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In re:

INVITAE CORPORATION, et al.,

Debtors.

Case No. 24-11362

Chapter 11

Jointly Administered

Sale Hearing Date: May 7, 2024

Hearing Time: 10:00 AM

Sale Objection Date: April 29, 2024 Cure Objection Date: May 1, 2024

JUDGE: MICHAEL B. KAPLAN

DOCKET NOS. 19, 364 AND 365

ORACLE'S LIMITED OBJECTION TO AND RESERVATION OF RIGHTS REGARDING: (1) DEBTORS' SALE MOTION AND NOTICE TO CONTRACT PARTIES TO POTENTIALLY ASSUMED EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES

Oracle America, Inc., including in its capacity as successor in interest to Cerner Corporation ("Oracle"), a creditor and contract counter-party in the above-captioned Chapter 11 case, submits this limited objection to and reservation of rights ("Rights Reservation") regarding:

(1) 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 [Dkt No. 19] ("Sale Motion"); and (2) Notice to Contract Parties to Potentially Assumed Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases [Dkt. No. 365] ("Assumption Notice"), filed by Invitae Corporation, et al. ("Debtors").

I. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

- 1. In connection with the Sale Motion and Assumption Notice, the Debtors seek Bankruptcy Court authority to, among other things, assume and assign several executory contracts between the Debtors and Oracle.
- 2. Oracle objects to, and reserves its rights regarding, this proposed assumption and assignment for several reasons.
 - a) First, the targeted Oracle agreements are, or pertain to, one or more licenses of intellectual property which are not assignable absent Oracle's consent pursuant to both the underlying license agreements and applicable law.
 - b) Second, the Assumption Notice identifies numerous Oracle contracts which may be assumed and assigned. In many instances the contract descriptions are inadequate. Given the short turnaround time in which to file an objection, Oracle remains in the process of reviewing its records. However, if Oracle is correctly construing some of the contract descriptions on the list Debtors intend to assume and assign, Oracle's records reflect that some of the identified contracts may have terminated or been superseded. Thus, these contracts may no longer be executory. Expired contracts may not be assumed and assigned, so if that is their status, these contracts should be removed from the potential list of contracts targeted for assumption. This uncertainty, coupled with others to be addressed further below, leaves Oracle without enough information to determine which agreements are at issue, and consequently, whether the Debtors' proposed cure is accurate
 - c) Third, no adequate assurance information has been provided for the Purchaser (defined below). Therefore, Oracle is unable to determine whether the Purchaser is capable of performing under the terms of the Oracle contracts which the Debtors seek to assume and assign.
 - d) Finally, the Proposed APA (defined below) may include the unauthorized shared use of Oracle's licenses, in a manner which is not permitted by

- Oracle's agreements. Oracle objects to any unauthorized shared use of its licenses which may be contemplated by the Debtors.
- 3. Accordingly, Oracle requests that the Court deny the Debtors' request for authority to assume and assign, transfer, or share use of, any Oracle agreement without Oracle's consent.

II. <u>FACTUAL BACKGROUND</u>

- 4. The Debtors filed the above captioned case on February 13, 2024. The Debtors continue to operate as debtors in possession.
- 5. On February 14, 2024, Debtors filed the Sale Motion which seeks Court authority to sell substantially all assets of the Debtors.
- 6. On April 24, 2024, Debtors filed a *Notice of Successful Bidder With Respect to the Auction Held on April 17 and 24, 2024* [Dkt. No. 362] ("Notice"). The Notice identifies Labcorp Genetics, Inc. ("Purchaser") as the purchaser of substantially all of the Debtors' assets.
- 7. On April 25, 2024, Debtors filed the Notice of (I) Filing of the Asset Purchase Agreement and Proposed Sale Order With Respect to the Labcorp Sale Transaction, (II) Modified Cure Objection Deadline, and (III) Rescheduled Sale Hearing [Dkt. No. 364] ("APA Notice"). Attached as Exhibit B to the APA Notice is the asset purchase agreement between the Debtors and Purchaser ("APA").
- 8. The APA contemplates certain information sharing between the Debtors and the Purchaser, which will take place for a period of three years following the Closing Date. (*See*, APA §6.2(c)).
- 9. In addition, the Debtors and the Purchaser may enter into a reverse transition services agreement ("Reverse TSA") for a 12-month period. (*See*, APA §6.2 (f)).

