

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

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In re:)	Chapter 11
ALEX AND ANI, LLC, <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	Case No. 21-10918 (CTG)
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Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)
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)	Re: Doc. No. 7

**INTERIM ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING, BUT
NOT DIRECTING, THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN PREPETITION
TAXES AND FEES AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon the motion (the "Motion")² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") for entry of an interim order (this "Interim Order"): (a) authorizing, but not directing, the Debtors to pay certain accrued and outstanding prepetition Taxes and Fees in an amount not to exceed the Taxes and Fees Cap, absent further order of the Court; and (b) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter 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; and the Debtors consenting to entry of a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409;

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each of the Debtors' respective federal tax identification numbers, are as follows: Alex and Ani, LLC (8360); A and A Shareholding, Co., LLC (7939); Alex and Ani International, LLC (2247); Alex and Ani Retail, LLC (1227); Alex and Ani Assembly, LLC (3215); Alex and Ani California, LLC (6368); Alex and Ani Canada, LLC (3317); Alex and Ani Puerto Rico, LLC (1477); and Alex and Ani South Seas, LLC (8592). The Debtors' headquarters and mailing address is: 10 Briggs Drive, East Greenwich, RI 02818.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.



and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted on an interim basis as set forth herein.
2. The final hearing (the "Final Hearing") on the Motion shall be held on July 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., prevailing Eastern Time. Any objections or responses to entry of a final order on the Motion shall be filed on or before 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on July 6, 2021, 2021, and shall be served on: (a) the Debtors, Alex and Ani, LLC, 10 Briggs Drive, East Greenwich, RI 02818; (b) proposed co-counsel to the Debtors, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn: Joshua A. Sussberg, P.C. (Joshua.sussberg@kirkland.com) and Allyson B. Smith (Allyson.smith@kirkland.com) and Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 300 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Attn: Alexandra Schwarzman (Alexandra.schwarzman@kirkland.com) and Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg LLP, 919 North Market Street, Suite 1000, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Domenic E. Pacitti (dpacitti@klehr.com) and Michael W. Yurkewicz (myurkewicz@klehr.com); (c) co-counsel to the Consenting Sponsor, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, 1285 6th Avenue New York, New York 10019, Attn: Paul M. Basta (pbasta@paulweiss.com), Elizabeth R. McColm (emccolm@paulweiss.com), Grace Hotz (ghotz@paulweiss.com) and Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, Rodney Square, 1000 King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Pauline K.

Morgan (pmorgan@ycst.com) and Sean Greecher (sgreecher@ycst.com); (d) counsel to the agent under the Debtors' secured credit facilities, Alston & Bird LLP, 1201 West Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30309-3424, Attn: David Wender (David.wender@ralston.com); (e) counsel to any statutory committee appointed in these cases; (f) Office of The United States Trustee, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, LockBox 35, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: David L. Buchbinder (David.L.Buchbinder@usdoj.gov). In the event no objections to entry of a final order on the Motion are timely received, this Court may enter such final order without need for the Final Hearing.

3. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to pay or remit, in their sole discretion, the Taxes and Fees accrued prior to the Petition Date that will become payable during the pendency of these chapter 11 cases in an amount not to exceed \$630,000, on an interim basis, at such time when the Taxes and Fees are payable.

4. Nothing in this order shall be interpreted so as to permit payments on account of past-due taxes.

5. Notwithstanding the relief granted in this Interim Order and any actions taken pursuant to such relief, nothing in this Interim Order shall be deemed: (a) an admission as to the validity of any prepetition claim against a Debtor entity; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' right to dispute any prepetition claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any prepetition claim; (d) an implication or admission that any particular claim is of a type specified or defined in this Interim Order or the Motion; (e) a request or authorization to assume any prepetition agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) a waiver or limitation of the Debtors' rights or the rights of any other Person under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law; or (g) a concession by the Debtors that any liens (contractual, common

law, statutory, or otherwise) satisfied pursuant to the Motion are valid, and the Debtors expressly reserve their rights to contest the extent, validity, or perfection or seek avoidance of all such liens.

6. The banks and financial institutions on which checks were drawn or electronic payment requests made in payment of the prepetition obligations approved herein are authorized and directed to receive, process, honor, and pay all such checks and electronic payment requests when presented for payment, and all such banks and financial institutions are authorized to rely on the Debtors' designation of any particular check or electronic payment request as approved by this Interim Order.

7. The Debtors are authorized to issue postpetition checks, or to effect postpetition fund transfer requests, in replacement of any checks or fund transfer requests that are dishonored as a consequence of these chapter 11 cases with respect to prepetition amounts owed in connection with any Taxes and Fees.

8. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, any payment to be made and any authorization contained hereunder shall be subject to (x) any order approving the Debtors' use of cash collateral (the "Cash Collateral Order"), the documentation in respect of any such use of cash collateral, the budget governing any such use of cash collateral; and (y) any and all claims, liens, security interests and priorities granted in connection with such use of cash collateral. To the extent there is any inconsistency between the terms of the Cash Collateral Order and any action taken or proposed to be taken hereunder, the terms of the Cash Collateral Order shall control.

9. The contents of the Motion satisfy the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b).

10. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

11. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Interim Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

12. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Interim Order in accordance with the Motion.

13. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Interim Order.

Dated: June 11th, 2021
Wilmington, Delaware


CRAIG T. GOLDBLATT
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE