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# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

In re:	§	Chapter 11
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GULFSTREAM DIAGNOSTICS, LLC,	§	Case No. 19-30159-sgj11
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Debtor.	<b>§</b>	
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## DEBTOR'S EXPEDITED MOTION TO SELL PERSONAL PROPERTY FREE AND CLEAR OF LIENS, CLAIMS, INTERESTS AND ENCUMBRANCES

TO THE HONORABLE STACEY G.C. JERNIGAN, U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

COMES NOW Gulfstream Diagnostics, LLC (the "<u>Debtor</u>"), the debtor-in-possession in the above-captioned bankruptcy case (the "<u>Bankruptcy Case</u>"), and files this its *Motion to Sell Personal Property Free and Clear of Liens, Claims, Interests and Encumbrances* (the "<u>Motion</u>"), and would respectfully show the Court as follows:

#### I. SUMMARY

1. The Debtor, not currently processing new blood and toxicology samples, intends to sell certain excess equipment, more particularly described in Exhibit "A" hereto (the "Equipment"). By this Motion, the Debtor seeks authority to sell the Equipment (the "Proposed Sale") free and clear of all liens, claims, interests and encumbrances. By separate order, the Debtor has obtained approval to retain BidMed, LLC as its broker and auctioneer ("BidMed").

- 2. BidMed has been approved to market and solicit sales of the Equipment, subject to court approval, and is operating pursuant to the below timeline (all dates in 2019):
  - February 6 Email blast announcement of auction
  - February 8 Registration opens for auction
  - February 6 to February 20 Biweekly marketing emails
  - February 18 Auction opens
  - February 20 Auction closes
  - February 22 Payment due from winning bidder
  - February 28 Deadline to remove equipment
- 3. The Debtor will file on the docket a notice of winning bidder as soon as it is made aware of the identity of the winning bidder(s), the precise Equipment to be sold, and the price for same.
- 4. Any sale will be without warranty, on a "where is, as is" basis, with no recourse. All liens, claims, interests and encumbrances will either be paid at the closing of the Proposed Sale, if agreed to by the Debtor and approved by the Court, or will attach to the proceeds of the Proposed Sale (the "Proceeds") with the same validity, extent, and priority as otherwise exists.

#### II. JURISDICTION, VENUE, AND STATUTORY PREDICATE

5. The Debtor filed its voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on January 16, 2019 (the "Petition Date"), thereby initiating this Bankruptcy Case and creating its bankruptcy estate (the "Estate"). The Debtor is the debtor-in-possession and no trustee or examiner has been appointed. No committee of unsecured creditors has been formed. This Court has jurisdiction over this Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This Motion constitutes a "core" proceeding within the meaning of the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. The statutory predicated for the relief

sought herein is § 363 of title 11 of the United States Code, § 101 et seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 4006 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

#### III. DISCUSSION

- 6. The paramount goal in any proposed transfer of property of the estate is to maximize the proceeds received by the estate. *See, e.g., Four B. Corp. v. Food Barn Stores, Inc.*, 107 F.3d 558, 564-65 (8th Cir. 1997); *Official Committee of Subordinated Bondholders v. Integrated Resources, Inc.*, 147 B.R. 650, 659 (S.D.N.Y. 1992) ("the objective of bankruptcy sales and the Debtor's duty with respect to such sales is to obtain the highest price or overall greatest benefit possible for the estate") (*quoting In re Atlanta Packaging Products, Inc.*, 99 B.R. 124, 131 (Bankr. N.D. Ga. 1988)). As recognized by the Fifth Circuit, a Debtor is entitled to use business judgment in determining whether to sell assets. *See Institutional Creditors of Continental Air Lines Inc. v. Continental Air Lines Inc.* (*In re Continental Air Lines Inc.*), 780 F.2d 1223, 1226 (5th Cir. 1986).
- 7. Section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code authorizes the Debtor to sell property outside of the ordinary course of business "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
  - (5) 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) (2015).

- 8. The Debtor may transfer property free and clear if any one of these five conditions is satisfied. See Newport Acquisition Co. No. 1 L.L.C. v. Crossroads Capitals Partners L.L.C. (In re C-Power Prods. Inc.), 230 B.R. 800, 803 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 1998) (Felsenthal, J.). See also Futuresource LLC v. Reuters Ltd., 312 F.3d 281, 285 (7th Cir. 2002); Citicorp Homeowners Servs. Inc. v. Elliot (In re Elliot), 94 B.R. 343, 345 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1988). Here, the Debtor submits that clauses 1, 2, 3, and 4 exist.
- 9. The proposed Sale includes nine pieces of equipment: eight (8) Agilent machines and one (1) Nitrogen machine. Two of the Agilent machines and the Nitrogen machine are Debtor property and are subject to the liens of Bank of America (the "Bank"). The remaining six (6) Agilent machines are the property of a non-debtor subsidiary. These machines are being sold together because they are likely to obtain a higher price if sold as one lot.
- 10. Dallas County's lien for 2018 appears to attach to all nine (9) machines. The Debtor and the non-debtor subsidiary intend to pay 2018 taxes in full at closing, including all applicable non-bankruptcy law interest.
- 11. For 2019 taxes, the Debtor intends to file a rendition regarding the 2019 appraisal, and reserving its rights to file a motion pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 505 if needed. Accordingly, the Debtor and the non-debtor subsidiary will seek to hold in escrow sufficient funds to pay 2019 as estimated by Dallas County, subject to the outcome of the rendition (and subsequent § 505 motion practice if needed).
- 12. The Bank's lien attaches only to two (2) of the Agilent machines and the Nitrogen machine. It is unknown whether the proceeds from these three pieces of equipment will be sufficient to put the Bank "in the money" after the payment of 2018 and 2019 taxes. If there are insufficient funds from these Debtor assets in excess of Dallas County's 2018 and 2019 taxes, then § 363 does not apply to the Bank, as the Bank does not have an interest in that property. If

there are sufficient funds from these three Debtor assets so that the Bank's lien secures some value, then the Debtor intends to reach agreement with the Bank under 11 U.S.C. § 363(f)(2), or otherwise not proceed with the sale of Debtor property and proceed only with the sale of non-Debtor subsidiary property to which the Bank's lien does not apply, and in which event this Court's approval is not required.

- 13. Although it is at present unknown what the amount of the Proposed Sale proceeds will be, it is contemplated that the proceeds would be distributed as follows:
  - 2018 County of Dallas: \$90,271.62
  - Escrow for 2019 taxes to be disputed: (\$88,501.59)
  - Bank of America/Debtor: split to be determined.
- 14. As explained above, with respect to Dallas County, the Debtor anticipates § 363(f)(3) will be satisfied.
- 15. With respect to the Bank, it is anticipated that if agreement is reached under § 363(f)(2), the proceeds from any Debtor-property and non-Debtor property will be shared in some ratio between the Bank and the Debtor respectively: to the Bank on behalf of its collateral and the non-Debtor subsidiary's guarantees of the Debtors' debt to the Bank, and to the Debtor in partial repayment by the non-Debtor subsidiary of its obligations to the Debtor and for obtaining a sale of the non-Debtor subsidiary Equipment without cost to the non-Debtor subsidiary.

#### IV. PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Debtor respectfully requests that the Court enter: (i) granting this Motion; (ii) approving the Proposed Sale free and clear of all liens, claims, interests and encumbrances, with all such liens, claims, interests and encumbrances attaching to the Proceeds and paid as provided for above or escrowed by the Debtor; (iii)

authorizing the distribution of the Proceeds as described herein; and (iv) granting the Debtor such other relief as may be appropriate.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 14th day of February, 2019.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that, on this the 14th day of February, 2019, true and correct copies of this document were electronically served by the Court' ECF system on parties entitled to notice thereof and that, additionally, on the same date he caused true and correct copies of this document, without the exhibit thereto, to be served by U.S. first class mail, postage prepaid, on the parties listed on the attached Service List.

By: <u>/s/ Thomas Berghman</u>
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### Exhibit A - Equipment List

Manufacturer	Item Description	Serial Number	Purch Date	
Agilent	Agilent K6460 LC/MS	5G14467302	2/28/2015	
Agilent	Agilent K6460 LC/MS	5G14317302	2/28/2015	
Agilent	Agilent K6460 LC/MS	SG15077310	4/30/2015	
Agilent	Agilent K6460 LC/MS	5G15117301	5/30/2015	
Agilent	Agilent K6460 LC/MS	5G15477304	12/30/2015	
Agilent	Agilent K6460 LC/MS	5G15127308	12/30/2015	
Agilent	Agilent K6460 LC/MS	SG15207301	6/30/2016	
Agilent	Agilent G6460 LC/MS	SG13137210	8/30/2016	

Gulfstream		Nitrogen Generator - NM32LA - Quantum		7
Diagnostics	Peak Scientific	795917	A14-12-466	

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