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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:)	Chapter 11
AKORN, INC., et al.,1)	Case No. 20-11177 (KBO)
	Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)

BIDDING PROCEDURES

On May 20, 2020, Akorn, Inc. (the "<u>Selling Debtor</u>"), entered into an asset purchase agreement (the "<u>Stalking Horse APA</u>") with Akorn Holdings Topco LLC ("<u>Purchaser</u>" or the "<u>Stalking Horse Bidder</u>") pursuant to which Purchaser proposes to, among other things, purchase, acquire, and take assignment and delivery of certain assets (the "<u>Acquired Assets</u>") and assume certain liabilities (the "<u>Assumed Liabilities</u>") of the Selling Debtor, and the other Debtors, identified in Section 1.1 of the Stalking Horse APA.

On June 15, 2020, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") entered an order [Docket No. 181] (the "Bidding Procedures Order"), by which the Court authorized the Debtors to solicit bids for and conduct an auction (the "Auction") for a sale or disposition (collectively, the "Sale," and each, a "Sale Transaction") of all or substantially all of the Debtors' assets or sub-groups thereof free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances, and other interests (other than those permitted by an applicable Stalking Horse Agreement) and in accordance with the following procedures (the "Bidding Procedures").

Set forth below are the Bidding Procedures that will be employed in connection with the Sale of substantially all of the Debtors' assets or sub-groups thereof.

Terms utilized but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Stalking Horse APA or the Bidding Procedures Order, as applicable.



The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, if any, are: Akorn, Inc. (7400); 10 Edison Street LLC (7890); 13 Edison Street LLC; Advanced Vision Research, Inc. (9046); Akorn (New Jersey), Inc. (1474); Akorn Animal Health, Inc. (6645); Akorn Ophthalmics, Inc. (6266); Akorn Sales, Inc. (7866); Clover Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3735); Covenant Pharma, Inc. (0115); Hi-Tech Pharmacal Co., Inc. (8720); Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (9022); Oak Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (6647); Olta Pharmaceuticals Corp. (3621); VersaPharm Incorporated (6739); VPI Holdings Corp. (6716); and VPI Holdings Sub, LLC. The location of the Debtors' service address is: 1925 W. Field Court, Suite 300, Lake Forest, Illinois 60045.

ANY PARTY INTERESTED IN BIDDING ON THE ACQUIRED ASSETS SHOULD CONTACT THE DEBTORS' PROPOSED ADVISORS, AS FOLLOWS:

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I. DESCRIPTION OF THE ACQUIRED ASSETS.

The Debtors are seeking to sell the Acquired Assets, which include the Debtors' owned real property, unexpired leases, executory contracts, and certain equipment, inventory, supplies, intellectual property, insurance proceeds, receivables, prepaid expenses and deposits, and books and records, in each case, free and clear of all liens, claims, interests, or other encumbrances. The Acquired Assets are specifically identified in the Stalking Horse APA and the Sale Hearing Notice. As of the date of entry of the Bid Procedures Order, the expected minimum cash overbid amount is approximately \$1.006 billion.³

II. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS.

A. Potential Bidders.

To participate in the bidding process or otherwise be considered for any purpose hereunder, a person or entity interested in the Acquired Assets or part of the Acquired Assets (other than the Stalking Horse Bidder) (a "<u>Potential Bidder</u>") must deliver to each of the Debtors' advisors the following documents and information (collectively, the "<u>Preliminary Bid Documents</u>"):

- 1. an executed confidentiality agreement on terms acceptable to the Debtors (a "Confidentiality Agreement");
- 2. proof by the Potential Bidder of its financial capacity to close a proposed Sale Transaction(s), which may include audited financial statements of, or verified financial commitments obtained by, the Potential Bidder (or, if the Potential Bidder is an entity formed for the purpose of acquiring the

This number excludes estimated Assumed Liabilities and otherwise is subject to upward or downward adjustments based on, among other things, changes to the value of any consideration included in the Stalking Horse Bid and incremental cash that may be required from a Qualified Bidder due to, among other things, additional regulatory approvals, cash taxes, and other expenses. Additional information about the buildup for this number is available upon request from the Debtors' proposed advisors.

- desired Acquired Assets, the party that will bear liability for a breach), the adequacy of which will be assessed by the Debtors and their advisors; and
- 3. a non-binding preliminary indication of the amount of the cash purchase price in U.S. Dollars or other consideration that the Potential Bidder is prepared to pay or deliver in exchange for the acquisition of some or all of the Acquired Assets.

With respect to items 2 and 3 above, such information shared with the Debtors' advisors shall be shared with the Consultation Parties' advisors no later than 48 hours after such receipt.

Each Potential Bidder shall comply with all reasonable requests for information and due diligence access by the Debtors and their advisors regarding the ability of such Potential Bidder, as applicable, to consummate its contemplated transaction; *provided* that the Consultation Parties and their respective advisors shall be permitted to submit reasonable requests for information from Potential Bidders only through the Debtors and their advisors and, for the avoidance of doubt, shall not be permitted to directly contact any Potential Bidder and/or its respective advisor(s).

B. Obtaining Due Diligence.

The Debtors (in consultation with the Consultation Parties), with their advisors will determine and notify each Potential Bidder whether such Potential Bidder has submitted adequate Preliminary Bid Documents so that such Potential Bidder may submit a Bid (each, an "Acceptable Bidder", and each such bid, an "Acceptable Bid"). Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Debtors reserve the right to work with Potential Bidders (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) to aggregate bids into a consolidated Acceptable Bid, or otherwise improve bids to be Acceptable Bids, prior to the Bid Deadline (defined herein). The Stalking Horse Bidder shall be deemed an Acceptable Bidder, and the bid as set forth in the Stalking Horse APA (the "Stalking Horse Bid") an Acceptable Bid. For the avoidance of doubt, the Prepetition Secured Parties shall be deemed an Acceptable Bidder.

Only Acceptable Bidders shall be eligible to receive due diligence information and access to the Debtors' electronic data room and to additional non-public information regarding the Debtors and the Acquired Assets.

The Debtors and their advisors shall coordinate all reasonable requests from Acceptable Bidders for additional information and due diligence access; *provided* that (i) the Debtors shall have the right (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) to limit the information and due diligence provided to competitors and (ii) the Debtors may (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) decline to provide such information, after prior notice to Acceptable Bidders who, at such time and in the Debtors' reasonable business judgment, have not established, or who have raised doubt, that such Acceptable Bidders intends in good faith to, or has the capacity to, consummate a proposed Sale Transaction. The due diligence period will end on the Bid Deadline and, subsequent to the Bid Deadline, the Debtors shall have no obligation to furnish any due diligence information. Additional due diligence will not be provided after the Bid Deadline, unless otherwise deemed reasonably appropriate by the Debtors (in consultation with

the Consultation Parties). The Debtors and the Consultation Parties, and each of their representatives and advisors, are not responsible for, and will bear no liability with respect to, any information obtained by any Acceptable Bidder in connection with any Sale or Sale Transaction.

III. REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFIED BIDS.

Any binding proposal, solicitation, or offer (each, a "<u>Bid</u>") will be considered a qualified bid only if the Bid is submitted in writing by an Acceptable Bidder, by the Bid Deadline, and is deemed to comply with all of the following in the Debtors' business judgment (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) (a "<u>Qualified Bid</u>" and such bidder a "<u>Qualified Bidder</u>"); provided that the Prepetition Secured Parties shall be deemed a Qualified Bidder (and any bid submitted by them, a Qualified Bid) without the need to satisfy any of the other requirements placed on Acceptable Bidders hereunder:

- 1. **Purpose**. Each Qualified Bidder must state that the Bid includes an irrevocable and binding offer by the Qualified Bidder to purchase some or all of the Acquired Assets (identified with specificity) and specify the Debtors' liabilities that the Qualified Bidder seeks to assume.
- 2. Assets and Liabilities. The Bid must clearly identify the following: (a) the Acquired Assets, or the portion thereof, to be purchased; and (b) the liabilities and obligations to be assumed, including any indebtedness to be assumed; if any.
- 3. **Purchase Price.** The Bid must clearly set forth the cash purchase price, and any other non-cash consideration (with the form of such consideration specified), to be paid. If the Bid proposes an acquisition of only certain of the Acquired Assets, the purchase price must be applied to each Acquired Asset or package of Acquired Assets in that Bid.
- 4. **Deposit.** Each Bid must be accompanied by a good faith deposit in the form of cash (or other form acceptable to the Debtors in their reasonable discretion, subject to consultation with the Consultation Parties) in an amount equal to not less than ten (10) percent of the aggregate purchase price of the Bid to be held in an escrow account to be identified and established by the Debtors (the "Deposit").
- 5. *Marked Agreement*. Each Bid must include duly executed, non-contingent transaction documents necessary to effectuate the transactions contemplated in the Bid (the "Bid Documents"). The Bid Documents shall include a schedule of Assigned Contracts (as defined in the Stalking Horse APA) to the extent applicable to the Bid, and a clearly marked version of the Stalking Horse APA and the Sale Order showing all changes requested by the Acceptable Bidder, as well as all other material documents integral to such Bid.
- 6. **Committed Financing.** To the extent that a Bid is not accompanied by evidence of the Acceptable Bidder's capacity to consummate the proposed transactions set forth in its Bid with cash on hand, each Bid must include committed financing documented to the satisfaction of the Debtors (in consultation with the

Consultation Parties) that demonstrates that the Acceptable Bidder has received sufficient unconditional debt and/or equity funding commitments to satisfy the Acceptable Bidder's Purchase Price and other obligations under its Bid, including providing adequate assurance of future performance under all contracts proposed to be Assigned Contracts by such Bid. Such funding commitments or other financing must be unconditional and must not be subject to any internal approvals, syndication requirements, diligence, or credit committee approvals, and shall have covenants and conditions acceptable to the Debtors (in consultation with the Consultation Parties).

