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   Picture Car Warehouse, Inc.,
    Debtor-in-Possession
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                      UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
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                      CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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                       SAN FERNANDO VALLEY DIVISION
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    In re
                                     Case No. 1:15-bk-13495-MT
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                                              [Chapter 11]
    PICTURE CAR WAREHOUSE, INC.,
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                                     DEBTOR'S MOTION FOR ORDER
                                     AUTHORIZING SALE OF PERSONAL
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                         Debtor.
                                     PROPERTY OF THE ESTATE (UP TO 100
                                     EXCESS VEHICLES) FREE AND CLEAR
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                                     OF LIENS AND ENCUMBRANCES VIA
                                     PRIVATE SALE PURSUANT TO 11
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                                     U.S.C. §363 AND WAIVER OF 14 DAY
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                                     Date:
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                                     Time:
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         Debtor and Debtor-in-Possession Picture Car Warehouse, Inc.
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    ("PCW"), hereby moves the Court for an Order Authorizing:
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    (i) Sale of Certain Personal Property of the Estate (Up to 100
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    Excess Vehicles and (ii) Waiver of the 14 Day Stay.
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         This Motion is made on an emergency basis to sell in a
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    private sale up to 100 excess vehicles to a bona fide third arty
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28 purchaser. The vehicles to be sold include some not sold in the
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recently concluded auction and others not included in the auction. This Motion is made on the grounds that the sale of the identified property by private sale to Allan Goddard for \$260,000 is in the best interest of the estate and is an exercise of PCW's reasonable business judgment. In order to expedite this process, PCW requests the Court waive the 14 day period.

This Motion is based upon 11 U.S.C. §§327(a), 363 and 544(a), Rules 2002 and 6004 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Notice of Motion which is being served upon all interested parties, this Motion, the attached Memorandum of Points and Authorities, the Declarations of Ted D. Moser and Carolyn A. Dye, the records and files of this case, and such oral and documentary evidence as may be presented at or prior to the hearing on the Motion.

### MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES

I

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The factual matters herein are based on the Declarations of Ted D. Moser ("Moser") and Carolyn A. Dye filed with this Motion.

PCW has obtained approval of a settlement with creditor,
Matthew Talbert and his affiliates ("Talbert"), which requires
payment of the settlement amount on or before by July 31,2016.
Intending to use the proceeds of an auction of its excess
inventory to fund the settlement, PCW obtained approval of its
second auction and held it on July 23, 2016. The date for the
auction was set just before the payment date in order to
facilitate resolving all the title issues that had come up in the

review of the titles returned to PCW from Talbert. That timing, however, left little time to plan any shortfall.

Unfortunately, the proceeds of the auction fell short of the amount needed to satisfy the settlement. Realizing that that consummating the settlement was in jeopardy, Ted Moser, principal of PCW, immediately began a search for an alternate solution to fund the gap.

PCW has identified a buyer willing to purchase up to 100 vehicles for \$260,000, which is the amount needed to fund the gap. The buyer, Allan Gooddard, is a third party, not connected to PCW in any way. The buyer is also willing to permit PCW to list the purchased vehicles on PCW's website as available for rental, enabling PCW to generate income from these assets from commissions payable for placing and supervising such rentals. In addition, the agreement with Goddard provides that PCW can repurhase the vehicles if it wishes within a year for the same price with 6% interest. Attached as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of the agreement between the parties. A signed copy will be available by the time of the hearing.

This is a win-win for both parties. The purchaser owns some vehicles (which largely do not overlap PCW's inventory) he also rents to studios and the purchase will expand his inventory. The purchased vehicles will remain available to PCW's customers and thus generate income for both parties. In addition, PCW will be freed of the costs to maintain and store the vehicles.

Because Talbert will paid from the sales proceeds he will no longer hold any claim to any of PCW's vehicles and should have no objection (or standing to complain about) to this proposed

transaction. Funding the settlement will avoid the potential of litigation with Talbert and allow PCW to move forward in its case, to propose and confirm a plan of reorganization.