- 10. It is unclear which services will be provided during the post-closing period or through the Reverse TSA. Therefore, Oracle reserves all rights in the event any provision in the APA, including the Reverse TSA, purports to authorize the shared use of Oracle's licensed software, whether post-closing, or at any other time.
- 11. On April 25, 2024, the Debtors filed the Assumption Notice. Exhibit "A" to the Assumption Notice identifies several Oracle agreements ("Oracle Agreements")¹, each with a stated \$0.00 cure. The Oracle Agreements are described as follows:

Debtor Entity	Contract	Document Title	Effective Date	Cure
	Counterparty			Amount
Invitae Corporation	Cerner Corporation	Services Agreement	5/2/22	\$0.00
Invitae Corporation	Cerner Corporation	Sales Order	5/2/22	\$0.00
Invitae Corporation	Oracle America, Inc.	Oracle Cloud Services	3/10/21	\$0.00
		Agreement		
Invitae Corporation	Oracle America, Inc.	Ordering Document	2/25/21	\$0.00
Invitae Corporation	Oracle America, Inc.	Amendment One	3/10/21	\$0.00
Invitae Corporation	Oracle America, Inc.	Amendment One to the Ordering	3/10/21	\$0.00
		Document		
Invitae Corporation	Oracle America, Inc.	Ordering Document	7/25/21	\$0.00
Invitae Corporation	Oracle America, Inc.	Ordering Document	7/25/21	\$0.00
Invitae Corporation	Oracle America, Inc.	Ordering Document	2/28/22	\$0.00

- 12. Given the short turnaround time in which to file an objection to both the Sale Motion and Assumption Notice, Oracle is still reviewing its records, but it appears that some of the Oracle Agreements may have expired or been superseded.
- 13. Accordingly, further clarity on the targeted contracts must be provided, to allow Oracle to assess the feasibility and appropriateness of inclusion by Debtors of the Oracle Agreements in the Assumption Notice.

¹ The Assumption Notice also identifies certain Oracle services under "Document Title" which are associated with contract counterparties Apps Assoc., Information & Computing Services, Premier International, PwC US Consulting, LLP, and Terillium, Inc. As of the filing of this Rights Reservation, Oracle is investigating its interest, if any, in these agreements.

III. ARGUMENT

- A. The Debtors May Not Assume and Assign the Oracle Agreements Absent Oracle's Consent Because the Agreements Pertain to One or More Licenses of Intellectual Property.
- 14. Section 365(c) of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in relevant part:

The trustee may not assume or assign any executory contract ... of the debtor ... if (1)(A) applicable law excuses a party, other than the debtor, to such contract or lease from accepting performance from or rendering performance to an entity other than the debtor ..., whether or not such contract or lease prohibits or restricts assignment of rights or delegation of duties; and (B) such party does not consent to such assumption or assignment.

