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

In re

OREXIGEN THERAPEUTICS, INC.,

Debtor.1

Chapter 11

Case No. 18-10518 (KG)

Hearing Date: January 25, 2019 at 4:00

p.m. (ET)

Objection Deadline: January 4, 2019 at

4:00 p.m. (ET)

#### THIRD INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF HOGAN LOVELLS US LLP, AS BANKRUPTCY CO-COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTOR FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2018

In accordance with the Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Retained Professionals [Docket No. 171] (the "Compensation Order").<sup>2</sup> Hogan Lovells US LLP ("Hogan Lovells") hereby submits its Third Interim Fee Application of Hogan Lovells US LLP, As Bankruptcy Co-Counsel For The Debtor For The Period September 1, 2018 Through November 30, 2018 (the "Application Period"). Exhibits A, B, and C attached hereto, contain certain schedules pursuant to the Appendix B Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases (the "UST Guidelines"). In addition, Hogan Lovells respectfully states as follows to address the questions set forth under paragraph C.5 of the UST Guidelines:

- a. Did you agree to any variations from, or alternatives to, your standard or customary billing rates, fees or terms for services pertaining to this engagement that were provided during the application period? If so, please explain. No.
- b. If the fees sought in this fee application as compared to the fees budgeted for the time period covered by this fee application are higher by 10% or more, did you discuss the reasons for the variation with the client. The fees are not 10% or higher.
- c. Have any of the professionals included in this fee application varied their hourly rate based on the geographic location of the bankruptcy case? No.
- d. Does the fee application include time or fees related to reviewing or revising time records or preparing, reviewing, or revising invoices? (This is limited to work involved in preparing and editing billing records that would not be compensable outside of bankruptcy and does not

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not defined herein are defined in the Compensation Order.



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include reasonable fees for preparing a fee application.). If so, please quantify by hours and fees.

John Beck – 1.2 hrs = \$996.00 Ronald Cappiello –11.9 hrs. = \$4,641.00

- e. Does this fee application include time or fees for reviewing time records to redact any privileged or other confidential information? If so, please quantify by hours and fees. **No.**
- f. If the fee application includes any rate increases since retention: (i) Did your client review and approve those rate increases in advance? (ii) Did your client agree when retaining the law firm to accept all future rate increases? If not, did you inform your client that they need not agree to modified rates or terms in order to have you continue the representation, consistent with ABA Formal Ethics Opinion 11–458? (i) Not applicable. (ii) Yes, but rates have not increased during the Application Period.

Hogan Lovells seeks approval for the following monthly fee applications that were filed in the Application Period:

DATE FILED	PERIOD COVERED	REQUESTED FEES/EXPENSES	APPROVED FEES/EXPENSES
10/30/18 D.I. 805	9/1/18-9/30/18	\$104,961.50/\$1,525.34	\$83,969.20/\$1,525.34 CNO filed 11/15/18 D.I. 820
11/28/18 D.I. 832	10/1/18-10/31/18	\$127,684.00/\$1,911.79	\$102,147.20/\$1,911.79 CNO filed 12/13/18 D.I. 850
12/17/18 D.I.	11/1/18-11/30/18	\$33,770.00/1,079.07	\$27,016.00/\$1,079.07  Pending  Objections due 1/2/19

In accordance with the Compensation Order, Hogan Lovells seeks interim approval of the full amount of the fees and expenses requested in the above-referenced fee applications and payment by the Debtor of the amounts requested in such fee applications in full.

WHEREFORE, Hogan Lovells respectfully requests that the Court enter the order attached hereto as **Exhibit D** and grant Hogan Lovells such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: December 21, 2018

