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In re:

TARRAGON CORPORATION, et al.,

Debtors-in-Possession.

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY CASE NOS. 09-

Chapter 11 (Joint Administration Pending)

DEBTORS' APPLICATION FOR ORDERS APPROVING THEIR RETENTION OF TRAVIS WOLFF & COMPANY, LLP, AS INDEPENDENT AUDITORS AND ACCOUNTANTS ON INTERIM AND FINAL BASES PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) AND FED. R. BANKR. P. 6003(a)

TO: Honorable Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court

The Application of Tarragon Corporation *et al.*, the within debtors and debtors-in-possession (the "Debtors"), in support of their retention of Travis Wolff & Company, LLP

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors are Tarragon Corporation ("Tarragon Corp."), Tarragon Development Company, LLC, Tarragon Development Corporation, Tarragon South Development Corp., Tarragon Management, Inc., Bermuda Island Tarragon LLC, Orion Towers Tarragon, LLP, Orlando Central Park, L.L.C., Fenwick Plantation Tarragon, LLC, One Las Olas, Ltd., The Park Development West LLC, 800 Madison Street Urban Renewal, LLC, 900 Monroe Development LLC, Block 88 Development, LLC, Central Square Tarragon LLC, Charleston Tarragon (continued...)



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("Travis") as their independent auditors and accountants on interim and final bases pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) and Rule 6003(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), respectfully states as follows:

### **BACKGROUND**

- 1. On January 12, 2009 (the "Filing Date"), the Debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief pursuant to Chapter 11 of Title 11, United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). Since the Filing Date, the Debtors have remained in possession of their assets and continued in the management of their businesses as debtors-in-possession pursuant to Sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 2. A detailed description of the Debtors' businesses and the facts precipitating the filing of the Debtors' Chapter 11 proceedings is delineated in the Affidavit of William S. Friedman in support of the Debtors' various "First Day Motions" (the "Friedman Affidavit").<sup>2</sup> Those facts are incorporated herein by reference.
- 3. As set forth in the Friedman Affidavit, Tarragon Corp., a publicly traded company, together with its direct and indirect debtor and non-debtor affiliates (collectively, "Tarragon"), are leading real estate developers, owners and managers. Tarragon operates two (2) business divisions, a real estate development division (the "Development Division") and an investment division (the "Investment Division"). The Development Division focuses on developing, renovating, building and marketing homes in high-density, urban locations and in

Manager, LLC, Omni Equities Corporation, Tarragon Edgewater Associates, LLC, The Park Development East LLC, and Vista Lakes Tarragon, LLC.

<sup>(...</sup>continued)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Unless otherwise noted, capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Friedman Affidavit.

master-planned communities. The Investment Division owns and operates a portfolio of stabilized rental apartment communities.

### The Debtors Should Be Authorized to Retain Travis Pursuant to Section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code

- 4. As set forth in Section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, a debtor-in-possession, with the court's approval, "may employ one or more attorneys, accountants, appraisers, auctioneers, or other professional persons, that do not hold or represent an interest adverse to the estate, and that are disinterested persons, to represent or assist the trustee [debtor-in-possession] in carrying out the trustee's [debtor-in-possession's] duties under this title." 11 U.S.C. § 327(a). Moreover, Section 1107(b) provides that "a person is not disqualified for employment under section 327 of this title by a debtor in possession solely because of such person's employment by or representation of the debtor before the commencement of the case." 11 U.S.C. § 1107(b).
- 5. The Debtors wish to retain Travis as their independent auditors and accountants in these proceedings to perform the following services:
- (a) audit of the Debtors' consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008;
  - (b) audit of the Debtors' internal control over financial reporting;
- (c) review of the Debtors' interim financial statements for the third quarter of 2008 and Form 10Q; and
- (d) preparation of Federal and State consolidated corporate and all related partnership tax returns for the fiscal and calendar year 2008, as well as any other returns for subsequent periods that must be filed during these proceedings.
- 6. The Debtors have selected Travis because of the firm's expertise in auditing and accounting, as well as the fact that Travis has provided tax, accounting and auditing services to

the Debtors since 2002. As a result, the Debtors believe that Travis is duly qualified to provide them with independent auditing and accounting services during these proceedings, and that the services of Travis are necessary and essential to the Debtors' performance of their duties as debtors-in-possession as well as their obligation to comply with federal reporting laws and regulations.

- 7. Travis understands that simultaneously herewith, the Debtors are seeking to retain the financial consulting firm of BDO Seidman, LLP ("BDO") to act as their financial advisors in these proceedings. While each firm is being charged with separate and distinct responsibilities, Travis nevertheless intends to coordinate carefully its efforts with BDO so as to prevent any duplication of effort
- 8. The accompanying Affidavit of Richard J. Sowan (the "Sowan Affidavit") describes the relationships, if any, that Travis has with creditors of the Debtors and other interested parties. As set forth in the Sowan Affidavit, Travis does not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Debtors, their creditors or estates in this matter, and is a disinterested person within the meaning of Section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors have been informed that Travis will continue conducting a review of its files when additional material parties are identified to ensure that no disqualifying circumstances arise and, if any new relevant facts or relationships are discovered, Travis will supplement its disclosure to the Court.
- 9. As described in the Debtors' "First Day Motion" to approve its existing cash management system, the Debtors utilize a consolidated cash management system where all cash receipts are pooled into Tarragon Corp., regardless of the Debtor or non-Debtor affiliate to whom the funds are attributable and, in turn, Tarragon Corp. funds all disbursements, regardless of the Debtor or non-Debtor affiliate on whose behalf the funds are being paid. These transactions are

accounted for using intercompany receivables and payable accounts, and on a consolidated financial statement basis, eliminated. Travis will not represent any of the Debtors adverse to any of the other Debtors in connection with any matters.

- 10. During the ninety (90)-day period before the Filing Date, Travis received the sum of \$36,708.50 from the Debtors for contemporaneous services rendered and disbursements and other charges incurred, all in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Debtors' prepetition engagement agreement with Travis. As a result of the payments, Travis does not hold any claim against the Debtors for pre-petition services rendered.
- 11. Before the Filing Date, the Debtors provided Travis with a retainer of \$87,050.00 (the "Bankruptcy Retainer"). It is the Debtors' understanding that Travis will be submitting detailed statements to the Court setting forth the services rendered and seeking compensation and reimbursement of expenses (including, when appropriate, authority to apply the Bankruptcy Retainer). The Debtors also understand that Travis will be applying to the Court for authority to be paid its fees and expenses pursuant to its obligation under the Bankruptcy Code or any administrative fee procedure that may be established, to which the Debtors consent.

### Travis Should Be Retained On an Interim Basis

Procedure, an application to retain a professional cannot be granted within the first twenty (20) days of the filing of a petition except to the extent necessary to avoid "immediate and irreparable harm." According to the Advisory Committee note to Bankruptcy Rule 6003, the standard employed in that Rule is analogous to Bankruptcy Rule 4001(b)(2) and (c)(2), and decisions under those provisions should provide guidance for application of Bankruptcy Rule 6003 to a particular set of circumstances. Bankruptcy Rules 4001(b)(2) and (c)(2) govern motions for the use of cash collateral and debtor-in-possession financing, respectively, and authorize emergency

hearings on such requests to avoid "immediate and irreparable harm." Thereafter, once all parties-in-interest are accorded the opportunity to consider and object to the requested relief, the court will grant the balance of the relief requested as a final order where appropriate.

13. In In re First NLC Financial Services, LLC, 382 B.R. 547 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. 2008), the court noted Collier's suggestion that professionals likely would go unharmed "so long as" courts permit full compensation retroactively and reasonable compensation to professionals who ultimately are unexpectedly not retained, but ultimately rejected this reasoning as contradictory. First NLC Financial, 382 B.R. at 550 (referring to 10 COLLIER ON BANKRUPTCY ¶ 6003.02[2] (15th ed. rev. 2007)). The court remained concerned that counsel may not be paid if counsel's employment was not first approved by the court, as opposed to seeking retroactive approval stating:

[w]hat <u>Collier</u> seemingly overlooks ... is that counsel may not be paid if its employment is not first approved by the court. So, to accomplish <u>Collier</u>'s goal of compensating a professional who labors during the first 20 days of a case only to learn at the final hearing that its employment is not approved, the court would have to first enter an order approving the professional's employment back to the petition date, then allow the compensation for the work performed, and then deny approval of further employment. This is a most unwieldy and peculiar procedural two-step, which is ill advised and is unnecessary as this Court reads the Rule.

<u>First NLC Financial</u>, 382 B.R. at 550. To ensure payment of professionals and avoid such inefficient use of judicial resources, the court authorized interim approval of professionals on the first day of the case. <u>Id</u>. Other courts considering this type of relief have granted it. <u>See, e.g., In re Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc.</u>, Case No. 08-13555-JMP (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2008); <u>In re Tousa, Inc.</u>, Case No. 08-10928-JKO (Bankr. S.D. Fla. 2008).

14. Respectfully, interim relief is amply justified here to avoid immediate and irreparable harm. As noted above, the Debtors wish to retain Travis to perform, among other

services, an audit of the Debtors' consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008. That audit, based on the requirements imposed by the Securities Exchange Commission and the Debtors' lenders, must be completed by the end of March 2009. Due to the complexity of the Debtors' operations and financial affairs, in order to complete the audit in a timely manner, Travis must begin work <u>immediately</u>. If the availability of Travis' auditing services is not ensured from the outset, the Debtors risk being in violation of Federal reporting laws and regulations and of covenants with their lenders.

Bankruptcy Rule 6003 to support immediate entry of an interim order, substantially in the form submitted herewith, authorizing them to retain and employ Travis on an interim basis and to compensate Travis for any services rendered during that interim period in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and the interim compensation procedures that may be established in these cases. This interim form of relief ensures the availability of Travis' full resources to the Debtors during a critical period in these cases, while preserving the ability of all parties in interest, including the United States Trustee, to object to this Application on a final basis. Accordingly, no party is prejudiced by the interim relief sought by this Application.

### **Notice**

16. The Debtors have served notice of this Application to: (a) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of New Jersey; (b) their secured creditors or their known counsel; (c) the consolidated list of 30 largest unsecured creditors; and (d) all other known parties in interest as reflected in the accompanying Certificate of Compliance with D.N.J. LBR 2014-1(a). In light of the nature of the relief requested, the Debtors respectfully submit that such service constitutes good and sufficient notice under the circumstances and that no further notice is necessary.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter Orders approving

their retention of Travis as their independent auditors and accountants on interim and final bases

and granting such other relief as the Court deems just and appropriate under the circumstances.

TARRAGON CORPORATION

By: <u>/s William S. Friedman</u>

William S. Friedman, Chief Executive Officer

DATED: January 12, 2009

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AFFIDAVIT OF RICHARD J. SOWAN PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 327 AND 504 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 2014(a)

STATE OF TEXAS ) ss. COUNTY OF DALLAS )

Richard J. Sowan, of full age, being duly sworn according to law, upon his oath, deposes and states:

1. I am a partner in the firm of Travis Wolff & Company, LLP ("Travis"), with an office at 5580 LBJ Freeway, Suite 400, Dallas, Texas 75240. I submit this Affidavit pursuant to Sections 327 and 504 of the Bankruptcy Code and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2014 in support of the Application of Tarragon Corporation, *et al.*, the within debtors and debtors-in-

possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), <sup>1</sup> to retain Travis as their independent auditors and accountants in these Chapter 11 proceedings. I have actual knowledge of the facts set forth herein and am authorized to make this Affidavit on Travis' behalf.

### **QUALIFICATION OF PROFESSIONALS**

- 2. Travis is an independent auditing and accounting firm that has provided tax, accounting and auditing services to the Debtors since 2002. Travis is duly qualified to provide the Debtors with independent auditor and tax provider services during these proceedings.
- 3. Travis understands that simultaneously herewith, the Debtors are seeking to retain the financial consulting firm of BDO Seidman, LLP ("BDO") to act as their financial advisors in these proceedings. While each firm is being charged with separate and distinct responsibilities, Travis nevertheless intends to coordinate carefully its efforts with BDO so as to prevent any duplication of effort.

