UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In the Matter of AVIANCA HOLDINGS S.A.

USAV SECURED LENDER GROUP,

No. 20-CV-8008-LTS

Appellant,

-against-

AVIANCA HOLDINGS S.A.,

Appellee.

USAVFLOW LIMITED,

Appellant,

No. 20-CV-8364-LTS

INITIAL CONFERENCE ORDER

-against-

AVIANCA HOLDINGS S.A.,

Appellee.

LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN, DISTRICT JUDGE:

- 1. It is hereby ORDERED that the parties in the above-captioned related actions must promptly meet and confer and propose to the Court a coordinated briefing schedule for the above appeals, and must file a pdf version of the respective Joint Appendix, suitably bookmarked, in each case. It is further
- 2. ORDERED that a telephonic conference will be held in the above-captioned bankruptcy appeals on **January 8, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.** The parties may access the conference by dialing 888-363-4734, using the access code 1527005#, and the security code 1441#. It is further
- 3. ORDERED that counsel for the parties to both above-captioned actions confer preliminarily at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date set forth in paragraph 2 above to discuss the following matters:



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- a. Settlement;
- b. Whether mediation might facilitate resolution of the issues;
- c. A schedule for any further submissions that may be required in connection with the appeal (the briefing schedule and format and length specifications set forth in the applicable provisions of Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 8015 -8018 shall govern unless otherwise ordered by the Court).
- d. The parties' availability for oral argument.

It is further

- 4. ORDERED that counsel must be prepared to discuss the foregoing at the conference. It is further
- 5. ORDERED that counsel attending the conference must seek settlement authority from their respective clients prior to such conference. If counsel is not granted such authority, the client must be available by telephone so that a settlement can be consummated if possible. "Settlement authority," as used herein, includes the power to enter into stipulations and make admissions regarding all matters that the participants may reasonably anticipate discussing at the conference.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York October 8, 2020

> /s/ Laura Taylor Swain LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN United States District Judge