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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
In re:
INVITAE CORPORATION, et al.,
Debtors. ¹

Order Filed on March 18, 2024 by Clerk U.S. Bankruptcy Court District of New Jersey

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-11362 (MBK)(Jointly Administered)

FINAL ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO (I) PAY PREPETITION WAGES, SALARIES, OTHER COMPENSATION, AND REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES AND (II) CONTINUE EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PROGRAMS

The relief set forth on the following pages, numbered three (3) through eight (8), is **ORDERED**.

DATED: March 18, 2024

Honorable Michael B. Kaplan United States Bankruptcy Judge

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Upon the *Debtors' Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders Authorizing the Debtors* to (I) Pay Prepetition Wages, Salaries, Other Compensation, and Reimbursable Expenses and (II) Continue Employee Benefits Programs (the "Motion"),2 of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), for entry of a final order (this "Final Order") authorizing the Debtors to (a) pay prepetition wages, salaries, other compensation, and reimbursable expenses and (b) continue employee benefits programs, in each case in the ordinary course of business, including payment of certain undisputed prepetition obligations related thereto, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order of Reference to the Bankruptcy Court Under Title 11 of the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, entered July 23, 1984, and amended on September 18, 2012 (Simandle, C.J.); 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; and this Court having found that sufficient cause exists for the relief set forth herein; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion was 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; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief

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

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granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT**:

1. The Motion is **GRANTED** on a final basis as set forth herein.

2. Subject to the Approved Budget, the Debtors are authorized to continue and/or modify the Compensation and Benefits in the ordinary course of business, in accordance with the Debtors' prepetition policies and practices, and to honor and pay any prepetition amounts related thereto as and when such obligations are due; *provided* that (a) the Debtors shall seek Court approval, on notice, of any modification or change that would implicate any portion of section 503(c) of the Bankruptcy Code; and (b) nothing herein shall be deemed to authorize the payment of any amounts that violate, implicate, or are otherwise subject to section 503(c) of the Bankruptcy Code. If the Debtors seek to pay any amounts that are subject to section 503(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors will seek approval of such payments, if any, by separate motion under section 503(c) of the Bankruptcy Code. Nothing in this Final Order shall be construed as approving any transfer pursuant to section 503(c) of the Bankruptcy Code.

3. The Debtors will provide seven (7) days' notice of any material changes to the Compensation and Benefits and any other programs described in the Motion to the U.S. Trustee, the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Creditors' Committee"), Sullivan & Cromwell LLP and Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch LLP, as counsel to the Required Holders, and any other statutory committees, including but not limited to, any new programs, policies, and benefits for any "insider" (as defined by section 101(31) of the Bankruptcy Code).

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4. Pursuant to section 362(d) of the Bankruptcy Code, the automatic stay is modified solely to the extent necessary to allow Employees to proceed with their claims under the Workers' Compensation Program in the appropriate judicial or administrative forum, and Employees are authorized to so proceed. The Debtors are authorized to continue the Workers' Compensation Program and pay all prepetition amounts relating thereto in the ordinary course of business. The modification of the automatic stay set forth in this paragraph pertains solely to claims under the Workers' Compensation Program in accordance with the Debtors' prepetition policies and practices.

- 5. The Debtors are authorized to forward any unpaid amounts on account of Payroll Deductions or Payroll Taxes to the appropriate third-party recipients or taxing authorities in the ordinary course of business.
- 6. The Debtors are authorized to pay in the ordinary course of business any costs and expenses incidental to payment of the Compensation and Benefits obligations, including the Unpaid Payroll Processing Fees, all administrative and processing costs, and necessary payments in accordance with the Debtors' prepetition policies and practices.
- 7. The Debtors shall not honor any prepetition Compensation and Benefits to any "insider" (as defined by section 101(31) of the Bankruptcy Code) under this Final Order that exceed the priority amount set forth in sections 507(a)(4) and 507(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code absent further order of the Court. The Debtors shall provide five (5) business days' advance notice to the U.S. Trustee, the Creditors' Committee, and Sullivan & Cromwell LLP and Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch LLP, as counsel to the Required Holders, in these chapter 11 cases if any

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Employee is anticipated to receive payment on account of prepetition Compensation and Benefits under this Final Order in excess of the \$15,150 priority cap set forth in sections 507(a)(4) and 507(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, which notice shall include the title of such Employee, the proposed amount of such payment, and the proposed payment date.

- 8. Nothing contained herein is intended or should be construed to create an administrative priority claim on account of the Compensation and Benefits obligations.
- 9. The Debtors are authorized to pay and honor all claims and obligations, if any, whether arising prepetition or postpetition, arising under the WARN Acts; *provided* that the Debtors shall not make any payments to any insiders (as that term is defined in section 101(31) of the Bankruptcy Code) without further order of this Court; *provided*, *further*, that the Debtors shall provide the U.S. Trustee, on a confidential basis, with a report of the total amounts paid on account of claims and obligations arising under the WARN Acts within five (5) business days of making such payments.
- 10. Nothing in the Motion, the Interim Order, or this Final Order shall constitute a determination by the Court as to whether any individual seeking payment pursuant to this Final Order is or is not an "insider" as that term is defined in section 101(31) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 11. 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 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 Final Order.

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12. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Final Order, and no action taken pursuant to the relief requested or granted (including any payment made in accordance with this Final Order), is intended as or shall be construed or deemed to be: (a) an admission as to the amount of, basis for, priority of, or validity of any claim against the Debtors under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's right to dispute any claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) an implication, admission or finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim, other priority claim or otherwise of a type specified or defined in the Motion or this Final Order except as otherwise provided in this Final Order; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates; or (g) a waiver or limitation of any claims, causes of action or other rights of the Debtors or any other party in interest against any person or entity under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law.

- 13. 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 the relief granted herein and to the extent authorized by this Final Order.
- 14. Nothing in this Final Order authorizes the Debtors to accelerate any payments not otherwise due.

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15. 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.

- 16. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Final Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.
- 17. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Final Order in accordance with the Motion.
- 18. The requirement set forth in Local Rule 9013-1(a)(3) that any motion be accompanied by a memorandum of law is hereby deemed satisfied by the contents of the Motion or otherwise waived.
- 19. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Final Order.