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In re:

INVITAE CORPORATION, et al.,

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-11362 (MBK)

(Jointly Administered)

LIMITED OBJECTION OF THE CHUBB COMPANIES TO DEBTORS' MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER (I) APPROVING BIDDING PROCEDURES AND BID PROTECTIONS, (II) SCHEDULING CERTAIN DATES AND DEADLINES WITH RESPECT THERETO, (III) APPROVING THE FORM AND MANNER OF NOTICE THEREOF, (IV) ESTABLISHING NOTICE AND PROCEDURES FOR THE ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF CONTRACTS AND LEASES, (V) AUTHORIZING THE ASSUMPTION AND ASSIGNMENT OF ASSUMED CONTRACTS, AND (VI) AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF ASSETS

ACE American Insurance Company, Federal Insurance Company, Chubb National Insurance Company, Chubb Custom Insurance Company, Chubb Indemnity Insurance Company, and each of their respective U.S.-based affiliates, predecessors, and successors (collectively, and

The last four digits of Debtor Invitae Corporation's tax identification number are 1898. A complete list of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases and each such Debtor's tax identification number may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' proposed claims and noticing agent at www.kccllc.net/invitae. The Debtors' service address in these chapter 11 cases is 1400 16th Street, San Francisco, California 94103.



solely in their capacities as insurers and/or third party administrators of one or more of the above-captioned debtors, the "Chubb Companies"), by and through their undersigned counsel, hereby file this limited objection (the "Limited Objection") to the Debtors' Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Approving Bidding Procedures and Bid Protections, (II) Scheduling Certain Dates and Deadlines with Respect Thereto, (III) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof, (IV) Establishing Notice and Procedures for the Assumption and Assignment of Contracts and Leases, (V) Authorizing the Assumption and Assignment of Assumed Contracts, and (VI) Authorizing the Sale of Assets [Docket No. 19] (the "Sale Motion"),<sup>2</sup> and in support of the Limited Objection, the Chubb Companies respectfully state as follows:

## **BACKGROUND**

## A. The Bankruptcy Case

- 1. On February 13, 2024 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), Invitae Corporation and certain of its affiliates (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") each filed a voluntary petition for bankruptcy relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey (the "<u>Court</u>").
  - 2. On February 14, 2024, the Debtors filed the Sale Motion.
- 3. Pursuant to the Sale Motion, the Debtors seek, among other things, authority to enter into the sale of all or substantially all of their Assets to one or more Successful Bidders.
- 4. On February 16, 2024, the Court entered the Order (I) Approving Bidding Procedures and Bid Protections, (II) Scheduling Certain Dates and Deadlines with Respect Thereto, (III) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof, (IV) Establishing Notice and Procedures for the Assumption and Assignment of Contracts and Leases, (V) Authorizing the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used herein but not defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Sale Motion.

Assumption and Assignment of Assumed Contracts, and (VI) Authorizing the Sale of Assets [Docket No. 57] (the "Bid Order"), approving, among other things, the Bidding Procedures attached thereto as Exhibit 1 and procedures for the assumption and assignment of certain contracts and leases in connection with the Sale Motion.

- 5. The Bid Order authorizes the Debtors to, among other things, solicit bids and hold an Auction for the sale of the Debtors' Assets, after which the Debtors may, in accordance with the Bid Order and pursuant to the Bidding Procedures, select one or more Successful Bidders.
- 6. The Bid Order also authorizes, but not does not require, the Debtors to designate one or more Stalking Horse Bidders and to enter into one or more Stalking Horse APAs.
- 7. As of the date hereof, the Debtors have not identified any Stalking Horse Bidder or proposed any Stalking Horse APA for any of the Assets.
- 8. However, the Bidding Procedures state that the assets that the Debtors are seeking to sell include, but are not limited to, their "insurance proceeds." *See* Bid Order, Ex. 1, at 2.

