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Laura T. Beyer United States Bankruptcy Judge

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION

In re:

**GRAND DAKOTA PARTNERS, LLC** 

Debtor.

Case No. 17-31184

Chapter 11 (Jointly Administered)

## THIRD INTERIM ORDER AUTHORIZING USE OF CASH COLLATERAL

THIS MATTER came on for continued hearing on August 16, 2017. Based upon the evidence presented and argument of counsel, and the consent and agreement of Grand Dakota Partners, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, Grand Dakota Hospitality, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (together with Grand Dakota Partners, LLC, the "Debtors"), and American Bank Center ("American"), and the lack of objection of the Bankruptcy Administrator, the Court hereby makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

A. Based on the record before this Court, it appears that American is the only entity that may have a security interest in, or lien on or against, cash that may constitute cash collateral, as such term is defined at 11 U.S.C. § 363(a). The Court does not make any finding regarding the perfection

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or priority of any security interest or lien that American may have in respect of any of the Debtors' assets. As a result, the use of the term "cash collateral" in this Second Interim Order refers to (i) cash in any bank account owned by or in which either debtor has a legal or equitable interest, (ii) any cash on hand, and (iii) cash (including without limitation funds from credit card transactions) derived from the Debtors' post-petition operations, regardless of whether American has perfected interests in or liens against such items.

B. American previously consented to the Debtors' use of cash collateral, through August 20, 2017 (the period from the petition date through August 20, 2017, is the "Second Interim Period") on the terms contained in the Second Interim Order Authorizing Use of Cash Collateral (the "Second Interim Order").

C. American consents to the Debtors' use of cash collateral through August 31, 2016 (the period from the from the date of this Third Interim Order through August 31, 2017, is the "Third Interim Period").

D. The Debtors need to use cash collateral to fund day-to-day operations at the Grand Dakota Lodge (the "Hotel").

E. The Debtors previously waived all claims under 11 U.S.C. § 506(c) that they may assert against American, to the extent that such claims may have arisen in or relate to the Second Interim Period; and as of the date hereof waive all claims under 11 U.S.C. § 506(c) that they may assert against American, to the extent that such claims may arise in or relate to the Third Interim Period.

F. Good cause exists for the entry of this Third Interim Order.

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**WHEREFORE**, the Debtors' motion to use cash collateral on an interim basis is GRANTED, subject to the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth below:

1. The Debtors may not assert any claim under 11 U.S.C. § 506(c) against American or any of American's collateral for the Third Interim Period.

2. During this Third Interim Period, the Debtors shall not use cash collateral to pay any pre-petition expense due and outstanding as of the petition date unless and except to the extent that, prior to the petition date, either Debtor or Kinseth had issued a check in payment of such prepetition expense and payment under such check was pending on the petition date.

3. American shall have replacement liens on such of the Debtor's post-petition assets that American had before the commencement of these cases, including but not limited to cash and any receivables generated by post-petition operations of the Debtors' operating assets. If, however, the Court subsequently determines that there is a defect in the perfection or priority of American's pre-petition liens and interests, the replacement liens granted in this Paragraph 3 shall remain subject to the challenge by the Debtors or any other party in interest.

4. During the Third Interim Period, the Debtors may not use cash collateral to make payment to any insider or affiliate or to make payment to or toward any professional fees incurred by the Debtors (**provided**, **however**, that this Paragraph 4 shall not preclude Grand Dakota Partners, LLC, from transferring funds to Grand Dakota Hospitality, LLC, for the ordinary course of business purchase of liquor, beer or other alcoholic beverages to be used or sold at the Hotel).

5. The Debtors are authorized to use cash collateral during the Third Interim Period to pay the Hotel's operating expenses and other expenditures set forth in the cash collateral budget attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> to the Second Interim Order and to pay sales taxes to the appropriate taxing authorities (the cash collateral budget does not include a separate line item for such trust-fund

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taxes). Total expenditures of cash collateral by the Debtors during this Third Interim Period shall not exceed the sum of (i) the total set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u> and (ii) sales and other trust fund taxes paid to the appropriate taxing authorities. With respect to any line item category of expense set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u>, the Debtor may exceed the amount of such line item expense by up to five percent (5%) of such amount. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Debtors first obtain the advance written consent of American or a subsequent order of this Court (entered after notice and reasonable opportunity for hearing) so providing, the Debtors then also may (a) make total expenditures of cash collateral during the Third Interim Period in excess of the total set forth in Exhibit A and (b) exceed by more than five percent (5%) the line item expense set forth in <u>Exhibit</u>

<u>A</u>.

6. No later than Monday, August 28, 2017, the Debtors shall provide to American a written report (i) of actual use and expenditure of cash collateral and (ii) comparing such actual use against the budgeted expenditures set forth in <u>Exhibit A</u>. Such report shall cover the period through August 25, 2017.

7. During the Third Interim Period, American shall have the right to inspect the Hotel, and to inspect and copy the Debtors' books and records regarding the Hotel and its operations, and any other records or documents regarding cash collateral or American's asserted collateral, including but not limited to any such collateral, documents or information in the possession of the Kinseth or any of the Debtors' affiliates; **provided**, **however**, that such inspection shall be upon reasonable advance notice provided by American to the Debtors and, if applicable, Kinseth.

8. Nothing in this Third Interim Order shall impair, constrain or prejudice the rights, interests or positions of the Debtor or American regarding further use of cash collateral beyond the Third Interim Period. Nor shall this Third Interim Order preclude the Debtors from seeking

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further relief from the Court (upon notice and reasonable opportunity for hearing) if either Debtor identifies a need to use cash collateral during the Third Interim Period beyond the parameters of the budget attached as <u>Exhibit A</u> and is unable to obtain American's consent to such deviation from such budget.

9. The Debtors' request for authority to use cash collateral beyond the Third Interim Period will be considered further by this Court at a continued hearing at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, August 30, 2017 (prevailing Eastern time).

10. The Court has and will retain jurisdiction to enforce this Third Interim Order in accordance with its terms and to adjudicate all matters arising from or related to the interpretation or implementation of this Third Interim Order.

11. Entry of this Third Interim Order is without prejudice to the effectiveness of the terms of the Second Interim Order.

## SO ORDERED.

This Order has been signed electronically. The Judge's signature and the Court's seal appear at the top of the Order.

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT