Page 1 1 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK 2 Case No. 12-11076-shl 3 4 5 In the Matter of: 6 7 ARCAPITA BANK B.S.C.(C), et. al., 8 9 Debtor. 10 11 12 U.S. Bankruptcy Court 13 One Bowling Green 14 New York, New York 15 16 September 19, 2012 17 2:16 PM 18 19 BEFORE: 20 HON SEAN H. LANE 21 U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE 22 23 24 25 ECR OPERATOR: Kathy

Page 2 Hearing re: Motion to Approve/Debtors Motion for an Order Approving Expense Reimbursement in Connection with Prospective Post-Petition Financing. Motion to Authorize/Motion for an Order Confirming the Debtor's Authority to Fund Non-Debtor Affiliate District Cooling Holding Company Limited Transcribed by: Nicole Yawn

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Page 4 PROCEEDINGS 1 2 THE COURT: Please be seated. 3 We're here this afternoon for Arcapita Bank. MR. ROSENTHAL: Good afternoon, Your Honor. 4 5 Michael Rosenthal and Craig Millet, from Gibson, Dunn & 6 Crutcher, on behalf of the Arcapita debtors. 7 MR. DUNNE: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Dennis 8 Dunne, from Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, on behalf of 9 the official creditors' committee. I'm here with my 10 partner, Evan Fleck. 11 THE COURT: All right. 12 Good afternoon to you all. 13 MR. ROSENTHAL: Pretty soon, you're going to have 14 your courtroom back, I assume? 15 THE COURT: Supposedly, at the end of the week, 16 and it'll have the latest technology, for -- for what that's 17 worth. I'm not -- I'm not sure. It may be like handing a bazooka to a small child, but it's -- certainly, we'll be 18 19 capable of doing lots of amazing things, I've been told. 20 MR. ROSENTHAL: Good. 21 Your Honor, let me -- let me start by -- I want to 22 give you just a brief, brief update. We had a hearing not 23 -- not two weeks ago, but there have been a couple small developments since then. One of the most important is that 24 25 -- I'm going to embarrass two people in the room today.

Prominent in our case have been the joint provisional liquidators. They happen to be in the courtroom with us today, Simon Appell and Mark Skelton, from Zolfo Cooper and -- out of London.

THE COURT: All right.

I'm happy to have you here.

MR. ROSENTHAL: Your Honor, since we last met, we had last week a significant meeting in London with the committee, advisers, standard charter advisers, the ad hoc committee advisers, and the -- and the joint provisional liquidators followed the next day by a meeting with the committee members themselves and the committee advisers. We discussed the business plan that had been circulated previously to then. We discussed issues related to the -- to the IPL, and I think it was -- I think it was generally very productive for people finally to get together in the same room and sit -- sit face-to-face and have those discussions.

We -- as you know, we -- I -- I also report to the Court on what our cash position is. Our cash position as of -- as of today is \$47.6 million, but, of course, one of the reasons that we're here today is to talk about the beginning stages of implementing a debtor-in-possession financing.

We have two motions up today, both of which have been resolved in terms of any objections that have been

filed. The first one, Your Honor, is the debtor's motion for a limited expense reimbursement up to a cap of \$500,000 in connection with negotiation documentation of proposed DIP financing. No party has objected to the motion.

Standard Chartered Bank, our only secured lender, filed a reservation of rights, where they did not object to the expense reimbursement, but they did note that they have a security interest in four pieces of collateral, the equity in long-term holdings, the equity in the three subsidiaries, Rail Invest (ph), Wind Turbine, and AEIB2 (ph), that are in -- that are in these Chapter 11 cases, and, Your Honor, they had said in their pleadings -- and we will confirm that it's currently not our intention to prime any of those four positions with -- in connection with debtor-in-possession financing.

The committee did not object, but, as we have had throughout this case, we had discussions with the committee before the objection deadline, and, as you'll see later, we built into the -- into the -- the order some protections for the committee so that they have a right to object to requested invoices to reimburse for fees and expenses.

Your Honor, we have filed in support of the motion the declaration of Bernard Douton, from Rothschild.

Mr. Douton is a managing director of Rothschild, which is the company's investment banker. He's in court today and

- can answer any questions the Court may have. His declaration details sort of what we've been through in terms of -- and what Rothschild went through in terms of the DIP marketing process. I would ask that Mr. Douton's declaration be admitted into evidence.
 - THE COURT: All right.
- 7 Anyone have any objection?
- 8 (No audible response)

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- 9 All right. So admitted.
- 10 (Debtor's Exhibit, Mr. Douton's Declaration, was
 11 admitted)
- 12 MR. ROSENTHAL: Thank you, Your Honor.