consent of the licensor. *See In re Catapult Entertainment, Inc.*, 165 F.3d 747 (9th Cir. 1999), *cert. dismissed*, 528 U.S. 924 (1999) (patent law renders non-exclusive patent licenses personal and non-assignable under Bankruptcy Code § 365(c)(1)); *In re Sunterra Corp.*, 361 F.3d 257, 271 (4th Cir. 2004) (holding that a debtor was statutorily barred by § 365(c)(1) from assuming a computer software license where contract counterparty did not consent to the assumption); *See, In Re Access Beyond Technologies, Inc.*, 237 B.R. 32, 48-49 (Bankr. D. Del 1999) *citing In Re: West Elec., Inc.*) 852 F. 2d 79 (3d Cir. 1988); *In Re ANC Rental Corporation, Inc.*, 277 B.R. 226, 235 (Bankr. D. Del. 2002); *In Re Golden Books Family Entertainment, Inc.*, 269 B.R. 311, 316 (Bankr. D. Del. 2001)); *see also In re Trump Entm't Resorts, Inc.*, 526 B.R. 116, 126 (Bankr. D. Del. 2015) ("Non-exclusive patent and copyright licenses create only personal and not property rights in the licensed intellectual property and so are not assignable."); *In re Rupari Holding Corp.*, 573 B.R. 111, 119 (Bankr. D. Del. 2017) (holding that the debtor could not assume and assign a trademark license without the consent of the non-debtor licensor).

- 16. Oracle's agreements are, or pertain to, non-exclusive licenses of copyrighted software. Therefore, pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 365, the Debtors may not assume and assign any Oracle agreement without Oracle's consent.
- 17. For the reasons discussed herein, Oracle does not consent to the Debtors' proposed assumption and assignment of the Oracle Agreements at this time.

B. The Debtors Have Not Adequately Identified The Oracle Agreements To Be Assumed and Assigned.

- 18. The Assumption Notice does not provide sufficient information for Oracle to determine which contracts are at issue. Oracle is in the process of reviewing its records to determine the scope of its relationship with the Debtors.
- 19. However, without more specific information, Oracle is unable to determine whether it is evaluating the same agreements the Debtors seek to assume and assign.
- 20. As is noted above, certain Oracle Agreements may no longer be executory, for they may have expired.
- 21. In addition, in some instances neither support renewals nor governing agreements are identified. It is impermissible for the Debtors to segregate the underlying Oracle license agreement from the corresponding support agreement and master agreement for purposes of assumption and assignment, if that is the Debtors' intention. *See, e.g., In re Interstate Bakeries Corporation*, 751 F.3d 955, 961–2 (8th Cir. 2014); *In re Buffets Holdings*, 387 B.R. 115 (Bankr. D. Del. 2008). An executory contract must be assumed in its entirety and "[c]orrespondingly, all of the contracts that comprise an integrated agreement must either be assumed or rejected, since they all make up one contract." *In re Taylor-Wharton Int'l LLC*, No. 09-14089 (BLS), 2010 WL 4862723, at *3 (Bankr. D. Del. Nov. 23, 2010) (citing *In re Exide Tech.*, 340 B.R. 222, 228 (Bankr. D. Del. 2006)).

- 22. Under California law,² made applicable by the Oracle Agreements, "[s]everal contracts relating to the same matters, between the same parties, and made as parts of substantially one transaction, are to be taken together." Cal. Civ. Code § 1642.
- 23. Because the support agreements and master agreements relate to the underlying license agreements as part of substantially the same transaction, they constitute integrated contracts which may not be separately assumed and assigned.
- 24. To clarify which Oracle contracts Debtors hope to assume and assign, Oracle requests that the Debtors specify the targeted contracts: (a) identification or contract number; (b) the contract date, if not already identified; (c) any associated support or support renewals; and (d) the governing license agreement, if not already identified.
- 25. This information will enable Oracle to evaluate whether the Oracle Agreements are assignable, supported, expired or in default, and, if in payment default, the appropriate cure amount.
- 26. Additionally, the information will allow Oracle to assess whether Oracle may accept performance from an entity other than the Debtors.
- 27. Oracle reserves its right to be heard on this issue until after the Oracle Agreements the Debtors seek to assume and assign are identified with greater specificity.

C. The Debtors May Not Have Provided The Correct Cure Amount.

28. Before assuming and assigning any executory contract, the Debtors must cure (or provide adequate assurance of a prompt cure of) any default under the subject contracts. 11 U.S.C. § 365(b)(1).