### DISINTERESTEDNESS OF PROFESSIONALS

4. Insofar as I have been able to ascertain through diligent inquiry, except as set forth below, neither I, Travis, nor any principal or professional employee of Travis have any connection with the Debtors, their creditors, any other party-in-interest, their current respective attorneys or professionals, the United States Trustee or any person employed in the office of the United States Trustee, nor do we hold or represent any entity having an adverse interest in

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connection with the Debtors' Chapter 11 cases. Neither I, Travis, nor any professional employee of Travis is related professionally to the Debtors, their creditors or any other party-in-interest herein or their respective attorneys in the matter for which Travis is proposed to be retained.

- 5. Travis has undertaken a detailed search of its client database to determine, and to disclose, whether it has or in the past had any relationships with the following entities (collectively, the "Interested Parties"): (a) the Debtors and their affiliates; (b) the Debtors' secured creditors; (c) the Debtors' consolidated thirty (30) largest unsecured creditors; (d) the Debtors' officers and directors; and (e) all other parties listed on the attached **Exhibit A.**
- 6. This search has revealed that Travis has performed accounting, tax or consulting services for Mahoney Cohen & Company CPA, PC ("Mahoney"), one of the Debtors' unsecured creditors, in matters unrelated to these proceedings. The revenue generated from Mahoney is less than 1% of the firm's annual revenue.
- 7. Despite the efforts described above to identify and disclose Travis' connections with the Interested Parties, because the Debtors have numerous creditors and other relationships, Travis is unable to state with certainty that every client representation or other connection has been disclosed. If Travis discovers additional information that requires disclosure, Travis will file supplemental disclosures with the Court as promptly as possible.
- 8. To the best of my knowledge, Travis has not been retained to assist any entity or person other than the Debtors on matters relating to, or in connection with these cases. If this Court approves the proposed employment of Travis as independent auditors and accountants to the Debtors, Travis will not accept any engagement or perform any services in these cases for any entity or person other than the Debtors. Travis may, however, continue to provide professional services to, and engage in commercial or professional relationships with, entities or

persons that may be creditors of the Debtors or parties-in-interest in these cases; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that such services do not and will not relate to, or have any direct connection with, these cases.

- 9. During the 90-day period before the commencement of these cases, the Debtors paid Travis the sum of \$36,708.50 for contemporaneous services rendered to and costs incurred on behalf of the Debtors, all in accordance with the pre-petition engagement agreement between the Debtors and Travis. As a result of these payments, Travis does not hold any claim against the Debtors for pre-petition services rendered.
- 10. Lastly, as described in the Debtors' "First Day Motion" to approve its existing cash management system, the Debtors utilize a consolidated cash management system where all cash receipts are pooled into Tarragon Corp., regardless of the Debtor or non-Debtor affiliate to whom the funds are attributable and, in turn, Tarragon Corp. funds all disbursements, regardless of the Debtor or non-Debtor affiliate on whose behalf the funds are being paid. These transactions are accounted for using intercompany receivables and payable accounts, and on a consolidated financial statement basis, eliminated. Travis will not represent any of the Debtors adverse to any of the other Debtors in connection with any matters.
- 11. Based on the foregoing, Travis has no interest adverse to the Debtors or their estates, and is a "disinterested" person within the meaning of Sections 327(a) and 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code.

#### **SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED**

- 12. The Debtors wish to retain Travis to provide the following services:
- (a) audit of the Debtors' consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008;
  - (b) audit of the Debtors' internal control over financial reporting;

- (c) review of the Debtors' interim financial statements for the third quarter of 2008 and Form 10Q; and
- (d) preparation of Federal and State consolidated corporate and all related partnership tax returns for the fiscal and calendar year 2008, as well as any other returns for subsequent periods that must be filed during these proceedings.

### **COMPENSATION OF PROFESSIONALS**

- 13. In connection with this matter, Travis has received a Chapter 11 retainer of \$87,050.00 (the "Bankruptcy Retainer").
- 14. Travis intends to bill for its services in accordance with usual and customary rates. Travis' hourly billing rates are as follows:

Partners	\$350-470
Managers	\$240-260
Seniors	\$195-220
Staff	\$150-165
Administration	\$80

- 15. In addition, Travis will seek reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with its services in these cases.
- 16. Travis will maintain detailed records of any actual and necessary costs and expenses incurred in connection with the aforementioned services and will file all appropriate applications for allowances of compensation and expenses with this Court in accordance with applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, Local Rules and orders of the Court.
- 17. In accordance with Section 504 of the Bankruptcy Code, Travis has not shared or agreed to share any of its compensation with any other person, other than a principal,

professional or employee of Travis. The proposed engagement of Travis is not prohibited by Bankruptcy Rule 5002.

18. Travis requests that its retention be effective as of the commencement of these cases.

<u>/s/ Richard J. Sowan</u> Richard J. Sowan

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2009.

/s/ Carissa A. Bernet
Carrisa A. Bernet
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires March 22, 2012

### **EXHIBIT A**

### **INTERESTED PARTIES LIST**

### **LIST OF ENTITIES/AFFILIATES**

1200 Grand Street Urban Renewal, LLC 1300 Grand Street Urban Renewal, LLC 5600 GP, Inc.

800 Madison Street Urban Renewal, LLC

900 Monroe Development LLC

900 Monroe Street Urban Renewal, LLC

999 Madison Street Urban Renewal, LLC

Acadian Place Apartments, L.L.C. Acadian Place Holdings, L.L.C. Adams Street Development, L.L.C.

Alexandria Pointe, LC

Alta Marina, LLC

AltaMar Development, LLC Ansonia Acquisitions I, L.L.C.

Ansonia Apartments, LP. Ansonia Liberty, LLC

Ansonia MezzCo, LLC Arlington Tarragon, LLC

Autumn Ridge Apartments, LLC

Aventura Tarragon GP, LLC Aventura Tarragon LP, LLC

Ballantrae Manager, Inc.

Balsam Acquisitions, L.L.C.

Bayfront National Associates, L.P.

Bermuda Island Tarragon LLC

Black Pearl Tarragon, LLC

Block 102 Development LLC

Block 110 Development, LLC

Block 112 Development, LLC Block 114 Development, LLC (Casket H)

Block 144 Development LLC Block 150 Development, LLC

Block 88 Development, L.L.C.

Bradenton Tarragon, LLC

Calistoga Ranch Owners, L.L.C. Capitol Ave. Tarragon, LLC

Carlyle Tower National Associates

CAVEO, L.L.C.