Your Honor, as you know, we have taken steps throughout this case to ensure that the debtor's liquidity position is adequate. At each hearing, I've told the Court exactly where we stand in terms of available cash, how we fare actual versus projected budget. We're always ahead of -- ahead of actual budget in terms of reduced expenses and increased revenue.

To reinforce liquidity, again, as I've told the

Court, we -- we initiated a rigorous process to identify

potential DIP sources. Rothschild, after circulating a

confidential offering information memorandum, approached 29

separate potential lenders. Eighteen of them signed

confidentiality agreements and engaged in some level of

diligence, and ultimately, we received seven indications of interest, and we sent people back to the drawing boards and said no, we want -- we want firm proposals, and we received two firm proposals last week.

We have not entered into a commitment letter at this point with either potential counterparty, and we continue to negotiate the terms of the financing, but each of those counterparties is -- is insistent that we obtain some measure of expense reimbursement for them, as they are -- as they are spending time and money. Now, we do not intend to pay expense reimbursement to both. We intend to select one and -- and provide expense reimbursement to that one selected bidder.

We believe, Your Honor, that this kind of expense protection is -- is typical, and, in fact, in this particular case, it's -- it's particularly appropriate because of the unusual nature of the financing we're looking for. We are looking for Shariah-compliant post-petition financing, which, to our knowledge, has never been done before.

We are seeking, as I said, Your Honor, authority to pay an expense reimbursement of \$500,000. We believe it constitutes a sound exercise of the debtor's business judgment and that, without approving this expense reimbursement, neither of these lenders will continue to

move forward expeditiously with their -- with their due diligence and to a full-blown commitment letter.

Your Honor, we -- we are not at this point at liberty to actually disclose these two names to the Court.

We have, though, shared all of the information, all of the proposals, you know, all of the indications of interest with the committee. The committee is fully aware and the JPLs are fully aware of the -- of the proposals we've -- we've -- we've received, and we think that there is clearly precedent in this district, and I would refer the Court to the Eastman Kodak case and the Borders Group case for approving payment of expense reimbursements to unnamed counterparties.

Your Honor, if I may approach, there are some changes to the order that we negotiated to resolve the -- the committee's objection.

THE COURT: Yes, please.

Thank you.

MR. ROSENTHAL: So, Your Honor, these -- these changes were as a result of input, not only from the committee, but also from the -- from the -- the proposed DIP financing parties. If you turn to page 2, you'll see that on page 2, we have clarified that the payments would be made for actual and reasonable costs and expenses upon delivery of -- of invoices. So we have -- we have a documentation requirement that I think is consistent with -- with other --

other similar orders.

We had previously had in this section a proviso that provided the committee with, in effect, a right to see -- see the -- see the invoices and be consulted with respect to the invoices. As you can see in paragraph four, we've changed that right to a right to object.

So the procedure that is implemented by paragraphs three and four is that we will receive the invoices. We will transmit them to the committee promptly, and both the committee and the debtors will have three days in which to review and object to the invoices, and, to the extent -- to the extent that there is an objection to the invoices, if you look at paragraph five, that those disputed fees and costs will not be paid, absent either a resolution by the committee and the debtors and the potential lender or resolution by the Court.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. ROSENTHAL: Now, there is one other -- there is one other concept that has changed here. The lenders have asked us to -- instead of having a -- submitting an invoice and then, reimbursing them, they have asked to have an -- an expense deposit put up in the amount of \$500,000. We -- we have agreed to that, and we thought about it long and hard. We discussed it with the committee. The committee supports the provision of this deposit because of

the objection mechanisms in the order, but I just point out
two points to the Court.

One, we're only authorized to pay actual and reasonable documented fees and expenses. So, having the money in the hands of the lender doesn't mean they're going to get it, if they don't have actual and reasonable documented fees and expenses, and second, as we're both entitled, the committee and the debtors, to raise an objection to any invoice, if we raise the objection, they cannot withdraw money from the -- from the expense deposit.

THE COURT: Can you tell me, or is it problematic to say it in open court, as to where the funds would be deposited, whether it would be in the United States or overseas, because I know there's been a lot of discussion about assets of the estate and where they are, whether they're subject to the jurisdiction of the Court?

MR. ROSENTHAL: I -- I can't tell you exactly,
Your Honor. My sense would be the United States.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. ROSENTHAL: The -- the -- my sense would be -- these are -- I don't think we would have any problem with having these parties deposited in the United States, quite frankly.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. ROSENTHAL: They're -- the -- the second --

the second change we made at the request of the lenders is it's -- these lenders have started doing some of their due diligence, and they wanted the expense reimbursement to apply to fees that they -- and expenses that they incurred before September 7th, and we had agreed to that as -- as has the committee. Based on that, Your Honor, we would ask the Court to enter the proposed order.