As the Court is aware, PCW is engaged in the business of owning, restoring and renting various vehicles that are used in the entertainment business. Although PCW believes its "ordinary course" operations would permit this transaction to be consummated without a court order specifically authorizing it, one is sought in an abundance of caution.

The only creditor holding any undisputed security interest in the Assets is Bank of the West ("Bank"). Bank does not have any liens or any specific vehicles. The value of the remaining assets will more than cover the Bank's lien of \$100,000.

The Talbert claim to a lien will be extinguished by the settlement payment.

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### TERMS OF SALE

### A. Items to be Sold at Auction.

The list of vehicles to be sold "as is" is attached as Exhibit A. Goddard will pay the purchase price of \$260,000, all cash no later than July 28 or as soon as the Court approves the sale. To avoid any time delays in transmitting the funds and to meet the deadline for payment, the proceeds may be wired directly to the client trust account of Allan Sarver, Talbert's attorney.

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## IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE ESTATE FOR THE COURT TO APPROVE THE SALE

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PCW needs to conclude the settlement. Exercising his business judgment, Moser has determined it is in the best interests of the estate to sell their Assets in order to fund the settlement. He also believes the price is fair.

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# THIS COURT SHOULD AUTHORIZE THE AUCTION SALE OF THE ASSETS OUTSIDE OF THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS

A. The Ninth Circuit Standard for Authority to Use,
Sell, or Lease Property Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §363 is the
Articulated Business Justification Test.

If the sale is not in the "ordinary course" it should be nonetheless approved. The authority for a Debtor-in-Possession to sell property of an estate is found in 11 U.S.C. §363(b)(1) and 1107(a). PCW, after notice and hearing, may use, sell, or lease, other than in the ordinary course of business, property of the estate. The Ninth Circuit Bankruptcy Appellate Panel in In re Walters, 83 B.R. 14 (9th Cir. B.A.P. 1988), adopted the articulated business judgment standard in deciding whether to approve or disapprove the sale of estate property outside the ordinary course of the PCW's business under §363(b). The court quoted language from In re Continental Airlines, Inc., 780 F.2d 1223, 1226 (5th Cir. 1986), as follows:

"We also agree with the Second Circuit that implicit in §363(b) is the further requirement of justifying the proposed transaction. <u>In re Lionel</u>

Corporation, 722 F.2d 1063, 1071 (2nd Cir. 1983). That is, for the debtor-in-possession or trustee to satisfy its fiduciary duty to the debtor, creditors and equity holders, there must be some articulated business justification for using, selling, or leasing the property outside the ordinary course of business...whether the proffered business justification is sufficient depends on the case. As the Second Circuit held in Lionel, the bankruptcy judge should consider all salient factors pertaining to the proceeding and, accordingly, act to further the diverse interests of the debtor, creditors and equity holders, alike..."

The majority of courts held that \$363(b) allows a debtor to sell the assets of the estate if there is an "articulated business justification for the proposed sale. See Stevens

Industries, Inc. v. McClung, 789 F.2d 386 (6th Cir. 1986); In re

Lionel Corporation, 722 F.2d 1063 (2nd Cir. 1983); In re Texaco,

Inc., 81 B.R. 813 (Bankr. S.D. N.Y. 1988); In re McClane

Industries, Inc., 70 B.R. 852 (Bankr. S.D. N.Y. 1987); In re

Highway Equipment Company, Inc., 61 B.R. 58 (S.D. Ohio 1986); In

re Hunt Energy Company, Inc., 48 B.R. 472 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio

1985).

Accordingly, PCW's proposed sale of the estate's interest in the Assets described herein pursuant to \$363(b) is consistent with well-recognized case law and should be approved by this Court.

B. <u>PCW Has Articulated a Business Justification for the Sale</u>.

The sale of these assets will enable PCW to be able to fulfill its obligations under the settlement agreement.

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V 1 WAIVER OF 14 DAY STAY OF SALE 2 3 Fed. R. Bank. Pro. 6004(h) provides that "[a]n order authorizing the use, sale or lease of property other than cash 4 collateral is stayed until the expiration of the 14 days after 5 entry of the order, unless the court orders otherwise." 6 Because of the need to expedite the sale PCW requests the 7 Court exercise its discretion under Rule 6004(h) and order the 14 8 day stay shall not apply. 9 VI 10 CONCLUSION 11 Based upon the foregoing the PCW respectfully requests that 12 the Court enter an order (i) to permit the PCW to consummate the 13 sale of the Assets via private sale; and (ii) waiving the 14 day 14 15 stay. 16 Respectfully submitted, 17 LAW OFFICE OF CAROLYN A. DYE 18 19 Dated: July 26, 2016 By: 20 Carolyn A. Dye Debtor-in-Possession 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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### ASSET PURCHASE AGREEMENT

This ASSET PURCHASE ("Agreement") is made and entered into as of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2016, by and between, Picture Car Warehouse, Inc, Debtor in Possession, ("Seller"), and Allan Goddard ("Buyer").

### RECITALS

Seller is in the business of providing cars and other vehicles to the movie, television and commercial production business for use as props and rentals. Seller wishes to sell and convey the certain assets related to its business (the "Assets") to Buyer, and Buyer wishes to acquire the Assets from Seller.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, representations and warranties set forth in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

### PURCHASE AND SALE OF ASSETS

- Section 1. Sale Items. Seller shall sell to Buyer and Buyer shall buy from Seller, on the terms and conditions, and in the manner set forth in this Agreement, the Assets more particularly described on Exhibit A, attached hereto and made part hereof. Seller shall execute and deliver to Buyer all documents necessary to transfer title to the Assets to Buyer.
- Section 2. Liens. Seller shall convey title to the Assets to Buyer free and clear of all liens, security interests, and encumbrances of any kind or nature.
- Section 3. Purchase Price. The purchase price to be paid by Buyer to Seller for the Assets (the "Purchase Price") shall be \$260,000, which shall be paid in full in good funds at the Closing, defined below.
- Section 4. Allocation of Purchase Price. The allocation of the Purchase Price for the Assets shall be as designated on Exhibit A. Buyer and Seller acknowledge that the amount allocated to each asset category described in this Section shall represent its fair market value determined by the parties pursuant to an arm's length negotiation. The parties agree to abide by the allocation of the Purchase Price specified in this Section and agree to report the transaction as so allocated for registration, transfer and income tax purposes.
- Section 5. Time and Place of Closing. The closing for the purchase and sale of the Assets (the "Closing") shall be held on \_July 28, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. or at such other time and at the place as the parties may mutually agree in writing (the "Closing Date"). At Closing, Seller shall convey title to the Assets to Buyer as provided in this Agreement and Buyer will pay the Purchase Price in good and immediately available funds.
- Section 6. Rental of Assets. Buyer agrees that the Assets shall remain on the Seller's website and advertised as available for rental. In the event that Seller is able to obtain agreements for the rental of any of the vehicles listed on Exhibit A from its clients, Seller shall be entitled to

a placement commission to be negotiated between the parties based on the time of the proposed rentals and the gross rental amounts to be collected. Seller shall be the intermediary between the renter and the Seller.

- Section 7. Option to Repurchase. At any time within a year from the Closing Date, Seller may have the right to repurchase the Assets for the Purchase Price plus 6% interest commencing from the Closing Date.
- Section 8. Headings. All section headings contained in this Agreement are for convenience of reference only, do not form a part of this Agreement and shall not affect in any way the meaning or interpretation of this Agreement.
- Section 9. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in two (2) or more counterparts, all of which shall be considered one and the same agreement, and shall become effective when one counterpart has been signed by each party and delivered to the other party to this Agreement.
- Section 10. Time of Essence. Time shall be of the essence with respect to the obligations of the parties to this Agreement.
- Section 11. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed under the laws of the State of California.
- Section 12. Severability. In the event any provision of this Agreement is deemed to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, all other provisions of the Agreement which are not affected by such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the date first set forth above.

SELLER: Picture Car Warehouse, Inc.	
By Ted Moser, President	
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BUYER:	
Allan Goddard	