New York, New York

Respectfully submitted, HOGAN LOVELLS US LLP

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#### **CUMULATIVE COMPENSATION SUMMARY BY PROFESSIONAL**

Name of Professional Person	Position of the Applicant, Area of Expertise, Number of Years in that Position, Year Admitted to Bar.	Hourly Billing Rates	Total Hours	Total Compensation
Christopher R. Donoho, III	Partner at Hogan Lovells since 2010. Joined Lovells LLP in 2007. Member of New York Bar since 1997. Areas of expertise: Business Restructuring and Insolvency.	\$1,245.00	9.40	\$11,703.00
Amy B. Freed	Partner at Hogan Lovells since 1998.  Joined Hogan & Hartson in 1995. Member of the Maryland Bar since 1988. Member of the District of Columbia Bar since 2007. Member of the New York Bar since 2008. Areas of expertise: Corporate.	\$1,150.00	1.00	\$1,150.00
Scott Friedman	Partner at Hogan Lovells since 2010. Joined Hogan & Hartson as a Partner in 2002.  Member of the New York Bar since 1986.  Areas of expertise: Tax.	\$1,095.00	9.30	\$10,183.50
Pieter Van Tol	Partner at Hogan Lovells since 2010. Joined Hogan Lovells in 2010. Partner at Lovells, LLP since 2003. Member of the New York Bar since 1990. Areas of expertise: Litigation.	\$1,035.00	5.20	\$5,382.00
Thomas W. Biemers	Partner at Hogan Lovells since 2016. Joined Hogan Lovells in 2016. Member of the DC Bar since 2000. Areas of expertise: Government Regulatory.	\$945.00	0.30	\$283.50
Christopher R. Bryant	Counsel at Hogan Lovells since 2014.  Joined Hogan Lovells in 2010. Member of the New York Bar since 2001. Areas of expertise:  Business Restructuring and Insolvency.	\$860.00	175.50	\$150,930.00
Andrew S. Furlow	Senior Associate at Hogan Lovells since 2015. Joined Hogan Lovells in 2010. Member of the DC Bar since 2011. Areas of expertise: Government Regulatory.	\$845.00	0.30	\$253.50
John D. Beck	Senior Associate at Hogan Lovells since 2014. Member of the New York Bar since 2011 and the Texas Bar since 2010. Areas of expertise: Business Restructuring and Insolvency.	\$830.00	32.40	\$26,892.00
Catherine Y. Chen	Associate at Hogan Lovells since 2015. Joined Hogan Lovells in 2015. Member of the New York Bar since 2016. Areas of expertise: Tax.	\$625.00	1.30	\$812.50

Name of	Position of the Applicant, Area of Expertise,	Hourly	Total	Total
Professional	Number of Years in that Position, Year	Billing	Hours	Compensation
Person	Admitted to Bar.	Rates		
Eric L. Einhorn	Associate at Hogan Lovells since 2017. Joined	\$495.00	23.30	\$11,533.50
	Hogan Lovells in 2017. Member of the New			
	York Bar since 2018. Areas of expertise:			
	Business Restructuring and Insolvency.			
Sean A. Feener	Associate at Hogan Lovells since 2017. Joined	\$495.00	39.60	\$19,602.00
	Hogan Lovells in 2017. Member of the New			
	York Bar since 2018. Areas of expertise:			
	Business Restructuring and Insolvency.			
Ronald	Senior Paralegal. Joined Hogan Lovells in	\$390.00	71.00	\$27,690.00
Cappiello	2013. Paralegal since 1983. Areas of expertise:			
	Business Restructuring and Insolvency.			
Total	Chapter 11		368.60	\$266,415.50
Sub-total:				
Less 50% Discou	nt-Non-Working Travel:			(\$.00)
SUBTOTAL:			\$26	6,415.50.00
<b>Client Credit:</b>				$(\$396.00^3)$
GRAND TOTAL: \$266,019.50				\$266,019.50
BLENDED RAT	E: \$721.20			

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Omnibus Order Awarding Interim Allowance of Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses, dated October 22, 2018 (D.I. 798) as it relates to Hogan Lovells' total fee amount was calculated incorrectly. The correct total fee amount should be \$895,179.50. Accordingly, the Debtor is due a credit of \$396.00