### **B.** The Insurance Program

- 9. Prior to the Petition Date, the Chubb Companies issued certain insurance policies (as renewed, amended, modified, endorsed or supplemented from time to time, collectively, the "Policies") to the Debtors as named insureds.
- 10. Pursuant to the Policies and any agreements related thereto (collectively, the "Insurance Program"),<sup>3</sup> the Chubb Companies provide, *inter alia*, life sciences, international advantage, cyber, inland marine, workers' compensation, general liability, property, automobile liability, commercial excess umbrella, directors' and officers' liability, umbrella and certain other

The description of the Insurance Program set forth herein is not intended to, and shall not be deemed to amend, modify or waive, any of the terms or conditions of the Insurance Program. Reference is made to the Insurance Program for a complete description of its terms and conditions.

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insurance for specified policy periods subject to certain limits, deductibles, retentions, exclusions, terms and conditions, as more particularly described therein, and the insureds, including one or more of the Debtors, are required to pay to the Chubb Companies certain amounts including, but not limited to, insurance premiums (including audit premiums), deductibles, funded deductibles, expenses, taxes, assessments and surcharges, as more particularly described in the Insurance Program (collectively, the "Obligations").<sup>4</sup>

11. The Obligations are payable over an extended period of time and are subject to future audits and adjustments.

## **LIMITED OBJECTION**

12. The Chubb Companies file this Limited Objection to the Sale Motion and the potential assumption and assignment or other transfer of the Insurance Program (and/or the rights, benefits, interests and proceeds thereunder) on the bases that (i) the Insurance Program must be assumed and assigned, if at all, as a whole, and in order to be entitled to any of the rights, benefits, interests and/or proceeds of the Insurance Program, any Successful Bidder(s) must remain liable for the Obligations thereunder; (ii) to the extent that the Debtors seek to assume and assign or otherwise transfer the Insurance Program, the Insurance Program cannot be assigned or otherwise transferred without the consent of the Chubb Companies, and such consent has not been sought or given; (iii) the Chubb Companies should not be responsible for determining which entity, as between the Debtors and any Successful Bidder(s), is entitled to coverage and/or the rights, benefits, interests and/or proceeds under the Insurance Program; (iv) any proposed Cure Payments must be evaluated at the time of assumption; and (v) because the Successful Bidder(s) has not yet

The Obligations include both monetary and non-monetary obligations that the insureds, including one or more of the Debtors, may have.

been identified, the Chubb Companies cannot determine whether any Successful Bidder(s) will intend to seek assignment of the Insurance Program (and/or the rights, benefits, interests and proceeds thereunder) and the Chubb Companies lack adequate assurance of future performance under the Insurance Program by any Successful Bidder(s).

# I. The Insurance Program and the Obligations Thereunder Are Indivisible.

13. It is well-established that a party cannot receive the benefits of a contract without being liable for the obligations thereunder. See Am. S. Ins. Co. v. DLM, LLC, No. GLR-16-3628, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 105716, at \*14 (D. Md. July 10, 2017) ("If he receives the benefits he must adopt the burdens. He cannot accept one and reject the other."); Tavenner v. United States (In re Vance), 298 B.R. 262, 268 (Bankr. E.D. Va. 2003) ("[A] debtor may not assume the favorable aspects of a contract [ ] and reject the unfavorable aspects of the same contract. . . [.]") (citation omitted); Tompkins ex. rel. A.T. v. Troy Sch. Dist., 199 Fed. App'x. 463, 468 (6th Cir. 2006) (holding that it is a basic principle of contract law that a party to an agreement is constrained to accept the burdens as well as the benefits of the agreement); St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins. Co. v. Compag Computer Corp., 457 F.3d 766, 773 (8th Cir. 2006) (finding that a party who accepts the benefit of a contract must also assume its burdens); Bhushan v. Loma Alta Towers Owners Assoc., Inc., 148 Fed. App'x. 882, 888 (11th Cir. 2005) (stating "one who has accepted a contract's benefit may not challenge its validity in order to escape its burdens"); S & O Liquidating P'ship v. C.I.R., 291 F.3d 454, 459 (7th Cir. 2002) ("A party who has accepted the benefits of a contract cannot 'have it both ways' by subsequently attempting to avoid its burdens."); Hughes Masonry Co. v. Greater Clark Cnty. Sch. Bldg. Corp., 659 F.2d 836, 839 (7th Cir. 1981) ("In short, (plaintiff) cannot have it both ways. (It) cannot rely on the contract when it works to its advantage, and repudiate it when it works to (its) disadvantage.") (citations and quotations omitted) (alterations in original); Ricketts v. First Trust Co. of Lincoln, Neb., 73 F.2d 599, 602 (8th Cir. 1934) (finding