Celebration Tarragon LLC Central Square Tarragon LLC Charleston Tarragon Manager, LLC Choice Home Financing, LLC

Collegayyand Property Inc.

Collegewood Property, Inc.

Consolidated Capital Properties II

Cordoba Manager, LLC Cordoba Tarragon, LLC

CR Tarragon Palm Springs, L.L.C. Creekwood Apartment Owners, LLC

Danforth Apartment Owners, L.L.C. Delaney Square Tarragon, LLC

Delaney Square, LLC

Dogwood Hills Apartments, L.L.C.

East Hanover Tarragon LLC

East Las Olas, Ltd.

English Village Partners Exchange Tarragon, LLC

Fenwick Plantation Tarragon, LLC

Floresta Tarragon, LLC

Forest Park Tarragon, LLC Forest Ridge Partners, LC

Freesia Acquisitions, LLC

French Villa Apartments, L.L.C.

French Villa National Associates Limited

Guardian Alexandria Pointe Holdings

Guardian Forest Ridge Partners Holdings

Guardian Rock Springs Road Holdings

Guardian Southridge Pointe Holdings

Guardian Venetian Bay Holdings, LLC

Guardian Victoria Hills Holdings, LLC

Guardian Wekiva Crest Holdings, LLC

Guardian Woods at Southridge Holding

Guardian-Jupiter Partners LLC

Gull Harbor Apts, L. L. C. Gull Harbor MGR, Inc.

Hamden Centre Apartments, L.L.C.

Heather Limited Partnership

Heron Cove National, Inc. Hoboken Cinema, LLC

Houston Highway South, L.P.

Jardin de Belle Development, LLC

Keane Stud LLC

Keane Stud Management LLC

Kennesaw Tarragon LLC

Lake Lotta Apartments, L.L.C. Lake Sherwood Partners, LLC

Larchmont Development Venture, LLC

Larchmont Tarragon, LLC Las Olas River House Corp. Lopo Tarragon GP, Inc. Lopo Tarragon LP, Inc.

Lopo, LP M8CP, Inc.

Madison Tarragon Manager, Inc.

Manchester Tarragon, LLC

Manchester Tolland Development LLC

Marina Park National Partners Mariner's Point Tarragon, LLC Meadow Brook Apartments, L.L.C.

Merritt 8 Acquisitions, L.L.C.

Merritt Stratford, L.L.C. Middletown Tarragon LLC Midway Mills Partners, L.P. Mohegan Hill Development, LLC

Mohegan Hill Development/Wilson, LLC

Mohegan Hill Tarragon, LLC Monterra Tarragon, Inc.

Montreux at Deerwood Lake, LLC

Morningside National, Inc. Mountain View National, Inc.

MSCP, Inc.

Murfreesboro Gateway Properties, LLC

Mustang Creek National, L.P.

Mustang National, Inc.

National Income Realty Investors, Inc.

National Omni Associates, L.P.

Newbury Village Development, LLC

North Property Tarragon, Ltd. North Village Tarragon, LLC North Water Street Tarragon, LLC

Ocala Tarragon, LLC

Ocean Beach Apartments, LLC **Omni Equities Corporation** Omni Equities North Corporation

Omni-Tivoli, LLC One Las Olas, Ltd. Orchid Grove, LLC Orion Tarragon GP, Inc. Orion Tarragon LP, Inc.

Orion Towers Tarragon, LLP

Orlando Central Park Tarragon, L.L.C.

Palisades Park East Tarragon LLC Palisades Park West Tarragon LLC Park Avenue at Metrowest, Ltd.

Park Avenue GP, LLC

Park Avenue Metrowest LLC Park Avenue Tarragon, LLC Park Development East, LLC Park Development West, LLC Parkdale Gardens National Corp. Pinecrest Village Condominium, Inc. Plantation Bay Apartments, L.L.C.

Rancho Sorrento Leasing Corp. Reflection Lakes Manager, Inc. Regency Green National Corp.

Regent Circle, L.L.C. RI Panama City LLC RI Windsor, Ltd.

River House Tarragon, LLC Rock Springs Road, LC

Rutherford LL Tarragon, LLC

Rutherford Tarragon Development I, LLC Rutherford Tarragon Development II, LLC Rutherford Tarragon Development III, LLC

Sage Residential Connecticut, LLC Sage Residential Florida, Inc. Sage Residential New Jersey LLC Sage Residential Rhode Island, LLC

Sage Residential Services, Inc. Sage Residential Texas, Inc. Shefaor/Tarragon, LLLP Silver Creek Apartments, Ltd.

SO. Elms National Associates Limited

Partnership

Southampton Pointe Tarragon LLC Southampton Tarragon Manager LLC

Southridge Pointe, LC Stamford Tarragon I LLC Stewart Square National, Inc. Stonington Tarragon, LLC

Summit / Tarragon Murfreesboro, L.L.C. Summit on the Lake Associates, Ltd.

Tampa Palms Tarragon, L.L.C.

Tarragon 820, L.P. Tarragon Brooks, L.P. Tarragon Calistoga, L.L.C. **Tarragon Corporation** 

Tarragon Cypress Grove, LLC

Tarragon Development Company LLC

**Tarragon Development Corporation** 

Tarragon Edgewater Associates, LLC

Tarragon Huntsville Apartments, L.L.C.

Tarragon Kissimmee, LLC

Tarragon Limited, Inc.

Tarragon Management, Inc.

Tarragon Mariner Plaza, Inc.

Tarragon Merritt 8, Inc.

Tarragon Midway Mills, Inc.

Tarragon Mortgage Capital, LLC

Tarragon Mortgage LLC

Tarragon Ocala Development Corp

Tarragon Savannah I, L.L.C.

Tarragon Savannah II, L.L.C.

Tarragon South Development Corp.

Tarragon Stonecrest LLC

Tarragon Stoneybrook Apartments, L.L.C.

Tarragon Stratford, Inc.

Tarragon Turtle, Inc.

Tarragon University I, L.P.

Tarragon University, Inc.

Tarragon Venetian Bay, Inc.