## **CUMULATIVE COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY**

<b>Project Category</b>	Total Hours	<b>Total Fees</b>
045803/Matter-000019-Chapter 11		
02-Meetings and Communications with	12.90	\$10,984.50
Creditors		
03-Hearings	0.40	\$338.00
04- DIP or Exit Financing	7.40	\$6,225.00
05 Litigation: Contested Matters & Adversary	7.10	\$5,850.50
Proceedings		
07-Plan and Disclosure Statement	103.70	\$80,980.50
08-Claims Administration and Objections	15.70	\$10,336.00
09-Assumption/Rejection of Leases/Contracts	28.10	\$11,147.00
10-Case Administration	18.80	\$11,881.00
11-Tax	22.30	\$21,058.00
12-General/Other	2.00	\$1,172.50
17-Monthly Fee Statements and Interim/Final Fee	41.60	\$19,827.00
Applications(Hogan Lovells)		
18-Monthly Fee Statements and Interim/Final Fee	0.40	\$344.00
Applications (Others)		
19-Monthly Fee Statements and Interim Fee	0.50	\$415.00
Applications-Others		
22-Government/Regulatory Matters	6.20	\$5.533.50
24-Asset Dispositions/363 Sales	85.70	\$66,566.00
26-Insurance Matters	10.10	\$8,855.00
27-Vendor/Supplier Matters	5.50	\$4,730.00
29-Schedules/SOFA/U.S. Trustee Reports	0.20	\$172.00
Subtotal:	368.60	\$266,415.50
Less 50% discount-Non-Working Travel		(\$.00)
Client credit		(\$396.00)4
GRAND TOTAL:		\$266,019.50

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See footnote 3.

## **CUMULATIVE EXPENSE SUMMARY**

<b>Expense Category</b>	Service Provider (if applicable)	<b>Total Expenses</b>
Rail Travel		\$305.00
Travel Agency Fee		\$30.00
Meals/Snacks		\$380.34
Hospitality		\$3.13
Taxi		\$2.96
Car Service		\$863.80
Public Transportation		\$31.50
Computer Research	Westlaw	\$1,262.78
Computer Research	Pacer	\$591.60
Data Storage/Internal		102.00
Word Processing		\$118.75
Deliveries/Messenger		\$34.80
Air Freight	Federal Express	\$54.04
Black & White Copies/Printing		\$735.50
<b>Grand Total Expenses</b>		\$4,516.20

## Exhibit A

**Customary and Comparable Compensation Disclosures** 

Hogan Lovells' hourly rates for bankruptcy services are comparable to the hourly rates charged in complex chapter 11 cases by comparably skilled bankruptcy attorneys. In addition, Hogan Lovells' hourly rates for bankruptcy services are comparable to the rates charged by Hogan Lovells, and by comparably skilled practitioners in other firms, for complex corporate and litigation matters, whether in court or otherwise, regardless of whether a fee application is required.

The blended hourly rate for all Hogan Lovells timekeepers who worked on these cases is approximately the same as the firm's blended rate for all timekeepers over a Comparable Period (defined below). In particular, the blended hourly rate for all Hogan Lovells timekeepers (including both professionals and paraprofessionals) who billed to matters excluding chapter 11 representations (collectively, the "Non-Chapter 11 Matters") during the 12-month period beginning December 1, 2017 and ending on November 31, 2018 (the "Comparable Period") was, in the aggregate, approximately \$591.00. By comparison, the blended hourly rate for all Hogan Lovells timekeepers (including both professionals and paraprofessionals) who worked on these cases during the Application Period was, in the aggregate, \$721.20.

The following table shows blended hourly rates by category of professional and paraprofessional (rounded to the nearest dollar) for the Comparable Period:

1 Year Comparison December 2017 through November 2018

Position at Hogan Lovells	Billed for Bankruptcy Only Preceeding Year	Billed for Non-Chapter 11 Matters Proceeding Year
Partner	1,113.00	792.00
Counsel	833.00	652.00
Associate	644.00	554.00
Paralegal	383.00	285.00
Grand Total	797.00	591.00
* All Figures in USD		

<sup>\*</sup> All Figures in USD

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It is the nature of Hogan Lovells' practice that certain non-bankruptcy engagements require the advice and counsel of professionals and paraprofessionals who work primarily within Hogan Lovells' Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Insolvency Group. Accordingly, Non-Chapter 11 Matters consist of matters for which Hogan Lovells' timekeepers represented a client in a matter *other than* court-approved chapter 11 representations. The Non-Chapter 11 Matters include time billed by Hogan Lovells' timekeepers who work within Hogan Lovells' Bankruptcy, Restructuring and Insolvency Group.

Hogan Lovells calculated the blended rate for Non-Chapter 11 Matters by dividing the total dollar amount billed by Hogan Lovells timekeepers to Non-Chapter 11 Matters during the Comparable Period by the total number of hours billed by such Hogan Lovells timekeepers to Non-Chapter 11 Matters during the same period.

