Mosley II in Support of First Day Pleadings* [D.I. 93] (collectively, the "First Day Declarations").

#### **Jurisdiction**

3. The Court has jurisdiction to consider this Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012. This matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper in the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a), 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, 6006, 9007, 9008 and 9014 and Local Rules 2002-1, 6004-1 and 9006-1. Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(f), the Debtors consent to the entry of a final order or judgment by the Court in connection with this Motion to the extent it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

#### **Facts Specific to Relief Requested**

#### I. Debtors' Investment in the Subject Company

4. Prior to the Petition Date, the Debtors regularly entered into and exited investments across a variety of asset categories, including interests in privately held companies

(including in the form of preferred stock, common stock, warrants and notes), debt and equity securities in publicly traded companies, investments in crypto, venture capital or other investment funds, and investments in coins, tokens and token platforms. The Debtors also acquired controlling or 100% interests in early-stage private companies. The Debtors' investments and acquisitions spanned several industries, including, among others, crypto and crypto mining, financial services, fintech, artificial intelligence, gaming, betting and social media. A number of these assets were held purely for purposes of investment and, as a result, were meant to be monetized over time rather than integrated into the Debtors' core crypto exchange businesses conducted in the Dotcom and WRS Silos as described in the First Day Declarations. Prior to the Petition Date, (i) the Debtors in the Alameda Silo operated quantitative trading funds specializing in crypto assets, offered over-the-counter trading services and made and managed other debt and equity investments, and (ii) the Debtors in the Ventures Silo made and managed private investments through Debtors Clifton Bay Investments, LLC, Clifton Bay Investments Ltd., FTX Ventures Ltd., Island Bay Ventures Inc. and certain affiliated non-Debtor entities.

- 5. Seller, which is a Debtor entity in the Ventures Silo, acquired the Interests in the Subject Company on March 11, 2022, with an aggregate capital commitment of \$100,000,000 in U.S. dollars (fiat currency).
- 6. The Subject Company is governed by the Operative Documents. Pursuant to the Operative Documents, each limited partner, including Seller, is required to contribute a certain, pre-determined amount of capital (the "Capital Commitment"), which capital is used by the Subject Company's general partner to invest in portfolio companies. Generally, when an investment need or opportunity arises, the Subject Company's general partner will request,

pursuant to the terms of the applicable Operative Documents, that the limited partners contribute capital to the partnership in order to finance the investment (a "Capital Call"). When a Capital Call is made, each limited partner is required to remit the requested funds to the general partner of the partnership in an amount not to exceed the applicable Capital Commitment. Pursuant to the Operative Documents, Seller has a Capital Commitment to the Subject Company of approximately \$100,000,000, of which, to date, Seller has contributed approximately \$50,000,000.

- 7. Pursuant to the Operative Documents, a limited partner's failure to satisfy a Capital Call may impact the value of the limited partner's investment. Under Operative Documents, this includes, among other things, the imposition of default interest, reduction in profit participation, forfeiture of all capital accounts and required redemption at a significant discount. In light of the value of the Subject Company and the potential diminution of value that may occur if the Subject Company were to continue to issue Capital Calls, the Debtors determined that it would be in the best interest of the Debtors' estates to sell the Interests to Purchaser at this time.
- 8. The Interests are easily separated from the Debtors' core operations, and the sale of the Interests will not affect the Debtors' abilities to operate any of their businesses. Further, since any income that might be generated by the Interests is uncertain and would only be received at the discretion of the Subject Company's general partner, the Interests will not generate significant value to the Debtors' estates in the short term and may not result in any additional value in the long term. Moreover, as a limited partner of the Subject Company, Seller is obligated to pay certain fees and expenses periodically to the general partner of the Subject Company, which imposes additional burden on the Debtors' estates. Accordingly, the sale of the

Interests would maximize the value of the Debtors' estates, and it is in the best interest of the Debtors' estates to dispose of the Interests at this time through a private sale transaction.

#### **II.** Marketing Process

- 9. The Debtors, with the assistance of their investment banker, Perella Weinberg Partners ("<u>PWP</u>"), designed a process to market the Interests in an efficient and competitive sales process, taking into account consent rights of the general partner of the Subject Company over potential transferees and the Debtors' business judgment that a consensual sale process would maximize potential value. Such efforts included creating and reaching out to a proprietary list of potential acquirers for the Interests. *See* Mendelsohn Declaration ¶ 11.
- 10. As a result of the marketing efforts, the Debtors entered into non-disclosure agreements with eight potential purchasers and provided all such potential purchasers access to information on the Interests. The Debtors ultimately received indications of interest from four parties, including an indication of interest from Purchaser, on February 20, 2023, and engaged in good-faith negotiations with two parties, including Purchaser, regarding the terms of the Agreement. After thoroughly evaluating the bids from all of the parties with the assistance of PWP, the Debtors decided to enter into the Agreement with Purchaser based on its superior offer and ability to execute the Sale Transaction within a short time frame. *See* Mendelsohn Declaration ¶¶ 12-14.

#### **III.** Sale Transaction

11. On March 8, 2023, Seller and Purchaser executed the Agreement, which contains the following material terms:<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used in this Section III but not otherwise defined herein are to be given the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement. To the extent that there are inconsistencies between any summary description of the Agreement contained herein and the terms of the Agreement, the terms of the Agreement shall govern.

Purchase Price	As set forth in section 1.3 of the Agreement, the aggregate purchase price for the Interests and the interests of Seller in the Operative Documents consists of (i) \$45,000,000 in cash, plus (ii) the aggregate amount of any Capital Contributions after the Balance Sheet Date and on or prior to the Closing Date, minus (iii) the aggregate amount of any Distributions received by Seller or Seller's estate after the Balance Sheet Date and on or prior to the Closing Date that are not held for and delivered to Purchaser pursuant to Section 1.4, plus (iv) the Cure Costs, if any, paid by Seller after the date hereof and prior to the Closing Date, and shall be payable without any withholding or deduction.
Closing Date	The closing of the transactions contemplated by the Agreement (the "Closing") will take place at 6:00 a.m., Eastern Time, at the offices of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, 125 Broad Street, New York, NY 10004 or remotely via electronic exchange of documents and signatures on (i) March 31, 2023 if all of the conditions to closing specified in Article 5 are satisfied or waived by such time; and, if not, then on (ii) June 30, 2023, provided that all of the conditions to closing specified in Article 5 are satisfied or waived by such time, or (iii) at such other time as Purchaser and Seller shall agree in writing (the "Closing Date").
Assignment of Operative Document	Upon the Closing Date, Seller shall assign all rights and obligations under the Operative Documents to Purchaser.
Cure Costs	Purchaser shall be responsible for all Cure Costs, if any, in respect of the Operative Documents, which shall not be the obligation, liability or responsibility of Seller.
<b>Conditions to Closing</b>	There are no financing conditions to Closing, and customary conditions precedent to Closing are set forth in Article 5 of the Agreement, all of which the Debtors believe either are or will be satisfied prior to Closing. Seller has obtained the Subject Company's consent to the Sale Transaction as of the date of the Agreement. The Agreement requires the entry of a Sale Order authorizing and approving the Sale Transaction prior to Closing.
Transfer Taxes	To the extent not exempt under section 1146 of the Bankruptcy Code, Purchaser shall pay all transfer taxes.
Private Sale/Ability to Solicit Additional Bids	The Debtors do not intend to conduct an auction for the sale of the Interests, which have been subject to marketing efforts as described herein.
	However, as set forth in section 4.2 of the Agreement, from and after the date thereof until three days before the Sale Hearing, Seller may solicit bids for the sale of the Interests and respond to inquiries or offers to purchase the Subject Company and/or its assets. After such period, Seller may not solicit bids for the sale

	of the Interests, but may still respond to bona fide proposals for an Alternative Transaction if Seller determines in good faith, in consultation with the Committee, that such proposal constitutes a higher or otherwise better offer for the interests and Seller gives prompt written notice to Purchaser of Seller's intention to engage in discussions with the third party submitting such proposal.
Fiduciary Out	The Agreement may be terminated by Seller if Seller or the board of directors of Seller determines that proceeding with the Transactions or failing to terminate the Agreement would be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties.
Sale of Avoidance Actions	The Agreement does not involve the sale of, or impose limitations on, any avoidance actions under chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code.
Sale of Causes of Actions	The sale of the Interests does not include the sale of any causes of action held by any of the Debtors against any person or entity, including but not limited to causes of action against Samuel Bankman-Fried, Gary Wang, Nishad Singh, Caroline Ellison or any person known by the Debtors to have a familial relationship with any of the foregoing persons.

12. In addition to the material terms of the Agreement described above, in accordance with Local Rule 6004-1(b)(iv), the Debtors note the following with respect to the Sale Transaction:

No Sale to an Insider	Purchaser is not an insider of Seller or any of the other Debtors within the meaning set forth in section 101(31) of the Bankruptcy Code. <i>See</i> Local Rule 6004-1(b)(iv)(A).
Agreements with Management	Purchaser has not discussed or entered into any agreements with the Debtors' management or key employees regarding compensation or future employment. <i>See</i> Local Rule 6004-1(b)(iv)(B).
Releases	None. See Local Rule 6004-1(b)(iv)(C).
Private Sale/No Competitive Bidding	No auction will be conducted, as described above. See Local Rule 6004-1(b)(iv)(D).
Closing and Other Deadline	As described above. See Local Rule 6004-1(b)(iv)(E).
<b>Good Faith Deposit</b>	None. See Local Rule 6004-1(b)(iv)(F).
Interim Arrangements with Purchaser	None. See Local Rule 6004-1(b)(iv)(G).

<b>Use of Proceeds</b>	None. See Local Rule 6004-1(b)(iv)(H).	
Tax Exemption	None. See Local Rule 6004-1(b)(iv)(I).	
Record Retention	Not applicable. The Debtors are not selling substantially all of their assets under the Agreement. <i>See</i> Local Rule 6004-1(b)(iv)(J).	
Sale of Avoidance Actions	None, as described above. See Local Rule 6004-1(b)(iv)(K).	
Requested Findings as to Successor Liability	A condition to Closing is entry of the Order, which shall provide that Purchaser under no circumstances shall be deemed to be a successor of the Debtors. <i>See</i> Local Rule 6004-1(b)(iv)(L).	
Sale Free and Clear of Unexpired Leases	Not applicable. See Local Rule 6004-1(b)(iv)(M).	
Credit Bid	Not applicable. See Local Rule 6004-1(b)(iv)(N).	
Relief from Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d)	The Debtors request a waiver of the 14-day stay imposed by Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d). See Local Rule 6004-1(b)(iv)(O).	

13. The Sale Transaction will also involve the assignment of Seller's rights, titles and interests in the Operative Documents to the Purchaser so that the Purchaser may be admitted as a limited partner in the Subject Company. The Debtors are not taking a position at this time as to whether the Operative Documents are executory contracts, but are seeking to assume and assign the Operative Documents to the Purchaser under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code to the extent they are executory contracts and under section 363 as assets of the Debtors to the extent such agreements are non-executory. The general partner of the Subject Company has consented to such transfer to the Purchaser.

#### **Relief Requested**

14. By this Motion, the Debtors seek entry of the Order, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, (a) authorizing and approving the Sale Transaction, free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances); (b) authorizing and approving the

Debtors' entry into, and performance under, the Agreement; (c) authorizing and approving the assumption and assignment of the Operative Documents; and (d) granting related relief.

### **Basis for Relief**

### I. The Court Should Approve the Sale Under 11 U.S.C. § 363(b).

- 15. Section 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in relevant part, that "[t]he trustee, after notice and a hearing, may use, sell or lease, other than in the ordinary course of business, property of the estate." 11 U.S.C. § 363(b)(1). Although section 363 does not provide a standard establishing when it is appropriate for bankruptcy courts to authorize the sale of a debtor's assets, courts in this district have held that such a sale may be authorized under section 363 if the court finds a "sound business purpose" for the sale. See Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank, Ltd. v. Montgomery Ward Holding Corp. (In re Montgomery Ward Holding Corp.), 242 B.R. 147, 153 (D. Del. 1999) (citing *In re Lionel Corp.*, 722 F.2d 1063, 1071 (2d Cir. 1983)) (citations omitted); Culp v. Stanziale (In re Culp), 550 B.R. 683, 697 (D. Del. 2015), appeal dismissed, 681 Fed. Appx. 140 (3d Cir. 2017). In evaluating whether a sale under section 363 is justified by a sound business purpose, courts consider a variety of factors which essentially amount to a business judgment test. See In re Culp, 550 B.R. at 697 (citing In re Montgomery Ward Holding Corp., 242 B.R. at 153). In Delaware, the business judgment rule is a "presumption that directors act in good faith, on an informed basis, honestly believing that their action is in the best interests of the company." Stanizale v. Nachtomi (In re Tower Air, Inc.), 416 F.3d 229, 238 (3d Cir. 2005) (citing Aronson v. Lewis, 473 A.2d 805, 812 (Del. 1984)); see also In re Integrated Res., Inc., 147 B.R. 650, 656 (S.D.N.Y. 1992) (holding that Delaware's business judgment rule principles have "vitality by analogy" in chapter 11).
- 16. Courts have considered the following factors in determining whether a proposed sale satisfies this standard: (a) whether a sound business justification exists for the

sale; (b) whether adequate and reasonable notice of the sale was provided to interested parties; (c) whether the sale will produce a fair and reasonable price for the property; and (d) whether the parties have acted in good faith. *See In re Decora Indus., Inc.*, No. 00-4459 (JJF), 2002 WL 32332749, at \*2 (D. Del. May 20, 2002) (citing *In re Del. & Hudson Ry. Co.*, 124 B.R. 169, 176 (D. Del. 1991)); *see also In re Elpida Memory, Inc.*, No. 12-10947 (CSS), 2012 Bankr. LEXIS 5367, at \*18 (Bankr. D. Del. Nov. 16, 2012).

#### A. A Sound Business Justification Exists for the Sale

- 17. A sound business purpose for the sale of a debtor's assets outside the ordinary course of business exists where such sale is necessary to maximize and preserve the value of the estate for the benefit of creditors and interest holders. *See, e.g., In re Mushroom Transp. Co.*, 382 F.3d 325, 339 (3d Cir. 2004) (finding that a debtor had a fiduciary duty to protect and maximize the value of the estate's assets); *In re Lionel Corp.*, 722 F.2d at 1071; *Four B. Corp.* v. *Food Barn Stores, Inc.* (*In re Food Barn Stores, Inc.*), 107 F.3d 558, 564–65 (8th Cir. 1997).
- Moreover, Bankruptcy Rule 6004(f)(1) permits a debtor to conduct private sales or sales without an auction and courts in this district have held that a debtor may conduct a private sale when a good business reason exists. *See, e.g., In re RTI Holding Company, LLC*, No. 20-12456 (JTD) (Feb. 1, 2021), D.I. 1006 (approving the private sale of real property for approximately \$1.6 million); *In re PQ New York, Inc.*, No. 20-11266 (JTD) (June 29, 2020), D.I. 435 (approving the private sale of assets for approximately \$3 million); *In re Nortel Networks Inc.*, No. 09-10138 (KG) (Nov. 23, 2010), D.I. 4402 (approving the private sale of limited partnership interests and limited liability corporation interests for approximately \$22.8 million); *In re W.R. Grace & Co.*, No. 01–01139 (JKF) (Dec. 17, 2008), D.I. 20284 (authorizing the private sale of limited partnership interests for approximately \$8 million).

- business judgment and is justified under sections 363(b) and 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors believe that a prompt sale of the Interests will enable the Debtors to defray or avoid any operational, carrying or other expenses associated with the Interests, including management fees and potential future Capital Calls of which \$50,000,000 of capital commitments remain unfunded, and protect the Debtors against the potential declining value of the Interests. Selling or transferring the Interests pursuant to the proposed Sale Transaction in a private sale is the most efficient and cost-effective means of minimizing costs to the estates while maximizing the value for the benefit of the estates. *See* Mendelsohn Declaration ¶ 19. As such, the Debtors submit that good business reason exists for conducting a private sale under the circumstances and that the proposed Sale Transaction is justified by a sound business purpose.
- 20. Notice of this Motion has been provided to the following parties: (A) the U.S. Trustee; (B) counsel to the Committee; (C) any known affected creditor(s) asserting a lien, claim or encumbrance against, or interest in, the relevant Interests; (D) the non-Debtor counterparties to all executory contracts that the Debtors propose to assume or assume and assign in connection with such sale, as applicable; (E) the Subject Company; (F) any party that has expressed an interest in purchasing the Interests during the last six months; (G) any interested or affected governmental or regulatory entity, including the Internal Revenue Service, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the United States Department of Justice; and (H) any other party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The Debtors submit that all parties

Adequate and Reasonable Notice of the Sale Was Provided to Interested Parties

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further notice need be provided.

with an interest in the Sale Transaction have been given adequate notice and that no other or

- C. The Sale Will Produce a Fair and Reasonable Price for the Property
- 21. The Debtors believe that the sale of the Interests to Purchaser through a private sale is the best way to maximize value for their estates.
- 22. The Debtors believe that the Purchase Price for the Interests is fair and reasonable. The Debtors ensured that sale of the Interests would reflect their fair market value by, with the assistance of PWP, robustly marketing the Interests and conducting arm's-length negotiations. The Debtors carefully considered and analyzed the offer as set forth in the Agreement in comparison to its other options and concluded that a sale of the Interests will result in obtaining maximum value for the Interests, and is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates and creditors. The Purchase Price is higher than Seller's latest available capital account balance as of September 30, 2022. Among the offers received by the Debtors, Purchaser's offer is the highest or otherwise best offer and would provide a greater recovery for the Debtors' estates. See Mendelsohn Declaration ¶ 17.
- 23. As set forth in section 4.2(a) of the Agreement, the Purchase Price is subject to any higher or better offers from any third party in the form of an Alternative Transaction under the Agreement, which can be solicited for up to three days prior to the Hearing Date. Further, as provided by section 6.1(h) of the Agreement, the Purchase Price is also subject to a "fiduciary out" where the Agreement can be terminated by the board of directors (or similar governing body) of Seller if it is determined to be inconsistent with its fiduciary duties. In addition, pursuant to section 4.2(b) of the Agreement, if an Alternative Transaction is received by the Debtors, Seller has the right, but not the obligation, to terminate the Agreement upon entering into a definitive agreement with respect to such Alternative Transaction.

  Accordingly, the Debtors submit that the proposed Sale Transaction will produce a fair and reasonable price.

- D. The Parties Have Acted in Good Faith and Purchaser Should Be Entitled to the Good Faith Protections of Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code
- 24. Section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code protects a good faith purchaser's interest in property purchased from the debtor notwithstanding that authorization of the sale conducted under section 363(b) is later reversed or modified on appeal. Specifically, section 363(m) provides, in relevant part, as follows:

The reversal or modification on appeal of an authorization under [section 363(b)] . . . does not affect the validity of a sale . . . to an entity that purchased . . . such property in good faith, whether or not such entity knew of the pendency of the appeal, unless such authorization and such sale . . . were stayed pending appeal.

11 U.S.C. § 363(m).

- 25. Section 363(m) "reflects the . . . 'policy of not only affording finality to the judgment of the bankruptcy court, but particularly to give finality to those orders and judgments upon which third parties rely." *In re Abbotts Dairies of Pa., Inc.*, 788 F.2d 143, 147 (3d Cir. 1986) (quoting *Hoese Corp.* v. *Vetter Corp.* (*In re Vetter Corp.*), 724 F.2d 52, 55 (7th Cir. 1983)); *see also United States* v. *Salerno*, 932 F.2d 117, 123 (2d Cir. 1991) (noting that section 363(m) furthers the policy of finality in bankruptcy sales and "assists bankruptcy courts in maximizing the price for assets sold in such proceedings").
- 26. While the Bankruptcy Code does not define "good faith," the Third Circuit has held that "the phrase encompasses one who purchases in 'good faith' and for 'value." *In re Abbotts Dairies of Pa., Inc.*, 788 F.2d at 147. To constitute lack of good faith, a purchaser's conduct in connection with a sale must usually amount to "fraud, collusion between the purchaser and other bidders or the trustee, or an attempt to take grossly unfair advantage of other bidders." *Id.* (quoting *In re Rock Indus. Mach. Corp.*, 572 F.2d 1195, 1198 (7th Cir. 1978)) (citations omitted). Due to the absence of a bright-line test for good faith, the determination is

based on the facts of each case, with a focus on the "integrity of [a bidder's] conduct in the course of the sale proceedings." *See id.*; *see also Pursuit Capital Mgmt. Fund I, L.P.* v. *Burtch (In re Pursuit Capital Mgmt., LLC)*, 874 F.3d 124, 135 (3d Cir. 2017).

27. The Debtors submit that the terms and conditions of the Agreement have been negotiated at arm's length without any indication of fraud or collusion between Seller and Purchaser. Purchaser is not an insider of the Debtors as that term is defined in section 101(31) of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Debtors believe that Purchaser has not engaged in any conduct that would indicate or constitute a lack of good faith. *See* Mendelsohn Declaration ¶ 20. Accordingly, the Debtors request the finding that Purchaser is a good-faith purchaser entitled to the protections of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code.

# II. The Sale Should Be Free and Clear of All Liens, Claims, Interests and Encumbrances Under Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 28. The Debtors also request authorization to sell the Interests free and clear of all Liens (as defined in the Agreement), other than Permitted Encumbrances (as defined in the Agreement), in accordance with section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, with any such Liens attaching to the proceeds of the sale of the Interests.
- 29. The sale of estate property free and clear of any interest is governed by section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, which provides:

The trustee may sell property under subsection (b) or (c) of this section free and clear of any interest in such property of an entity other than the estate, only if—

- (1) applicable nonbankruptcy law permits sale of such property free and clear of such interest;
- (2) such entity consents;
- (3) such interest is a lien and the price at which such property is to be sold is greater than the aggregate value of all liens on such property;
- (4) such interest is in bona fide dispute; or

- such entity could be compelled, in a legal or equitable proceeding, to accept a money satisfaction of such interest.