that "he who seeks equity must do equity, and that one may not accept the benefits and repudiate the burdens of his contract"); *Meierhenry Sargent Ltd. Liab. P'ship v. Williams*, No. 16-4180, 2017 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 65739, at \*20 (D.S.D. May 1, 2017) ("Various courts have held that a party may not avail itself of a favorable aspect of the contract and then disavow a non-favorable aspect.") (citations omitted); *Power Sys. & Controls, Inc. v. Schneider Elec. USA, Inc.*, No. 10-137, 2010 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 56671 at \*3 (E.D. Va. June 9, 2010) ("[A] party may not avail itself of one aspect of a contract and disavow another aspect of the contract in order to avoid its consequences."); *see also In re Fleming Cos.*, 499 F.3d 300, 308 (3d Cir. 2007) ("The [debtor] . . . may not blow hot and cold. If he accepts the contract he accepts it *cum onere*. If he receives the benefits he must adopt the burdens. He cannot accept one and reject the other.") (internal citations and quotations omitted) (alterations in original); *In re Texas Rangers Baseball Partners*, 521 B.R. 134, 180 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2014) ("A debtor may not merely accept the benefits of a contract and reject the burdens to the detriment of the other party.").

14. It is also well-established that courts cannot alter terms of contracts, and must instead enforce them as written. *See, e.g., Wilson v. Career Educ. Corp.*, 729 F.3d 665, 679 (7th Cir. 2013) ("A court may not rewrite a contract to suit one of the parties but must enforce the terms as written.") (citation omitted); *In re Coupon Clearing Serv., Inc.*, 113 F.3d 1091 (9th Cir. 1997) (noting that a debtor's estate has "no greater rights in property than those held by the debtor prior to the bankruptcy"); *Trustmark Ins. Co. v. Transamerica Occidental Life Ins. Co.*, 484 F. Supp. 2d 850, 853 (N.D. Ill. 2007) (stating a "court cannot alter, change or modify the existing terms of a contract or add new terms or conditions to which the parties do not appear to have assented, write into the contract something which the parties have omitted or take away something which the parties have included") (citation omitted); *In re Lloyd E. Mitchell, Inc.*, 06-13250-NVA, 2012

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Bankr. LEXIS 5531 (Bankr. D. Md. Nov. 29, 2012) (noting that "insurance contracts cannot be rewritten by th[e] Court"); *In re Best Mfg. Grp. LLC*, 2012 WL 589643, at \*6 (Bankr. D.N.J. 2012) ("Where the terms of a contract are clear and unambiguous there is no room for interpretation or construction and the courts must enforce those terms as written."); *In re Enterprise Lighting Inc.*, 1994 Bankr. LEXIS 1307 at \*7 (Bankr. E.D. Va. Jan. 21, 1994) (the generally broad equitable powers of a bankruptcy court "have not been interpreted to go so far as to allow the Court to rewrite contracts or create new contractual rights between the Debtor and a third party").

- 15. Accordingly, in order to be entitled to any of the rights, benefits, interests, and/or proceeds under the Insurance Program, any Successful Bidder must also remain liable for the Obligations thereunder.
- 16. Moreover, the Insurance Program, which is an integrated insurance program, must be read, interpreted and enforced together. *See Huron Consulting Servs., LLC v. Physiotherapy Holdings, Inc.*), 538 B.R. 225 (D. Del. 2015) (reversing bankruptcy court decision which permitted debtor to assume one agreement between itself and another party, and not the related agreements; holding that all agreements must be assumed or rejected together); *Allegheny Enters. v. J-W Operating Co.*, No. 10-02539, 2014 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 27998, at \*18-19 (M.D. Pa. Mar. 5, 2014) (finding an integrated agreement where several contracts between the same parties govern the parties' relationship as to a particular subject); *In re Aneco Elec. Constr.*, 326 B.R. 197, 202 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. 2005); *In re Karfakis*, 162 B.R. 719 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1993) (stating "two contracts which are essentially inseparable can be, and should be, viewed as a single, indivisible agreement between the parties").

- 17. Accordingly, any sale or other transfer of only a portion of the Insurance Program (and/or the rights, benefits, interests and proceeds thereunder) is improper, and any purported transfer of the Insurance Program to a Successful Bidder(s) must be in its entirety.
- 18. The Chubb Companies therefore object to the Sale Motion and the assumption and assignment or other transfer of the Insurance Program (and/or the rights, benefits, interests and proceeds thereunder) to the extent that (i) any Successful Bidder is permitted to pick and choose certain Policies and/or related agreements for assignment, (ii) the Sale Motion contemplates the assignment or other transfer of any portion of the Insurance Program, including just the Debtors' rights, benefits, interests and proceeds thereunder, and/or (iii) any Sale Transaction otherwise contemplates an improper split of the Insurance Program.

# II. The Insurance Program Cannot Be Assigned or Otherwise Transferred Without the Prior Written Consent of the Chubb Companies, Which Consent Has Not Been Sought or Given.

- 19. To the extent that the Debtors seek to assign or otherwise transfer the Insurance Program in connection with the Sale Motion or any Sale Transaction, such assignment cannot occur without the express written consent of the Chubb Companies.
- 20. Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code governs a debtor's use of executory contracts and unexpired leases and provides the basis by which a debtor may assume and assign said contracts.
- 21. Section 365(f)(1), which allows assignment of a contract or lease despite a prohibition, restriction, or condition in the contract to the contrary, is not without limits. Section 365(f) is subject to and controlled in all respects by section 365(c). See 11 U.S.C. § 365(f)(1) ("Except as provided in subsection (b) and (c) of this section[.]"); see also In re Trump Ent. Resorts, Inc., 526 B.R. 116, 122 (Bankr. D. Del. 2015) ("Section 365(f)(1), though, is expressly subject to any alternative rule provided in Section 365(c).").

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- 22. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 365(c), a debtor may not assume or assign an executory contract if applicable law excuses the counterparty from accepting performance from or rendering performance to an entity other than the debtor and such party does not consent to the assumption or assignment. 11 U.S.C. § 365(c)(1)(A) and (B).
- 23. Therefore, under section 365(c)(1) "if non-bankruptcy law provides that the [counterparty] would have to consent to an assignment of the [executory] contract to a third party, *i.e.*, someone 'other than the debtor or the debtor in possession,' then [the Debtor] . . . cannot assume that contract" and, by extension, assign it. *In re West Elecs. Inc.*, 852 F.2d 79, 83 (3d Cir. 1988); *see also Trump Ent. Resorts, Inc.*, 526 B.R. at 122 ("The Section 365(c)(1) limitation on the assumption of executory contracts applies whenever the contract is 'subject to a legal prohibition against assignment' to a third party and the non-debtor party to the contract does no consent to assignment.").
- Applicable non-bankruptcy law does, in fact, prohibit the assignment of insurance policies without the insurer's consent. *See, e.g., Banco Popular v. Kanning*, No. A-13-CV-200 RP, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 175647, at \*25 (W.D. Tex. Mar. 9, 2015) (finding that a purported assignment of an insurance policy that did not comply with the express terms of the insurance policy was not enforceable); *Rotella v. Cutting*, 2011 Tex. App. LEXIS 7116, Tex. App.—Fort Worth 2011, *no pet.*) (where an insurer's express written consent to any transfer of rights under an insurance policy is required by the terms of the policy, failure to evidence the insurer's express written consent renders any purported transfer invalid); *Mercedes-Benz of W. Chester v. Am. Family Ins.*, Nos. CA2009-09-244, CA2009-09-245, CA2009-09-246, 2010 Ohio App. LEXIS 1898 at ¶ 22 (Ohio Ct. App. May 24, 2010) (finding that third party "cannot impute a legally binding obligation to pay against [insurer]" where insureds assigned insurance contract without

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insurer's consent, because to find otherwise "would place an undue risk and burden on [insurer]"); *Touchet v. Guidry*, 550 So. 2d 308, 313 (La. App. 1989) (holding that an insurance policy is a personal contract between the insurer and the named insured and that "coverage terminates when the contract is assigned or transferred without the consent, permission, and approval of both contracting parties") (citations omitted); *Shadid v. Am. Druggist Fire Ins. Co.*, 386 P.2d 311 (Okla. 1963) (noting the importance of an insurer's consent to an assignment of an insurance policy, and holding that the policy does not pass to the purchaser simply by a sale of the insured property).<sup>5</sup>

25. Similarly, insurers cannot be compelled to provide insurance coverage to any entity. See Atwood v. Progressive Ins. Co., No. 950051089S, 1997 Conn. Super. LEXIS 2450, at \*18 (Conn. Super. Ct. Sept. 3, 1997) (stating that "[i]nsurers should not, for example, be forced to assume coverage for a risk which at the time a policy was written was not fairly in its and the insured's contemplation"); King v. Meese, 43 Cal. 3d 1217, 1222 (Cal. 1987) (noting that "an insurer may refuse to insure based on any permissible classification"); Cummins v. Nat'l Fire Ins. Co., 81 Mo. App. 291, 296 (Mo. Ct. App. 1899) ("An insurance company may well refuse to insure some persons. They, like any other entity, have a right of choice as to who they will contract with and they can no more be forced to a change of the assured than the assured could be forced to accept insurance from some other company (in which he may have no confidence) than the one contracted with."). Therefore, the Insurance Program cannot be assigned without the prior written consent of the Chubb Companies.

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Some courts have found that insurance policies may be assigned to a trust created under § 524(g) pursuant to a plan under § 1123 without the consent of the insurer. See, e.g., In re Fed.-Mogul Glob., 684 F.3d 355, 382 (3d Cir. 2012) (holding that anti-assignment provisions in insurance policies were "preempted by § 1123(a)(5)(B) [of the Bankruptcy Code] to the extent they prohibit transfer to a § 524(g) trust."); In re W.R. Grace & Co., 475 B.R. 34, 198-99 (D. Del. 2012) (holding that anti-assignment provisions in insurance policies were preempted by § 1123(a)(5)(B) in the context of the establishment of a § 524(g) trust). The present case does not involve an assignment to a trust created pursuant to § 524(g) nor an assignment under a plan.

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26. Further, as a condition precedent for any consent that may be given by the Chubb Companies to an assignment, sale, or other transfer of the Insurance Program, the Debtors and the assignee will be required to execute one or more assumption agreements, in form and substance acceptable to the Chubb Companies. These agreements have not yet been negotiated, let alone executed.

27. Accordingly, because the Chubb Companies have not consented to any proposed assignment of the Insurance Program, the Chubb Companies object to any and all such assignments or transfers.

# III. The Chubb Companies Are Not Required To Make Coverage Determinations Between The Debtors And Any Successful Bidder(s).

- 28. The Debtors have not yet identified any Stalking Horse Bidder or proposed any Stalking Horse APA with respect to any proposed Sale Transaction(s). Accordingly, it is not clear exactly what, if any, portion of the Insurance Program (and/or any rights, benefits, interests and proceeds thereunder) the Debtors intend to transfer to any Successful Bidder(s) pursuant to the Sale Motion.
- 29. While it is improper, as discussed above, to split the Insurance Program itself, or to split the rights, benefits, interests and/or proceeds under the Insurance Program from the Obligations thereunder, any transfer of only a certain (as yet unspecified) portion of the Insurance Program (and/or the rights, benefits, interests and proceeds thereunder) in connection with any Sale Transaction is likely to result in coverage disputes between the Successful Bidder(s) and the Debtors.
- 30. To the extent any portion of the Insurance Program (and/or the rights, benefits, interests and proceeds thereunder) is assigned in connection with any Sale Transaction, the Chubb Companies should not be put in the position of determining, as between the Debtors and any

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Successful Bidders, which entity is entitled to coverage under the Insurance Program in connection with a particular claim. Similarly, the Chubb Companies should not be put in the position of determining, as between the Debtors and any Successful Bidder(s), which entity is entitled to any of rights, benefits, interests and/or proceeds under the Insurance Program.

# IV. Cure Amounts Must Be Evaluated At The Time Of Assumption.

- 31. To the extent the Debtors seek to assume and assign all or a portion of the Insurance Program pursuant to any Sale Transaction, the Debtors must assume and assign the Insurance Program in its entirety. Further, as more particularly described in the Insurance Program, the Debtors are required to pay the Obligations, and, therefore, amounts may become due and owing under the Insurance Program either prior to or after the assumption thereof.
- 32. Such Obligations include, but are not limited to, certain outstanding unreimbursed loss payments in the amount of \$18,141.64 that became due on March 28, 2024.
- 33. The Chubb Companies also have contingent, unliquidated claims against the Debtors for the Obligations, given the nature of the Insurance Program and the Obligations. By way of example and not limitation, premiums may be payable at audit under the terms of the Insurance Program, based upon factors as they exist throughout the coverage period. Therefore, the Chubb Companies have contingent, unliquidated claims against the Debtors for any additional premium that may become due upon completion of audit(s). By way of further example, as insured claims develop, amounts payable in relation thereto arise at various points in time; so it is common for amounts to arise in the future with respect to insured claims where the date of loss was prior to the Petition Date.
- 34. The amounts owed by the Debtors on account of the Obligations may vary from day to day, and are subject to ongoing reconciliation based on, among other things, claims funding provided by the Debtors and claims submitted to the Chubb Companies.

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35. Accordingly, any Cure Payments must be determined at the time of assumption and, further, as a condition for the assignment of the Insurance Program, the assignee must remain liable for all of the Debtors' obligations and liabilities (including the Obligations), whether now existing or hereafter arising, under the Insurance Program including, without limitation, paying the Obligations as they become due.

## V. Any Successful Bidder(s) Must Provide Adequate Assurance of Future Performance.

- 36. It is currently unknown what entity(ies), if any, will be the Successful Bidder(s), and the Chubb Companies have therefore not yet been definitively advised as to whether any Successful Bidder(s) intends to seek the assignment of the Insurance Program.
- 37. Pursuant to § 365(f)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, any assignee of a contract must provide adequate assurance of future performance.
- 38. Considering the fact that the Successful Bidder(s) is not yet known, the Chubb Companies do not have, and the Debtors have not supplied, any information—much less sufficient information or a reasonable amount of time—to determine if any Successful Bidder(s) would be capable of providing adequate assurance of future performance and whether any Successful Bidder(s) would satisfy the Chubb Companies' credit and underwriting criteria. Accordingly, the Chubb Companies are unable, at this time, to assess whether any Successful Bidder(s) would satisfy those criteria.
- 39. Accordingly, the Chubb Companies further object on the basis that the Chubb Companies do not have adequate assurance as required by § 365(f)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code.

# **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

40. The Chubb Companies specifically reserve all of their rights with respect to the Insurance Program and their right to assert additional objections to the Sale Motion, any Stalking

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Horse APA, any Contract Assumption Notice(s) and/or Supplemental Assumption Notice(s), any proposed Cure Payments and/or any documents relating to any of the foregoing.

WHEREFORE, the Chubb Companies object to the Sale Motion on the bases set forth herein, and reserve their rights to assert any additional objections to the Sale Motion, any Stalking Horse APA, any Contract Assumption Notice(s) and/or Supplemental Assumption Notice(s), any proposed Cure Payments and/or any documents relating to any of the foregoing, and to the assignment of the Insurance Program, particularly once any Successful Bidder is identified.

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