- 7. **Contingencies; No Financing or Diligence Outs.** A Bid shall not be conditioned on the obtaining or the sufficiency of financing or any internal approval, or on the outcome or review of due diligence.
- 8. *Identity.* The Bid must fully disclose the identity of each person or entity that (a) will directly or indirectly own and/or control five percent or more (individually or collectively) of the equity and/or voting securities of the Qualified Bidder, including its full legal name, jurisdiction of incorporation or formation and its location in the Qualified Bidder's corporate structure, that will be bidding for some or all of the Acquired Assets or otherwise participating in connection with such Bid, (b) will directly or indirectly own and/or control any amount of equity and/or voting securities of the Potential Bidder, (c) for trusts and similar legal arrangements that meet the criteria for subparts (a) and (b) above, (w) each trust's settlor (the provider of funds), (x) each trustee or person or entity exercising control over each trust, (y) any person with the power to remove any trustee and (z) the beneficiaries of such trust(s) or similar legal arrangement, (d) for foundations that meet the criteria for subparts (a) and (b) above, (x) the founders of such foundation, (y) the key individuals who control such foundation and (x) such foundation's source of funds and (e) has a connection or agreement with any Debtor or with any other prospective bidder for some or all of the Acquired Assets or any officer, director or equity security holder of any Debtor.
- 9. *Irrevocable*. An Acceptable Bidder's Bid must be irrevocable and binding; *provided* that if the Bid is not selected as the Successful Bid or Backup Bid (defined below), the Bid may be revoked after consummation of the Successful Bid or Backup Bid.
- 10. **Backup Bidder.** Each Bid must contain an agreement for the Acceptable Bidder to be a Backup Bidder (as defined below) if such bidder's Qualified Bid is selected as the next highest or next best bid after the Successful Bid.
- 11. As-Is, Where-Is. The Bid must include the following representations and warranties: (a) expressly state that the Acceptable Bidder has had an opportunity to conduct any and all due diligence regarding the Debtors' businesses and the Acquired Assets prior to submitting its bid; and (b) a statement that the Acceptable Bidder has relied solely upon its own independent review, investigation, and/or inspection of any relevant documents and the Acquired

Assets in making its Bid and did not rely on any written or oral statements, representations, promises, warranties, or guaranties whatsoever, whether express or implied, by operation of law or otherwise, regarding the Debtors' businesses or the Acquired Assets or the completeness of any information provided in connection therewith, except as expressly stated in the representations and warranties contained in the Acceptable Bidder's proposed asset sale agreement ultimately accepted and executed by the Debtors.

- 12. **Authorization.** The Bid must include evidence that the Acceptable Bidder has obtained authorization or approval from its board of directors (or comparable governing body) acceptable to the Debtors with respect to the submission, execution, and delivery of its Bid and Bid Documents, participation in the Auction, and closing of the proposed transaction(s) contemplated in such Bid. The Bid shall further state that any necessary filings under applicable regulatory, antitrust, and other laws will be made in a timely manner and that payment of the fees associated therewith shall be made by the Acceptable Bidder.
- 13. **Disclaimer of Fees.** Each Bid (other than the Stalking Horse Bid) must disclaim any right to receive a fee analogous to a break-up fee, expense reimbursement, "topping" or termination fee, or any other similar form of compensation. For the avoidance of doubt, no Qualified Bidder (other than the Stalking Horse Bidder) will be permitted to request, nor be granted by the Debtors, at any time, whether as part of the Auction or otherwise, a break-up fee, expense reimbursement, termination fee, or any other similar form of compensation, and by submitting its Bid is agreeing to refrain from and waive any assertion or request for reimbursement on any basis, including under section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 14. *Time Frame for Closing.* A Bid by an Acceptable Bidder must be reasonably likely (based on antitrust or other regulatory issues, experience, and other considerations in the Debtors' business judgment) to be consummated, if selected as the Successful Bid (as defined herein), within a time frame reasonably acceptable to the Debtors (in consultation with the Consultation Parties). The Acceptable Bidder must commit to closing the proposed Sale(s) contemplated by the Bid as soon as practicable and provide perspective on any potential regulatory issues that may arise in connection with such Acceptable Bidder's acquisition of the Acquired Assets including timing for resolution thereof; *provided* that the closing of the transaction shall not be later than the milestones set forth in the Standstill Agreement.
- 15. Adherence to Bid Procedures. Each Bid must include (a) a statement that the Acceptable Bidder has acted in good faith consistent with section 363(m) of the Bankruptcy Code; and (b) that the Bid constitutes a bona fide offer to consummate the proposed transactions, and agrees to be bound by these Bidding Procedures.

- 16. *Joint Bids.* The Debtors will be authorized to approve joint Bids in their discretion (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) on a case-by-case basis.
- 17. *Cooperation*. The Acceptable Bidder must provide a covenant to cooperate with the Debtors to provide pertinent factual information regarding such Bidder's operations reasonably required to analyze issues arising with respect to any applicable laws or regulatory requirements.
- 18. **No Collusion.** The Acceptable Bidder must acknowledge in writing that (a) in connection with submitting its Bid, it has not engaged in any collusion that would be subject to section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to any Bids or the Sale, specifying that it did not agree with any Potential Bidders, Acceptable Bidders or Qualified Bidders to control price; and (b) it agrees not to engage in any collusion that would be subject to section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to any Bids, the Auction, or the Sale.
- 19. *Other Information*. The Bid contains such other information as may be reasonably requested by the Debtors and the Consultation Parties with such requests made through the Debtors.