  11 U.S.C. § 363(f).
- 30. Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code is drafted in the disjunctive: approval of a proposed sale of assets free and clear of interests requires only that one of the five requirements be satisfied with respect to each such interest. *See In re Kellstrom Indus., Inc.*, 282 B.R. 787, 793 (Bankr. D. Del. 2002) ("Section 363(f) is written in the disjunctive, not the conjunctive, and if any of the five conditions are met, the debtor has the authority to conduct the sale free and clear of all liens.") (citation omitted).
- 31. Furthermore, section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code grants the Court broad discretionary powers, providing that "[t]he Court may issue any order, process or judgment that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of [the Bankruptcy Code]." 11 U.S.C. § 105(a). This equitable power may be utilized to effectuate the provisions of section 363(f). *See, e.g., In re Trans World Airlines, Inc.*, No. 01-0056 (PJW), 2001 WL 1820325 (Bankr. D. Del. 2001), at \*8 (highlighting bankruptcy courts' equitable authority to authorize sale of estate assets free and clear).
- 32. The Debtors submit that the Sale Transaction satisfies one or more of the requirements of section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. First, absent any objection to the Sale Transaction, a holder of any liens, claims, interests and encumbrances shall be deemed to have consented to the Sale Transaction, and the Interests may be sold free and clear of all liens, claims, interests and encumbrances. *See, e.g., Hargrave* v. *Twp. of Pemberton (In re Tabone, Inc.)*, 175 B.R. 855, 858 (Bankr. D.N.J. 1994) (failure to object to sale free and clear of liens, claims, interests and encumbrances satisfies section 363(f)(2)) (citations omitted); *In re BSA*, 642 B.R. 504, 569 (Bankr. D. Del. 2022) (citing *In re Tabone, Inc.*, 175 B.R. at 858). Further, the

Debtor submits that any holder of liens, claims and encumbrances against or interests in the Interests could be compelled in a legal or equitable proceeding to accept a monetary satisfaction of their interests. *See, e.g., In re Southland Royalty Co. LLC*, 623 B.R. 64, 98 (Bankr. D. Del. 2021).

- 33. A sale free and clear of all liens, claims, interests and encumbrances is necessary to maximize the value of the Interests. Not transferring the Interests free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances) would adversely impact the Debtors' efforts to maximize the value of the estates, and the transfer of the Interests other than pursuant to a transfer that is free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances). Purchaser would not have entered into the Agreement and will not consummate the Sale Transaction if the Interests were not transferred to Purchaser free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances). *See* Mendelsohn Declaration ¶ 22.
- 34. Furthermore, any Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances), existing immediately prior to the Closing will attach to the sale proceeds with the same validity, priority, force and effect as it had at such time, subject to the rights and defenses of the Debtors or any party-in-interest. The Debtors submit that holders of any Liens will be sufficiently protected by the availability of the proceeds of the sale to satisfy their claims and interests. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that the sale of the Interests free and clear of Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances), is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates and stakeholders.

#### III. The Assumption and Assignment of the Operative Documents Should Be Approved.

35. Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code provides that a debtor-in-possession may generally assume and assign any executory contract of the debtor, subject to approval of the court, if it: (a) cures, or provides adequate assurance that it (or its assignee) will promptly cure, the applicable defaults and (b) provides adequate assurance of future performance under such

contract, including by its assignee. 11 U.S.C. § 365. Courts employ the business judgment standard in determining whether to approve a debtor's decision to assume or reject an executory contract. *See, e.g., Mission Prod. Holdings* v. *Tempnology, LLC*, 139 S. Ct. 1652, 1658 (2019) (noting that a bankruptcy court will generally approve a debtors' choice to assume or reject an executory contract under the deferential business judgment rule) (citation omitted); *In re HQ Global Holdings, Inc.*, 290 B.R. 507, 511 (Bankr. D. Del. 2003) (holding that a debtor's decision to reject an executory contract "is governed by the business judgment standard" and "can only be overturned if the decision was the product of bad faith, whim or caprice") (citations omitted). The "business judgment" test in this context only requires that a debtor demonstrate that assumption or rejection of an executory contract benefits the estate. *See Sharon Steel Corp.* v. *Nat'l Fuel Gas Distribution Corp.*, 872 F.2d 36, 40 (3d Cir. 1989).

- 36. To the extent such agreements are executory contracts, assuming and assigning the applicable Operative Documents to Purchaser is an appropriate exercise of the Debtors' business judgment. Upon consummation of the Sale Transaction, the applicable Operative Documents will no longer have any value to the Debtors. By assuming and assigning the applicable Operative Documents to Purchaser, the Debtors will be able to avoid any damages claims that would arise from the rejection of the Operative Documents. The Debtors therefore submit that the assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents to Purchaser is an appropriate exercise of the Debtors' business judgment and should be approved.
- 37. The consummation of the Sale Transaction will be contingent upon the Debtors' compliance with the requirements of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.

  Section 365(b)(1) requires that any outstanding defaults under the contract to be assumed be cured or that the Debtors provide adequate assurance that such defaults will be promptly cured.

11 U.S.C. § 365(b)(1). To the Debtors' knowledge, there are no existing defaults under the Operative Documents.

- debtor may assign an executory contract or unexpired lease if "adequate assurance of future performance by the assignee of such contract or lease is provided." 11 U.S.C. § 365(f)(2). The meaning of "adequate assurance of future performance" depends on the facts and circumstances of each case, but should be given "practical, pragmatic construction." *See In re Fleming Cos.*, 499 F.3d 300, 307 (3d Cir. 2007) (citing *Cinicola* v. *Scharffenberger*, 248 F.3d 110, 120 n.10 (3d Cir. 2001)); *see also In re Bon Ton Rest. & Pastry Shop, Inc.*, 53 B.R. 789, 803 (Bankr. N.D. III. 1985) ("Although no single solution will satisfy every case, the required assurance will fall considerably short of an absolute guarantee of performance.") (citation omitted). Among other things, adequate assurance may be provided by evidencing the assignee's financial health and experience in managing the type of enterprise or property assigned. *See In re Bygaph, Inc.*, 56 B.R. 596, 605–06 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1986) (finding adequate assurance of future performance where prospective assignee of lease has financial resources and expressed willingness to devote sufficient funding to business to give it strong likelihood of succeeding).
- Transaction and satisfies the standard of providing adequate assurance of future performance.

  As set forth above, Purchaser is well-suited to consummate the Sale Transaction and satisfies the standard of providing adequate assurance of future performance. Purchaser is a well-capitalized subsidiary of Abu Dhabi Investment Council Company P.J.S.C., which is a joint stock company established by the Government of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. Abu Dhabi Investment Council Company P.J.S.C. is wholly owned by Mubadala Investment

Company P.J.S.C., which is itself wholly owned by the Government of the Emirate of Abu

Dhabi. Purchaser is an existing investor in the Subject Company and together with its affiliates
has a long history of investing in funds managed by the General Partner of the Subject Company.

40. In addition, to facilitate the assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents, the Debtors further request that the Court find that all applicable antiassignment provisions, whether such provisions expressly prohibit or have the effect of restricting or limiting assignment of such contract or lease, to be unenforceable and prohibited pursuant to section 365(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Section 365(f)(1) provides in part that, "notwithstanding a provision in an executory contract or unexpired lease of the debtor, or in applicable law, that prohibits, restricts, or conditions the assignment of such contract or lease, the trustee may assign such contract or lease . . . ." 11 U.S.C. § 365(f)(1). Section 365(f)(3) further provides that:

Notwithstanding a provision in an executory contract or unexpired lease of the debtor, or in applicable law that terminates or modifies, or permits a party other than the debtor to terminate or modify, such contract or lease or a right or obligation under such contract or lease on account of an assignment of such contract or lease, such contract, lease, right, or obligation may not be terminated or modified under such provision because of the assumption or assignment of such contract or lease by the trustee.

11 U.S.C. § 365(f)(3).

41. Based on the foregoing, the Debtors' assumption and assignment of the Operative Documents within the meaning of sections 365(b)(1)(B) and 365(f)(2)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code in connection with the sale of the Interests satisfies the requirements under Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and should be approved.

#### Bankruptcy Rules 6004(a), 6004(h) and 6006(d)

42. The Debtors request that the Court (a) find that notice of the Motion is adequate under Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) under the circumstances and (b) waive the 14-day stay requirements under Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d). In light of the Debtors' current financial conditions and the importance of an efficient timeline for maximizing the value of the Interests, the proposed Sale Transaction contemplated herein should be consummated as soon as practicable to allow the Debtors to maximize value for their estates and stakeholders.

Accordingly, the Debtors request that the Order be effective immediately upon entry and that the 14-day stay imposed by Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d) be waived.

#### **Notice**

43. Notice of this Motion has been provided to: (a) the U.S. Trustee; (b) counsel to the Committee; (c) any known affected creditor(s) asserting a lien, claim or encumbrance against, or interest in, the relevant Interests; (d) the non-Debtor counterparties to all executory contracts that the Debtors propose to assume or assume and assign in connection with such sale, as applicable; (e) the Subject Company; (f) any party that has expressed an interest in purchasing the Interests during the last six months; (g) any interested or affected governmental or regulatory entity, including the Internal Revenue Service, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the United States Department of Justice; and (h) any other party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The Debtors submit that all parties with an interest in the Sale Transaction have been given adequate notice and that no other or further notice need be provided.

#### **No Prior Request**

44. No prior motion for the relief requested herein has been made to this or any other court.

## Conclusion

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court (a) enter the Order and (b) grant such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: March 8, 2023 Wilmington, Delaware

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# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

	Hearing Date: March 29, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (ET) Objection Deadline: March 22, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)
Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)
FTX TRADING LTD., et al.,1	Case No. 22-11068 (JTD)
In re:	Chapter 11

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION**

TO: (a) the U.S. Trustee; (b) counsel to the Committee; (c) any known affected creditor(s) asserting a lien, claim or encumbrance against, or interest in, the relevant Interests; (d) the non-Debtor counterparties to all executory contracts that the Debtors propose to assume or assume and assign in connection with such sale, as applicable; (e) the Subject Company; (f) any party that has expressed an interest in purchasing the Interests during the last six months; (g) any interested or affected governmental or regulatory entity, including the Internal Revenue Service, the Securities and Exchange Commission and the United States Department of Justice; and (h) any other party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002.

On March 8, 2023, the above-captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (the "<u>Debtors</u>") filed the *Motion of Debtors for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing and Approving Sale of Debtors' Interests in Sequoia Capital Fund, L.P. Free and Clear of all Liens, Claims, Interests and Encumbrances; (II) Authorizing and Approving Debtors' Entry into, and Performance Under, the Purchase and Sale Agreement; (III) Authorizing and Approving Assumption and Assignment of Certain Contracts; and (IV) Granting Related Relief* (the "<u>Motion</u>").

Objections, if any, to the relief requested in the Motion must be filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court, 824 North Market Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, on or before March 22, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (ET).

At the same time, you must also serve a copy of the objection upon the undersigned counsel so as to be received no later than 4:00 p.m. (ET) on March 22, 2023.

A HEARING ON THE MOTION WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 29, 2023 AT 10:00 A.M. (ET) BEFORE THE HONORABLE JOHN T. DORSEY, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT JUDGE, IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR

 $\{1368.002\text{-W}0070208.\}$ 

The last four digits of FTX Trading Ltd.'s and Alameda Research LLC's tax identification number are 3288 and 4063 respectively. Due to the large number of debtor entities in these Chapter 11 Cases, a complete list of the Debtors and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://cases.ra.kroll.com/FTX.

THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE, 824 NORTH MARKET STREET, 5<sup>th</sup> FLOOR, COURTROOM NO. 5, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19801.

IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE COURT MAY GRANT THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE MOTION WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OR HEARING.

Dated: March 8, 2023 Wilmington, Delaware

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# EXHIBIT A

**Proposed Order** 

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

	Ref. Nos
Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)
FTX TRADING LTD., et al., 1	Case No. 22-11068 (JTD)
In re:	Chapter 11

ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SALE OF DEBTORS' INTERESTS IN SEQUOIA CAPITAL FUND, L.P. FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS, CLAIMS, INTERESTS AND ENCUMBRANCES; (II) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING DEBTORS' ENTRY INTO, AND PERFORMANCE UNDER, THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT; (III) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN CONTRACTS; AND (IV) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon the motion (the "Motion")<sup>2</sup> of FTX Trading Ltd. and its affiliated debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), for entry of an order (this "Sale Order"), pursuant to sections 105(a), 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, 6006, 9007, 9008 and 9014 and Local Rules 2002-1, 6004-1 and 9006-1, among other things, (a) authorizing and approving the sale (the "Sale Transaction") of the limited partnership interests (the "Interests") held by the Debtors in Sequoia Capital Fund, L.P. (the "Subject Company"), free and clear of all liens, claims, interests and encumbrances in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement, (b) authorizing and approving the Debtors' entry into, and performance under, the Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of March 8, 2023, a copy of which

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein are to be given the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

is attached as Exhibit B to the Motion (the "Agreement"), between Debtor Clifton Bay Investments LLC (formerly known as Alameda Research Ventures LLC), a Delaware limited liability company ("Seller"), and Al Nawwar Investments RSC Limited, a company with limited liability incorporated under the laws of the Abu Dhabi Global Market ("Purchaser"), (c) authorizing and approving the assumption and assignment of the Amended and Restated Exempted Limited Partnership Agreement of Sequoia Capital Fund, L.P., dated February 8, 2022 and any shareholders agreements, management agreements, bylaws, side letters and other documents and agreements governing the rights and obligations of Seller as an investor in the Subject Company as set forth in the Agreement (collectively, the "Operative Documents"), and (d) granting related relief; the Court having held a hearing to approve the Sale Transaction pursuant to the terms of the Agreement (the "Sale Hearing") to review and consider (i) the Motion with respect to the Sale Transaction and all relief related thereto, (ii) the Agreement, (iii) Declaration of Bruce Mendelsohn in Support of the Sale Transaction, and (iv) any objections thereto that were not resolved prior to the start of the Sale Hearing; and upon the record of the Sale Hearing and all of the proceedings had before this Court; and objections (if any) to the Motion, with respect to the sale of the Interests, having been withdrawn or overruled on the merits; and after due deliberation and good cause appearing therefor;

### IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT:<sup>3</sup>

A. <u>Jurisdiction and Venue</u>. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter and over the property of the Debtors' estates, including the Interests to be sold, transferred or conveyed pursuant to the Agreement, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended* 

Findings of fact shall be construed as conclusions of law and conclusions of law shall be construed as findings of fact to the fullest extent of the law. *See* FED. R. BANKR. P. 7052.

Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012. This Court may issue a final order on the Motion consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

- B. <u>Statutory and Rule Predicates</u>. The statutory and other legal predicates for the relief requested in the Motion and for the approvals and authorization herein are sections 105(a), 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, 6006, 9007, 9008 and 9014 and Local Rules 2002-1, 6004-1 and 9006-1.
- C. <u>Final Order</u>. This Sale Order constitutes a final order within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 158(a). Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d), and to the extent necessary under Bankruptcy Rule 9014 and rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedures, as made applicable by Bankruptcy Rule 7054, this Court expressly finds that there is no just reason for delay in the implementation of this Sale Order, and expressly directs entry of judgment as set forth herein and authorizes the closing of the Sale Transaction contemplated hereby without regard to any stay or delay in its implementation.
- D. <u>Sale Notice</u>. As shown by the affidavits of service filed with this Court and the representations or proffers made on the record at the Sale Hearing, (a) the Debtors have provided due, good, proper, timely, reasonable, adequate, appropriate and sufficient notice of, and sufficient opportunity to object to, the Motion with respect to the Sale Transaction and the relief requested therein (including the Debtors' requested findings with respect to successor liability), the Sale Transaction, assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents and the Cure Costs, if any, and the proposed entry of this Sale Order in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local

Rules, (b) such notice was adequate and sufficient under the circumstances of these Chapter 11 Cases, and (c) no other or further notice is necessary or shall be required.

- E. Opportunity to Object. A fair and reasonable opportunity to object or be heard regarding the relief granted by this Sale Order, including, but not limited to, the assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents and the Cure Costs (as defined in the Agreement), has been afforded to all interested parties.
- F. No Collusion. Purchaser is not an "insider" of the Debtors, as that term is defined in section 101(31) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Agreement and the Sale Transaction were negotiated, proposed and entered into by Seller and Purchaser without collusion or fraud, in good faith and from arm's-length bargaining positions, and are substantively and procedurally fair to all parties. Neither the Debtors nor Purchaser has engaged in any conduct that would cause or permit the Agreement or the consummation of the Sale Transaction to be avoided, or costs or damages to be imposed under section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code, and accordingly neither the Debtors nor Purchaser has violated section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code by any action or inaction. Specifically, the Purchaser has not acted in a collusive manner with any person and the purchase price was not controlled by any agreement among bidders. The Sale Transaction may not be avoided, and no damages may be assessed against Purchaser or any other party under section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable bankruptcy or non-bankruptcy law.
- G. Good Faith of Purchaser. Purchaser is purchasing the Interests in good faith and for value, and is a good-faith buyer within the meaning of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code. Purchaser is therefore entitled to all of the protections afforded under section 363(m) and any other applicable or similar bankruptcy or non-bankruptcy law, and otherwise has

proceeded in good faith in all respects in connection with this proceeding in that, *inter alia*:

(a) Purchaser recognized that the Debtors were free to deal with any other party interested in acquiring the Interests; (b) Purchaser in no way induced or caused the filing of these Chapter 11 Cases by the Debtors; (c) all payments to be made, and all other material agreements or arrangements entered into or to be entered into, by Purchaser in connection with the Sale Transaction have been disclosed; (d) Purchaser has not violated section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code by any action or inaction; (e) no common identity of officers, directors or controlling stockholders exists between Purchaser and Debtors; (f) the negotiation and execution of the Agreement were at arm's length and in good faith, and at all times each of the Purchaser and Seller were represented by competent counsel of their choosing; and (g) the Purchaser has not acted in a collusive manner with any person. Purchaser will be acting in good faith within the meaning of section 363(m) in closing the transactions contemplated by the Agreement.

H. Highest and Best Offer. The Debtors and their advisors, including, without limitation, Perella Weinberg Partners LP, have appropriately marketed the Interests, and a reasonable opportunity has been given to any interested party to make a higher or better offer for the Interests. No other person or entity or group of entities has offered to purchase the Interests for higher or otherwise better value to the Debtors' estates than Purchaser. The offer to purchase the Interests made by Purchaser, under the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement: (a) was made in good faith; (b) is the highest or otherwise best offer obtained for the Interests and will provide a greater recovery for the Debtors' estates than would be provided by any other reasonably available alternative; (c) is for fair, adequate and sufficient consideration that constitutes reasonably equivalent value for the Interests being conveyed to Purchaser; (d) is fair and

reasonable; (e) is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates; and (f) would not have been made by Purchaser absent the protections afforded to Purchaser by this Sale Order.

- I. The Debtors' determination that the Sale Transaction, pursuant to the Agreement, provides the highest or otherwise best offer for the Interests, and their related decision to sell the Interests, constitute a reasonable exercise of the Debtors' business judgment. The facts and circumstances described in the Motion and the evidence adduced in connection with the Sale Hearing demonstrate the Debtors' business judgment to sell the Interests to Purchaser at this time, and the Debtors have articulated sound business reasons for consummating the Sale Transaction and for selling the Interests outside of a chapter 11 plan. Moreover, the sale of the Interests outside of a chapter 11 plan pursuant to the Agreement neither impermissibly restructures the rights of the Debtors' creditors nor dictates the terms of any chapter 11 plan. The Sale Transaction does not constitute a *sub rosa* chapter 11 plan. It is a reasonable exercise of the Debtors' business judgment to execute, deliver and consummate the Sale Transaction, subject to this Sale Order.
- J. <u>Fair Consideration</u>. The consideration provided by Purchaser pursuant to the Agreement constitutes reasonably equivalent value (as those terms are defined in each of the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act, Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act and section 548 of the Bankruptcy Code) and fair consideration under the Bankruptcy Code and under the laws of the United States, any state, territory, possession or the District of Columbia.
- K. <u>No Successor or Other Derivative Liability</u>. As a result of any action taken in connection with the Sale Transaction, the Agreement, or this Sale Order: (a) Purchaser is not a successor to or mere continuation of or substantial continuation of the Debtors or their estates and there is no continuity of enterprise between Purchaser and the Debtors; and

- (b) Purchaser shall not be deemed to be holding itself out to the public as a continuation of the Debtors based on the Sale Transaction. Purchaser is not, and shall not be, considered a successor-in-interest to any of the Debtors or their estates, by reason of any theory of law or equity, and the Sale Transaction does not amount to a consolidation, succession, merger, or de facto merger of Purchaser and the Debtors and/or the Debtors' estates. Purchaser would not have entered into the Agreement if the sale of the Interests were not made free and clear of any successor liability of Purchaser.
- L. <u>Corporate Power and Authority</u>. As set forth in section 2.1(a) of the Agreement, Seller (a) has full corporate power and authority to execute and deliver the Agreement and all other documents contemplated thereby, (b) has all corporate authority necessary to consummate the Sale Transaction, and (c) has taken all corporate action and formalities necessary to authorize and approve the Agreement and the consummation of the Sale Transaction. Seller's sale of the Interests has been duly and validly authorized by all necessary corporate action. No consents or approvals, other than those expressly provided for in the Agreement, are required for Seller to consummate the Sale Transaction.
- M. The Agreement was not entered into for the purpose of hindering, delaying or defrauding creditors under the Bankruptcy Code or under the laws of the United States, any state, territory, possession or the District of Columbia. Neither the Debtors nor Purchaser are entering into the Sale Transaction fraudulently for the purpose of statutory and common law fraudulent conveyance and fraudulent transfer claims.
- N. <u>Title to Assets</u>. The transfer of the Debtors' rights, titles and interests to the Interests and applicable Operative Documents to Purchaser will be, as of the Closing Date (as defined in the Agreement), a legal, valid and effective transfer of such rights, titles and interests

in the Interests and applicable Operative Documents, which transfer vests or will vest Purchaser with all rights, titles and interests of the Debtors to the Interests and applicable Operative Documents free and clear of all Liens (as defined below and in the Agreement), other than Permitted Encumbrances (as defined in the Agreement). The Agreement is a valid and binding contract between Seller and Purchaser and shall be enforceable according to its terms.

O. Satisfaction of Section 363(f) Standards. The conditions of section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code have been satisfied in full, and upon entry of this Sale Order, the Debtors are authorized to transfer all of their rights, titles and interests in and to the Interests free and clear of any interest in the property, other than Permitted Encumbrances. The Debtors may sell the Interests free and clear of all liens (statutory or otherwise), charges, pledges, mortgages, leases, easements, hypothecations, usufructs, deeds of trust, security interests, options, rights of use, first offer or first refusal, servitudes, restrictive covenants or conditions, encroachments, claims, interests, restrictions, or any other encumbrances of any kind (collectively, "Liens") other than Permitted Encumbrances, against the Debtors, their estates or the Interests because, in each case, one or more of the standards set forth in section 363(f)(l)-(5) of the Bankruptcy Code has been satisfied. Each holder with a Lien on the Interests to be transferred pursuant to the Agreement: (a) has, subject to the terms and conditions of this Sale Order, consented to the Sale Transaction or is deemed to have consented; (b) could be compelled in a legal or equitable proceeding to accept money satisfaction of such Lien; or (c) otherwise falls within one or more of the other subsections of section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Holders of Liens against the Debtors, their estates or the Interests (except with respect to Permitted Encumbrances) who did not object, or who withdrew their objections, to the Sale Transaction or the Motion, with respect to the sale of the Interests, are deemed to have consented pursuant to section 363(f)(2) of the

Bankruptcy Code. All other holders of Liens are adequately protected by having their Liens, if any, in each instance against the Debtors, their estates or the Interests, attach to the net cash proceeds of the Sale Transaction ultimately attributable to the Interests in which such creditor alleges a Lien, in the same order of priority, with the same validity, force and effect that such Liens had prior to the Sale Transaction, subject to any claims and defenses the Debtors and their estates may possess with respect thereto.