Tarragon/URSA Redevelopment Partners

Tarragon/Voloshin I LLC

Tarragon/Voloshin Stonington, LLC

TDC Hanover Holdings LLC

TDC/Ursa Hoboken Sales Center, LLC

Texas National Construction, Inc.

Thirteenth Street Development, L.L.C.

**Tradition Tarragon LLC** 

TRI Woodcreek, Inc.

Tuscany Tarragon, LLC

UGMC Holdings, LLC

Upper Grand Realty, LLC

Uptown Village Tarragon A, LLC

Uptown Village Tarragon B, LLC

Uptown Village Tarragon C, LLC

Venetian Bay Village, LLC

Victoria Hills, LC

Vineyard at Eagle Harbor, L.L.C.

Vinland Aspentree, Inc.

Vinland Holly House, Inc.

Vinland Oakbrook, Inc.

Vinland Park 20, Inc.

Vinland Property Investors, Inc.

Vintage Legacy Lakes National, L.P.

Vintage National, Inc.

Vista Lakes Tarragon, LLC

Vistas at Lake Worth Limited Partnership

Warwick Grove Company, LLC

Wekiva Crest, LC

West Dale National Associates, L.P.

Woodcreek Garden Apartments

Woodcreek National, L.C.

Woods at Southridge, LC

Yacht Club Tarragon, LLC

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Clinton, Chris

Cobbs, James C.

English, Michael

Fagerli, Bud

Ferranti, Al

Fletcher, David R.

Frary, Richard

Friedman, William S.

Ginsburg, Alan

Greene, Eileen

Hagner, Garth

Helman, Jamie (James?)

Hendrix, Scott

Hsu, Joseph G.

Huggins, David G.

Huggins, Garland

Johnson, Michael

Kammerman, Marcy H.

Keltz, Mike

Liebman, Lance

Mansfield, Kathryn

Marshall, Joyce B.

Miller, Nancy

Minor, Todd C.

Muse, Wendy

Petty, Deborah

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Raia, Frank Reinert, Kristie Rosato, William Rothenberg, Robert P. Rubenstein, Charles Saunier, Mark Schafer, Candace Schaffer, Richard Schafran, Lawrence G. Schrag, Raymond V.J. Sciarra, Michael J. Shassian, Lou Stark, Martha E. Stern, Richard W. Surratt, Jane Swenson, Eileen Thomas, Hilary A. Thompson, William Tomlin, Andy Travis, Jeffrey Weisbrod, Carl B.

#### PARTNERS/MEMBERS

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900 Monroe Development, LLC 999 Madison Street Urban Renewal Acadian Place Apartment, LLC Acadian Place Holdings, L.L.C. Adams Street Development, L.L.C.

Alta Marina, LLC

AltaMar Development, LlC Ansonia Apartments, L.P.

Ansonia LLC

Ansonia MezzCo., LLC Arlington Tarragon, LLC

Asbury Place Development, Ltd.

Avanti Tarragon, LLC

Aventura Tarragon GP, LLC Aventura Tarragon LP, LLC Balsam Acquisitions, LLC Bermuda Island Tarragon, LLC

Black Pearl Tarragon, LLC Block 102 Development LLC

Block 106 Development, LLC

Block 110 Development, LLC

Block 114 Development, LLC Block 144 Development LLC Block 150 Development, LLC

Block 112 Development, LLC

Block 88 Development, LLC Bradenton Tarragon, LLC

Capitol Avenue Tarragon, LLC

Carlyle Tower National Associates Celebration Tarragon, LLC

Central Square Tarragon LLC Charleston Tarragon Manager, LLC

Cliffside Tarragon, LLC Collegewood Property, Inc.

Consolidated Capital Properties II

Cordoba Manager, LLC Cordoba Tarragon, LLC Coscan Cypress Plaza, LLC

CR Napa, L.L.C.

CR Palm Springs, LLC

Delaney Development L.L.C

Delaney Square Tarragon, LLC

Depot Hill Road LLC Emerson Center Property

English Village Apartments, Inc.

English Village Partners

**EV Partners** 

Exchange Tarragon, LLC

Fenwick Plantation Tarragon, LLC French Village Apartments, L.L.C. Golden Florida Management, Inc.

Guardian Alexandria Point Guardian Forest Ridge Guardian Rock Springs

Guardian Southridge Pointe Holdings, LLC

Guardian Venetian Bay Holdings, LLC

Guardian Victoria Hills Guardian Wekiya

Guardian Woods at Southridge Holdings,

LLC

Guardian-Jupiter Partners LLC Heron Cove National, Inc. Hoboken Cinema, LLC

Jardin de Belle Development, LLC

Keane Stud LLC

Keane Stud Management, LLC Kensington Resort Partners, LLC Larchmont Tarragon, LLC

Leyland Warwick Associates, LLC

Liberty Building Mgr., Inc. Lopo Tarragon GP, Inc. Lopo Tarragon LP, Inc.

Louis and Leslie Shassian and Shassian

Family, L.P

Manchester Tolland Development LLC

Marina Park National Partners Mariner's Point Tarragon, LLC Metrowest Development, L.L.C.

Mia Macri Living Irrevocable Trust (Frank

Leanza)

Michael J. Sciarrino Revocable Trust

Middletown Tarragon LLC

Mohegan Hill Development, LLC

Mohegan Hill Tarragon, LLC

Montreaux at Deerwood lake, LLC

Montville Property Holdings I, LLC

Morningside National, Inc Mountain View National, Inc.

MSCP, Inc

Mustang Creek National, LP

Mustang National, Inc.

National Income Realty Investors, Inc

National Omni Associates LP

Newbury Village Development, LlC North Property Tarragon, Ltd. Ave

North Village Tarragon, LLC

North Water Street Tarragon LLC

Omni Equities Corporation

Omni-Tivoli, LLC Orion Tarragon GP, Inc. Orion Tarragon LP, Inc.

Orlando Central Park Tarragon, LLC Palisades Park East Tarragon LLC Palisades Park West Tarragon LLC Palm Court Apartment Owners, Inc.

Paramus Tarragon, LLC
Park Avenue GP, LLC
Park Avenue Metrowest LLC
Park Avenue Tarragon, LLC

Pinnacle GP Pinnacle LP

Regency Green National Corp.

Regent Circle, LLC

River House Tarragon, LLC

Rutherford Tarragon Development I, LLC Rutherford Tarragon Development II, LLC Rutherford Tarragon Development III, LLC

Shefaor GP Shefaor LP

So. Elms National Associates, Ltd.

Southhampton Tarragon Manager, LLC

Southhampton Pointe Tarragon LLC

Stamford Tarragon I LLC Stewart Square National, Inc. Stonington Tarragon, LLC

Summit on the Lake Associates, Ltd.

Sunvest Lofts, LLC

Tampa Palms Tarragon, LLC Tarragon Calistoga, L.L.C. Tarragon Corporation

Tarragon Cypress Grove, LLC Tarragon Cypress Plaza, LLC

Tarragon Development Company, L.L.C Tarragon Development Company, LLC Tarragon Development Corporation Tarragon Edgewater Associates, LLC

Tarragon Limited, Inc.

Tarragon Mariner Plaza, Inc. Tarragon Merrit 8, Inc. Tarragon Midway Mills, Inc. Tarragon Mortgage Capital, LLC Tarragon South Development Corp.

Tarragon Stratford, Inc. Tarragon Time Square, Inc.

Tarragon Turtle, Inc. Tarragon University, Inc. Tarragon Venetian Bay, Inc.

Tarragon/URSA Redevelopment Partners

Tarragon Kissimmee, LLC TDC Hanover Holdings LLC

TDC/Ursa Hoboken Sales Center, LLC

Texas National Construction, Inc.

The Shassian Family Limited Partnership Thirteenth Street Development, L.L.C.

Tradition Tarragon LLC TRI Woodcreek, Inc. Tuscany Tarragon, LLC UGMC Holdings, LLC Upper Grand Realty, LLC TRI Woodcreek, Inc. Tuscany Tarragon, LLC UGMC Holdings, LLC Upper Grand Realty, LLC Uptown Village Tarragon A, LLC Uptown Village Tarragon B, LLC URSA Development Group, LLC Vinland Holly House, Inc. Vinland Oakbrook, Inc. Vinland Park 20, Inc. Vinland Property Investors, Inc. Vintage Legacy Lakes National, LP Vintage National, Inc. Vista Lakes Tarragon, LLC Vista Lakes Tarragon, LLC Voloshin Capital Stonington, LLC Wachovia Affordable Housing

Warwick Grove Company, LLC Wells Fargo Ventures, LLC Woodcreek Garden Apartments Woodcreek National, LC Wyckoff Tarragon Development, LLC Yacht Club Tarragon, LLC Yoo LLP

### THIRTY LARGEST UNSECURED CREDITORS

AJD Construction Company, LLC Assurant Employee Benefits

Bank Atlantic
Bank of America

Christina Stiles Interiors

ComCast

Devon Design, LLC Direct Cabinet Sales

EC Enterprise Consultants, LLC

**ESCC** 

iStar FM Loans, LLC

K. Langford Lawn Care Inc.

Kirst Kosmoski, Inc.

Lapatka Associates, Inc.

Las Olas River House Condo. Assn. Mahoney Cohen & Company CPA PC

Mechanical Services of Central FL

NANC Construction Services

Omni Boys North Ltd.

Posner Advertising

Progress Energy Florida, Inc.

**Refinish Plus Corporation** 

Regions Bank

Sovor Associates (290 Veterans)

Steelways Inc.

Taberna Capital Management LLC

The Crossings at Fleming Island CDD

Tricony CFC, LLC

United Healthcare Insurance Co.

Winter Management Corp.

### **SECURED DEBT**

La Salle Bank National Association

Bank of America

Bank Atlantic

Regions Bank

iStar FM Loans/iStar Financial, Inc.

CNL Bank

### GUARANTY OBLIGATIONS OF TARRAGON CORPORATION

ARCS Commercial Mortgage Co., L.P.

Bank of Atlantic

Bank of America, N.A.

Barclays Bank

CNL Bank

Commerce Bank

Fannie Mae

FNMA/PNC

FNMA/Wachovia

FNMA/Wells Fargo

General Electric Capitol Corporation

iStar FM Loans

JP Morgan Chase

LaSalle/Bank of America, N.A.

**National City** 

North Water LLC

Paradigm Credit Corp.

Provident Bank

Regions Bank

Wachovia

### PROFESSIONALS RETAINED PRE-PETITION BY LENDER

Sills Cummis & Gross PC (Bank of America) Lowenstein Sandler PC (Paradigm) Latham & Watkins (GECC) Otterbourg, Steindler, Houston & Rosen, P.C. (Regions)

### LIST OF INSURANCE COMPANY'S

United of Omaha Life Insurance Company
United Healthcare Insurance Company
Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
Liberty Insurance Underwriters
Hartford Life and Accident
Transamerica Life Insurance Company
Transamerica Retirement Services
ConExis
American Home Assurance Company
Landmark Insurance Company (Landmark

American Insurance Company
Lexington Insurance Company
National Union Fire Insurance Company of

Pittsburgh

Chubb Insurance

Federal Insurance Company

#### OTHER PROFESSIONALS RETAINED

Lazard Freres & Co., LLC

Jones Day

Cole, Schotz, Meisel, Forman & Leonard, PA

BDO Seidman LLP

Travis Wolff & Company, LLP

Cushman & Wakefield of New Jersey, Inc.

### LIST OF PLAINTIFFS INVOLVED IN LAWSUITS WITH ANY ENTITY

31-W Insulation Company, Inc.

Abramson, Cheryl Adrulonis, Paul

Agudo-Abarco, Amilda

AIG Domestic Claims, Inc.

Allens Steel Products, Inc.

Alta Mar Condominium Association, Inc.

Amerisure Mutual Insurance Company

Andrew General Contractors, Inc.

Asbury Place Development, Ltd.

Atkinson, Richard

Azel, Jose and Lily

Bailey, Christin

Bang, Sungmi

Beckner Painting Southeast, Inc.

Bluewater Builders, Inc.

Brushingham, Lee and Ana

Builders Technical Services, Inc.

C+N Stucco & Plastering, Inc.

Cam(p)bell, Scott

Cape House Properties, Ltd.

Case, James L. & John

CDC Drywall, Inc.

Celebration Residential Owners Association,

Inc.

Cesar, Frank

Czajkowski, Jr., Thomas J.

Da Pau Enterprises II, Inc.