IV. BID DEADLINE.

An Acceptable Bidder that desires to make a bid must transmit via email (in .pdf or similar format) or deliver written copies of its bid to the following parties so as to be received not later than 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on August 3, 2020 (the "Bid Deadline"): (i) proposed counsel to the Debtors, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn: Nicole L. Greenblatt, email: ngreenblatt@kirkland.com, and Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 300 North LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Attn: Patrick J. Nash, email: patrick.nash@kirkland.com, Richard J. Campbell, email: rcampbell@kirkland.com, Steve Toth, email: steve.toth@kirkland.com, Gregory F. Pesce, email: gregory.pesce@kirkland.com, Christopher M. Hayes, email: christopher.hayes@kirkland.com (ii) proposed Delaware counsel to the Debtors, Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A., 920 N. King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Paul Heath, email: heath@rlf.com; and (iii) the Debtors' proposed investment banker, PJT Partners, Inc., 280 Park Ave, New York, New York 10017, Attn: Tom Davidson, email: davidson@pjtpartners.com, Mark Buschmann, email: buschmann@pjtpartners.com, Michael O'Hara, email: ohara@pjtpartners.com, Tarek Aguizy, email: aguizy@pjtpartners.com, Harold Kim, email kimh@pjtpartners.com.

The Debtors will provide copies of all Bids via electronic mail within 24 hours of receiving any Final Bid to the Consultation Parties and to the Office of the United States Trustee.

V. QUALIFIED BIDDERS.

No later than 24 hours prior to the commencement of the Auction, the Debtors (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) shall notify each Acceptable Bidder whether such party is a Qualified Bidder. Promptly upon designating the Qualified Bidders, the Debtors shall provide the adequate assurance information received from the applicable Qualified Bidder to the Consultation Parties pursuant to such Qualified Bidder's proposed transaction.

If any Bid is determined by the Debtors (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) not to be a Qualified Bid, the Debtors will refund such Acceptable Bidder's Deposit on or before the date that is five (5) Business Days after the Bid Deadline.

The Debtors may accept (in consultation with the Consultation Parties), as a single Qualified Bid, multiple bids for non-overlapping material portions of the Acquired Assets such that, when taken together in the aggregate, such bids would otherwise meet the standards for a single Qualified Bid. The Debtors may permit (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) otherwise Qualified Bidders who submitted bids by the Bid Deadline for less than a substantial (but nevertheless a material) portion of the Acquired Assets but who are not identified as a component of a single Qualified Bid consisting of such multiple bids, to participate in the Auction and to submit *higher or otherwise better* bids that in subsequent rounds of bidding may be considered, together with other bids for non-overlapping material portions of the Acquired Assets, as part of such a single Qualified Bid for overbid purposes. The Debtors (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) may conduct the Auction in any manner to facilitate a sale of all or different subgroupings of the Debtors' assets, including conducting multiple Auctions for different subgroupings of the Debtors' Acquired Assets (each, a "Sub-Auction").

Between the date that the Debtors notify an Acceptable Bidder that it is a Qualified Bidder and the Auction, the Debtors may discuss, negotiate, or seek clarification of any Qualified Bid from a Qualified Bidder. Without the prior written consent of the Debtors (in consultation with the Consultation Parties), a Qualified Bidder may not modify, amend, or withdraw its Qualified Bid, except for proposed amendments to increase the consideration contemplated by, or otherwise improve the terms of, the Qualified Bid, during the period that such Qualified Bid remains binding as specified in these Bidding Procedures; *provided* that any Qualified Bid may be improved at the Auction as set forth herein. Any improved Qualified Bid must continue to comply with the requirements for Qualified Bids set forth in these Bidding Procedures.

Each Qualified Bidder shall comply with all reasonable requests for additional information and due diligence access requested by the Debtors or their advisors (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) regarding the ability of such Qualified Bidder to consummate its contemplated transaction. Failure by a Qualified Bidder to comply with such reasonable requests for additional information and due diligence access may be a basis for the Debtors (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) to determine that such bidder is no longer a Qualified Bidder or that a bid made by such bidder is not a Qualified Bid.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the Stalking Horse Bidder is deemed to be a Qualified Bidder, and the Stalking Horse Bid shall be deemed to be a Qualified Bid, such that the Stalking Horse Bidder shall not be required to submit an additional Qualified Bid.

VI. RIGHT TO CREDIT BID.

Any Qualified Bidder who has a valid and perfected lien on any Acquired Assets of the Debtors' estates (a "Secured Creditor") shall have the right to credit bid all or a portion of the value of such Secured Creditor's claims within the meaning of section 363(k) of the Bankruptcy

Code; provided that a Secured Creditor shall have the right to credit bid its claim only with respect to the collateral by which such Secured Creditor is secured.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Prepetition Secured Creditors shall have the right to credit bid all or any portion of the aggregate amount of their applicable outstanding secured obligations pursuant to section 363(k) of the Bankruptcy Code, and any such credit bid will be considered a Qualified Bid to the extent such bid is received by the Bid Deadline and complies with section 363(k) of the Bankruptcy Code; provided that a credit bid shall not constitute a Qualified Bid if the bid does not (a) include a cash component sufficient to pay in full, in cash, all claims for which there are valid, perfected, and unavoidable liens on any assets included in such Bid that are senior in priority to those of the party seeking to credit bid (unless such Secured Creditor consents to alternative treatment) or (b) comply with the terms of the priority scheme contained in the Credit Agreement and the Bidding Procedures Order.