## Exhibit B

# **Interim Application Summary**

**Cover Sheet of Fee Application (UST Guidelines Exh. E)** 

Interim Application Summary		
Name of Applicant	Hogan Lovells US LLP	
Name of Client	Orexigen Therapeutics, Inc. (Debtor)	
Time period covered by Interim Application	September 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018	
Total compensation sought during Application Period	\$266,019.50	
Total expenses sought during Application Period	\$4,516.20	
Petition Date	3/12/18	
Retention Date	4/11/18 <i>Nunc Pro Tunc</i> to 3/12/18	
Date of order approving employment	4/11/18 [D.I. 174]	
Total allowed compensation paid to date	\$2,273,749.45	
Total allowed expenses paid to date	\$30,448.31	
Total compensation approved by interim order to date	\$2,189,780.25	
Total expenses approved by interim order to date	\$28,922.97	
Blended rate in the Interim Application for all attorneys	\$802.17	
Blended rate in the Interim Application for all timekeepers	\$721.20	
Compensation sought in the Interim Application already paid pursuant to a monthly compensation certificate but not yet allowed	\$83,969.20	

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Expenses sought in the Interim Application already paid pursuant to a monthly compensation certificate but not yet allowed	\$1,525.34
Number of professionals included in Interim Application	8
If applicable, number of professionals in the Interim Application not included in staffing plan approved by client	6
If applicable, difference between fees budgeted and compensation sought for the Application Period	Under budget by \$633,584.50
Number of professionals billing fewer than 15 hours to the case during the Application Period	12
Are any rates higher than those approved or disclosed at retention	No

# Exhibit C

**Budget and Staffing Plan** 

# **Application Period Budget**

Period Covered	Actual	Forecast	Difference between actual and forecast
September 2018	\$104,961.50	\$300,000.00	(\$195,038.50)
October 2018	\$127,684.00	\$300,000.00	(\$172,316.00)
November 2018	\$33,770.00	\$300,000.00	(\$266,230.00)
Total	\$266,415.50	\$900,000.00	(\$633,584.50)

# **Application Period Staffing Plan**

Category of Timekeeper	Number of Timekeepers Expected to Perform Work Across Matters During the Budget Period	Number of Timekeepers Actually Performing Work During the Budget Period	Projected Average Hourly Rate	Actual Average Hourly Rate
Partner	2	5	\$1,170.00	\$1,094.00
Associate	4	6	\$670.00	\$691.66
Other Professionals	1	1	\$390.00	\$390.00
Aggregate Attorney Average			\$920.00	\$874.55
Aggregate Non- Attorney Average			\$390.00	\$390.00

# Exhibit D

**Proposed Order** 

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

In re			

Chapter 11

OREXIGEN THERAPEUTICS, INC.,

Case No. 18-10518 (KG)

Debtor.1

# ORDER GRANTING THIRD INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF HOGAN LOVELLS US LLP, AS BANKRUPTCY CO-COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTOR FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2018

Upon consideration of the Third Interim Fee Application (the "Interim Application") of Hogan Lovells US LLP ("Hogan Lovells"), Bankruptcy Co-Counsel for the above captioned Debtor for the period from September 1, 2018 through and including November 30, 2018; and upon consideration of the monthly fee applications subject to the Request (the "Monthly Fee Applications"); the Court having reviewed the Interim Application and the Monthly Fee Applications; and finding that the Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and determining that proper and adequate notice has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; and after due deliberation thereon; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Interim Application is GRANTED.

The Debtor, along with the last four digits of its federal tax identification numbers, is Orexigen Therapeutics, Inc. (8822).

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2. Hogan Lovells is allowed compensation and reimbursement of expenses for

the period and in the amounts set forth in its Interim Application, subject to the filing of a final

fee application by Hogan Lovells.

3. The Debtor is authorized and directed to disburse to Hogan Lovells payment

in the amount of the difference between (a) 100% of the total fees and expenses set forth in the

Monthly Fee Applications and (b) the actual interim payments received by Hogan Lovells for

fees and expenses under the Monthly Fee Applications, as set forth in the Interim Application.

4. The Debtor is authorized and empowered to take such actions as may be

necessary and appropriate to implement the terms of this Order.

5. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters relating to the

interpretation or implementation of this Order.

6. This Order shall be effective immediately upon entry.

Dated:	, 2019	
		THE HONORABLE KEVIN GROSS
		UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE