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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

PLASTIQ INC., et al.,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11 Case No. 23-10671 (BLS)

(Jointly Administered)

Ref. Docket No. 8

INTERIM ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO PAY CERTAIN PREPETITION CLAIMS OF CRITICAL VENDORS; (II) AUTHORIZING BANKS TO HONOR AND PROCESS CHECK AND ELECTRONIC TRANSFER REQUESTS RELATED THERETO; AND (III) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Upon consideration of the motion (the "**Motion**")² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (the "**Debtors**") for the entry of this interim order (the "**Interim Order**"), pursuant to sections 105(a), 363(b), 1107(a), and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code, (a) authorizing, but not directing, the Debtors, in their discretion, to pay Critical Vendor Claims in the ordinary course of business, and (b) authorizing the Banks to honor and process check and electronic transfer requests related to the foregoing; and upon consideration of the First Day Declaration; and due and proper notice of the Motion having been given; and it appearing that no other or further notice of the Motion is required except as otherwise provided herein; and it appearing that this Court has jurisdiction to consider the Motion in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Amended Standing Order; and it appearing that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and it appearing that venue of this proceeding and the Motion

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



¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Plastiq Inc. (6125), PLV Inc. d/b/a/ PLV TX Branch Inc. (5084), and Nearside Business Corp. (N/A). The corporate headquarters and the mailing address for the Debtors is 1475 Folsom Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, California 94103.

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is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Motion and provided for herein is in the best interest of the Debtors, their estates, and their creditors; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT**:

1. The Motion is GRANTED on an interim basis as set forth herein.

2. A final hearing on the relief sought in the Motion shall be conducted on June 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. (ET) (the "**Final Hearing**"). Any party objecting to the relief sought at the Final Hearing or the Proposed Final Order shall file and serve a written objection, which objection shall be served upon proposed counsel for the Debtors and co-counsel to the Agent, in each case so as to be received no later than June 9, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. (ET). If no objections to the entry of the Proposed Final Order are timely filed, this Court may enter the Proposed Final Order without further notice or a hearing.

3. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, in the exercise of their reasonable business judgment, to pay Critical Vendor Claims in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 during the interim period from the date of the entry of this Interim Order until the date that a final order is entered in this matter, unless otherwise ordered by this Court.

4. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to pay the Critical Vendor Claims in the ordinary course of business when due, not on an accelerated basis; *provided*, *however*, that any Critical Vendor that accepts payment pursuant to the authority granted in this Interim Order must agree to supply the Services to the Debtors postpetition on Customary Trade Terms (as defined below) or on such other favorable terms as are acceptable to the Debtors.

5. Any Critical Vendor that accepts payment pursuant to the authority granted in this Interim Order shall be deemed to agree to the terms and provisions of this Interim Order.

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The Debtors shall provide a copy of this Interim Order to any Critical Vendor to whom a payment is made pursuant to this Interim Order.

6. The Debtors shall condition the payment of Critical Vendor Claims on the agreement of a Critical Vendor to continue supplying the Services to the Debtors on terms that are as or more favorable to the Debtors as the most favorable trade terms, practices, and programs in effect between the Critical Vendor and the Debtors in the six (6) months period preceding the Petition Date (the "**Customary Trade Terms**"), or such other trade terms as are agreed to by the Debtors and the Critical Vendor.

7. The Debtors may, in their sole discretion, declare a Trade Agreement with an individual Critical Vendor terminated, together with the other benefits to the Critical Vendor as contained in this Interim Order, on the date the Debtors deliver notice to the Critical Vendor that the Critical Vendor (a) has not complied with the terms and provisions of the Trade Agreement or (b) has failed to continue to provide Customary Trade Terms to the Debtors.

8. If a Trade Agreement is terminated as set forth above or a Critical Vendor who has received payment of a prepetition claim later refuses to continue to supply the Services to the Debtors on Customary Trade Terms during the pendency of these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors may declare (a) that the payment of such Critical Vendor Claim is a voidable postpetition transfer pursuant to section 549(a) of the Bankruptcy Code that the Debtors may recover in cash from such Critical Vendor (including by setoff against postpetition obligations), or (b) that the Critical Vendor shall immediately return the payment of its Critical Vendor Claim without giving effect to alleged setoff rights, recoupment rights, adjustments, or offsets or any type whatsoever, it being the explicit intention of this Court to return the parties to their position immediately prior to entry of this Interim Order with respect to all prepetition claims.

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9. The execution of a Trade Agreement by the Debtors shall not constitute a waiver of any other cause of action, including any avoidance action that may be held by the Debtors.

10. Nothing herein shall prejudice the Debtors' rights to request additional authority to pay Critical Vendor Claims.

11. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Order, the Motion or its attachments, the priority status of a creditor's claim, including that of claims arising under § 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, shall not be affected by whether such creditor executes a Trade Agreement, or provides services or goods to the Debtors under Customary Trade Terms, or otherwise.

12. The Debtors are authorized to issue postpetition checks, or to effect postpetition fund transfer requests, in replacement of any checks or fund transfer requests in connection with any Critical Vendor Claims that are dishonored or rejected.

13. Nothing in this Interim Order: (a) is intended or shall be deemed to constitute an assumption of any agreement pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code or an admission as to the validity of any claim against the Debtors and their estates; (b) shall impair, prejudice, waive, or otherwise affect the rights of the Debtors and their estates with respect to the validity, priority, or amount of any claim against the Debtors and their estates; or (c) shall be construed as a promise to pay any claim.

14. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth herein, (a) any payment to be made, or authorization contained, hereunder shall be subject to the requirements imposed on the Debtors under the Debtors' postpetition financing agreements (the "**DIP Documents**") and any orders approving the DIP Documents and governing the Debtors' use of cash collateral

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(including with respect to any budgets governing or relating thereto) and (b) to the extent there is any inconsistency between the terms of such orders approving the DIP Documents or the Debtors' use of cash collateral and any action taken or proposed to be taken hereunder, the terms of such orders approving the DIP Documents and use of cash collateral shall control.

15. The Debtors are authorized to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted herein.

16. The requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b) are satisfied.

17. Notwithstanding any applicability of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Interim Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon its entry.

18. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Interim Order.

BRENDAN L. SHANNON UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

Dated: May 25th, 2023 Wilmington, Delaware