VII. THE AUCTION.

If the Debtors receive a Qualified Bid (other than the Stalking Horse Bid), the Debtors shall conduct the Auction to determine the Successful Bidder with respect to the Acquired Assets or portion of the Acquired Assets. If one or more Qualified Bid(s) exist for acquiring specific sub-groups of the Debtors' Acquired Assets, then the Debtors may, in the exercise of their reasonable business judgment (in consultation with the Consultation Parties), first conduct a Sub-Auction for each of the businesses or Acquired Assets that has at least one Qualified Bid pursuant to the Bid Procedures. If the Debtors do not receive a Qualified Bid (other than the Stalking Horse Bid), the Debtors will not conduct the Auction and will designate the Stalking Horse's Qualified Bid as the Successful Bid.

No later than 24 hours prior to the commencement of the Auction or specific Sub-Auction, the Debtors will notify all Qualified Bidders of the highest or otherwise best Qualified Bid, as determined in the Debtors' reasonable business judgment (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) (the "Baseline Bid"), and provide copies of the Bid Documents supporting the Baseline Bid to all Qualified Bidders. The determination of which Qualified Bid constitutes the Baseline Bid and which Qualified Bid constitutes the Successful Bid shall take into account any factors the Debtors (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) reasonably deem relevant to the value of the Qualified Bid to the Debtors' estates, including, among other things: (a) the number, type, and nature of any changes to the Stalking Horse APA requested by the Qualified Bidder, including the type and portion of the Acquired Assets sought and Assumed Liabilities to be assumed in the Qualified Bid; (b) the amount and nature of the total consideration; (c) the likelihood of the Bidder's ability to close the proposed Sale Transaction(s), the conditions thereto, and the timing thereof; (d) the net economic effect of any changes to the value to be received by the Debtors' estates from the transactions contemplated by the Bid Documents; and (e) the tax consequences of such Qualified Bid (collectively, the "Bid Assessment Criteria").

The Auction shall take place at <u>9:00 a.m.</u> (prevailing Eastern Time) on <u>August 10, 2020</u>, at the offices of Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, or such later date, time and location as designated by the Debtors (in

consultation with the Consultation Parties), after providing notice to the Notice Parties. In the event that the Auction cannot be held at a physical location, the Auction will be conducted via a virtual meeting. The Debtors shall have the right to conduct any number of Auctions on that date, if the Debtors determine, in their reasonable business judgment (in consultation with the Consultation Parties), that conducting such Auctions would be in the best interests of the Debtors' estates.

A. Participants and Attendees.

The Debtors and their advisors shall direct and preside over the Auction. At the start of the Auction, the Debtors shall describe the terms of the Baseline Bid. All incremental Bids made thereafter shall be Overbids (as defined herein) and shall be made and received on an open basis, and all material terms of each Overbid shall be fully disclosed to all other Qualified Bidders. The Debtors shall maintain a written transcript of the Auction and of all Bids made and announced at the Auction, including the Baseline Bid, all Overbids, and the Successful Bid (defined below).

Only Qualified Bidders that have submitted Qualified Bids by the Bid Deadline are eligible to participate in the Auction, subject to other limitations as may be reasonably imposed by the Debtors (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) in accordance with these Bidding Procedures. Qualified Bidders participating in the Auction must appear in person (or through a duly authorized representative), telephonically, or through a video teleconference. The Auction will be conducted openly and all creditors may be permitted to attend; *provided* that the Debtors may (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) establish a reasonable limit on the number of representatives and/or professional advisors that may appear on behalf of or accompany each Qualified Bidder or creditor at the Auction. Any creditor and its advisors wishing to attend the Auction may do so by contacting, no later than three (3) Business Days prior to the start of the Auction, the Debtors' advisors; *provided that* the Ad Hoc Group Advisors shall be permitted to attend the Auction without any prior notice to the Debtors' advisors.

Each Qualified Bidder participating in the Auction will be required to confirm in writing and on the record at the Auction that (i) it has not engaged in any collusion with respect to the submission of any bid or the Auction and (ii) each Qualified Bid it submits at the Auction is a binding, good faith and bona fide offer to purchase the Acquired Assets identified in such bid.

B. Auction Procedures.

The Auction or Sub-Auction shall be governed by the following procedures, subject to the Debtors' right to modify such procedures in their reasonable business judgment (in consultation with the Consultation Parties), and upon approval by the Purchaser pursuant to the Stalking Horse APA:

- 1. **Baseline Bids.** Bidding shall commence at the amount of the Baseline Bid.
- 2. *Minimum Overbid.* Qualified Bidders may submit successive bids higher than the previous bid, based on and increased from the Baseline Bid for the relevant Acquired Assets (each such bid, an "Overbid"). Any Qualified Bidder's initial Overbid shall be made in increments of at least \$5,000,000 in cash, cash

equivalents, or such other consideration that the Debtors deem equivalent (in consultation with the Consultation Parties). The Debtors may, in their reasonable business judgment (in consultation with the Consultation Parties), announce increases or reductions to initial or subsequent Overbids at any time during the Auction or specific Sub-Auction.