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² In re Hawker Beechcraft, Inc., No. 12-11873 (SMB), 2013 WL 2663193, at *3 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. June 13, 2013) ("State law governs the question whether an agreement is divisible or indivisible for the purposes of assumption and rejection under Bankruptcy Code § 365.")

- 29. The Debtors have identified a \$0.00 cure amount for the Oracle Agreements. However, since the Debtors have failed to provide a complete description of the contracts they seek to assume and assign, Oracle is unable to determine whether the cure amount is accurate.
- 30. In addition, Oracle will need to determine whether the agreements have expired or been superseded. If the Debtors wish to assume and assign Oracle Agreements which have expired, Oracle would need to determine whether reinstatement fees would be due and whether reinstatement is an option.
- 31. Oracle needs more information about which Oracle agreements may be assumed and assigned, in order to confirm the correct cure amount.
- 32. Therefore, Oracle reserves its right to be heard further regarding the cure until after the contracts the Debtors seek to assume and assign are identified with enough specificity to allow Oracle to determine the correct cure amount

D. The Debtors Have Not Provided Adequate Assurance of Future Performance By the Assignee.

- 33. Before assuming and assigning any executory contract, the Debtors must provide adequate assurance of future performance. 11 U.S.C. § 365(b)(1).
- 34. The Debtors have not provided adequate assurance information for the Purchaser. To satisfy Bankruptcy Code section 365(b), Oracle requests that the Debtors provide the following information about the Purchaser: (a) financial bona fides; (b) confirmation that the Purchaser is not an Oracle competitor; and (c) confirmation that the ultimate assignee will (i) execute an Oracle Assignment Agreement and related documentation which identifies with specificity the Oracle executory contract(s) to be assigned; and, if appropriate (ii) enter into an Oracle Master License Agreement.

- 35. Absent these assurances, Oracle cannot determine the proposed assignee's creditworthiness, its suitability as an Oracle customer, or its ability to adequately perform under the terms of the Oracle Agreements.
- 36. Until the information described above is provided, the Debtors have not complied with the requirements of section 365(b)(1)(C).

E. Oracle's Agreements Do Not Authorize Simultaneous Use By The Debtors and the Purchaser.

- 37. The APA contemplates that certain services may be provided between the Debtors and the Purchaser for an extended period of time via the Reverse TSA or information sharing between the Debtors and Purchaser.
- 38. Precise information about the nature of these proposed services is not provided. This omission precludes Oracle from determining how, or if, its contracts will be affected. Simultaneous use of, and access to, Oracle's licensed software exceeds the scope of the permitted uses under the Oracle Agreements.
- 39. It could potentially result in an unauthorized "splitting" of the licenses between the Debtors and the Purchaser.
- 40. Oracle objects to the extent that any transitional or shared use arrangement purports to grant to both the Debtors and Purchaser the right to shared use of the Oracle licenses beyond the licenses' terms.
- 41. Oracle reserves all rights regarding any transitional use, including under the APA or Reverse TSA, pending Oracle's further review of the same.

IV. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

42. For the reasons set forth above, Oracle respectfully requests that the Court deny the Debtors' request for authority to assume and assign, transfer, or share use of the Oracle

Agreements, or any Oracle agreement. Oracle reserves its right to be heard further on all issues set forth herein.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 29, 2024, I served a copy of *Oracle's Limited Objection To And Reservation Of Rights Regarding: (1) Debtors' Sale Motion And Notice To Contract Parties To Potentially Assumed Executory Contracts And Unexpired Leases* on the parties listed on the below service list via email containing a pdf of the document. In addition, the parties entitled to receive notice by the Court's CM-ECF system were sent an email notification of such filing by the Court's CM-ECF System. Finally, the parties listed as being served by regular mail were mailed a copy of the document enclosed in postage-pre-paid envelope addressed to the individual listed on the list and delivered to the sole custody of the USPS in New Hyde Park, NY.

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