- P. Purchaser would not have entered into the Agreement and would not consummate the Sale Transaction if the sale of the Interests to Purchaser were not free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances), or if Purchaser or any of the Purchaser Parties (as defined in the Agreement) would, or in the future could, be liable for any such Lien. The total consideration to be provided under the Agreement reflects Purchaser's reliance on this Sale Order to provide it, pursuant to sections 105(a) and 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, with title to, interest in and possession of the Interests free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances). Not transferring the Interests free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances) would adversely impact the Debtors' efforts to maximize the value of the estates, and the transfer of the Interests other than pursuant to a transfer that is free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances) would be of substantially less benefit to the Debtors' estates.
- Q. <u>Assumption and Assignment of the Applicable Operative Documents</u>. The Debtors and Purchaser have satisfied, to the extent necessary, the requirements of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, including subsections 365(b)(1)(A), 365(b)(1)(B) and 365(f), in connection with the assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents. Purchaser has demonstrated adequate assurance of future performance with respect to the

applicable Operative Documents pursuant to sections 365(b)(1)(C) and 365(f)(2)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code. The assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents pursuant to the terms of this Sale Order is integral to the Agreement and is in the best interests of the Debtors and their estates, and represents the reasonable exercise of sound and prudent business judgment by the Debtors. The Debtors or Purchaser, as applicable, shall, to the extent necessary, provide compensation or adequate assurance of compensation, which amount will be paid to non-Debtor counterparties to the applicable Operative Documents for any actual pecuniary loss to any such party resulting from a default prior to the date of assumption and assignment with respect to the applicable Operative Documents, within the meaning of sections 365(b)(1)(B) and 365(f)(2)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code. Except where an applicable Operative Document is subject to an unresolved objection to the assumption and assignment of such Operative Document, payment of the Cure Costs, if any, as set forth herein and Purchaser's promise to perform the obligations under the applicable Operative Documents after the Closing Date shall constitute adequate assurance of future performance within the meaning of sections 365(b)(1)(C) and 365(f)(2)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code. The applicable Operative Documents are assignable notwithstanding any provisions contained therein to the contrary.

R. Except as otherwise set forth herein, any objections to the assumption and assignment of any of the applicable Operative Documents to Purchaser are hereby overruled.

Any objections to the Cure Costs are resolved as set forth herein. To the extent that any counterparty failed to timely object to its Cure Cost or adequate assurance of future performance, such counterparty is deemed to have consented to such Cure Cost and the assignment of its respective Operative Documents to Purchaser.

- S. Waiver of Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d). Good and sufficient reasons for approval of the Agreement and the Sale Transaction have been articulated. The Debtors have demonstrated both (a) good, sufficient and sound business purposes and justifications and (b) compelling circumstances for the Sale Transaction other than in the ordinary course of business, pursuant to section 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code before, and outside of, a chapter 11 plan, in that, among other things, the immediate consummation of the Sale Transaction is necessary and appropriate to maximize the value of the Debtors' estates. Accordingly, there is cause to waive or lift the stay contemplated by Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d) with respect to the Sale Transaction. To maximize the value of the Interests, it is essential that the Sale Transaction occur within the time constraints set forth in the Agreement. Time is of the essence in consummating the Sale Transaction and the Debtors and Purchaser intend to close the Sale Transaction as soon as practicable. Given all of the circumstances of these Chapter 11 Cases and the adequacy and fair value of the Aggregate Purchase Price under the Agreement, the proposed Sale Transaction should be approved.
- T. The consummation of the Sale Transaction and the assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents is legal, valid and properly authorized under all applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, including, without limitation, sections 105(a), 363(b), 363(f), 363(m) and 365, and all of the applicable requirements of such sections have been complied with in respect of the transaction.
- U. <u>Personally Identifiable Information</u>. After giving due consideration to the facts, circumstances and conditions of the Agreement, the Sale Transaction is consistent with the Debtors' privacy policies concerning personally identifiable information and no showing was made that the sale of any personally identifiable information as may be contemplated in the

Agreement, subject to the terms of this Sale Order, would violate applicable non-bankruptcy law. Thus, the appointment of a consumer privacy ombudsman pursuant to section 363(b)(1) or section 332 of the Bankruptcy Code is not required with respect to the Sale Transaction.

V. <u>Legal and Factual Bases</u>. The legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and the evidence adduced in connection with the Sale Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein. Entry of this Sale Order is in the best interests of the Debtors and their estates.

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

## A. General Provisions

- The sale of the Interests and the other relief requested in the Motion is granted as set forth herein, and the Agreement and the provisions thereof and the Sale
   Transaction are approved in their entirety as set forth herein.
- 2. All objections, responses, reservations of rights and requests for any continuances concerning the Motion are resolved in accordance with the terms of this Sale Order or as set forth in the record of the Sale Hearing. To the extent any such objections, responses, reservations of rights or requests for any continuances were not otherwise withdrawn, waived, settled, or resolved, such are hereby overruled and denied on the merits. All interested parties that failed to timely object to the Motion, with respect to the Sale Transaction, are deemed to have consented to the relief granted herein for all purposes, including, without limitation, pursuant to section 363(f)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 3. Notice of the Motion, the Agreement, the sale of the Interests free and clear of all Liens, except Permitted Encumbrances, the Sale Transaction, the assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents and the Cure Costs was fair, equitable, proper, and sufficient under the circumstances and complied in all respects with section

102(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, 6006, 9007, 9008 and 9014 and Local Rules 2002-1, 6004-1 and 9006-1.

# B. Approval of the Agreement

- 4. The Agreement and all of the terms and conditions thereof are hereby authorized and approved in all respects. The failure to specifically include or make reference to any particular provision of the Agreement in this Sale Order shall not impair the effectiveness of such provision, it being the intent of this Court that the Agreement and the Sale Transaction are authorized and approved in their entirety.
- are authorized and empowered to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to

  (a) consummate the Sale Transaction to Purchaser in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, (b) close the Sale Transaction as contemplated in the Agreement and this Sale Order, and (c) execute and deliver, perform under, consummate and implement the Agreement, including the assumption and assignment to Purchaser of the applicable Operative Documents, together with all additional instruments and documents that may be reasonably necessary or desirable to implement the Agreement and the Sale Transaction. Purchaser shall not be required to seek or obtain relief from the automatic stay under section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code to enforce any of its remedies under the Agreement or any other sale-related document. The automatic stay imposed by section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code is modified solely to the extent necessary to implement the preceding sentence and the other provisions of this Sale Order; provided, however, that this Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction over any and all disputes with respect thereto.
- 6. This Sale Order shall be binding in all respects upon the Debtors, their estates, all creditors of and holders of equity interests in the Debtors, any holders of Liens in,

against or on all or any portion of the Interests or applicable Operative Documents (whether known or unknown), Purchaser and all successors and assigns of Purchaser, the Interests and any trustees, if any, subsequently appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases or upon a conversion to Chapter 7 under the Bankruptcy Code of these Chapter 11 Cases. This Sale Order and the Agreement shall inure to the benefit of the Debtors, their estates and creditors, Purchaser and the respective successors and assigns of each of the foregoing.

### C. Consummation of the Sale Transaction

7. Pursuant to sections 363(b) and 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors are authorized to transfer all of their rights, titles and interests to the Interests to Purchaser on the Closing Date and such transfer shall constitute a legal, valid, binding and effective transfer of such rights, titles and interests in the Interests and shall vest Purchaser with all of the Debtors' rights, titles and interests in the Interests and, upon the Debtors' receipt of the Aggregate Purchase Price, shall be free and clear of all Liens, including but not limited to, successor or successor-in-interest liability or, any tax liens or mechanic's liens asserted against the Interests, except Permitted Encumbrances, with all such Liens to attach to the net cash proceeds ultimately attributable to the property against or in which such Liens are asserted, subject to the terms thereof, with the same validity, force and effect, and in the same order of priority, which such Liens now have against the Interests, subject to any rights, claims and defenses the Debtors or their estates, as applicable, may possess with respect thereto. The provisions of this Sale Order authorizing and approving the transfer of the Interests free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances) shall be self-executing, and neither the Debtors nor the Purchaser shall be required to execute or file releases, termination statements, assignments, consents, or other instruments in order to effectuate, consummate, and implement the provisions of this Sale Order.

- 8. A certified copy of this Sale Order may be filed with the appropriate clerk and/or recorded with the recorder to act to cancel any Liens and other encumbrances of record except Permitted Encumbrances.
- 9. If any person or entity which has filed statements or other documents or agreements evidencing Liens in, against or on all or any portion of the Interests shall not have delivered to the Debtors prior to the Closing, in proper form for filing and executed by the appropriate parties, termination statements, instruments of satisfaction, releases of Liens and any other documents necessary for the purpose of documenting the release of all Liens which the person or entity has or may assert with respect to all or any portion of the Interests, the Debtors, Purchaser and each of their respective officers, employees and agents are hereby authorized and empowered to execute and file such statements, instruments, releases and other documents on behalf of such person or entity with respect to the Interests.
- 10. This Sale Order is and shall be effective as a determination that, on the Closing Date, all Liens existing as to the Interests prior to the Closing Date, except Permitted Encumbrances, shall have been unconditionally released, discharged and terminated from the Interests, and that the conveyances described herein have been effected. This Sale Order is and shall be binding upon and govern the acts of all persons and entities, including, without limitation, all filing agents, filing officers, title agents, title companies, recorders of mortgages, recorders of deeds, registrars of deeds, administrative agencies, governmental departments, secretaries of state, federal, state and local officials and all other persons and entities who may be required by operation of law, the duties of their office, or contract, to accept, file, register or otherwise record or release any documents or instruments, or who may be required to report or insure any title or state of title in or to any lease; and each of the foregoing persons and entities is

hereby directed to accept for filing any and all of the documents and instruments necessary and appropriate to consummate the Sale Transaction.

# D. <u>Assumption and Assignment of Contracts</u>

- 11. Pursuant to sections 105(a), 363, and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, and subject to and conditioned upon the Closing, and payment of all Cure Costs, if any, Seller's assumption and assignment to Purchaser of the applicable Operative Documents is hereby approved, and the requirements of section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect thereto are hereby deemed satisfied.
- 12. Seller is hereby authorized and directed in accordance with sections 105(a), 363, and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code to (a) assume and assign to Purchaser, effective upon the Closing of the Sale Transaction, the applicable Operative Documents free and clear of all Liens of any kind or nature whatsoever, except Permitted Encumbrances, and (b) execute and deliver to Purchaser such documents or other instruments as Purchaser deems may be necessary to assign and transfer the applicable Operative Documents to Purchaser.
- Operative Document is an executory contract or unexpired lease of nonresidential real property under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, Seller may assume each applicable Operative Document in accordance with section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (b) Seller may assign each applicable Operative Document in accordance with sections 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and any provisions in any applicable Operative Document that prohibit or condition the assignment of such Operative Document or allow the party to such Operative Document to terminate, recapture, impose any penalty, condition, renewal or extension, or modify any term or condition upon the assignment of such Operative Document, constitute unenforceable antiassignment provisions which are deemed void and of no force and effect solely with respect to

this Sale Transaction; (c) all other requirements and conditions under sections 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code for the assignment to and assumption by Purchaser of each applicable Operative Document have been satisfied; (d) the applicable Operative Documents shall be transferred and assigned to, and following the closing of the Sale Transaction remain in full force and effect for the benefit of, Purchaser, notwithstanding any provision in any such Operative Document (including those of the type described in sections 365(b)(2) and (f) of the Bankruptcy Code) that prohibits, restricts, or conditions such assignment or transfer and, pursuant to section 365(k) of the Bankruptcy Code, upon the Closing and the payment of the applicable Cure Cost, if any, the Debtors shall be relieved from any further liability with respect to the applicable Operative Documents after such assignment to and assumption by Purchaser; and (e) upon the Closing, in accordance with sections 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, Purchaser shall be fully and irrevocably vested in all rights, titles and interests of the Debtors in each applicable Operative Document, free and clear of any Liens, except Permitted Encumbrances.

Operative Documents arising or that have become due and not paid prior to the Closing that are required to be cured by section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code (without giving effect to any acceleration clauses or any default provisions of the kind specified in section 365(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code) shall be cured by Purchaser at or before the Closing through the payment of the Cure Costs, if any. To the extent that any counterparty to an applicable Operative Document did not object to its Cure Cost or adequate assurance of future performance, such counterparty is deemed to have consented to such Cure Cost and the assumption and assignment of its respective Operative Documents from Seller to Purchaser. Purchaser shall enjoy all of the Seller's rights, benefits, and privileges under the applicable Operative Document as of the Closing without the

necessity to obtain any non-Debtor parties' written consent to the assumption or assignment thereof, except to the extent expressly contemplated in the Agreement. To the extent any counterparty to the Operative Documents failed to timely object to a Cure Cost, such Cure Costs shall be deemed to be finally determined and any such counterparty shall be prohibited from challenging, objecting to or denying the validity and finality of the Cure Cost at any time.

15. Upon the Debtors' assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents to Purchaser under the provisions of this Sale Order and any additional orders of this Court and payment of any Cure Costs, no default shall exist under any applicable Operative Document, and no counterparty to any applicable Operative Document shall be permitted to (a) declare a default by Purchaser under such Operative Document, or (b) otherwise take action against Purchaser, in each case, as a result of the Debtors' financial condition, bankruptcy or failure to perform any of their obligations under the applicable Operative Document. Each non-Debtor party to an applicable Operative Document hereby is also forever barred, estopped and permanently enjoined from (i) asserting against Purchaser, Seller, the Debtors, their estates, or their property, any default or claim arising out of any indemnity obligation or warranties for acts or occurrences arising prior to or existing as of the Closing, or, against Purchaser, Seller, the Debtors, or their estates, any counterclaim, unexercised set-off or any other claim asserted or assertable against the Debtors and (ii) imposing or charging against Purchaser or its Affiliates (as defined in the Agreement) any rent accelerations, assignment fees, increases or any other fees as a result of the Debtors' assumption and assignments to Purchaser of the applicable Operative Documents. The validity of such assumption and assignments of the applicable Operative Documents shall not be affected by any dispute between the Debtors and the counterparties to

the applicable Operative Documents and any disputes regarding the Cure Cost of any applicable Operative Document.

- 16. Upon payment of the applicable Cure Costs, if any, and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents to Purchaser, the Debtors and their estates shall have no further liabilities or obligations with respect to any applicable Operative Documents and all holders of such claims are forever barred and estopped from asserting such claims against the Debtors, their successors or assigns, their property or their assets or estates.
- 17. The failure of the Debtors or Purchaser to enforce at any time one or more terms or conditions of any applicable Operative Documents shall not be a waiver of such terms or conditions, or of the Debtors' and Purchaser's rights to enforce every term and condition of the Operative Documents.
- 18. In the event that the Sale Transaction does not close, none of the applicable Operative Documents shall be assumed or assigned by virtue of this Sale Order and shall remain subject to further rejection, assumption and/or assignment in these Chapter 11 Cases.

# E. <u>Prohibition of Actions Against Purchaser</u>

19. Except as expressly provided for in this Sale Order or the Agreement,
Purchaser shall not have any liability or other obligation or responsibility of the Debtors arising
under or related to the Interests or Operative Documents prior to the Closing. Purchaser is not a
"successor" to the Debtors or their estates by reason of any theory of law or equity. Without
limiting the generality of the foregoing, and except as otherwise specifically provided herein or
in the Agreement, Purchaser shall not be liable for any claims against the Debtors or any of its
predecessors or affiliates, and Purchaser shall have no successor or vicarious liabilities of any
kind or character, including, but not limited to, under any theory of antitrust, environmental

(subject to paragraph 23 below), successor or transferee liability, securities law, tax law, labor law, de facto merger, mere continuation or substantial continuity, whether known or unknown as of the Closing Date, now existing or hereafter arising, whether fixed or contingent, whether asserted or unasserted, whether legal or equitable, whether liquidated or unliquidated, including, but not limited to, liabilities on account of warranties, environmental liabilities (subject to paragraph 23 below), and any taxes arising, accruing or payable under, out of, in connection with, or in any way relating to the operation of any of the Interests or applicable Operative Documents prior to the Closing. The Sale Transaction does not amount to a consolidation, merger or de facto merger of Purchaser, on the one hand, and the Debtors, the Debtors' affiliates and/or the Debtors' estates, on the other hand, and there is not substantial continuity between Purchaser, on the one hand, and the Debtors or their affiliates, on the other hand, and there is no common identity between the Debtors or their affiliates, on the one hand, and Purchaser, on the other hand, and Purchaser is not a mere continuation of the Debtors or their estates, and Purchaser does not constitute a successor to the Debtors or their estates. For purposes of paragraphs 19 to 22 of this Sale Order, all references to the Purchaser shall also include the Purchaser Parties.

Order, all persons and entities, including, but not limited to, all debt security holders, equity security holders, governmental, tax and regulatory authorities, lenders, trade creditors, dealers, employees, litigation claimants and other creditors, holding Liens against or in all or any portion of the Interests or applicable Operative Documents (whether legal or equitable, secured or unsecured, matured or unmatured, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, senior or subordinate), arising under or out of, in connection with, or in any way relating to the Debtors

or the Interests or applicable Operative Documents prior to the Closing Date or the transactions contemplated by the Agreement, including the transfer of the Interests to Purchaser and the assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents, hereby are forever barred, estopped and permanently enjoined from asserting against Purchaser, its Affiliates, its successors or assigns, their property or the Interests and applicable Operative Documents, such persons' or entities' Liens with respect to the Interests or applicable Operative Documents, including, without limitation, the following actions: (a) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding against Purchaser, its Affiliates, its successors, assets or properties; (b) enforcing, attaching, collecting or recovering in any manner any judgment, award, decree or order against Purchaser, its Affiliates, its successors, assets or properties; (c) creating, perfecting or enforcing any Liens against Purchaser, its Affiliates, its successors, assets or properties; (d) asserting any unexercised set-off or right of subrogation against any obligation due Purchaser, its Affiliates or its successors; (e) commencing or continuing any action, in any manner or place, that does not comply or is inconsistent with the provisions of this Sale Order, or the agreements or actions contemplated or taken in respect thereof; or (f) revoking, terminating or failing or refusing to transfer or renew any license, permit or authorization to operate the Subject Company, subject to paragraph 23 below. On the Closing Date, each creditor is authorized and directed to execute such documents and take all other actions as may be necessary to release Liens in or on the Interests and applicable Operative Documents (except Permitted Encumbrances), if any, as provided for herein, as such Liens may have been recorded or may otherwise exist.

21. All persons and entities are hereby forever prohibited and enjoined from taking any action that would adversely affect or interfere, or that would be inconsistent (a) with the ability of the Debtors and/or Seller to sell and transfer the Interests and applicable Operative

Documents to Purchaser in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and this Sale Order, and (b) with the ability of Purchaser to acquire and take possession of the Interests and applicable Operative Documents in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and this Sale Order.

22. Purchaser has given substantial consideration under the Agreement for the benefit of the Debtors and their estates. The consideration given by Purchaser shall constitute valid and valuable consideration for (a) the releases of any potential Liens as to the Interests and applicable Operative Documents pursuant to this Sale Order, which releases as to the Interests and applicable Operative Documents shall be deemed to have been given by all holders of Liens in the Interests and applicable Operative Documents, except with respect to Permitted Encumbrances, and (b) the releases of any potential claims of successor liability against the Purchaser, which releases shall be deemed to have been given by all holders of Liens in or against the Debtors, or the Interests and applicable Operative Documents. The consideration provided by Purchaser for the Interests and applicable Operative Documents under the Agreement is fair and reasonable and may not be avoided under section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code.

#### F. Other Provisions

- 23. Nothing in this Sale Order or the Agreement releases, nullifies, precludes or enjoins the enforcement of any police or regulatory liability to a governmental unit that any entity would be subject to as the post-sale owner or operator of property after the date of entry of this Sale Order. In addition, nothing in this Sale Order divests any tribunal of any jurisdiction it may have under police or regulatory law, including the jurisdiction to interpret this Sale Order or to adjudicate any defense asserted under this Sale Order.
- 24. Further, nothing in this Sale Order or Agreement authorizes the transfer or assignment of any governmental license, permit, registration, authorization or approval, or the

discontinuation of any obligation thereunder, without compliance with all applicable legal requirements and approvals under police or regulatory law as appropriate.

- 25. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Motion, this Sale Order, or any findings announced at the Sale Hearing, nothing in the Motion, this Sale Order, or announced at the Sale Hearing constitutes a finding under the federal securities laws as to whether crypto tokens or transactions involving crypto tokens are securities, and the right of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission to challenge transactions involving crypto tokens on any basis are expressly reserved.
- 26. The consideration provided by Purchaser to the Debtors pursuant to the Agreement for the Interests and Operative Documents constitutes reasonably equivalent value and fair consideration under the Bankruptcy Code, Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act, Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act and under the laws of the United States, any state, territory, possession or the District of Columbia.
- 27. The sale of the Interests does not include the sale of any causes of action held by any of the Debtors against any person or entity, including but not limited to causes of action against Samuel Bankman-Fried, Gary Wang, Nishad Singh, Caroline Ellison or any person known by the Debtors to have a familial relationship with any of the foregoing persons.
- 28. The Sale Transaction is undertaken by Purchaser without collusion and in good faith, within the meaning of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code, and accordingly, the reversal or modification on appeal of the authorization provided herein to consummate the Sale Transaction shall not alter, affect, limit or otherwise impair the validity of the Sale Transaction, including the assumption and assignment of the Operative Documents, unless such authorization and such Sale Transaction were duly stayed pending such appeal at the time of the Closing.

Purchaser is a good faith buyer within the meaning of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code and, as such, is entitled to the full rights, benefits, privileges and protections of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors and Purchaser will be acting in good faith if they proceed to consummate the Sale Transaction at any time after the entry of this Order.

- 29. As a good faith purchaser of the Interests, Purchaser has not entered into an agreement with any other potential bidders, and has not colluded with any other bidders, potential bidders, or any other parties interested in the Interests, and therefore, neither the Debtors nor any successor-in-interest to the Debtors' estates shall be entitled to bring an action against Purchaser, and the Sale Transactions may not be avoided pursuant to section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code, and no party shall be entitled to any damages or other recovery pursuant to section 363(n) in respect of the Agreement or Sale Transaction.
- 30. Nothing contained in any plan of reorganization or liquidation, or order of any type or kind entered in (a) these Chapter 11 Cases, (b) any subsequent Chapter 7 case into which these Chapter 11 Cases may be converted or (c) any related proceeding subsequent to entry of this Sale Order, shall conflict with or derogate from the provisions of the Agreement or the terms of this Sale Order. In the event there is a conflict between this Sale Order and the Agreement (or any ancillary agreements executed in connection therewith), this Sale Order shall control and govern. Likewise, all of the provisions of this Sale Order are non-severable and mutually dependent. To the extent that this Sale Order is inconsistent with any prior order or pleading with respect to the Motion in these Chapter 11 Cases, the terms of this Sale Order shall control.
- 31. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 7062, 9014, 6004(h) and 6006(d), this Sale Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry, the Debtors and Purchaser are

authorized to close the Sale Transaction immediately upon entry of this Sale Order, and the 14-day stay provided in Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d) is hereby expressly waived and shall not apply.

- 32. The failure specifically to include any particular provision of the Agreement in this Sale Order shall not diminish or impair the effectiveness of such provision, it being the intent of this Court that the Agreement be authorized and approved in its entirety; provided, however, that this Sale Order shall govern if there is any inconsistency between the Agreement (including all ancillary documents executed in connection therewith) and this Sale Order.
- 33. The Agreement and any related agreements, documents or other instruments may be modified, amended or supplemented by the parties thereto and in accordance with the terms thereof, without further order of this Court, provided that any such modification, amendment or supplement does not have a material adverse effect on the Debtors' estates or any of the Debtors' creditors. If the Agreement is modified, the Debtors shall file the modified version with the Court.
- 34. This Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction to, among other things, interpret, implement and enforce the terms and provisions of this Sale Order and the Agreement, all amendments thereto and any waivers and consents thereunder and each of the agreements executed in connection therewith to which the Debtors are a party or which has been assigned by the Debtors to Purchaser, and to adjudicate, if necessary, any and all disputes concerning or relating in any way to the Sale Transaction.

35. The Agreement shall be in full force and effect, regardless of any Debtor's lack of good standing in any jurisdiction in which such Debtor is formed or authorized to transact business.

36. No bulk sales law, bulk transfer law or any similar law of any state or other jurisdiction (including those relating to taxes other than Transfer Taxes (as defined in the Agreement)) shall apply to the Debtors' conveyance of the Interests and Operative Documents or this Sale Order.

37. The appointment of a consumer privacy ombudsman pursuant to section 363(b)(1) or section 332 of the Bankruptcy Code is not required with respect to the Sale Transaction.

38. Purchaser is a party-in-interest and shall have the ability to appear and be heard on all issues related to or otherwise connected to this Sale Order, the Sale Transaction, the assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents and any issues related to or otherwise connected to the Agreement and the Sale Transaction.

39. Nothing in this Sale Order shall be deemed to waive, release, extinguish or estop the Debtors or their estates from asserting or otherwise impairing or diminishing any right (including any right of recoupment), claim, cause of action, defense, offset or counterclaim in respect of any asset that is not the Interests or the Operative Documents.

40. All time periods set forth in this Sale Order shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

Dated:	
Wilmington, Delaware	The Honorable John T. Dorsey
	United States Bankruptcy Judge

# EXHIBIT B

Agreement

EXECUTION VERSION CONFIDENTIAL

# PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

by and between

**CLIFTON BAY INVESTMENTS LLC** 

and

AL NAWWAR INVESTMENTS RSC LIMITED

Dated as of March 8, 2023

This PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT (including the Exhibits and Schedules hereto, each as amended or restated from time to time, this "<u>Agreement</u>"), dated as of March 8, 2023, is made by and between Clifton Bay Investments LLC (formerly known as Alameda Research Ventures LLC), a Delaware limited liability company ("<u>Seller</u>"), and Al Nawwar Investments RSC Limited, a company with limited liability incorporated under the laws of the Abu Dhabi Global Market ("<u>Purchaser</u>").

#### **Recitals**

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2022 and November 14, 2022, Seller and certain of its Affiliates (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") commenced voluntary proceedings under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code (11 U.S.C. §§ 101, *et seq.*, as amended, the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") by filing petitions for relief in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Bankruptcy Court</u>"), which cases are being jointly administrated for procedural purposes as *In re FTX Trading Ltd.*, *et al.* (Case No. 22-11068 (JTD)) (the "<u>Bankruptcy Proceeding</u>");

WHEREAS, Seller continues in possession of its assets and is authorized under the Bankruptcy Code to continue the operation of its business as a debtor-in-possession;

WHEREAS, Seller holds the interests set forth on Schedule A (the "Interests") in or with the entity set forth on Schedule A (the "Subject Company") and desires to (i) sell, assign and transfer to Purchaser its Interests pursuant to section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code and (ii) assume and assign pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code or sell, assign and transfer pursuant to section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, if and to the extent applicable, to Purchaser, all of Seller's interests in the Operative Documents (as defined below), in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules, all upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement;

WHEREAS, the board of directors or other applicable governing body of Seller has determined that it is advisable and in the best interests of Seller's estate and the beneficiaries of such estate to consummate the Transactions pursuant to the Sale Order and has approved this Agreement;

WHEREAS, Seller intends to seek the entry of the Sale Order by the Bankruptcy Court approving this Agreement and authorizing Seller to consummate the Transactions upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein and in the Sale Order;

WHEREAS, Purchaser desires to purchase all of the Interests and, to the extent applicable, accept Seller's assignment of the Operative Documents on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, and, if and to the extent applicable, pursuant to sections 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; and

WHEREAS, the parties acknowledge and agree that the Transactions are being made at arm's length and in good faith and without intent to hinder, delay or defraud creditors of Seller or its Affiliates and Seller acknowledges that the consideration to be paid is fair value and reasonably equivalent value for the acquisitions by Purchaser.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual representations, warranties, covenants and agreements contained herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

#### **ARTICLE 1**

#### PURCHASE AND SALE OF INTERESTS

1.1 <u>Purchase and Sale of Interests</u>. Pursuant to sections 105, 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, at the Closing, Seller agrees to sell, assign, convey, transfer and deliver to Purchaser, and Purchaser agrees to purchase and accept from Seller, all of Seller's right, title and interest in, to and under the Interests, free and clear of any Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances), for an amount in cash equal to the Aggregate Purchase Price, subject to adjustment pursuant to <u>Section 1.3</u>.

# 1.2 <u>Assumption and Assignment of Operative Documents.</u>

- (a) Subject to the provisions of sections 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, if and to the extent applicable, and the Sale Order, Seller shall assign to Purchaser, and Purchaser shall assume, all of Seller's right, title and interest in and to the Operative Documents as of the Closing.
- (b) Purchaser shall be responsible for all Cure Costs, if any, in respect of the Operative Documents, which shall not be the obligation, liability or responsibility of Seller. Purchaser has delivered evidence of Purchaser's ability to comply with section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, including adequate assurances of any future performance, in connection with the assumption and assignment of the Operative Documents.

## 1.3 Purchase Price.

- (a) The aggregate purchase price (the "<u>Aggregate Purchase Price</u>") for the Interests and the interests of Seller in the Operative Documents shall be (i) \$45,000,000 in cash, plus (ii) the aggregate amount of any Capital Contributions after the Balance Sheet Date and on or prior to the Closing Date, minus (iii) the aggregate amount of any Distributions received by Seller or Seller's estate after the Balance Sheet Date and on or prior to the Closing Date that are not held for and delivered to Purchaser pursuant to <u>Section 1.4</u>, plus (iv) the Cure Costs, if any, paid by Seller after the date hereof and prior to the Closing Date, and shall be payable without any withholding or deduction.
- 1.4 <u>Distributions</u>. From and after the date hereof, if Seller receives any Distributions from the Subject Company in respect of Interests, Seller shall (i) maintain such Distributions in its account(s) in trust for Purchaser, (ii) have no legal or beneficial interest in such Distributions and (iii) on or following the Closing Date, promptly pay over any such Distributions to Purchaser. If Purchaser acquires knowledge of any Distribution paid or to be paid to Seller at any time from and after the Closing, Purchaser shall provide written notice thereof to Seller as soon as practicable but in any event within ten (10) Business Days after acquiring such knowledge.

- 1.5 <u>Liabilities</u>. From and after the Closing Date, and upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement and the Transfer Documents, Purchaser shall assume and perform the duties and obligations of Seller with respect to the Interests acquired by Purchaser at the Closing Date under the Operative Documents and the Transfer Documents in accordance with the terms of such agreements, including any unfunded Capital Contributions or Capital Contributions that have become due and payable as of the Closing Date. Any liabilities for Taxes attributable to the Interests or the ownership of the Interests by Purchaser shall be the responsibility of Purchaser.
- 1.6 <u>Closing</u>. The closing of the Transactions (the "<u>Closing</u>") will take place at 6:00 a.m., Eastern Time, at the offices of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, 125 Broad Street, New York, NY 10004 or remotely via electronic exchange of documents and signatures on (i) March 31, 2023 if all of the conditions to closing specified in <u>Article 5</u> are satisfied or waived by such time; and, if not, then on (ii) June 30, 2023, provided that all of the conditions to closing specified in <u>Article 5</u> are satisfied or waived by such time, or (iii) at such other time as Purchaser and Seller shall agree in writing (the "Closing Date").
- 1.7 <u>Deliveries at Closing</u>. At the Closing, upon satisfaction or waiver of the conditions set forth in Article 5 hereof:
- (a) Purchaser will (A) pay the Aggregate Purchase Price to Seller in accordance with Section 1.3 by wire transfer of immediately available funds pursuant to the instructions delivered by Seller to Purchaser in accordance with Schedule D, (B) pay to the Subject Company or applicable counterparty an amount equal to the Cure Costs not included in the Aggregate Purchase Price, if any, by wire transfer of immediately available funds pursuant to the instructions delivered by Seller to Purchaser prior to the Closing and (C) deliver to Seller a counterpart to the Transfer Documents, duly executed by Purchaser or its applicable Affiliates party thereto;
- (b) Seller shall deliver to Purchaser a counterpart to the Transfer Documents, duly executed by Purchaser or its applicable Affiliates party thereto; and
- (c) each of Seller and Purchaser shall deliver to the other party each of the other documents and instruments required to be delivered pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or any Transfer Documents.

## **ARTICLE 2**

## REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

- 2.1 <u>Representations and Warranties of Seller</u>. Seller hereby represents and warrants to Purchaser that:
- (a) <u>Authorization</u>. Seller is an entity duly organized and validly existing in good standing under the laws of Delaware. Subject to entry of the Sale Order, Seller has (and as of the Closing, will have) the requisite power and authority to enter into, execute and deliver this Agreement and the Transfer Documents to which Seller is a party and to perform all of the

obligations to be performed by it hereunder and thereunder. Subject to entry of the Sale Order, this Agreement and the Transfer Documents to which it is a party have been or, when executed, will be duly authorized, executed and delivered by it, and constitute or, when executed, will constitute a valid and binding obligation of Seller, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms.

- (b) <u>Title to Interests.</u> Seller owns all right, title and interest in and to the Interests, free and clear of all Liens other than Permitted Encumbrances and Liens created by or through Purchaser or any of its Affiliates.
- (c) <u>No Conflicts</u>. Subject to the entry of the Sale Order, the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the Transfer Documents to which it is a party and the performance or consummation of the Transactions by Seller do not conflict with, result in a breach or violation of, or result in the creation of a Lien on any of the Interests owned by Seller under the terms or provisions of (i) its organizational documents, (ii) any contract that is material to the value of the Interests, or (iii) any statute or any order, rule or regulation of any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over it or its property, except, in each case, for such conflicts, violations, defaults and accelerations that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.

# (d) Funded and Unfunded Capital Commitment; Operative Documents.

- (i) Schedule A sets forth, as of the date hereof (unless otherwise specified in Schedule A), expressed in U.S. dollars, Seller's total Capital Commitment to the Subject Company, Seller's capital account balance in the Subject Company (based on information received from the Subject Company), the aggregate amount of Capital Contributions Seller has made in respect of the Interests since the Balance Sheet Date, the aggregate amount of Distributions made by the Subject Company to Seller since the Balance Sheet Date, and the amount of the unfunded Capital Commitment with respect to the Interests in the Subject Company.
- (ii) As of the date hereof, to Seller's knowledge, Seller has not participated in any underlying investment of the Subject Company through any AIV.
- (iii) To Seller's knowledge, complete copies of all Operative Documents have been made available to Purchaser.
- (iv) To Seller's knowledge, Seller has not granted any other person or entity (except as set forth in the Operative Documents) any options, calls, warrants, commitments or rights of any character whatsoever to acquire any interest in the Subject Company that would reduce Seller's percentage ownership in the Subject Company.
- (e) <u>Certain Conduct</u>. Since the Balance Sheet Date, Seller has not (i) sold, assigned, transferred, delivered or otherwise disposed of all or any portion of the Interests held by Seller, (ii) converted, exchanged or redeemed all or any portion of the Interests, or (iii) agreed to do any of the foregoing.

- (f) <u>Broker's Fee; No Public Offering</u>. No person or entity acting on behalf of Seller or under the authority of Seller shall be entitled to any broker's, finder's, or similar fee or commission in connection with the Transactions, other than the financial advisors retained by Seller in the Bankruptcy Proceeding.
- (g) <u>No Other Representations or Warranties</u>. Except for the representations and warranties contained in this Section 2.1, neither Seller nor any other person makes any other express or implied representation or warranty with respect to the Transactions, and Seller disclaims any other representations or warranties, whether made by Seller, any Affiliate of Seller or any of Seller's or its Affiliates' respective representatives.
- (h) <u>Commissions</u>. Seller confirms that neither it nor any of its Affiliates will charge Purchaser any brokerage commission, finder's, arranger's, placement agent's or similar fee in connection with the Transactions.
- (i) Method of Offering. The transfer of the Interests has not been and is not being effected on or through a United States national, regional or local securities exchange, a foreign securities exchange or an interdealer quotation system that regularly disseminates firm buy or sell quotations by identified brokers or dealers (including, without limitation, the Nasdaq National Market or Small-Cap Market); and the transfers of the Interests have not and will not be made by, through or on behalf of a person, such as a broker or a dealer, making a market in interests in any partnership, or a person who makes available to the pubic bid or offer quotes with respect to interests in any partnership.
- (j) <u>No General Solicitation</u>. Neither Seller nor anyone acting on Seller's behalf has offered the Interests to the public or engaged in any general solicitation or general advertising with respect to the offer and sale of the Interests.
- (k) <u>ERISA</u>. Seller is not, nor is Seller acting on behalf of or with assets of, an "employee benefit plan" as defined in Section 3(3) of ERISA that is subject to Title I of ERISA, or a "plan" within the meaning of and subject to Section 4975 of the Code.
- (1) <u>Acknowledgments</u>. Seller acknowledges that Purchaser may be in possession of material, non-public information relating to the Interests and, in that event, will not disclose such information to Seller except as otherwise specifically required by this Agreement. Seller further acknowledges that it is prepared to sell the Interests to Purchaser on the foregoing basis and thereby waives any right to rescind or invalidate the sale of the Interests to Purchaser or seek any damages or other remuneration from Purchaser based on the possession of any material, nonpublic information by Purchaser or the lack of possession of any such material, nonpublic information by Seller.
- (m) <u>Transfer Taxes</u>. To Seller's knowledge, there are no Transfer Taxes that will be incurred in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- 2.2 <u>Representations and Warranties of Purchaser</u>. Purchaser hereby represents and warrants to Seller that:

- (a) <u>Authorization</u>. Purchaser is an entity duly incorporated and validly existing in good standing under the laws of its jurisdiction of organization. Purchaser has the requisite power and authority to enter into, execute and deliver this Agreement and the Transfer Documents and to perform all of the obligations to be performed by it hereunder and thereunder. This Agreement and the Transfer Documents to which it is a party have been or, when executed, will be duly authorized, executed and delivered by it, and constitute or when executed, will constitute a valid and binding obligation of Seller, enforceable against it in accordance with its terms, subject to applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization and moratorium laws and other Laws or general application affecting enforcement of creditors' rights generally.
- No Conflicts. The execution and delivery of this Agreement and the (b) Transfer Documents to which it is a party and the performance or consummation of the Transactions by Purchaser do not (i) conflict with or result in a breach or violation of the terms or provisions of its organizational documents, (ii) result in the breach or violation of any of the terms or provisions of, or constitute a default under, or accelerate the performance required by the terms of any indenture, mortgage, deed of trust, loan agreement or any other agreement or instrument to which it is a party or by which it is bound or (iii) conflict with or result in a breach or violation of the terms or provisions of any statute or any order, rule or regulation of any court or governmental agency or body having jurisdiction over it or its property, except, in each case, to the extent that such conflicts, violations, defaults or accelerations would not, individually or in the aggregate, materially hinder, delay or impair the performance of its obligations under this Agreement and the Transfer Documents. The execution and delivery by Purchaser of this Agreement and the Transfer Documents to which it is a party and the performance by Purchaser of its obligations hereunder and thereunder will not require any registration, filing, consent or approval under any Law, rule, regulation, judgment, order, writ, decree, permit or license, or any consent or approval of any other party to Purchaser's constituent documents, or any other contract, agreement, instrument, commitment or restriction binding upon Purchaser, except for the Sale Order, any General Partner Consent and any post-Closing filings required by Law.

## (c) Independent Appraisal.

- (i) Purchaser acknowledges that Seller may be in possession of material, nonpublic information relating to the Subject Company. Purchaser further acknowledges and agrees that Seller has no obligation to disclose to Purchaser any such material, nonpublic information except as may be required for a representation and warranty of Seller hereunder to be accurate and correct. Purchaser further acknowledges that (A) it is not relying on there having been disclosed any such material or potentially material information which is not disclosed, and (B) any such information may be materially adverse to Purchaser's interests. Purchaser further acknowledges that it is prepared to purchase the Interests from Seller on the foregoing basis and hereby waives any right to rescind or invalidate the purchase of the Interests from Seller or to seek any damages or other remuneration from Seller based on the possession of any such material, nonpublic information by Seller.
- (ii) Purchaser acknowledges that it is experienced and sophisticated with respect to transactions of the type contemplated by this Agreement, and that in consultation with experienced counsel and advisors of its choice, it has made its own due

diligence analysis, credit analysis and decision to buy the Interests, and that it is responsible for making its own evaluation of any information about the Interests, the Subject Company or Seller that it may receive either directly from the Subject Company or Seller, and that none of the Subject Company, Seller or any Affiliate, partner, employee, officer or director thereof (A) makes any representation or warranty or gives any undertaking of any kind, express or implied, as to, or accepts or assumes any responsibility or liability of any kind for, the accuracy, reliability, adequacy, completeness or reasonableness of any such information or any assumptions upon which such information is based except as specifically set forth in this Agreement or (B) shall be under any obligation to provide access to or advise Purchaser or any other person of the existence of any additional information or to review, update or correct any inaccuracy in any information about the Interests, the Subject Company or Seller (or any assumptions upon which such information is based) supplied by it or by any person or be otherwise liable to the Subject Company or Seller or any other person with respect to any such information or assumptions, except as specifically contemplated in this Agreement.

- (d) <u>Accredited Investor; Qualified Purchaser</u>. Purchaser is an "accredited investor" within the meaning of Rule 501 of Regulation D of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and a "qualified purchaser" within the meaning of Section 2(a)(51)(A) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and the rules promulgated thereunder.
- (e) <u>No Resale</u>. Purchaser's purchase of the Interests is for its own account for investment and not with a view to the distribution or resale thereof, except in compliance with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and applicable state securities laws.
- (f) <u>Broker's Fee</u>. No person or entity acting on behalf of Purchaser or under the authority of Purchaser shall be entitled to any broker's, finder's, or similar fee or commission in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- Bankruptcy Code or other Laws, Purchaser will use commercially reasonable efforts to provide, at Closing or on such earlier date as is designated by the Bankruptcy Court, adequate assurance of its future performance of the applicable requirements regarding assignment of the rights and obligations under the Operative Documents to Purchaser in satisfaction of section 365(f)(2)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code. Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that, if it becomes necessary to provide any additional assurances of its future performance under the Bankruptcy Code or other Laws, Purchaser shall perform all actions and bear all such costs and expenses, in each case as may be commercially reasonably necessary or advisable in connection with its obligations under this Section 2.2(g) without recourse to Seller. Notwithstanding anything in this Section 2.2(g) or this Agreement to the contrary, neither Purchaser nor any Affiliate of Purchaser shall be required to provide to any person any financial statements in relation to any entity other than the Purchaser.

# (h) <u>No Other Representations or Warranties.</u>

(i) Except for the representations and warranties contained in this Section 2.2, neither Purchaser nor any other person makes any other express or implied

representation or warranty with respect to the Transactions, and Purchaser disclaims any other representations or warranties, whether made by Purchaser, any Affiliate of Purchaser or any of Purchaser's or its Affiliates' respective representatives.

- Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that, except for the (ii) representations and warranties expressly set forth in Section 2.1, (i) no Seller nor any other person has made any express or implied representation or warranty with respect to, or otherwise in connection with, the Transactions or with respect to the accuracy or completeness of any other information provided, or made available, to Purchaser in connection with the Transactions and Purchaser has not relied on any representation or warranty other than those expressly set forth in Section 2.1, (ii) Purchaser has not executed or authorized the execution of this Agreement or entered into the Transactions in reliance upon, and hereby specifically disclaims reliance upon, any promise, statement, projection, forecast, representation or warranty whatsoever made or omitted to be made to Purchaser or any of its Affiliates, or their respective representatives, including any such promise, statement, projection, forecast, representation or warranty as to the condition, value, quality or prospects of the Subject Company, or its assets or liabilities, including the Operative Documents, or any part thereof; and (iii) the Interests are being transferred "as is", "where is" and "with all faults" except as set forth herein and in the Sale Order. Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that, except for the representations and warranties expressly set forth in Section 2.1, Seller, on behalf of itself, its subsidiaries and Affiliates (x) expressly disclaims and negates any representation or warranty, expressed or implied, at common law, by statute or otherwise, with respect to the business, operations, assets, liabilities and conditions (financial or otherwise) of the Subject Company or with respect to the Interests (including any express or implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose) and (y) disclaims all liability and responsibility for any representation, warranty, projection, forecast, statement or information made, communicated or furnished (orally or in writing) to Purchaser or its Affiliates or representatives (including any opinion, information, projection or advice that may have been or may be provided to Purchaser by any representative of Seller or any of its Affiliates). Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that Seller makes no representations or warranties to Purchaser regarding the probable success or profitability of the Subject Company.
- (iii) Purchaser acknowledges and agrees that the enforceability of this Agreement against Seller is subject to entry of the Sale Order and any other Order entered into by the Bankruptcy Court applicable to the Transactions.