- 3. *Highest or Best Offer.* After the first round of bidding and between each subsequent round of bidding, the Debtors (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) shall announce the bid that they believe in their reasonable business judgment to be the highest or otherwise best offer for the relevant Acquired Assets (the "Leading Bid") and describe the material terms thereof. Each round of bidding will conclude after each participating Qualified Bidder has had the opportunity to submit a subsequent bid with full knowledge of the Leading Bid. To the extent not previously provided (which is determined by the Debtors), a Qualified Bidder submitting a subsequent bid must submit, as part of its subsequent bid, written evidence (in the form of financial disclosure or credit-quality support information or enhancement reasonably acceptable to the Debtors) demonstrating such Qualified Bidder's ability to close the transaction at the Purchase Price contemplated by such subsequent bid.
- 4. **Rejection of Bids.** The Debtors may, in their reasonable business judgment (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) reject, at any time before entry of an order of the Court approving a Qualified Bid, any bid that the Debtors determine is (a) inadequate or insufficient, (b) not in conformity with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bidding Procedures, or the terms and conditions of the Sale, or (c) contrary to the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and other stakeholders.
- 5. No Round-Skipping. Round-skipping, as described herein, is explicitly To remain eligible to participate in the Auction or specific prohibited. Sub-Auction for a particular Acquired Assets, in each round of bidding, (i) each Qualified Bidder must submit a Bid in such round of bidding that is a higher or otherwise better offer than the immediately preceding Bid submitted by a Qualified Bidder in such round of bidding and (ii) to the extent a Qualified Bidder fails to bid in such round of bidding or to submit a Bid in such round of bidding that is a higher or otherwise better offer than the immediately preceding Bid submitted by a Qualified Bidder in such round of bidding, as determined by the Debtors in their reasonable business judgment (in consultation with the Consultation Parties), such Qualified Bidder shall be disqualified from continuing to participate in the Auction for such Acquired Assets; provided that with the consent of the Consultation Parties, the Debtors may adopt and utilize the Auction procedures other than the foregoing procedure for any round of bidding.
- 6. *Additional Information*. The Debtors (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) shall have the right to request any additional financial information that will allow the Debtors to make a reasonable determination as to a Qualified Bidder's financial and other capabilities to consummate the transactions

contemplated by their proposal and any further information that the Debtors believe is reasonably necessary to clarify and evaluate any bid made by a Qualified Bidder during the Auction or Sub-Auction.

7. *Modification of Procedures.* The Debtors may announce, at the Auction, modified or additional procedures for conducting the Auction or otherwise modify these Bidding Procedures *provided*, that at no point may the form of currency be in a form other than cash unless a hybrid offer is made that provides for sufficient cash to pay the term loans off in cash at par plus any accrued interest and any applicable fees. All such modifications and additional rules will be communicated in advance to each of the Consultation Parties, Prospective Bidders, and Qualified Bidders; *provided*, that, to the extent such modifications occur at the Auction, disclosure of such modifications shall be limited to those in attendance at the Auction.

The Auction or specific Sub-Auction shall include open bidding in the presence of all other Qualified Bidders. All Qualified Bidders shall have the right to submit additional bids and make modifications to any prior Qualified Bid or Overbid at the Auction to improve their bids; provided that any Overbid made by a Qualified Bidder (including with respect to any Backup Bid (defined below)) must remain open and binding on the Qualified Bidder until the earlier of (a) the closing of a Sale Transaction for the applicable Acquired Assets pursuant to the Successful Bid and (b) 45 days after the date of the Sale Hearing, unless otherwise decided (in consultation with the Consultation Parties). The Debtors may, in their reasonable business judgment (in consultation with the Consultation Parties), negotiate with any and all Qualified Bidders participating in the Auction or specific Sub-Auction.

C. Adjournment of the Auction.

The Debtors reserve the right, in their reasonable business judgment (in consultation with the Consultation Parties), to adjourn the Auction one or more times to, among other things, (i) facilitate discussions between the Debtors and Qualified Bidders, (ii) allow Qualified Bidders to consider how they wish to proceed, and (iii) provide Qualified Bidders the opportunity to provide the Debtors with such additional evidence as the Debtors, in their reasonable business judgment, may require, that the Qualified Bidder has sufficient internal resources or has received sufficient non-contingent debt or equity funding commitments to consummate the proposed Sale Transaction(s) at the prevailing bid amount.

D. Successful Bidder.

Immediately prior to the conclusion of the Auction or specific Sub-Auction, the Debtors shall (i) determine (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) consistent with these Bidding Procedures, which bid constitutes the highest or otherwise best bid(s) for the applicable Acquired Assets (each such bid, a "Successful Bid"); and (ii) notify all Qualified Bidders at the Auction for the applicable Acquired Assets of the identity of the bidder that submitted the Successful Bid (each such bidder, the "Successful Bidder") and the amount of the purchase price and other material terms of the Successful Bid.

The Debtors shall file a notice identifying the Successful Bidder and Backup Bidder (if selected) by 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) as soon as reasonably practicable after closing the Auction, if any, and in any event not less than 24 hours following closing the Auction.

VIII. BACKUP BIDDER.

Notwithstanding anything in these Bidding Procedures to the contrary, if an Auction or Sub-Auction is conducted, the Qualified Bidder with the next-highest or otherwise second-best Qualified Bid as compared to the Successful Bid at the Auction or Sub-Auction for the Acquired Assets or sub-group thereof, as determined by the Debtors in the exercise of their reasonable business judgment (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) (the "Backup Bid"), shall be required to serve as a backup bidder (the "Backup Bidder"), and each Qualified Bidder shall agree and be deemed to agree to be the Backup Bidder if so designated. In the case of the Stalking Horse Bidder, it shall agree to serve as the Backup Bidder only to the extent provided in Sections 5.1(e) and 8.1(h) of the Stalking Horse APA.

The identity of the Backup Bidder and the amount and material terms of the Qualified Bid of the Backup Bidder shall be announced by the Debtors at the conclusion of the Auction or relevant Sub-Auction at the same time the Debtors announce the identity of the Successful Bidder.

The Backup Bid shall remain binding on the Backup Bidder until the earlier of (a) the closing of a Sale Transaction for the applicable Acquired Assets pursuant to the Successful Bid and (b) 45 days after the date of the Sale Hearing, unless otherwise decided. If a Successful Bidder fails to consummate the approved transactions contemplated by its Successful Bid, the Debtors may select the Backup Bidder as the Successful Bidder, and such Backup Bidder shall be deemed a Successful Bidder for all purposes.

The Debtors will be authorized, but not required, to consummate (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) all transactions contemplated by the Bid of such Backup Bidder without further order of the Court or notice to any party.

IX. ACCEPTANCE OF SUCCESSFUL BID

The Debtors' presentation of a particular Qualified Bid to the Court for approval does not constitute the Debtors' acceptance of such Qualified Bid. The Debtors will be deemed to have accepted a Bid only when the Bid has been approved by the Court at the Sale Hearing (defined below). The Debtors shall seek approval by the Court to consummate the Backup Bid, solely in the event the Successful Bidder fails to close the transaction as provided in the Successful Bid and with all rights reserved against the Successful Bidder.

X. FREE AND CLEAR OF ANY AND ALL ENCUMBRANCES

All rights, titles and interests in and to the Acquired Assets subject thereto shall be sold free and clear of all liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances (collectively, the "Encumbrances"), subject only to the Assumed Liabilities and Permitted Encumbrances (each as defined in the Stalking Horse APA or in another Successful Bidder's purchase agreement), if any, in accordance with Bankruptcy Code section 363(f), with such Encumbrances to attach to the net proceeds (if any) received by the Debtors from the Sale of the Acquired Assets in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code, applicable non-bankruptcy law and any prior orders of the Court.

XI. NOTICE PARTIES.

The term "Notice Parties" as used in these Bidding Procedures shall mean (i) Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, as counsel to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB (in its capacity as successor administrative agent under the Term Loan Credit Agreement, or any of its predecessors or successors (the "Term Loan Agent") to the Debtors' term loan lenders' party to that certain Term Loan Agreement, dated as of April 17, 2014 (as the same shall have been amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified from time to time), among Akorn Inc., the Loan Parties (as defined in the Term Loan Agreement) and the lenders from time to time party thereto (the "Term Loan Lenders"), (ii) Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, LLP, as counsel to the ad hoc group of the Debtors' Term Loan Lenders (the "Ad Hoc Group"), Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor as co-counsel to the Ad Hoc Group, and Greenhill & Co. LP, as financial advisor to the Ad Hoc Group (collectively, the "Ad Hoc Group Advisors"), (iii) the U.S. Trustee for the District of Delaware, and (iv) counsel to any official committee appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases.

XII. CONSULTATION BY THE DEBTORS

The Debtors shall consult with the Consultation Parties (as defined below) as explicitly provided for in these Bidding Procedures. Each reference in these Bidding Procedures to "consultation" (or similar phrase) with the consultation Parties shall mean consultation in good faith. The following parties will constitute the "Consultation Parties": (a) the Ad Hoc Group (including the Ad Hoc Group Advisors); and (b) counsel to any official committee appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, during any period in which a Consultation Party (i) has submitted a Qualified Bid and has become a Qualified Bidder hereunder, or (ii) submits (or indicates its intent to submit) a Credit Bid, such Consultation Party shall no longer be considered a Consultation Party for purposes of these Bidding Procedures unless and until such party unequivocally revokes its bid and waives its right to continue in the Auction process.

XIII. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS.