Da Pau Enterprises, Inc.

Davis, Magdalena

Day, J. Robert

DeLeon, Isabel

Development Compliance and Inspections,

Inc.

Diaz, Kenneth and Carmen

Dilodivido, William

Douglas Partners Construction, LLC

Duncan, Douglas

Durso, Mike

Einheuser, Peter

Ellsworth, Gary

Epi-Park Avenue Equity, LLC

Epoch Construction, Inc.

Farris Gypsum Floors of Florida, Inc.

Federal Insurance Company

Fenwick Hall Property Owners Association,

nc

Fenwick Tarragon Apartments, LLC

Figueroa, Arminda

Fitch, Glenn

Flynn, Kevin

Fox Windows & Glass, LLC

Fox, Alan d/b/a Alan Fox Windows

Fraeter, Florian & Antje Francis Engineering, Inc.

Frank Casserino Construction, Inc. Frank Casserino Construction, Inc.

Franzon, Neri

Fugleberg Koch Architects, Inc.

Furgueron, John

Georgetown at Celebration Condominium

Association, Inc. Gleeson, Kiernan Goldsmith, Linda Goshorn Plumbing Inc. Goss, Kenneth M.

Graybar Electric Company, Inc. Great Divide Insurance Company

Greene, Joel GWL, Inc.

H.H. Joshi & Associates, Inc.

Hammond, Geoffrey Hampson, Raymond K. Hannula Landscaping, Inc.

Herbst, Douglas C. Heritage Realty Advisors

Hong, Mai Y. HSBC Bank Iannone, Mark A.

Insurance Company of the State of

Pennsylvania International Realty iStar FM Loans Johnson, Douglas J. Kantrowitz, William

Kim, Chae Young and Min Hyung

Koenig, Robert Kurzwell, Howard E. Lanahan Lumber Co., Inc.

LaPlante, John LaPlante, Michel

Las Olas River House Condominium

Association, Inc.

Leyland Warwick Associates, LLC

Leyva, Roddy

Lion Gables Realty Limited Partnership f/k/a

Gables Realty Limited Partnership Littlejohn Engineering Associates Inc.

Maas, Phillip Mariner Club, Ltd.

McLarand, Vasquez and Partners, Inc.

Metro West Center, LLC

MetroWest Boulevard Ltd. Partnership Metrowest II Limited Partnership

MetroWest Partners, Inc.

Mills, Ralph

Montecito Enclave

Montreux at Deerwood Lake Condominium

Association, Inc.

Montville Property Holdings V LLC

Mullins, Gerry D. Nesci, Vincent

Newland Communities, LLC Nichols Soffit & Siding, Inc.

North Water LLC

Northland Fund II Partners, LLC

Northland Portfolio LP

NRT LLC Nunenkamp, Val O'Neill, Molly M.

Old Castle Glass, Inc. d/b/a JHS Building

Products, Inc. Pernell, John C.

Perry, Brian and Cathy, individually and as parents and legal guardians of Ryan Perry and

Amanda Perry

Pine Crest Village at Victoria Park HOA Pine Crest Village at Victoria Park Homeowners Association, Inc. Pine Crest Village I Condominium

Association, Inc.

Pine Crest Village II Condominium

Association, Inc.

Platte River Insurance Company

Premier Sales Group, Inc./100 East Las Olas,

Ltd.

Professional Plastering & Stucco, Inc. Prudential Real Estate Investors Prudential-Park Avenue LLC Regency Realty Services, Inc.

Regions Bank Reif, Garv

Reinen, Mourao & Aida

Renna, Joseph M.

Rice Insulation and Glass, Inc.

Riley, Rebecca

Rodriguez, Lymarie

Roilnick, Audie & Eileen

Ryan, Christian and Eric Schake

Safeco Insurance Company of America

Schechter, Jerome & Roberta

Schiller, Donald Eileen

SCI Holdings Corporation f/k/a Skotty

Aluminum Products Co.

Sgarlatto, Anthony

Silvercore, Inc. d/b/a Criteria

Skolnick, Martin & Susan

Soares Da Costa Construction Services, LLC

Song, Kyong R.

Spiers, David G.

Stadler Management Corp.

Steidle Bros. Construction, Inc.

Steidle Bros. Construction, LLC

Summit Construction, Inc.

Summit Contractors Group, Inc.

Summit Contractors, Inc.

SunTech Electrical Contractors, Inc.

SunVest Communities USA, LLC

T.C.T. Corp. d/b/a Tamiami Carpet Interiors

TCR Construction II, Inc.

TCR Metro II, Inc.

TCR Metrowest II Limited Partnership

TDK Construction Company, Inc.

Terrabrook Vista Lakes GP, LLC

Terrabrook Vista Lakes, LP

Teseniar, Mark F. and Nan M.

The Bordeaux Condominium Association,

Inc.

The Celebration Company

The Condo Store, Inc., NRT The Condo

Store, LLC

The Hamptons at Metrowest Condominium

Association, Inc.

The Prudential Ins. Co. of America

The Realty Associates Fund VIII, L.P.

The Villas at Seven Dwarfs Condominium

Association, Inc.

The Walt Disney Company

The Yacht Club on the Intracoastal

Condominium Association, Inc.

Tri-City Electrical Contractors, Inc.

Troll, Oliver

Twelve Oaks at Fenwick Plantation

Horizontal Property Regime

Twelve Oaks at Fenwick Plantation Property

Owners Association, Inc.

Tyler, Jamie

Underwriters at Lloyd's London

Universal Building Supply, Inc.

Vorcheimer, Estate of Leonard

Voso, Dominick

Waterstreet at Celebration Condominium

Association, Inc.

Westerra Management, LLC

Whirlpool Corporation

Wolfson, Stephen

Yancy, James

ZOM Kensignton, Ltd.

### **LANDLORDS**

West 55th Street Building LLC 3100 Monticello Investors, L.P.

#### **DIP LENDER**

Arko Holdings Corp.

### **UNSECURED NOTE HOLDERS**

Robert Rothenberg

Beachwold Partners, L.P.

Taberna Capital Management, LLC

Taberna Preferred Funding II, Ltd.

Taberna Preferred Funding III, Ltd.

Taberna Preferred Funding IV, Ltd.

Taberna Preferred Funding V, Ltd.

Taberna Preferred Funding VI, Ltd.

Merrill Lynch International

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

### AUDITORS OF BOOKS AND RECORDS OF DEBTORS

Grant Thornton LLP

Travis Wolff & Company

### **PURCHASER OF ASSETS**

MWHF Palisades Park, LLC Represented by Wolff & Samson, PC

### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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In re:

Case Nos. 09-

TARRAGON CORPORATION, et al.,

Hearing Date:

Debtors-in-Possession.

Judge:

# INTERIM ORDER APPROVING THE DEBTORS' RETENTION OF TRAVIS WOLFF & COMPANY, LLP, AS INDEPENDENT AUDITORS AND ACCOUNTANTS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) AND FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 6003(a)

The relief set forth on the following pages, numbered two (2) through four (4), is hereby **ORDERED**.

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TRAVIS WOLFF & COMPANY, LLP, AS INDEPENDENT AUDITORS AND ACCOUNTANTS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) AND FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE

6003(a)

THIS MATTER having been opened to the Court by Tarragon Corporation, *et al.*, the within debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), upon an Application for entry of an Interim Order approving the Debtors' retention of Travis Wolff & Company, LLP ("Travis") as their independent auditors and accountants in these proceedings pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 6003(a) (the "Application"); and the Court having considered the Application and the Affidavit of Richard J. Sowan in support thereof; and the Court being satisfied that Travis does not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Debtors, their estates or creditors, and is a disinterested person within the meaning of Sections 327 and 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, and that said employment would be in the best interest of the estates; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Application is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm to the Debtors and their estates and, therefore, the requirements of Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6003(a) are satisfied; and notice of the proposed retention having been given in accordance with the requirements of D.N.J. LBR 2014-1(a), as

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors are Tarragon Corporation, Tarragon Development Company, LLC, Tarragon Development Corporation, Tarragon South Development Corp., Tarragon Management, Inc., Bermuda Island Tarragon LLC, Orion Towers Tarragon, LLP, Orlando Central Park, L.L.C., Fenwick Plantation Tarragon, LLC, One Las Olas, Ltd., The Park Development West LLC, 800 Madison Street Urban Renewal, LLC, 900 Monroe Development LLC, Block 88 Development, LLC, Central Square Tarragon LLC, Charleston Tarragon Manager, LLC, Omni Equities Corporation, Tarragon Edgewater Associates, LLC, The Park Development East LLC, and Vista Lakes Tarragon, LLC.

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6003(a)

evidenced by the Certificate of Compliance with D.N.J. LBR 2014-1(a); and for other good cause shown,

#### IT IS ORDERED as follows:

- 1. The retention of Travis as independent auditors and accountants to the Debtors is hereby authorized and approved on an interim basis, effective as of the date of the commencement of these cases, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 2014.
- 2. Any and all compensation to be paid to Travis for services rendered on the Debtors' behalf shall be fixed by application to this Court in accordance with Sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and such Rules of Local and Federal Bankruptcy Procedure as may then be applicable, unless an alternate arrangement for interim compensation is authorized by the Court.
- 3. Entry of this Interim Order is without prejudice to the rights of any party in interest to interpose an objection to the Application. Any such objections, to be considered timely, must: (i) be in writing; (ii) specify with particularity the basis of the objection; and (iii) be filed with the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court electronically by attorneys who regularly practice before the Bankruptcy Court in accordance with the General Order Regarding Electronic Means for Filing, Signing, and Verification of Documents, dated March 27, 2002 (the "General Order") and the Commentary Supplementing Administrative Procedures, dated as of

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6003(a)

- 5. A true copy of this Order shall be served on all parties-in-interest within two (2) days hereof.

### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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Judge:

## FINAL ORDER APPROVING THE DEBTORS' RETENTION OF TRAVIS WOLFF & COMPANY, LLP, AS INDEPENDENT AUDITORS AND ACCOUNTANTS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 327(a)

The relief set forth on the following pages, numbered two (2) through three (3), is hereby **ORDERED**.

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TRAVIS WOLFF & COMPANY, LLP, AS INDEPENDENT

AUDITORS AND ACCOUNTANTS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §

327(a)

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

THIS MATTER having been opened to the Court by Tarragon Corporation, et al., the within debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), upon an Application for entry of an Order approving the Debtors' retention of Travis Wolff & Company, LLP ("Travis") as their independent auditors and accountants in these proceedings pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) (the "Application"); and the Court having considered the Application and the Affidavit of Richard J. Sowan in support thereof; and the Court being satisfied that Travis does not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Debtors, their estates or creditors, and is a disinterested person within the meaning of Sections 327 and 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, and that said employment would be in the best interest of the estates; and notice of the proposed retention having been given in accordance with the requirements of D.N.J. LBR 2014-1(a), as evidenced by the Certificate of Compliance with D.N.J. LBR 2014-1(a); and for other good cause shown,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors are Tarragon Corporation, Tarragon Development Company, LLC, Tarragon Development Corporation, Tarragon South Development Corp., Tarragon Management, Inc., Bermuda Island Tarragon LLC, Orion Towers Tarragon, LLP, Orlando Central Park, L.L.C., Fenwick Plantation Tarragon, LLC, One Las Olas, Ltd., The Park Development West LLC, 800 Madison Street Urban Renewal, LLC, 900 Monroe Development LLC, Block 88 Development, LLC, Central Square Tarragon LLC, Charleston Tarragon Manager, LLC, Omni Equities Corporation, Tarragon Edgewater Associates, LLC, The Park Development East LLC, and Vista Lakes Tarragon, LLC.

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TRAVIS WOLFF & COMPANY, LLP, AS INDEPENDENT

AUDITORS AND ACCOUNTANTS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §

327(a)

1. The retention of Travis as independent auditors and accountants to the Debtors is hereby authorized and approved on an final basis, effective as of the date of the commencement of these cases, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 2014.

- 2. Any and all compensation to be paid to Travis for services rendered on the Debtors' behalf shall be fixed by application to this Court in accordance with Sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and such Rules of Local and Federal Bankruptcy Procedure as may then be applicable, unless an alternate arrangement for interim compensation is authorized by the Court.
- 3. A true copy of this Order shall be served on all parties-in-interest within seven (7) days hereof.