## **ARTICLE 3**

## **COVENANTS**

## 3.1 Tax Matters.

(a) Seller and Purchaser shall cooperate with each other in good faith in connection with Taxes with respect to the Subject Company and any AIVs, including (i) in

preparing and timely filing Tax returns with respect to Tax periods (or portions thereof) prior to the Closing Date, (ii) in the conduct of any audit, litigation, adjustment, or other proceeding with respect to Tax periods (or portions thereof) prior to the Closing Date, (iii) with respect to the Tax treatment of the Transactions, including any necessary allocation of Aggregate Purchase Price for Tax purposes and (iv) using commercially reasonable efforts to obtain any certificate or other document from any Governmental Entity as may be necessary to mitigate, reduce, eliminate or recover any Tax (including withholding or deduction in respect of Taxes) that is or may be imposed with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or that reduce any distributions paid or made by the Subject Company or an AIV with respect to the Interests. With respect to the Subject Company, Seller and Purchaser shall, with respect to the Interests, (i) not make, or cause or permit the Subject Company or any AIVs to make, any Tax election with retroactive effect to Tax periods (or portions thereof) on or prior to the Closing Date (for the avoidance of doubt, excluding any Tax election which may be made by the Subject Company (or an AIV) without Seller's or Purchaser's (as applicable) consent or approval), and (ii) use commercially reasonable efforts to not take any action under the Subject Company Agreement in relation to Tax matters of the Subject Company or any AIVs with respect to Tax periods (or portions thereof) on or prior to the Closing Date, which, in each of case (i) and (ii), could reasonably be expected to materially adversely and disproportionately impact the other party, without the prior written consent of the other party (not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed).

- (b) All Transfer Taxes, if any, incurred in connection with the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be borne by Purchaser.
- (c) Seller shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with Purchaser in seeking to obtain the agreement of the Manager of the Subject Company and each AIV to allocate, under applicable tax legislation, income, gains, losses, deductions or credits attributable to the Interests for the tax year in which the Closing Date occurs between Purchaser and Seller based on a closing of the books; provided such manner is permitted by such applicable tax legislation and the terms of the relevant Operative Documents.
- (d) If the Subject Company or an AIV is transferred is, or makes a valid election to be treated as, an "electing investment partnership" within the meaning of Section 743(e)(5) of the Code for any taxable year that includes the Closing Date, Seller agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to furnish to Purchaser (i) all information necessary to enable Purchaser to compute the amount of its losses (if any) disallowed under Section 743(e) of the Code (such information to be furnished in compliance with the requirements of IRS Notice 2005-32 or superseding guidance issued by the IRS), and (ii) copies of all IRS Schedule K-1s (or equivalents) in Seller's possession or reasonably available thereto (including by request to the applicable Manager) issued by the Subject Company or AIV to Seller (and, if applicable, Seller's predecessor(s) in interest). If Seller fails to provide Purchaser with any such IRS Schedule K-1s (or equivalents) with respect to the Subject Company or an AIV, Seller hereby authorizes the applicable Manager to provide to Purchaser all IRS Schedule K-1s (or equivalents) issued to Seller since its date of admission to such entity, in order for Purchaser to compute the amount of its losses (if any) disallowed under Section 743(e) of the Code.

- (e) At Purchaser's request, Seller shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cooperate with Purchaser in requesting the agreement of the Manager to cause the Subject Company or any AIV to have in effect or to make an election under Section 754 of the Code for the taxable year that includes the Closing Date, provided that such an election is permitted under the terms of the relevant Operative Documents.
- 3.2 Pre-Closing Notice. Prior to the Closing, Seller shall deliver to Purchaser a notice (a "Pre-Closing Notice") setting forth the calculation of the Aggregate Purchase Price, including the aggregate amount of all Capital Contributions and Distributions included in such determination, subject to adjustment in accordance with Section 1.3, and including wire instructions for the applicable accounts designated by Seller to which the Aggregate Purchase Price in respect of such Interest(s) shall be paid in accordance with Schedule D. If (i) Seller receives from a Manager a notice requiring it to make or pay part of its Capital Commitment (a "Capital Call") or receives any Distribution, in each case, in respect of the Interests included in the Pre-Closing Notice or (ii) a right of first refusal is exercised with respect to the Interests (or any portion thereof) to be transferred at the Closing, in each case between the date of such Pre-Closing Notice and the Closing Date, Seller shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, provide to Purchaser (x) a notice including a copy of, if applicable, the Capital Call or details of such Distribution (as applicable), and (y) a revised calculation of the Aggregate Purchase Price in respect of the Interests reflecting the Capital Commitment required to be made pursuant to the Capital Call or the Distribution (as applicable).
- 3.3 <u>Confidentiality</u>. Each of Seller and Purchaser acknowledge that the Confidentiality Agreement remains in full force and effect in accordance with its terms, which are incorporated herein by reference, and agrees to be bound thereby in the same manner and to the same extent as if the terms had been set forth herein in full except that Seller shall be at liberty to disclose the terms of this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, Seller is expressly permitted to disclose this Agreement, any Transfer Documents and, in each case, any exhibits and schedules thereto with the Bankruptcy Court as necessary or advisable in connection with the Transactions, provided that Seller shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to restrict, and to seek redaction of, any disclosure of any confidential information relating to Purchaser, and, upon the request of Purchaser, shall request authority from the Bankruptcy Court to file any such confidential information under seal.
- 3.4 <u>AIVs.</u> If on or prior to the Closing, Seller is treated as owning an interest in an AIV with respect to the Interest, that AIV shall be treated as part of and transferred with the Interests at such Closing and any AIV partnership or other operating agreements related to such AIV shall be deemed to be included in the definition of Operative Documents.

#### **ARTICLE 4**

#### **BANKRUPTCY MATTERS**

# 4.1 <u>Bankruptcy Court Filings</u>.

- (a) As promptly as possible, Seller or its applicable Affiliate shall (i) file with the Bankruptcy Court one or more motions (collectively, the "Sale Motion"), along with the proposed Sale Order, (A) seeking approval of the sale of the Interests and assignment of the Operative Documents to which Seller is a party to Purchaser, free and clear of any Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances) and (B) fixing the time, date and location of the hearing to approve the consummation of the Transactions (the "Sale Hearing"), (ii) notify, as required by the Bankruptcy Code and the Bankruptcy Rules, all parties entitled to notice of such motions and orders (including all persons that have asserted Liens on the Interests and all non-debtor parties to the Operating Documents), as modified by orders in respect of notice which may be issued at any time and from time to time by the Bankruptcy Court, and such additional parties as such Purchaser may reasonably request, and (iii) use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain Bankruptcy Court approval of the Sale Order. Seller shall be responsible for making all appropriate filings relating thereto with the Bankruptcy Court, which filings shall be made available, to the extent practicable, to Purchaser no later than two (2) Business Days prior to their filing with the Bankruptcy Court for Purchaser's prior review.
- (b) Each of Seller and Purchaser shall (i) appear in the Bankruptcy Court if reasonably requested by the other party hereto or required by the Bankruptcy Court in connection with the Transactions and (ii) keep the other reasonably apprised of the status of material matters related to the Agreement, including, upon reasonable request promptly furnishing the other with copies of notices or other communications received from the Bankruptcy Court or any other party with respect to the Transactions; provided that no member of Purchaser that is a senior member in any of the Purchaser's parent entities (as determined by Purchaser in its reasonable discretion) shall be required to appear or participate in the Bankruptcy Proceeding or before the Bankruptcy Court.
- (c) The parties hereto shall provide notice as far in advance as possible (but in no case less than three (3) Business Days before filing) and shall consult with each other regarding pleadings that any of them intends to file with the Bankruptcy Court in connection with, or which might reasonably affect the Bankruptcy Court's approval of the Sale Order. Seller shall promptly provide Purchaser and its outside legal counsel with copies of all notices, filings and orders of the Bankruptcy Court that the Seller has in its possession (or receives) pertaining to the Sale Order, or related to any of the Transactions, but only to the extent such papers are not publicly available on the docket of the Bankruptcy Court or otherwise served upon Purchaser and its outside legal counsel. Seller shall not seek any modification to the Sale Order with respect to the Transactions by the Bankruptcy Court or any other Governmental Entity of competent jurisdiction to which a decision relating to the Bankruptcy Proceeding has been appealed, in each case, without the prior written consent of Purchaser (not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed).

- (d) Seller and Purchaser shall consult with the other and consider in good faith any comments of the other in connection with the Sale Order and any modifications thereto.
- (e) If any order of the Bankruptcy Court relating to this Agreement shall be appealed by any person (or a petition for certiorari or motion for rehearing, re-argument or stay shall be filed with respect thereto), Seller agrees to, and agrees to cause its Affiliates to, use their commercially reasonable efforts, to defend against such appeal, petition or motion, and Purchaser agrees to cooperate reasonably in such efforts. Each of the parties hereby agrees to use its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain an expedited resolution of such appeal.

# 4.2 <u>Non-Solicitation; Alternative Transaction.</u>

- (a) Consummation of the Transactions are subject to approval by the Bankruptcy Court and the consideration by the Debtors and the Bankruptcy Court of higher or better competing bids. From and after the date hereof until three (3) days before the Sale Hearing, as such date may be modified or extended (the "Sale Process Date"), the Seller and the other Debtors shall be permitted to cause their respective Representatives and Affiliates to (i) initiate contact with, or solicit or encourage submission of any inquiries, proposals or offers by, any person (in addition to Purchaser and its Affiliates, agents and representatives) with respect to an Alternative Transaction, and (ii) respond to any inquiries or offers to purchase all or any part of the Subject Company and/or its assets (whether in combination with other assets of the Seller and the other Debtors or otherwise) and perform any and all other acts related thereto which are required or permitted under the Bankruptcy Code, any Order entered into by the Bankruptcy Court applicable to the Transactions or other applicable Law, including supplying information relating to the Subject Company and the assets of the Subject Company to prospective purchasers.
- (b) From and after the Sale Process Date, other than as set forth herein, Seller and its representatives shall not (i) solicit, initiate, knowingly facilitate or knowingly encourage the submission of, or any inquiries with respect to, any Alternative Transaction by a third party; (ii) participate in any discussions or negotiations with a third party regarding, or furnish to any third party any information or data with respect to, or otherwise cooperate in any way with respect to, a proposed Alternative Transaction; or (iii) enter into any letter of intent, memorandum of understanding, acquisition agreement or other agreement, arrangement or understanding that contemplates an Alternative Transaction; provided, that Seller, may in connection with any bona fide proposal related to an Alternative Transaction received by Seller without any violation of clause (i) above, furnish information and data to a third party and take any other action referred to in clause (ii) above, if: (A) Seller determines in good faith, in consultation with the Committee, that such proposal constitutes a higher or otherwise better offer for the Interests; and (B) Seller gives Purchaser prompt written notice of Seller's intention to furnish information or data to or to engage in negotiations or discussions with the third party submitting such proposal.

# 4.3 <u>Sale Order</u>.

(a) Subject to <u>Section 4.2</u> and <u>Section 7.7</u>, Seller and Purchaser shall take all actions as may be reasonably necessary to cause the Sale Order to be issued, entered and become

a Final Order, including furnishing affidavits, declarations or other documents or information for filing with the Bankruptcy Court. Subject to Sections 2.2(g) and 4.1(b), Purchaser agrees that it will promptly take such actions as are reasonably requested by Seller to assist in obtaining entry of the Sale Order and a finding of adequate assurance of future performance by Purchaser, including furnishing affidavits or other documents or information for filing with the Bankruptcy Court for the purposes, among others, of providing necessary assurances of performance by Purchaser under this Agreement and demonstrating that Purchaser is a "good faith" Purchaser under section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code.

(b) The Sale Order shall, among other things, (i) approve, pursuant to sections 105, 363, and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, (A) the execution, delivery and performance by the Seller of this Agreement, (B) the sale of the Interests to Purchaser on the terms set forth herein and free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances), and (C) the performance by Seller of its obligations under this Agreement, (ii) find that (A) Purchaser is a "good faith" purchaser within the meaning of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code and (B) Purchaser is not a successor to Seller and (iii) grant Purchaser the protections of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code.

#### **ARTICLE 5**

#### CONDITIONS TO CLOSING

- 5.1 <u>Mutual Conditions</u>. The respective obligations of each of Seller and Purchaser to effect a Closing are subject to the satisfaction or waiver by the other party of the following conditions on or prior to the Closing Date:
- (a) The Bankruptcy Court shall have entered the Sale Order, and such Sale Order has not been stayed or appealed.
- (b) The General Partner Consent obtained as of the date hereof shall not have been materially amended or modified.
- 5.2 <u>Conditions to the Obligation of Purchaser</u>. The obligation of Purchaser to effect the Closing is subject to the satisfaction or waiver by Purchaser of the following additional conditions on or prior to the Closing Date:
- (a) The representations and warranties of Seller contained in this Agreement shall be true and correct (without giving effect to any materiality qualifiers, including "Material Adverse Effect", contained therein) as of the Closing Date as though made on and as of such date (except to the extent that any such representation and warranty expressly speaks as of an earlier date, in which case such representation and warranty shall be true and correct as of such earlier date) except where the failure of any such representations and warranties to be so true and correct would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) Seller shall have performed in all material respects all obligations required to be performed by it under this Agreement on or prior to the Closing Date.

- (c) Certificates.
- (i) Seller shall have furnished Purchaser with a certificate, dated as of the Closing Date and signed by an authorized signatory of Seller to the effect that the conditions set forth in Subsections (a) and (b) above are satisfied; and
- (ii) Seller shall have furnished Purchaser with a valid, properly completed and duly executed IRS Form W-9 with respect to Seller.
- (d) Purchaser shall have received, to the extent provided by the Subject Company to Seller prior to the Closing Date, an updated Schedule A and an updated Schedule B reflecting all Distributions and Capital Contributions relating to the Interest being conveyed at the Closing since the Balance Sheet Date.
- 5.3 <u>Conditions to the Obligation of Seller</u>. The obligation of Seller to effect the Closing is subject to the satisfaction or waiver by Seller of the following additional conditions on or prior to each Closing Date:
- (a) The representations and warranties of Purchaser contained in this Agreement shall be true and correct (without giving effect to any materiality qualifiers, including "Material Adverse Effect", contained therein) as of the Closing Date as though made on and as of such date (except to the extent that any such representation and warranty expressly speaks as of an earlier date, in which case such representation and warranty shall be true and correct as of such earlier date).
- (b) Purchaser shall have performed in all material respects all obligations required to be performed by it under this Agreement on or prior to the Closing Date.
- (c) Purchaser shall have furnished Seller with a certificate, dated as of the Closing Date and signed by an authorized signatory of Purchaser to the effect that the conditions set forth in Subsections (a) and (b) above are satisfied.

## **ARTICLE 6**

## **TERMINATION**

- 6.1 <u>Grounds for Termination</u>. This Agreement may be terminated at any time:
  - (a) by mutual agreement of Seller and Purchaser;
- (b) by either Seller or Purchaser if the Closing has not occurred within 120 days after the date hereof (the "<u>Termination Date</u>"); <u>provided</u>, that the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this <u>Section 6.1(b)</u> shall not be available to any party to this Agreement that has breached in any material respect its obligations under this Agreement in any manner that shall have proximately contributed to the failure of the Closing to have occurred on or prior to the Termination Date:

- (c) by either Seller or Purchaser, if there is in effect a Final Order of a Governmental Entity of competent jurisdiction, enjoining or otherwise prohibiting the consummation of the Transactions (it being agreed that the parties hereto will promptly appeal any adverse determination which is not non-appealable and pursue such appeal in accordance with their respective obligations under this Agreement unless and until this Agreement is terminated pursuant to this Section 6.1);
- (d) by Seller if Purchaser shall have breached or failed to perform in any material respect any of its covenants or other agreements contained in this Agreement, or any of its representations and warranties shall have become untrue after the date hereof, which breach or failure to perform or be true (i) would give rise to the failure of a condition set forth in Section 5.1 or Section 5.3 and (ii) is not curable or, if curable, is not cured within the earlier of (A) five (5) days after written notice thereof is given by Seller to Purchaser and (B) the Termination Date; provided, that Seller shall not have the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 6.1(d) if Seller is then in material breach of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or other agreements hereunder and such material breach would give rise to the failure of a condition set forth in Section 5.1 or Section 5.2;
- (e) by Purchaser if Seller shall have breached or failed to perform in any material respect any of its covenants or other agreements contained in this Agreement, or any of its representations and warranties shall have become untrue after the date hereof, which breach or failure to perform or be true (i) would give rise to the failure of a condition set forth in Section 5.1 or Section 5.2, and (ii) is not curable or, if curable, is not cured within the earlier of (A) five (5) days after written notice thereof is given by Purchaser to Seller and (B) the Termination Date; provided, that Purchaser shall not have the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 6.1(e) if Purchaser is then in material breach of any of its representations, warranties, covenants or other agreements hereunder and such material breach would give rise to the failure of a condition set forth in Section 5.1 or Section 5.3;
- (f) by Purchaser if (i) the Bankruptcy Case applicable to Seller is converted into a case under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code or is dismissed or (ii) the Seller withdraws or seeks to withdraw the request for authority to sell the Interests pursuant to this Agreement;
- (g) automatically, if Seller enters into a definitive agreement with a third party with respect to an Alternative Transaction; or
- (h) by Seller, if Seller or the board of directors (or similar governing body) of Seller determines that proceeding with the Transactions or failing to terminate this Agreement would be inconsistent with its or such person's or body's fiduciary duties.
- 6.2 <u>Effect of Termination</u>. If this Agreement is terminated as permitted by <u>Section 6.1</u>:
- (a) no party to this Agreement will have any liability or further obligation to the other party pursuant to this Agreement; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that (i) the agreements of Seller and Purchaser set forth in <u>Section 7.4</u> shall survive such termination and (ii) no such termination shall relieve any party to this Agreement of any liability or damages to the other party resulting from any knowing and intentional material breach of this Agreement;

- (b) Purchaser shall return to Seller all documents, work papers and other material of Seller relating to the transactions contemplated hereby, whether obtained before or after the execution hereof or certify that such documents have been destroyed; and
- (c) the provisions of the Confidentiality Agreement will continue in full force and effect.

#### ARTICLE 7

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

- 7.1 <u>Waiver, Amendment</u>. Any provision of this Agreement may be amended or waived, but only if the amendment or waiver is in writing and signed, in the case of the amendment, by each party to this Agreement or, in the case of a waiver, by the party or parties that would have benefited by the provision had it not been waived.
- 7.2 <u>Remedies.</u> No failure to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right, remedy, power or privilege under this Agreement by any party will operate as a waiver of such right, remedy, power or privilege, nor will any single or partial exercise of any right, remedy, power or privilege under this Agreement preclude any other or further exercise of such right, remedy, power or privilege or the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege.
- No Survival of Representations and Warranties or Covenants. No representations or warranties, covenants or agreements in this Agreement or in any instrument delivered pursuant to this Agreement shall survive beyond the Closing Date, except for covenants and agreements that by their terms are to be satisfied after the Closing Date, which covenants and agreements shall survive until satisfied in accordance with their terms. Following the Closing, in no event shall Seller or Purchaser have any recourse against the other or the Purchaser Parties or Seller Parties, respectively with respect to any representation, warranty, covenant or agreement made by Seller or Purchaser, as applicable, in this Agreement or in any other document contemplated hereby, or in any certificate delivered hereunder or thereunder, except with respect to claims for breaches of covenants and agreements that by their terms are to be satisfied after the Closing Date.
- 7.4 Expenses. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement or the Transfer Documents, each of Purchaser, on the one hand, and Seller, on the other hand, shall bear their own costs and expenses (including brokerage commissions, finders' fees or similar compensation, and legal fees and expenses) incurred in connection with this Agreement, the Transfer Documents and the Transactions; provided, however, that Purchaser shall pay any and all third-party costs and expenses of the Subject Company, including legal and accounting fees, incurred in connection with the Transactions, to the extent required to be paid, reimbursed or advanced pursuant to the Operative Documents.
- 7.5 <u>Notices</u>. All notices, requests and other communications under this Agreement to a party will be in writing and will be deemed given (a) on the Business Day sent, when delivered by hand or facsimile transmission (with confirmation) during normal business hours, (b) on the Business Day following the Business Day of sending, if delivered by nationally recognized overnight courier, or (c) on the third (3rd) Business Day following the Business Day of sending,

if mailed by registered or certified mail return receipt requested, in each case to such party at its address (or number) set forth below or such other address (or number) as the party may specify by notice to the other party hereto.

#### If to Seller:

Clifton Bay Investments LLC 2600 South Shore Blvd, Suite 300 League City, TX 77573

Attention: Kathryn Schultea

Email: kathyschultea@ftx.com

With a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Sullivan & Cromwell LLP 125 Broad Street

New York, NY 10005

Attention: Audra D. Cohen

Rita-Anne O'Neill

Telephone: (212) 558-3275

(310) 712-6698

Email: cohena@sullcrom.com

oneillr@sullcrom.com

### If to Purchaser:

Al Nawwar Investments RSC Limited

Al Bahr Towers, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Street (Intersection with Shakhbout Bin Sultan Street - 19th Street)

PO Box 61999, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Attention: CIO, Private Equity Department

Telephone: +97126115555 Email: Pedesk@adcouncil.ae Legalunit@adcouncil.ae

With a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Sidley Austin LLP 70 St Mary Axe London, EC3A 8BE

Attention: James Oussedik Telephone: +44 20 7360 3600 Email: joussedik@sidley.com

# 7.6 Specific Performance.

- (a) The Parties agree that irreparable damages would occur in the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement were not performed in accordance with their specific terms or were otherwise breached, and that damages at law may be an inadequate remedy for the breach of any of the covenants, promises and agreements contained in this Agreement, and, accordingly, any Party will be entitled to injunctive relief to prevent any such breach, and to specifically enforce the terms and provisions of this Agreement without the necessity of posting bond or other security against it or proving damages, including without limitation specific performance of such covenants, promises or agreements (including to cause Purchaser to consummate the Closing and to make the payments contemplated by this Agreement) or an Order enjoining a Party from any threatened, or from the continuation of any actual, breach of the covenants, promises or agreements contained in this Agreement. The rights set forth in this Section 7.6 will be in addition to any other rights which a Party may have at law or in equity pursuant to this Agreement.
- (b) The Parties hereby agree not to raise any objections to the availability of the equitable remedy of specific performance to prevent or restrain breaches of this Agreement by Purchaser or Seller, as applicable, and to specifically enforce the terms and provisions of this Agreement to prevent breaches or threatened breaches of, or to enforce compliance with, the respective covenants and obligations of Purchaser or Seller, as applicable, under this Agreement all in accordance with the terms of this Section 7.6.
- 7.7 <u>Fiduciary Obligations</u>. Nothing in this Agreement, or any document related to the Transactions, will require the Seller or any of its directors, officers or stockholders, in each case, in their capacities as such, to take any action, or to refrain from taking any action, to the extent inconsistent with their fiduciary obligations. For the avoidance of doubt, Seller retains the right to pursue any transaction or restructuring strategy that, in Seller's business judgment, will maximize the value of its estates.
- 7.8 Entire Understanding; No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement, the Transfer Documents and the Confidentiality Agreement together set forth the entire understanding of the parties relating to the subject matter of this Agreement and supersede all contemporaneous understandings and prior agreements, written or oral, among the parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. In the event of any conflict between this Agreement and the Transfer Documents or the Confidentiality Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail. No representation, warranty, inducement, promise, understanding or condition not set forth in this Agreement has been made or relied on by any party in entering into this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement, expressed or implied, is intended to confer on any person, other than the parties hereto or their respective successors, any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities.
- 7.9 <u>Assignment</u>. Neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations under it may be assigned by any of the parties hereto (whether by operation of law or otherwise) without the prior written consent of the other party hereto and any purported assignment in violation of this <u>Section 7.9</u> will be void, except for the following assignments which shall not require any consent and will not be void: (i) assignment to an Affiliate of either party (<u>provided</u> that such party remains liable jointly and severally with its assignee Affiliate for the assigned obligations

to the other party) and (ii) assignment by Seller to a succeeding entity following its emergence from the Bankruptcy Proceeding. Subject to the preceding sentence, this Agreement will be binding upon, inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the parties to this Agreement and their respective successors and permitted assigns.

- 7.10 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will constitute an original and all of which, when taken together, will constitute one Agreement.
- 7.11 Severability. If any of the provisions of this Agreement is found to be in violation of Law or unenforceable for any reason, then (a) a suitable and equitable provision shall be substituted therefor in order to carry out, so far as may be valid and enforceable, the intent and purpose of such invalid or unenforceable provision and (b) the remainder of this Agreement and the application of such provision, covenant or restriction to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected by such invalidity or unenforceability, nor shall such invalidity or unenforceability affect the validity or enforceability of such provision, or the application of such provision, in any other jurisdiction and the remainder of the terms, provisions, covenants and restrictions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.
- No Presumption. Seller and Purchaser agree that this Agreement was negotiated fairly between them at arm's length and that the final terms of this Agreement are the product of their negotiations. Each of Seller and Purchaser represent and warrant that it has sought and received experienced legal counsel of its own choosing with regard to the contents of this Agreement and the rights and obligations affected hereby. The parties agree that this Agreement shall be deemed to have been jointly and equally drafted by them, and that the provisions of this Agreement therefore should not be construed against a party on the grounds that such party drafted or was more responsible for drafting the provisions.

## 7.13 Governing Law; Submission to Jurisdiction; Waiver of Jury Trial.

- (a) This Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal Laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule (whether of the State of Delaware or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the Laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Delaware, and the obligations, rights and remedies of Seller and Purchaser shall be determined in accordance with such Laws.
- (b) Without limiting any party's right to appeal any order of the Bankruptcy Court, (i) the Bankruptcy Court will retain exclusive jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Agreement and to decide any claims or disputes which may arise or result from, or be connected with, this Agreement, any breach or default hereunder, or the Transactions, and (ii) any and all proceedings related to the foregoing will be filed and maintained only in the Bankruptcy Court, and, solely in connection with this Agreement and the Transactions and not for any other purposes, the Seller and Purchaser each hereby consent to and submit to the jurisdiction and venue of the Bankruptcy Court for such purposes and will receive notices at such locations as indicated in Section 7.5; provided, however, that if the Bankruptcy Proceeding has been closed

pursuant to section 350 of the Bankruptcy Code, Seller and Purchaser each agree to unconditionally and irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, or in the event (but only in the event) that such court does not have subject matter jurisdiction over such Action, in the Supreme Court of the Delaware Court of Chancery, for the resolution of any such claim or dispute, in each case, solely in connection with this Agreement and the Transactions and not for any other purposes. Seller and Purchaser each hereby irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable Law, any objection which they may now or hereafter have to the laying of venue of any such Action brought in such court or any defense of inconvenient forum for the maintenance of such dispute. Seller and Purchaser each agree that a judgment in any such dispute may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by Law.

- (c) Seller and Purchaser each hereby consent to process being served by any other party in any Action by delivery of a copy thereof in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.5; provided, however, that such service will not be effective until the actual receipt thereof by the party being served.
- (d) Seller and Purchaser each waive any right to trial by jury in any Action regarding this Agreement or any provision hereof.
- 7.14 <u>Damages</u>. No party hereto shall have any liability under any provision of this Agreement for any punitive, incidental, consequential, special or indirect damages, including business interruption, loss of future revenue, profits or income, or loss of business reputation or opportunity relating to the breach or alleged breach of this Agreement.
- 7.15 <u>Interpretation</u>. (a) As used in this Agreement, references to:
  - (1) the words "hereby", "hereof", "herein", "hereunder" or words of similar import refer to this Agreement as a whole and not to any particular provision of this Agreement;
  - (2) the Preamble, Recitals, Sections or Exhibits refers to the Preamble, a Recital or Section of, or an Exhibit to this Agreement unless otherwise indicated;
    - (3) this Agreement refers to this Agreement and the Exhibits to it; and
  - (4) all references to "\$", "USD" and any currency amounts are in U.S. Dollars unless otherwise specified.
- (b) Wherever this Agreement requires a party to take an action, the requirement constitutes an undertaking by the party to cause its subsidiaries, and to use its commercially reasonable efforts to cause its other Affiliates, to take appropriate action in connection therewith.
- (c) Whenever the words "include", "includes" or "including" are used is this Agreement, they will be deemed to be followed by the words "without limitation." Any singular term in this Agreement will be deemed to include the plural, and any plural term the singular. All

pronouns and variations of pronouns will be deemed to refer to the feminine, masculine or neuter, singular or plural, as the identity of the person referred to may require.

- (d) The various captions and headings contained in this Agreement are for reference purposes only and do not limit or otherwise affect any of the provisions of this Agreement.
- (e) References to an "Interest" include references to any alternative investment vehicle associated with the Subject Company and Seller's interest therein, and this Agreement shall be construed accordingly.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties named below have caused this instrument to be duly executed, all as of the day and year first above written.

# **SELLER:**

# **CLIFTON BAY INVESTMENTS LLC**

By: Name John J. Ray III
Title: Authorized Signatory

# **PURCHASER**:

AL NAWWAR INVESTMENTS RSC LIMITED

By:			
	Name:		_
	Title:		

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties named below have caused this instrument to be duly executed, all as of the day and year first above written.

# **SELLER:**

## **CLIFTON BAY INVESTMENTS LLC**

By:

Name: John J. Ray III

Title: Authorized Signatory

# **PURCHASER**:

AL NAWWAR INVESTMENTS RSC LIMITED

By:

Name: Athra Al Zaabi & Yousef Abdul Aziz Al Harmoodi

Title: Authorised Signatories

#### **EXHIBIT A**

### **DEFINITIONS**

As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the meanings specified in this Exhibit A.

- "Action" means any litigation, action, suit, charge, binding arbitration, or other legal, administrative or judicial proceeding.
- "Affiliate" means, as to any person, any other person that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries controls, or is under common control with, or is controlled by, such person.
  - "Aggregate Purchase Price" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.3.
  - "Agreement" has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.
- "AIV" shall mean any alternative, parallel or supplemental investment vehicle, special purpose feeder investment vehicle or similar entity related to the Subject Company and established pursuant to the terms of an Operative Document. Each AIV is set forth on Schedule C hereto.
- "<u>Alternative Transaction</u>" means the sale, transfer or other disposition of the Interests in a transaction with a purchaser other than Purchasers and/or their Affiliates.
  - "Balance Sheet Date" means September 30, 2022.
  - "Bankruptcy Code" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.
  - "Bankruptcy Court" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.
  - "Bankruptcy Proceeding" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.
- "<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>" means the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the Bankruptcy Court.
- "Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which banks located in the city of New York are authorized or required by statute to close.
- "Capital Commitment" means all obligations of the owner of the Interests pursuant to the Operative Documents to make capital contributions to the Subject Company and to pay management fees and other fees and expenses to the Subject Company or any Manager.
- "Capital Contributions" means all cash payments or deemed payments made in respect of Seller's Capital Commitments to the Subject Company or an AIV related to such Subject Company (other than payments or deemed payments on account of Tax liabilities attributable to the ownership by Seller of the Interests for periods on or prior to the Closing Date).

"Closing" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.6.

"Closing Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 1.6.

"Committee" means the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors as representative for the unsecured creditors of Seller.

"Confidentiality Agreement" means the Confidentiality Agreement, dated February 9, 2023, between Portland Limited and FTX Trading Ltd., West Realm Shires Inc., Alameda Research LLC, Clifton Bay Investments LLC and their respective debtor affiliates.

"Cure Costs" means monetary amounts that must be paid and obligations that otherwise must be satisfied under section 365(b)(1)(A) and (B) of the Bankruptcy Code in connection with the assumption and/or assignment of the Operative Documents, as agreed upon by the parties hereto and with the General Partner or otherwise determined by the Bankruptcy Court.

"Debtors" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"<u>Distributions</u>" means all cash payments and other distributions paid or made (or deemed paid or made, excluding any distributions deemed paid or made in respect of withholding taxes through the date of this Agreement) by the Subject Company or an AIV related to such Subject Company to Seller or Seller's estate relating to the Interests. The value of all "in-kind" payments, dividends or other distributions received by Seller or Seller's estate from the Subject Company shall be the value assigned thereto as of the date of distribution by the General Partner.

"<u>Final Order</u>" means (a) an Order of the Bankruptcy Court or (b) an Order of any other court having jurisdiction over the Bankruptcy Cases or any appeal from (or petition seeking certiorari or other review of) any Order of the Bankruptcy Court, in each case as to which the time to file an appeal, a motion for rehearing or reconsideration or a petition for writ of certiorari has expired and no such appeal, motion or petition is pending; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the possibility of a motion under Rule 60 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, or any analogous rule under the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure or local rules of the Bankruptcy Court, may be filed relating to such Order shall not prevent such Order from being a Final Order.

"General Partner" means the person set forth on Schedule A or any person that becomes a successor or an additional general partner of the Subject Company as may be provided in the Subject Company Agreement, in such person's capacity as general partner.

"General Partner Consent" means the consent of, and any other action as required under the terms of the Subject Company Agreement by, the General Partner to the sale, assignment and transfer of the Interests to Purchaser and any admission of or assignment associated with Purchaser's admission as a limited partner of the Subject Company.

"Governmental Entity" means any federal, state, provincial, municipal, territorial, local or foreign government, governmental authority, regulatory or administrative agency, governmental commission, department, board, bureau, agency, instrumentality, court or tribunal and, for purposes of this Agreement shall include the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

and any state securities authority or other regulatory authority or organization having jurisdiction over the Debtors, Purchaser or the Subject Company.

"Interests" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"IRS" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

"<u>Law</u>" or "<u>Laws</u>" means any law, statute, legislation, constitution, ordinance, principle of common law, resolution, treaty, convention, rule, regulation, ruling, directive, pronouncement, Order or other legal requirement enacted, issued, promulgated, enforced or entered by a Governmental Entity of competent jurisdiction.

"<u>Lien</u>" means any lien (statutory or otherwise), charge, pledge, mortgage, lease, easement, hypothecation, usufruct, deed of trust, security interest, option, right of use, first offer or first refusal, servitude, restrictive covenant or condition, encroachment, claim, interest, restriction or any other encumbrance of any kind.

"Manager" shall mean the general partner, manager or other person that controls the Subject Company or AIV.

"Material Adverse Effect" means any change, development, circumstance, fact or effect that, individually or taken together with any other changes, developments, circumstances, facts or effects is, or would reasonably be expected to be, materially adverse to the financial condition, assets, liabilities, business operations or results of operations of the Subject Company; provided, however, that none of the following, either alone or in combination, shall be deemed to constitute a Material Adverse Effect that is occurring, has occurred or would reasonably be expected to occur: (a) changes, events and occurrences in the industries in which the Subject Company and the companies they invest in operate generally, (b) macroeconomic factors, interest rates, currency exchange rates, general financial market conditions, any change, development or effect resulting from acts of war (whether or not declared), sabotage, terrorism, military actions or the escalation of any of the foregoing, whether perpetrated or encouraged by a state or non-state actor or actors (other than cyberattacks), any weather or natural disaster, or any outbreak of illness or other public health event (or any measures taken in response thereto) or any other force majeure event (except to the extent causing any damage or destruction to or rendering unusable any material facility or property of the Subject Company), whether or not caused by any person (other than the Subject Company or any of its Affiliates or representatives), (c) changes in law, generally accepted accounting principles or official interpretations of the foregoing, (d) compliance with this Agreement, including any effect on Seller resulting from failure to take any action to which Purchaser refused consent under this Agreement, (e) the Transactions or any announcement hereof or the identity of Purchaser, (f) the pendency of the Bankruptcy Proceeding and any action approved by, or motion made before, the Bankruptcy Court, or (g) matters known to Purchaser, taking into account the financial condition, business and operations of Seller, the fact that Seller is involved in the Bankruptcy Proceeding and the circumstances giving rise to such Bankruptcy Proceeding; it being understood that the failure of the Subject Company to achieve internal or external financial forecasts or projections, by itself, will not constitute a Material Adverse Effect.

"Operative Documents" means, with respect to the Subject Company, the Subject Company Agreements and any shareholders agreements, management agreements, bylaws, side letters and other documents and agreements governing the rights and obligations of Seller as an investor in the Subject Company as set forth in Schedule A, along with, to the knowledge of Seller, any agreement, instrument and document to which the Seller is a party (including, without limitation, pursuant to a power of attorney) that governs or regulates the terms of Seller's ownership in the Subject Company, including subscription agreements, partnership agreements or equivalent governing documents, side letters and other similar agreements, and any schedules or exhibits thereto, in each case, as amended, modified or supplemented and in effect.

"Order" means any order, writ, judgment, injunction, decree, rule, ruling, decision, directive, determination, quasi-judicial decision, or award made, issued or entered by or with any arbitor, mediator, or Governmental Entity, whether preliminary, interlocutory or final, including by the Bankruptcy Court in the Bankruptcy Cases.

"<u>Permitted Encumbrance</u>" means a restriction on transfer arising solely under applicable federal and state securities Laws and any transfer restrictions set forth in the Operative Documents.

"Person" means any natural person and any corporation, company, partnership (general or limited), unincorporated association (whether or not having separate legal personality), trust or other entity.

"Pre-Closing Notice" has the meaning set forth in Section 3.1(a).

"Purchaser" has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"Purchaser Parties" means, collectively, (i) Purchaser, (ii) each of the current or former Affiliates of Purchaser, and (iii) each of the current or former officers, directors, employees, equityholders, partners, stockholders, members, direct and indirect owners, managers, advisors, predecessors, successors and assigns of any of the Persons described in clause (i) or clause (ii) of this definition, and each of the Affiliates of any of the Persons described in this clause (iii).

"Sale Hearing" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.1.

"Sale Motion" has the meaning set forth in Section 4.1.

"Sale Order" means an order entered by the Bankruptcy Court or other court of competent jurisdiction that includes the provisions set forth in Exhibit B hereto, subject to (a) immaterial modifications or clarifications or (b) such other changes to which Purchaser consents (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed).

"Sale Procedures" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"Seller" has the meaning set forth in the Preamble.

"Seller Parties" means, collectively, (i) Seller, (ii) each of the current or former Affiliates of Seller, and (iii) each of the current or former officers, directors, employees, equityholders,

partners, stockholders, members, direct and indirect owners, managers, advisors, predecessors, successors and assigns of any of the Persons described in clause (i) or clause (ii) of this definition, and each of the Affiliates of any of the Persons described in this clause (iii).

"Subject Company" has the meaning set forth in the Recitals.

"Subject Company Agreements" means the agreement set forth on Schedule A opposite the Subject Company, as amended and/or restated to date.

"Subsidiary" means, as to any person, of which at least a majority of the securities or ownership interests having by their terms ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the board of directors or other persons performing similar functions is directly or indirectly owned or controlled by such person and/or by one or more of its Subsidiaries.

"Taxes" means any tax, withholding, deduction, impost, duty, levy, fee, payment, contribution, charge or other like assessment imposed by a Governmental Entity, including any interest, penalties and additions imposed with respect to any such amounts or with a failure to comply with any filing or other requirements relating thereto, and any liability for the payment of amounts determined by reference to any of the foregoing by Law, by contract, or otherwise.

"Termination Date" has the meaning set forth in Section 6.1(b).

"Transactions" means the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

"Transfer Documents" means any assignment and assumption agreement and other instruments of transfer to be executed by Seller and Purchaser at the Closing and the agreement among Seller, Purchaser and the General Partner which relates to the sale, assignment and transfer of the Interests to Purchaser and the admission or joinder (in respect of the Interests) of Purchaser as a limited partner or member of the Subject Company under the Operative Documents, in a form reasonably satisfactory to Seller and Purchaser.

"<u>Transfer Taxes</u>" mean any transfer, documentary, sales, use, stamp, recording, value-added, registration and other similar Taxes and all conveyance fees, recording fees and other similar charges including any interest, penalties and additions imposed with respect to such amount.

# **EXHIBIT B**

# FORM OF SALE ORDER

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

	Ref. Nos. [●]
Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)
FTX TRADING LTD., et al., <sup>1</sup>	Case No. 22-11068 (JTD)
In re:	Chapter 11

ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SALE OF DEBTORS' INTERESTS IN SEQUOIA CAPITAL FUND, L.P. FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS, CLAIMS, INTERESTS AND ENCUMBRANCES; (II) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING DEBTORS' ENTRY INTO, AND PERFORMANCE UNDER, THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT; (III) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN CONTRACTS; AND (IV) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon the motion (the "Motion")<sup>2</sup> of FTX Trading Ltd. and its affiliated debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), for entry of an order (this "Sale Order"), pursuant to sections 105(a), 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, 6006, 9007, 9008 and 9014 and Local Rules 2002-1, 6004-1 and 9006-1, among other things, (a) authorizing and approving the sale (the "Sale Transaction") of the limited partnership interests (the "Interests") held by the Debtors in Sequoia Capital Fund, L.P. (the "Subject Company"), free and clear of all liens, claims, interests and encumbrances in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement, (b) authorizing and approving the Debtors' entry into, and performance under, the Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of March 8, 2023, a copy of which

The last four digits of FTX Trading Ltd.'s and Alameda Research LLC's tax identification number are 3288 and 4063 respectively. Due to the large number of debtor entities in these Chapter 11 Cases, a complete list of the Debtors and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://cases.ra.kroll.com/FTX.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein are to be given the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

is attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "Agreement"), between Debtor Clifton Bay Investments LLC (formerly known as Alameda Research Ventures LLC), a Delaware limited liability company ("Seller"), and Al Nawwar Investments RSC Limited, a company with limited liability incorporated under the laws of the Abu Dhabi Global Market ("Purchaser"), (c) authorizing and approving the assumption and assignment of the Amended and Restated Exempted Limited Partnership Agreement of Sequoia Capital Fund, L.P., dated February 8, 2022 and any shareholders agreements, management agreements, bylaws, side letters and other documents and agreements governing the rights and obligations of Seller as an investor in the Subject Company as set forth in the Agreement (collectively, the "Operative Documents"), and (d) granting related relief; the Court having held a hearing to approve the Sale Transaction pursuant to the terms of the Agreement (the "Sale Hearing") to review and consider (i) the Motion with respect to the Sale Transaction and all relief related thereto, (ii) the Agreement, (iii) Declaration of Bruce Mendelsohn in Support of the Sale Transaction, and (iv) any objections thereto that were not resolved prior to the start of the Sale Hearing; and upon the record of the Sale Hearing and all of the proceedings had before this Court; and objections (if any) to the Motion, with respect to the sale of the Interests, having been withdrawn or overruled on the merits; and after due deliberation and good cause appearing therefor;

### IT IS HEREBY FOUND AND DETERMINED THAT:<sup>3</sup>

A. <u>Jurisdiction and Venue</u>. This Court has jurisdiction over this matter and over the property of the Debtors' estates, including the Interests to be sold, transferred or conveyed pursuant to the Agreement, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended* 

Findings of fact shall be construed as conclusions of law and conclusions of law shall be construed as findings of fact to the fullest extent of the law. *See* FED. R. BANKR. P. 7052.

Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012. This Court may issue a final order on the Motion consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

- B. <u>Statutory and Rule Predicates</u>. The statutory and other legal predicates for the relief requested in the Motion and for the approvals and authorization herein are sections 105(a), 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, 6006, 9007, 9008 and 9014 and Local Rules 2002-1, 6004-1 and 9006-1.
- C. <u>Final Order</u>. This Sale Order constitutes a final order within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 158(a). Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d), and to the extent necessary under Bankruptcy Rule 9014 and rule 54(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedures, as made applicable by Bankruptcy Rule 7054, this Court expressly finds that there is no just reason for delay in the implementation of this Sale Order, and expressly directs entry of judgment as set forth herein and authorizes the closing of the Sale Transaction contemplated hereby without regard to any stay or delay in its implementation.
- D. <u>Sale Notice</u>. As shown by the affidavits of service filed with this Court and the representations or proffers made on the record at the Sale Hearing, (a) the Debtors have provided due, good, proper, timely, reasonable, adequate, appropriate and sufficient notice of, and sufficient opportunity to object to, the Motion with respect to the Sale Transaction and the relief requested therein (including the Debtors' requested findings with respect to successor liability), the Sale Transaction, assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents and the Cure Costs, if any, and the proposed entry of this Sale Order in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local

Rules, (b) such notice was adequate and sufficient under the circumstances of these Chapter 11 Cases, and (c) no other or further notice is necessary or shall be required.

- E. Opportunity to Object. A fair and reasonable opportunity to object or be heard regarding the relief granted by this Sale Order, including, but not limited to, the assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents and the Cure Costs (as defined in the Agreement), has been afforded to all interested parties.
- F. No Collusion. Purchaser is not an "insider" of the Debtors, as that term is defined in section 101(31) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Agreement and the Sale Transaction were negotiated, proposed and entered into by Seller and Purchaser without collusion or fraud, in good faith and from arm's-length bargaining positions, and are substantively and procedurally fair to all parties. Neither the Debtors nor Purchaser has engaged in any conduct that would cause or permit the Agreement or the consummation of the Sale Transaction to be avoided, or costs or damages to be imposed under section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code, and accordingly neither the Debtors nor Purchaser has violated section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code by any action or inaction. Specifically, the Purchaser has not acted in a collusive manner with any person and the purchase price was not controlled by any agreement among bidders. The Sale Transaction may not be avoided, and no damages may be assessed against Purchaser or any other party under section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable bankruptcy or non-bankruptcy law.
- G. Good Faith of Purchaser. Purchaser is purchasing the Interests in good faith and for value, and is a good faith buyer within the meaning of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code. Purchaser is therefore entitled to all of the protections afforded under section 363(m) and any other applicable or similar bankruptcy or non-bankruptcy law, and otherwise has

proceeded in good faith in all respects in connection with this proceeding in that, *inter alia*:

(a) Purchaser recognized that the Debtors were free to deal with any other party interested in acquiring the Interests; (b) Purchaser in no way induced or caused the filing of these Chapter 11 Cases by the Debtors; (c) all payments to be made, and all other material agreements or arrangements entered into or to be entered into, by Purchaser in connection with the Sale Transaction have been disclosed; (d) Purchaser has not violated section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code by any action or inaction; (e) no common identity of officers, directors or controlling stockholders exists between Purchaser and Debtors; (f) the negotiation and execution of the Agreement were at arm's length and in good faith, and at all times each of the Purchaser and Seller were represented by competent counsel of their choosing; and (g) the Purchaser has not acted in a collusive manner with any person. Purchaser will be acting in good faith within the meaning of section 363(m) in closing the transactions contemplated by the Agreement.

H. Highest and Best Offer. The Debtors and their advisors, including, without limitation, Perella Weinberg Partners LP, have appropriately marketed the Interests, and a reasonable opportunity has been given to any interested party to make a higher or better offer for the Interests. No other person or entity or group of entities has offered to purchase the Interests for higher or otherwise better value to the Debtors' estates than Purchaser. The offer to purchase the Interests made by Purchaser, under the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement: (a) was made in good faith; (b) is the highest or otherwise best offer obtained for the Interests and will provide a greater recovery for the Debtors' estates than would be provided by any other reasonably available alternative; (c) is for fair, adequate and sufficient consideration that constitutes reasonably equivalent value for the Interests being conveyed to Purchaser; (d) is fair and

reasonable; (e) is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates; and (f) would not have been made by Purchaser absent the protections afforded to Purchaser by this Sale Order.

- I. The Debtors' determination that the Sale Transaction, pursuant to the Agreement, provides the highest or otherwise best offer for the Interests, and their related decision to sell the Interests, constitutes a reasonable exercise of the Debtors' business judgment. The facts and circumstances described in the Motion and the evidence adduced in connection with the Sale Hearing demonstrate the Debtors' business judgment to sell the Interests to Purchaser at this time, and the Debtors have articulated sound business reasons for consummating the Sale Transaction and for selling the Interests outside of a chapter 11 plan. Moreover, the sale of the Interests outside of a chapter 11 plan pursuant to the Agreement neither impermissibly restructures the rights of the Debtors' creditors nor dictates the terms of any chapter 11 plan. The Sale Transaction does not constitute a *sub rosa* chapter 11 plan. It is a reasonable exercise of the Debtors' business judgment to execute, deliver and consummate the Sale Transaction, subject to this Sale Order.
- J. <u>Fair Consideration</u>. The consideration provided by Purchaser pursuant to the Agreement constitutes reasonably equivalent value (as those terms are defined in each of the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act, Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act and section 548 of the Bankruptcy Code) and fair consideration under the Bankruptcy Code and under the laws of the United States, any state, territory, possession or the District of Columbia.
- K. <u>No Successor or Other Derivative Liability</u>. As a result of any action taken in connection with the Sale Transaction, the Agreement, or this Sale Order: (a) Purchaser is not a successor to or mere continuation of or substantial continuation of the Debtors or their estates and there is no continuity of enterprise between Purchaser and the Debtors; and

- (b) Purchaser shall not be deemed to be holding itself out to the public as a continuation of the Debtors based on the Sale Transaction. Purchaser is not, and shall not be, considered a successor-in-interest to any of the Debtors or their estates, by reason of any theory of law or equity, and the Sale Transaction does not amount to a consolidation, succession, merger, or de facto merger of Purchaser and the Debtors and/or the Debtors' estates. Purchaser would not have entered into the Agreement if the sale of the Interests were not made free and clear of any successor liability of Purchaser.
- L. <u>Corporate Power and Authority</u>. As set forth in section 2.1(a) of the Agreement, Seller (a) has full corporate power and authority to execute and deliver the Agreement and all other documents contemplated thereby, (b) has all corporate authority necessary to consummate the Sale Transaction, and (c) has taken all corporate action and formalities necessary to authorize and approve the Agreement and the consummation of the Sale Transaction. Seller's sale of the Interests has been duly and validly authorized by all necessary corporate action. No consents or approvals, other than those expressly provided for in the Agreement, are required for Seller to consummate the Sale Transaction.
- M. The Agreement was not entered into for the purpose of hindering, delaying or defrauding creditors under the Bankruptcy Code or under the laws of the United States, any state, territory, possession or the District of Columbia. Neither the Debtors nor Purchaser are entering into the Sale Transaction fraudulently for the purpose of statutory and common law fraudulent conveyance and fraudulent transfer claims.
- N. <u>Title to Assets</u>. The transfer of the Debtors' rights, titles and interests to the Interests and applicable Operative Documents to Purchaser will be, as of the Closing Date (as defined in the Agreement), a legal, valid and effective transfer of such rights, titles and interests

in the Interests and applicable Operative Documents, which transfer vests or will vest Purchaser with all rights, titles and interests of the Debtors to the Interests and applicable Operative Documents free and clear of all Liens (as defined below and in the Agreement), other than Permitted Encumbrances (as defined in the Agreement). The Agreement is a valid and binding contract between Seller and Purchaser and shall be enforceable according to its terms.

O. Satisfaction of Section 363(f) Standards. The conditions of section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code have been satisfied in full, and upon entry of this Sale Order, the Debtors are authorized to transfer all of their rights, titles and interests in and to the Interests free and clear of any interest in the property, other than Permitted Encumbrances. The Debtors may sell the Interests free and clear of all liens (statutory or otherwise), charges, pledges, mortgages, leases, easements, hypothecations, usufructs, deeds of trust, security interests, options, rights of use, first offer or first refusal, servitudes, restrictive covenants or conditions, encroachments, claims, interests, restrictions, or any other encumbrances of any kind (collectively, "Liens") other than Permitted Encumbrances, against the Debtors, their estates or the Interests because, in each case, one or more of the standards set forth in section 363(f)(1)-(5) of the Bankruptcy Code has been satisfied. Each holder with a Lien on the Interests to be transferred pursuant to the Agreement: (a) has, subject to the terms and conditions of this Sale Order, consented to the Sale Transaction or is deemed to have consented; (b) could be compelled in a legal or equitable proceeding to accept money satisfaction of such Lien; or (c) otherwise falls within one or more of the other subsections of section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Holders of Liens against the Debtors, their estates or the Interests (except with respect to Permitted Encumbrances) who did not object, or who withdrew their objections, to the Sale Transaction or the Motion, with respect to the sale of the Interests, are deemed to have consented pursuant to section 363(f)(2) of the

Bankruptcy Code. All other holders of Liens are adequately protected by having their Liens, if any, in each instance against the Debtors, their estates or the Interests, attach to the net cash proceeds of the Sale Transaction ultimately attributable to the Interests in which such creditor alleges a Lien, in the same order of priority, with the same validity, force and effect that such Liens had prior to the Sale Transaction, subject to any claims and defenses the Debtors and their estates may possess with respect thereto.

- P. Purchaser would not have entered into the Agreement and would not consummate the Sale Transaction if the sale of the Interests to Purchaser were not free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances), or if Purchaser or any of the Purchaser Parties (as defined in the Agreement) would, or in the future could, be liable for any such Lien. The total consideration to be provided under the Agreement reflects Purchaser's reliance on this Sale Order to provide it, pursuant to sections 105(a) and 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, with title to, interest in and possession of the Interests free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances). Not transferring the Interests free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances) would adversely impact the Debtors' efforts to maximize the value of the estates, and the transfer of the Interests other than pursuant to a transfer that is free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances) would be of substantially less benefit to the Debtors' estates.
- Q. <u>Assumption and Assignment of the Applicable Operative Documents</u>. The Debtors and Purchaser have satisfied, to the extent necessary, the requirements of section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, including subsections 365(b)(1)(A), 365(b)(1)(B) and 365(f), in connection with the assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents. Purchaser has demonstrated adequate assurance of future performance with respect to the

applicable Operative Documents pursuant to sections 365(b)(1)(C) and 365(f)(2)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code. The assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents pursuant to the terms of this Sale Order is integral to the Agreement and is in the best interests of the Debtors and their estates, and represents the reasonable exercise of sound and prudent business judgment by the Debtors. The Debtors or Purchaser, as applicable, shall, to the extent necessary, provide compensation or adequate assurance of compensation, which amount will be paid to non-Debtor counterparties to the applicable Operative Documents for any actual pecuniary loss to any such party resulting from a default prior to the date of assumption and assignment with respect to the applicable Operative Documents, within the meaning of sections 365(b)(1)(B) and 365(f)(2)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code. Except where an applicable Operative Document is subject to an unresolved objection to the assumption and assignment of such Operative Document, payment of the Cure Costs, if any, as set forth herein and Purchaser's promise to perform the obligations under the applicable Operative Documents after the Closing Date shall constitute adequate assurance of future performance within the meaning of sections 365(b)(1)(C) and 365(f)(2)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code. The applicable Operative Documents are assignable notwithstanding any provisions contained therein to the contrary.

R. Except as otherwise set forth herein, any objections to the assumption and assignment of any of the applicable Operative Documents to Purchaser are hereby overruled.

Any objections to the Cure Costs are resolved as set forth herein. To the extent that any counterparty failed to timely object to its Cure Cost or adequate assurance of future performance, such counterparty is deemed to have consented to such Cure Cost and the assignment of its respective Operative Documents to Purchaser.

- S. Waiver of Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d). Good and sufficient reasons for approval of the Agreement and the Sale Transaction have been articulated. The Debtors have demonstrated both (a) good, sufficient and sound business purposes and justifications and (b) compelling circumstances for the Sale Transaction other than in the ordinary course of business, pursuant to section 363(b) of the Bankruptcy Code before, and outside of, a chapter 11 plan, in that, among other things, the immediate consummation of the Sale Transaction is necessary and appropriate to maximize the value of the Debtors' estates. Accordingly, there is cause to waive or lift the stay contemplated by Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d) with respect to the Sale Transaction. To maximize the value of the Interests, it is essential that the Sale Transaction occur within the time constraints set forth in the Agreement. Time is of the essence in consummating the Sale Transaction and the Debtors and Purchaser intend to close the Sale Transaction as soon as practicable. Given all of the circumstances of these Chapter 11 Cases and the adequacy and fair value of the Aggregate Purchase Price under the Agreement, the proposed Sale Transaction should be approved.
- T. The consummation of the Sale Transaction and the assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents is legal, valid and properly authorized under all applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, including, without limitation, sections 105(a), 363(b), 363(f), 363(m) and 365, and all of the applicable requirements of such sections have been complied with in respect of the transaction.
- U. <u>Personally Identifiable Information</u>. After giving due consideration to the facts, circumstances and conditions of the Agreement, the Sale Transaction is consistent with the Debtors' privacy policies concerning personally identifiable information and no showing was made that the sale of any personally identifiable information as may be contemplated in the

Agreement, subject to the terms of this Sale Order, would violate applicable non-bankruptcy law. Thus, the appointment of a consumer privacy ombudsman pursuant to section 363(b)(1) or section 332 of the Bankruptcy Code is not required with respect to the Sale Transaction.

V. <u>Legal and Factual Bases</u>. The legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and the evidence adduced in connection with the Sale Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein. Entry of this Sale Order is in the best interests of the Debtors and their estates.

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

## A. General Provisions

- The sale of the Interests and the other relief requested in the Motion is granted as set forth herein, and the Agreement and the provisions thereof and the Sale
   Transaction are approved in their entirety as set forth herein.
- 2. All objections, responses, reservations of rights and requests for any continuances concerning the Motion are resolved in accordance with the terms of this Sale Order or as set forth in the record of the Sale Hearing. To the extent any such objections, responses, reservations of rights or requests for any continuances were not otherwise withdrawn, waived, settled, or resolved, such are hereby overruled and denied on the merits. All interested parties that failed to timely object to the Motion, with respect to the Sale Transaction, are deemed to have consented to the relief granted herein for all purposes, including, without limitation, pursuant to section 363(f)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 3. Notice of the Motion, the Agreement, the sale of the Interests free and clear of all Liens, except Permitted Encumbrances, the Sale Transaction, the assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents and the Cure Costs was fair, equitable, proper, and sufficient under the circumstances and complied in all respects with section

102(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, 6006, 9007, 9008 and 9014 of the Local Rules.

## **B.** Approval of the Agreement

- 4. The Agreement and all of the terms and conditions thereof are hereby authorized and approved in all respects. The failure to specifically include or make reference to any particular provision of the Agreement in this Sale Order shall not impair the effectiveness of such provision, it being the intent of this Court that the Agreement and the Sale Transaction are authorized and approved in their entirety.
- are authorized and empowered to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to

  (a) consummate the Sale Transaction to Purchaser in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Agreement, (b) close the Sale Transaction as contemplated in the Agreement and this Sale Order, and (c) execute and deliver, perform under, consummate and implement the Agreement, including the assumption and assignment to Purchaser of the applicable Operative Documents, together with all additional instruments and documents that may be reasonably necessary or desirable to implement the Agreement and the Sale Transaction. Purchaser shall not be required to seek or obtain relief from the automatic stay under section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code to enforce any of its remedies under the Agreement or any other sale-related document. The automatic stay imposed by section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code is modified solely to the extent necessary to implement the preceding sentence and the other provisions of this Sale Order; provided, however, that this Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction over any and all disputes with respect thereto.
- 6. This Sale Order shall be binding in all respects upon the Debtors, their estates, all creditors of and holders of equity interests in, the Debtors, any holders of Liens in, B-14

against or on all or any portion of the Interests or applicable Operative Documents (whether known or unknown), Purchaser and all successors and assigns of Purchaser, the Interests and any trustees, if any, subsequently appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases or upon a conversion to Chapter 7 under the Bankruptcy Code of these Chapter 11 Cases. This Sale Order and the Agreement shall inure to the benefit of the Debtors, their estates and creditors, Purchaser and the respective successors and assigns of each of the foregoing.

## C. Consummation of the Sale Transaction

7. Pursuant to sections 363(b) and 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors are authorized to transfer all of their rights, titles and interests to the Interests to Purchaser on the Closing Date and such transfer shall constitute a legal, valid, binding and effective transfer of such rights, titles and interests in the Interests and shall vest Purchaser with all of the Debtors' rights, titles and interests in the Interests and, upon the Debtors' receipt of the Aggregate Purchase Price, shall be free and clear of all Liens, including but not limited to, successor or successor-in-interest liability or, any tax liens or mechanic's liens asserted against the Interests, except Permitted Encumbrances, with all such Liens to attach to the net cash proceeds ultimately attributable to the property against or in which such Liens are asserted, subject to the terms thereof, with the same validity, force and effect, and in the same order of priority, which such Liens now have against the Interests, subject to any rights, claims and defenses the Debtors or their estates, as applicable, may possess with respect thereto. The provisions of this Sale Order authorizing and approving the transfer of the Interests free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances) shall be self-executing, and neither the Debtors nor the Purchaser shall be required to execute or file releases, termination statements, assignments, consents, or other instruments in order to effectuate, consummate, and implement the provisions of this Sale Order.

- 8. A certified copy of this Sale Order may be filed with the appropriate clerk and/or recorded with the recorder to act to cancel any Liens and other encumbrances of record except Permitted Encumbrances.
- 9. If any person or entity which has filed statements or other documents or agreements evidencing Liens in, against or on all or any portion of the Interests shall not have delivered to the Debtors prior to the Closing, in proper form for filing and executed by the appropriate parties, termination statements, instruments of satisfaction, releases of Liens and any other documents necessary for the purpose of documenting the release of all Liens which the person or entity have or may assert with respect to all or any portion of the Interests, the Debtors, Purchaser and each of their respective officers, employees and agents are hereby authorized and empowered to execute and file such statements, instruments, releases and other documents on behalf of such person or entity with respect to the Interests.
- 10. This Sale Order is and shall be effective as a determination that, on the Closing Date, all Liens existing as to the Interests prior to the Closing Date, except Permitted Encumbrances, shall have been unconditionally released, discharged and terminated from the Interests, and that the conveyances described herein have been effected. This Sale Order is and shall be binding upon and govern the acts of all persons and entities, including, without limitation, all filing agents, filing officers, title agents, title companies, recorders of mortgages, recorders of deeds, registrars of deeds, administrative agencies, governmental departments, secretaries of state, federal, state and local officials and all other persons and entities who may be required by operation of law, the duties of their office, or contract, to accept, file, register or otherwise record or release any documents or instruments, or who may be required to report or insure any title or state of title in or to any lease; and each of the foregoing persons and entities is

hereby directed to accept for filing any and all of the documents and instruments necessary and appropriate to consummate the Sale Transaction.

# D. Assumption and Assignment of Contracts

- 11. Pursuant to sections 105(a), 363, and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, and subject to and conditioned upon the Closing, and payment of all Cure Costs, if any, Seller's assumption and assignment to Purchaser of the applicable Operative Documents is hereby approved, and the requirements of section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect thereto are hereby deemed satisfied.
- 12. Seller is hereby authorized and directed in accordance with sections 105(a), 363, and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code to (a) assume and assign to Purchaser, effective upon the Closing of the Sale Transaction, the applicable Operative Documents free and clear of all Liens of any kind or nature whatsoever, except Permitted Encumbrances, and (b) execute and deliver to Purchaser such documents or other instruments as Purchaser deems may be necessary to assign and transfer the applicable Operative Documents to Purchaser.
- Operative Document is an executory contract or unexpired lease of nonresidential real property under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, Seller may assume each applicable Operative Document in accordance with section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (b) Seller may assign each applicable Operative Document in accordance with sections 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and any provisions in any applicable Operative Document that prohibit or condition the assignment of such Operative Document or allow the party to such Operative Document to terminate, recapture, impose any penalty, condition renewal or extension, or modify any term or condition upon the assignment of such Operative Document, constitute unenforceable anti-assignment provisions which are deemed void and of no force and effect solely with respect to

this Sale Transaction; (c) all other requirements and conditions under sections 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code for the assignment to and assumption by Purchaser of each applicable Operative Document have been satisfied; (d) the applicable Operative Documents shall be transferred and assigned to, and following the closing of the Sale Transaction remain in full force and effect for the benefit of, Purchaser, notwithstanding any provision in any such Operative Document (including those of the type described in sections 365(b)(2) and (f) of the Bankruptcy Code) that prohibits, restricts, or conditions such assignment or transfer and, pursuant to section 365(k) of the Bankruptcy Code, upon the Closing and the payment of the applicable Cure Cost, if any, the Debtors shall be relieved from any further liability with respect to the applicable Operative Documents after such assignment to and assumption by Purchaser; and (e) upon the Closing, in accordance with sections 363 and 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, Purchaser shall be fully and irrevocably vested in all rights, titles and interests of the Debtors in each applicable Operative Document, free and clear of any Liens, except Permitted Encumbrances.

Operative Documents arising or that have become due and not paid prior to the Closing that are required to be cured by section 365(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code (without giving effect to any acceleration clauses or any default provisions of the kind specified in section 365(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code) shall be cured by Purchaser at or before the Closing through the payment of the Cure Costs, if any. To the extent that any counterparty to an applicable Operative Document did not object to its Cure Cost or adequate assurance of future performance, such counterparty is deemed to have consented to such Cure Cost and the assumption and assignment of its respective Operative Documents from Seller to Purchaser. Purchaser shall enjoy all of the Seller's rights, benefits, and privileges under the applicable Operative Document as of the Closing without the

necessity to obtain any non-Debtor parties' written consent to the assumption or assignment thereof, except to the extent expressly contemplated in the Agreement. To the extent any counterparty to the Operative Documents failed to timely object to a Cure Cost, such Cure Costs shall be deemed to be finally determined and any such counterparty shall be prohibited from challenging, objecting to or denying the validity and finality of the Cure Cost at any time.

15. Upon the Debtors' assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents to Purchaser under the provisions of this Sale Order and any additional orders of this Court and payment of any Cure Costs, no default shall exist under any applicable Operative Document, and no counterparty to any applicable Operative Document shall be permitted to (a) declare a default by Purchaser under such Operative Document, or (b) otherwise take action against Purchaser, in each case, as a result of the Debtors' financial condition, bankruptcy or failure to perform any of their obligations under the applicable Operative Document. Each non-Debtor party to an applicable Operative Document hereby is also forever barred, estopped and permanently enjoined from (i) asserting against Purchaser, Seller, the Debtors, their estates, or their property, any default or claim arising out of any indemnity obligation or warranties for acts or occurrences arising prior to or existing as of the Closing, or, against Purchaser, Seller, the Debtors, or their estates, any counterclaim, unexercised setoff or any other claim asserted or assertable against the Debtors and (ii) imposing or charging against Purchaser or its Affiliates (as defined in the Agreement) any rent accelerations, assignment fees, increases or any other fees as a result of the Debtors' assumption and assignments to Purchaser of the applicable Operative Documents. The validity of such assumption and assignments of the applicable Operative Documents shall not be affected by any dispute between the Debtors and the counterparties to

the applicable Operative Documents and any disputes regarding the Cure Cost of any applicable Operative Document.

- 16. Upon payment of the applicable Cure Costs, if any, and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents to Purchaser, the Debtors and their estates shall have no further liabilities or obligations with respect to any applicable Operative Documents and all holders of such claims are forever barred and estopped from asserting such claims against the Debtors, their successors or assigns, their property or their assets or estates.
- 17. The failure of the Debtors or Purchaser to enforce at any time one or more terms or conditions of any applicable Operative Documents shall not be a waiver of such terms or conditions, or of the Debtors' and Purchaser's rights to enforce every term and condition of the Operative Documents.
- 18. In the event that the Sale Transaction does not close, none of the applicable Operative Documents shall be assumed or assigned by virtue of this Sale Order and shall remain subject to further rejection, assumption and/or assignment in these Chapter 11 Cases.

# E. <u>Prohibition of Actions Against Purchaser</u>

19. Except as expressly provided for in this Sale Order or the Agreement, Purchaser shall not have any liability or other obligation or responsibility of the Debtors arising under or related to the Interests or Operative Documents prior to the Closing. Purchaser is not a "successor" to the Debtors or their estates by reason of any theory of law or equity. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and except as otherwise specifically provided herein or in the Agreement, Purchaser shall not be liable for any claims against the Debtors or any of its predecessors or affiliates, and Purchaser shall have no successor or vicarious liabilities of any kind or character, including, but not limited to, under any theory of antitrust, environmental

(subject to paragraph 23 below), successor or transferee liability, securities law, tax law, labor law, de facto merger, mere continuation or substantial continuity, whether known or unknown as of the Closing Date, now existing or hereafter arising, whether fixed or contingent, whether asserted or unasserted, whether legal or equitable, whether liquidated or unliquidated, including, but not limited to, liabilities on account of warranties, environmental liabilities (subject to paragraph 23 below), and any taxes arising, accruing or payable under, out of, in connection with, or in any way relating to the operation of any of the Interests or applicable Operative Documents prior to the Closing. The Sale Transaction does not amount to a consolidation, merger or de facto merger of Purchaser, on the one hand, and the Debtors, the Debtors' affiliates and/or the Debtors' estates, on the other hand, and there is not substantial continuity between Purchaser, on the one hand, and the Debtors or their affiliates, on the other hand, and there is no common identity between the Debtors or their affiliates, on the one hand, and Purchaser, on the other hand, and Purchaser is not a mere continuation of the Debtors or their estates, and Purchaser does not constitute a successor to the Debtors or their estates. For purposes of paragraphs 19 to 22 of this Sale Order, all references to the Purchaser shall also include the Purchaser Parties.

Order, all persons and entities, including, but not limited to, all debt security holders, equity security holders, governmental, tax and regulatory authorities, lenders, trade creditors, dealers, employees, litigation claimants and other creditors, holding Liens against or in all or any portion of the Interests or applicable Operative Documents (whether legal or equitable, secured or unsecured, matured or unmatured, contingent or non-contingent, liquidated or unliquidated, senior or subordinate), arising under or out of, in connection with, or in any way relating to the Debtors

or the Interests or applicable Operative Documents prior to the Closing Date or the transactions contemplated by the Agreement, including the transfer of the Interests to Purchaser and the assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents, hereby are forever barred, estopped and permanently enjoined from asserting against Purchaser, its Affiliates, its successors or assigns, their property or the Interests and applicable Operative Documents, such persons' or entities' Liens with respect to the Interests or applicable Operative Documents, including, without limitation, the following actions: (a) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding against Purchaser, its Affiliates, its successors, assets or properties; (b) enforcing, attaching, collecting or recovering in any manner any judgment, award, decree or order against Purchaser, its Affiliates, its successors, assets or properties; (c) creating, perfecting or enforcing any Liens against Purchaser, its Affiliates, its successors, assets or properties; (d) asserting any unexercised setoff or right of subrogation against any obligation due Purchaser, its Affiliates or its successors; (e) commencing or continuing any action, in any manner or place, that does not comply or is inconsistent with the provisions of this Sale Order, or the agreements or actions contemplated or taken in respect thereof; or (f) revoking, terminating or failing or refusing to transfer or renew any license, permit or authorization to operate the Subject Company, subject to paragraph 23 below. On the Closing Date, each creditor is authorized and directed to execute such documents and take all other actions as may be necessary to release Liens in or on the Interests and applicable Operative Documents (except Permitted Encumbrances), if any, as provided for herein, as such Liens may have been recorded or may otherwise exist.

21. All persons and entities are hereby forever prohibited and enjoined from taking any action that would adversely affect or interfere, or that would be inconsistent (a) with the ability of the Debtors and/or Seller to sell and transfer the Interests and applicable Operative

Documents to Purchaser in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and this Sale Order, and (b) with the ability of Purchaser to acquire and take possession of the Interests and applicable Operative Documents in accordance with the terms of the Agreement and this Sale Order.

22. Purchaser has given substantial consideration under the Agreement for the benefit of the Debtors and their estates. The consideration given by Purchaser shall constitute valid and valuable consideration for (a) the releases of any potential Liens as to the Interests and applicable Operative Documents pursuant to this Sale Order, which releases as to the Interests and applicable Operative Documents shall be deemed to have been given by all holders of Liens in the Interests and applicable Operative Documents, except with respect to Permitted Encumbrances, and (b) the releases of any potential claims of successor liability against the Purchaser, which releases shall be deemed to have been given by all holders of Liens in or against the Debtors, or the Interests and applicable Operative Documents. The consideration provided by Purchaser for the Interests and applicable Operative Documents under the Agreement is fair and reasonable and may not be avoided under section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code.

# F. Other Provisions

- 23. Nothing in this Sale Order or the Agreement releases, nullifies, precludes or enjoins the enforcement of any police or regulatory liability to a governmental unit that any entity would be subject to as the post-sale owner or operator of property after the date of entry of this Sale Order. In addition, nothing in this Sale Order divests any tribunal of any jurisdiction it may have under police or regulatory law, including the jurisdiction to interpret this Sale Order or to adjudicate any defense asserted under this Sale Order.
- 24. Further, nothing in this Sale Order or Agreement authorizes the transfer or assignment of any governmental license, permit, registration, authorization or approval, or the

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discontinuation of any obligation thereunder, without compliance with all applicable legal requirements and approvals under police or regulatory law as appropriate.

- 25. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Motion, this Sale Order, or any findings announced at the Sale Hearing, nothing in the Motion, this Sale Order, or announced at the Sale Hearing constitutes a finding under the federal securities laws as to whether crypto tokens or transactions involving crypto tokens are securities, and the right of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission to challenge transactions involving crypto tokens on any basis are expressly reserved.
- 26. The consideration provided by Purchaser to the Debtors pursuant to the Agreement for the Interests and Operative Documents constitutes reasonably equivalent value and fair consideration under the Bankruptcy Code, Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act, Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act and under the laws of the United States, any state, territory, possession or the District of Columbia.
- 27. The sale of the Interests does not include the sale of any causes of action held by any of the Debtors against any person or entity, including but not limited to causes of action against Samuel Bankman-Fried, Gary Wang, Nishad Singh, Caroline Ellison or any person known by the Debtors to have a familial relationship with any of the foregoing persons.
- 28. The Sale Transaction is undertaken by Purchaser without collusion and in good faith, within the meaning of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code, and accordingly, the reversal or modification on appeal of the authorization provided herein to consummate the Sale Transaction shall not alter, affect, limit or otherwise impair the validity of the Sale Transaction, including the assumption and assignment of the Operative Documents, unless such authorization and such Sale Transaction were duly stayed pending such appeal at the time of the Closing.

Purchaser is a good faith buyer within the meaning of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code and, as such, is entitled to the full rights, benefits, privileges and protections of section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors and Purchaser will be acting in good faith if they proceed to consummate the Sale Transaction at any time after the entry of this Order.

- 29. As a good faith purchaser of the Interests, Purchaser has not entered into an agreement with any other potential bidders, and has not colluded with any other bidders, potential bidders, or any other parties interested in the Interests, and therefore, neither the Debtors nor any successor-in-interest to the Debtors' estates shall be entitled to bring an action against Purchaser, and the Sale Transactions may not be avoided pursuant to section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code, and no party shall be entitled to any damages or other recovery pursuant to section 363(n) in respect of the Agreement or Sale Transaction.
- 30. Nothing contained in any plan of reorganization or liquidation, or order of any type or kind entered in (a) these Chapter 11 Cases, (b) any subsequent Chapter 7 case into which these Chapter 11 Cases may be converted or (c) any related proceeding subsequent to entry of this Sale Order, shall conflict with or derogate from the provisions of the Agreement or the terms of this Sale Order. In the event there is a conflict between this Sale Order and the Agreement (or any ancillary agreements executed in connection therewith), this Sale Order shall control and govern. Likewise, all of the provisions of this Sale Order are non-severable and mutually dependent. To the extent that this Sale Order is inconsistent with any prior order or pleading with respect to the Motion in these Chapter 11 Cases, the terms of this Sale Order shall control.
- 31. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 7062, 9014, 6004(h) and 6006(d), this Sale Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry, the Debtors and Purchaser are

authorized to close the Sale Transaction immediately upon entry of this Sale Order, and the 14-day stay provided in Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h) and 6006(d) is hereby expressly waived and shall not apply.

- 32. The failure specifically to include any particular provision of the Agreement in this Sale Order shall not diminish or impair the effectiveness of such provision, it being the intent of this Court that the Agreement be authorized and approved in its entirety; provided, however, that this Sale Order shall govern if there is any inconsistency between the Agreement (including all ancillary documents executed in connection therewith) and this Sale Order.
- 33. The Agreement and any related agreements, documents or other instruments may be modified, amended or supplemented by the parties thereto and in accordance with the terms thereof, without further order of this Court, provided that any such modification, amendment or supplement does not have a material adverse effect on the Debtors' estates or any of the Debtors' creditors. If the Agreement is modified, the Debtors shall file the modified version with the Court.
- 34. This Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction to, among other things, interpret, implement and enforce the terms and provisions of this Sale Order and the Agreement, all amendments thereto and any waivers and consents thereunder and each of the agreements executed in connection therewith to which the Debtors are a party or which has been assigned by the Debtors to Purchaser, and to adjudicate, if necessary, any and all disputes concerning or relating in any way to the Sale Transaction.

35. The Agreement shall be in full force and effect, regardless of any Debtor's lack of good standing in any jurisdiction in which such Debtor is formed or authorized to transact business.

36. No bulk sales law, bulk transfer law or any similar law of any state or other jurisdiction (including those relating to taxes other than Transfer Taxes (as defined in the Agreement)) shall apply to the Debtors' conveyance of the Interests and Operative Documents or this Sale Order.

37. The appointment of a consumer privacy ombudsman pursuant to section 363(b)(1) or section 332 of the Bankruptcy Code is not required with respect to the Sale Transaction.

38. Purchaser is a party-in-interest and shall have the ability to appear and be heard on all issues related to or otherwise connected to this Sale Order, the Sale Transaction, the assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents and any issues related to or otherwise connected to the Agreement and the Sale Transaction.

39. Nothing in this Sale Order shall be deemed to waive, release, extinguish or estop the Debtors or their estates from asserting or otherwise impairing or diminishing any right (including any right of recoupment), claim, cause of action, defense, offset or counterclaim in respect of any asset that is not the Interests or the Operative Documents.

40. All time periods set forth in this Sale Order shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

Dated:	
Wilmington, Delaware	The Honorable John T. Dorsey
	United States Bankruptcy Judge

### **SCHEDULE A**

Name of Seller	Name of Partnership	Operative Documents	General Partner	Capital Commitment	Capital Contribution as of the Balance Sheet Date	Unfunded Capital Commitment as of the Balance Sheet Date	Capital Account Balance as of the Balance Sheet Date	Purchase Price as of the Balance Sheet Date	Distributions received by Seller after the Balance Sheet Date not held for Purchaser	Capital Contributions after the Balance Sheet Date	Aggregate Purchase Price
Clifton Bay Investments LLC (formerly known as Alameda Research Ventures LLC)	Sequoia Capital Fund, L.P.	Amended and Restated Exempted Limited Partnership Agreement of Sequoia Capital Fund, L.P., dated February 8, 2022.	Sequoia Capital Fund Management, L.P.	\$100,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$50,000,000	\$40,591,550	\$45,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$45,000,000

### **SCHEDULE B**

Distributions after the Balance Sheet Date

None.

Notices of Distributions to be made after the Balance Sheet Date (which have not yet been made)

None.

Capital Contributions on or after the Balance Sheet Date

None.

Capital Contributions due but not paid as of the Closing Date

None.

Capital Account Balances

\$40,591,550

Capital Commitments and Unfunded Capital Commitments

\$100,000,000 Capital Commitment \$50,000,000 Unfunded Capital Commitment Case 22-11068-JTD Doc 839-3 Filed 03/08/23 Page 60 of 61

**Schedule C** 

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None.

#### Schedule D

### **Payment Instructions**

Seller agrees to comply with the following operational guidelines of Purchaser with respect to the instructions to be delivered by Seller to Purchaser pursuant to Section 1.7 of the Agreement ("Payment Instructions").

Seller agrees that confirms that all Payment Instructions:

- (i) will be issued on the letterhead addressed to Purchaser;
- (ii) will include the full Aggregate Purchase Price;
- (iii) will include the full bank wire transfer payment details which match the bank account details shown below; and
- (iv) are delivered by an authorized signatory(ies), whose signatures will match the specimen signatures in the incumbency certificate of Seller previously agreed between Seller and Purchaser.

#### **Bank Account Details**

Seller confirms that any payments required to be made by Purchaser to Seller under the Agreement will be required to be made to, and any payment required to be made by Seller to Purchaser shall be made from, the following bank account:

[Seller to provide bank account details in advance of Closing]

Seller may, by written notice to Purchaser, update the bank account details in this Schedule D from time to time. Seller shall provide to Purchaser (before the first payment is required to be made by Purchaser to Seller under the Agreement and before the first Payment Instructions are delivered) the following:

- (v) certified current list of authorized signatories of Seller to verify the signature and signing authority, certified by general counsel/legal counsel/company secretary, internal or external lawyer or public notary;
- (vi) details of an authorized contact person at Seller to enable Purchaser to perform a call-back in order to confirm the authenticity and correctness of the bank details provided, including the full name, email address, role/job title of the authorized contact along with Seller's main switchboard number; and
- (vii) a certification/letter from the recipient bank of Seller's account ownership details which confirms the account name, account number and full bank account wiring details (e.g. SWIFT code, Intermediary), signed by an authorized signatory of such bank.

### EXHIBIT C

**Mendelsohn Declaration** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	Chapter 11
FTX TRADING LTD., et al., <sup>1</sup>	Case No. 22-11068 (JTD)
Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)

DECLARATION OF BRUCE MENDELSOHN IN SUPPORT OF MOTION OF DEBTORS FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SALE OF DEBTORS' INTERESTS IN SEQUOIA CAPITAL FUND, L.P. FREE AND CLEAR OF ALL LIENS, CLAIMS, INTERESTS AND ENCUMBRANCES; (II) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING DEBTORS' ENTRY INTO, AND PERFORMANCE UNDER, THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT; (III) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN CONTRACTS; AND (IV) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

- I, Bruce Mendelsohn, hereby declare as follows:
- 1. I am a Partner in the Advisory Group at Perella Weinberg Partners L.P. ("PWP"), a financial advisory firm that maintains an office at 767 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, New York, New York 10153, and the Debtors' investment banker. PWP is a full-service investment banking firm providing strategic and financial advisory services, including with respect to mergers and acquisitions, capital raising and restructuring transactions across a broad range of industries. PWP and its professionals have extensive experience with respect to the reorganization and restructuring of distressed companies, both out of court and in Chapter 11 proceedings.

The last four digits of FTX Trading Ltd.'s and Alameda Research LLC's tax identification number are 3288 and 4063 respectively. Due to the large number of debtor entities in these Chapter 11 Cases, a complete list of the Debtors and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at https://cases.ra.kroll.com/FTX.

- I have been employed as a Partner of PWP since January 2016. I received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1984 from Emory University and a Master of Business
   Administration from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.
- 3. Prior to joining Perella Weinberg Partners, I was a Partner at Goldman Sachs where I worked from May 1998 to June 2015 and most recently served as Head of the Americas Restructuring Group and part of the U.S. Leveraged Finance team. I was named a Partner at Goldman Sachs in 2010. From 2006 to 2008, I served as Chief Underwriting Officer for North America, where I was a member of Goldman Sachs' Firmwide Capital Committee and its Special Situations Specialty Lending Investment Committee. I served as Global Head of the Special Assets and Bank Debt Portfolio groups from 2000 to 2008, and started at Goldman Sachs in the Securities Division where I spent two years working on the distressed bond and bank loan proprietary trading desks. Prior to Goldman Sachs, I worked for UBS and MJ Whitman in restructuring and distressed securities. I began my career at Lehman Brothers.
- 4. In addition to working with the Debtors in the above-captioned cases (the "Chapter 11 Cases"), my experience includes representing companies, boards, creditors, and other stakeholders in a variety of situations across a broad range of industries, including the chapter 11 cases of: American Tire Distributors, Bonanza Creek, Breitburn Energy, Bristow Group, Crossmark Holdings, Eco-Bat Technologies, Fieldwood Energy, iHeart Communications, Memorial Production Partners, Pacific Drilling, Sanchez Energy Corporation, Seadrill, Sears, Video Equipment Rental Corporation, Windstream, 21st Century Oncology, California Resources, Cineworld and Garrett Motion. In addition, while at Goldman Sachs, I was involved in the following bankruptcy cases: Bridge Information Systems, Brothers Gourmet Coffees, Calpine, CRC Communications, Focal Communications, General Growth Properties, Lehman

Brothers, Network Plus, Nextel International, Orchard Supply, Qwest Communications and 360 Networks.

- 5. I submit this declaration (this "<u>Declaration</u>") in support of the *Motion of Debtors For Entry of an Order (i) Authorizing and Approving Sale of Debtors' Interests in Sequoia Capital Fund, L.P. Free and Clear of all Liens, Claims, Interests and Encumbrances, (ii) Authorizing and Approving Debtors' Entry Into, and Performance Under, The Purchase and Sale Agreement, (iii) Authorizing and Approving Assumption and Assignment Certain Contracts and (iv) Granting Related Relief* (the "<u>Motion</u>").<sup>2</sup>
- 6. Except as otherwise indicated, all facts set forth in this Declaration are based upon: (i) my personal knowledge, information and belief, or my opinion based upon experience, knowledge and information concerning FTX Trading Ltd. and its affiliated debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the "Debtors"); (ii) information learned from my review of relevant documents; and/or (iii) information supplied by members of the Debtors' management, employees of PWP working directly with me or under my supervision, direction or control, and/or from the Debtors' other professionals and advisors.
- 7. I am over the age of 18 and authorized to submit this Declaration on behalf of the Debtors. I am not being compensated for this testimony other than through payments to be received by PWP as a professional the Debtors have retained; none of those payments are specifically payable on account of this testimony. If I were called upon to testify, I could and would testify competently to the facts set forth in this Declaration.

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

### A. A Sound Business Justification Exists for the Sale.

8. I believe that Seller's entry into the Agreement represents a sound exercise of the Debtors' business judgment and is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, creditors, and other parties in interest. Further, it is my belief that the Debtors determined to sell the Interests after thorough consideration of the terms of the Agreement.

### B. The Sale Will Produce the Highest and Best Offer.

- 9. Based on my experience, I believe the Debtors have thoroughly and fairly marketed the Interests and conducted the related sale process in good faith.
- 10. PWP was engaged by the Debtors effective November 16, 2022 to provide financial advisory, restructuring, financing and sale services to the Debtors during these Chapter 11 Cases. PWP has assisted the Debtors in their exploration and evaluation of strategic alternatives to maximize the value of, and monetize, their diverse, global assets. This has included a review of documents regarding the Debtors' businesses and investments, discussions with management of the Debtors, discussions with businesses in which the Debtors have made investments, and coordinating and initiating discussions with potential purchasers.
- 11. Following a strategic review, the Debtors decided to monetize the Interests through a private sale process in consideration of, among other things: the number of Interests owned by the Debtors, the potential value of the Interests; the uncertainty as to whether the potential value of the Interests could be preserved for the duration of these Chapter 11 Cases; the potential diminution in the value of the Interests as a result of Capital Calls imposed on limited partners; and the transfer restrictions associated with the Interests. PWP assisted the Debtors in their marketing process to solicit potential investors in the Interests. Such efforts included reaching out to potential acquirers of the Interests. Such potential acquirers included a mixture of existing limited partners and third-party investors such as sovereign wealth funds and pension

funds, who typically invest as limited partners in these types of assets. In total, PWP reached out to 13 potential acquirers throughout the process and engaged with a subset of them who expressed interest.

- 12. Following PWP's marketing campaign for the Interests, the Debtors received requests for additional information from eight parties, all of whom executed non-disclosure agreements and were provided access to information on the Interests. By February 22, 2023, the Debtors had received indications of interest from four prospective purchasers of the Interests.
- down the process to two parties, each of which was actively engaged in bidding for the Interests.

  After the Debtors were satisfied that they had negotiated the best deal possible, the Debtors determined that it was in the best interest of their estates and their constituents to proceed with Purchaser and work toward executing a mutually-agreeable transaction.
- 14. After extensive arms'-length negotiations, Seller and Purchaser entered into that certain Purchase and Sale Agreement, dated as of March 8, 2023 (the "Agreement"), whereby Purchaser agreed to purchase the Interests for aggregate consideration of \$45,000,000.00 (the "Purchase Price").
- 15. Based on my experience, involvement in the bidding process and review of available alternatives, it is my opinion that there is currently no better or higher offer available for the Interests. I believe that all interested persons and entities have been afforded a full, fair and reasonable opportunity to (i) make a higher or better offer to purchase the Interests, and (ii) object or be heard with respect to the Sale Motion.

### C. The Sale Will Produce a Fair and Reasonable Price for the Interests.

- 16. I believe that the Purchase Price for the Interests contemplated by the Agreement is fair and reasonable. The Debtors, with the assistance of PWP, ensured that sale of the Interests would reflect their fair market value by thoroughly marketing the Interests and conducting arm's-length negotiations.
- 17. In my experience with sales of limited partner interests, it is typical for these interests to be sold at a discount to their latest available capital account values, in particular when overall market conditions are depressed. Here the Purchase Price represents both a premium to Seller's latest available quarter-end capital account balance as of September 30, 2022, and a premium to PWP's most recently estimated amount.
- better offers from any third party in the form of an "Alternative Transaction", and a "fiduciary out" which provides that the Agreement can be terminated by the board of directors (or similar governing body) of Seller if it is determined to be inconsistent with the fiduciary duties of the board of directors (or similar governing body). If an Alternative Transaction is received by the Debtors, Seller has the right, but not the obligation, to terminate the Agreement upon entering into a definitive agreement with respect to such Alternative Transaction.
- 19. I believe that a longer process or the implementation of formal bidding procedures for the sale of the Interests would not have resulted in a higher or better value to the estate. A private sale enabled the Debtors to avoid the additional costs, expenses and time associated with a formal bidding and sale process. In addition, selling the Interests now will enable the Debtors to further avoid any operational, carrying or other expenses associated with the Interests, including management fees and potential future Capital Calls, and protected the Debtors against the risk of potential decline in value of the Interests. I believe that selling the

Interests in a private sale is the most efficient and cost-effective means of minimizing costs to the estate while maximizing the value for the benefit of the estate.

20. In my role as the Debtors' financial advisor, I reviewed the Agreement and based on my experience, believe the Agreement is the result of extensive, arm's-length and good-faith negotiations between the parties, and that such negotiations were free of any collusion.

## D. The Sale of the Interests Should be Made Free and Clear of Any Liens, Including Successor Liability.

- 21. Purchaser is a well-capitalized subsidiary of Abu Dhabi Investment

  Council Company P.J.S.C. which is a joint stock company established by the Government of the

  Emirate of Abu Dhabi in the United Arab Emirates. It is my understanding that the Sale

  Transaction does not involve a consolidation, succession or merger of Purchaser and the Debtors and/or the Debtors' estates.
- 22. Moreover, I believe that not transferring the Interests free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances) would adversely impact the Debtors' efforts to maximize the value of the Interests. I believe that Purchaser would not have entered into the Agreement and would not consummate the transactions contemplated thereby if the sale of the Interests was not free and clear of all Liens (other than Permitted Encumbrances), or if Purchaser would, or in the future could, be liable for any such interests.

# E. The Assumption and Assignment of the Operative Documents Should be Approved.

23. My view is that no reasonable purchaser would take the Interests without the Operative Documents that the Debtors seek to assume and assign, and their assumption and assignment is essential to inducing the best offer for the Interests.

- 24. Because I do not believe that the Debtors could obtain the benefits of the Sale Transaction without agreeing to assume and assign the applicable Operative Documents and having any Cure Costs related thereto paid by Purchaser, it is my belief that the assumption and assignment of the applicable Operative Documents is a sound exercise of the Debtors' business judgment.
- 25. Accordingly, for the foregoing reasons, I believe that the Agreement represents the highest and best offer for the Interests and that the sale of the Interests to Purchaser pursuant to the Agreement will provide a greater recovery for the Debtors' estates than would be provided by any other reasonably available alternative.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Dated: March 8, 2023.

/s/ Bruce Mendelsohn

Bruce Mendelsohn
Partner
Perella Weinberg Partners L.P.