The Debtors reserve the right to, in their reasonable business judgment (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) to modify these Bidding Procedures in good faith, to further the goal of attaining the highest or otherwise best offer for the Acquired Assets, or impose, at or prior to selection of the Successful Bidder, additional customary terms and conditions on the Sale of the Acquired Assets, including, without limitation:

(a) extending the deadlines set forth in these Bidding Procedures; (b) adjourning the Auction (if held) without further notice; (c) adding or modifying procedural rules that are reasonably necessary or advisable under the circumstances for conducting the Auction and/or adjourning the Sale Hearing (as defined below) in open court (if held); (d) canceling the Auction or electing not to hold an Auction; (e) rejecting any or all Bids or Qualified Bids; (f) adjusting the applicable minimum Overbid increment, including by requesting that Qualified Bidders submit last or final bids on a "blind basis"; and (g) selecting a draft purchase agreement agreed to by a Qualified Bidder in connection with a Qualified Bid to serve as the purchase agreement that will be executed by the Successful Bidder or Successful Bidders, as applicable and with any necessary adjustments for the assets and liabilities being purchased and assumed, upon conclusion of the Auction, if held; provided, however, that that any changes to the dates and deadlines set forth herein shall: (i) comply with the milestones agreed upon in the Standstill Agreement or (ii) shall be made only with the consent of the Ad Hoc Group; provided, further, that any modification to the form of currency used for payment, prior to the fulfillment of any obligations owed to each of the Term Loan Lenders, shall be made only with the consent of the Ad Hoc Group and not until the Term Loan Lenders are paid off fully in cash. The Debtors shall provide reasonable notice of any such modification to any Qualified Bidder, including any Stalking Horse Bidders.

XIV. CONSENT TO JURISDICTION.

All Potential Bidders, Acceptable Bidders and Qualified Bidders shall be deemed to have consented to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court and waived any right to a jury trial in connection with any disputes relating to the Auction, the construction and enforcement of these Bidding Procedures, and/or the Bid Documents, as applicable.

XV. SALE HEARING.

A hearing to consider approval of the sale of the Debtors' Acquired Assets to the Successful Bidder, Backup Bidder (if applicable), or to approve the Stalking Horse APA if no Auction is held (the "Sale Hearing"), is currently scheduled to take place on **August 20, 2020**, at 1:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time), before the Honorable Karen B. Owens, at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 824 North Market Street, 6th Floor, Courtroom No. 3, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

The Sale Hearing may be continued to a later date by the Debtors (in consultation with the Consultation Parties) by sending notice prior to, or making an announcement at, the Sale Hearing. No further notice of any such continuance will be required to be provided to any party (including the Stalking Horse Bidder).

At the Sale Hearing, the Successful Bidder and the Backup Bidder must acknowledge on the record at the start of the hearing that in connection with submitting their Bids, they did not engage in any collusion that would be subject to section 363(n) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to any Bids, the Auction or the Sale, specifying that they did not agree with any Potential Bidders, Acceptable Bidders or Qualified Bidders to control the price or any other terms of the Sale.

Objections to the sale of any Acquired Assets free and clear of liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances pursuant to section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code to the Successful Bidder(s) and/or a Backup Bidder, as applicable, any of the relief requested in the motion, and entry of any order approving the sale (the "Sale Order") must (i) be in writing and specify the nature of such objection; (ii) comply with the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, Local Rules, and all orders of the Court; and (iii) be filed with the Court and served on the Notice Parties by August 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).

XVI. FIDUCIARY OUT.

Nothing in these Bidding Procedures will require the board of directors, board of managers, or such similar governing body of a Debtor or non-debtor affiliate to take any action, or to refrain from taking any action, with respect to the Bidding Procedures, to the extent such board of directors, board of managers, or such similar governing body reasonably determines in good faith that taking such action, or refraining from taking such action, as applicable, would be inconsistent with applicable law or its fiduciary obligations under applicable law.

XVII. RETURN OF DEPOSIT.

The Deposit of the Successful Bidder shall be applied to the purchase price of such transaction at closing. The Deposits for each Qualified Bidder shall be held in one or more accounts on terms acceptable to the Debtors in their sole discretion and shall be returned (other than with respect to the Stalking Horse Bidder, the Successful Bidder, and the Backup Bidder) on or before the date that is five (5) Business Days after the Auction. The Stalking Horse Bidder's Deposit shall be returned in accordance with the terms of the Stalking Horse APA. The Backup Bidder's Deposit shall be held in escrow until the closing of the Sale with the Successful Bidder. In the event the Successful Bidder fails to close and the Debtors opt to close on the Sale Transaction(s) set forth in the Backup Bid, the Backup Bidder's Deposit shall be applied to the purchase price of such transaction(s) at closing. In the event of a breach or failure to consummate a Sale by the Successful Bidder or the Backup Bidder, as applicable, the defaulting Successful Bidder's Deposit or Backup Bidder's Deposit, as applicable, shall be forfeited to the Debtors, and the Debtors specifically reserve the right to seek all available remedies against the defaulting Successful Bidder or Backup Bidder, as applicable, subject to the terms of the Stalking Horse APA. For the avoidance of doubt, any forfeited Successful Bidder's Deposit or Backup Bidder's Deposit shall become Collateral of the Term Loan Lenders under the Term Loan Agreement.

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