THE COURT: All right.

Anyone want to be heard in connection with this request?

MR. DUNNE: Good afternoon, Your Honor. Dennis

Dunne, from Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, on behalf of

the official creditors' committee, and I'll -- I'll be brief

here.

We wish we were in a position where we did not need to seek debtor-in-possession financing at this juncture in the case. We support entry of the motion today, because we found ourselves where we are. It's the economic realities of the case, but we are going to be looking for ways to minimize the costs associated with the DIP, and there's a couple of kind of big-ticket items to do that.

One is the return of the funds that are currently on deposit at some local banks in the -- in the Middle East.

We had discussed this at a previous hearing, Your Honor, and we thought we would have those funds returned by now. They

were basically amounts that were put on deposit at local banks in the weeks prior to the filing, which, under U.S. law, would be a classic, you know, elevation of your rights.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. DUNNE: You wouldn't have setoff rights, because you've improved your position within the 90 days prior to the filing. We're still working on that. We may need Your Honor's help on that in the near-term.

The other factor that will move the needle on ultimate -- ultimate costs associated with the DIP is just how long we stay in Chapter 11. There -- there -- there's a critical need to expedite the case, and, while I agree with Mr. Rosenthal that the meetings that we had were productive last week in London, they were productive from the sense of information and views were aired and shared, but we did not reach agreement on what is the best path for exit right now. Actually, we're not presented with a proposal yet. They're still working on that.

We need to do that in the near-term, and

Your Honor's going to hear a lot of this in upcoming

hearings, whether it's with respect to exclusivity or a

management incentive plan and the like. Also, all we're

approving today is expense reimbursement. It leaves open

for another day the appropriate terms of bar and what are

the interest rates, what are the fees, what's an appropriate

covenant package, and most importantly for us, what are the anticipated borrowing costs. What -- what do we think we're going to find ourselves at the end of the case with what quantum of DIP borrowings that has to be satisfied in full before all creditors get a recovery? But all of that's for another day. For today, Mr. Rosenthal said -- as he accurately informed the Court, the order includes our latest set of comments, and we are supportive of its entry.

THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

Anyone else want to be heard?

(No audible response)

All right. Based on the information I have in front of me and the consent of the committee, I'm happy to approve the expense reimbursement that's sought. I would just ask for two minor tweaks to the order. One is a very standard tweak, which is paragraph one. The motion is granted to the extent provided herein, and two is to just add something to reflect the -- the fact that the deposit that -- the expense deposit, and I think which is defined in paragraph eight, is going to be made -- essentially, kept somewhere in the United States.

MR. ROSENTHAL: That's fine, Your Honor. We'll -- we will add that and resubmit the order.

THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

MR. ROSENTHAL: Now, before I turn it over to the

-- to talk about AGUD, which is also resolved, let me -- let me just raise the timing issue.

Based on the discussion with the two potential lenders, we -- we believe that, in order to, again, move this process forward, we are going to have to have two hearings, if the Court can -- can accommodate us. We think we're going to have to have a hearing to approve a commitment letter and then, a hearing to actually approve the -- the -- the DIP.

The commitment letter would provide the lender with certain protections that -- exclusivity-type protections are -- there are things we're -- we're still talking about, but -- but, from what we've heard from each of these parties, this will be important to them to proceed to -- to file the documentation. They want to make sure they're protected. They're going to be spending a lot of time and effort in this process.

We think, again, that's common. There are other instances in this -- in this jurisdiction of that.

We do have a hearing on October 2nd, and we do have one on October 9th. So what -- what we -- what we are hoping is that we can sign a commitment letter by the end of the week, file a motion, and try to get that heard on a shortened -- on a shortened notice at the October 2nd hearing, and then, we would file a -- the -- the financing

motion and get that heard at the October 9th hearing.

We think we'll have enough time to get it done so that the relief on October 9 would not have to be interim relief. We need 15 days. But, if we don't, then we'll have to -- we'll have to get interim relief and have a -- and have another -- and have another hearing, but we -- we understand the 15-day requirement for that.

THE COURT: All right.

I'll just say October is shaping up to be a rather hectic month. I think right now I have three trials set of varying lengths, anywhere from a few days to as much as a week. I don't know whether all these things that have been promised will actually occur, but it -- to the extent you can minimize the number of hearings required, that's -- that's probably a good thing, and certainly, we'll get you in, if -- if it needs to be done, for the betterment of the -- of the case, but less hearings is -- is probably preferable, just so you don't have to live with some uncertainties we jockey around for dates.

MR. ROSENTHAL: We'll try, Your Honor, but I -but I know that there's going to be a push to try to get
something in front of you early October. So --

THE COURT: Well, it's -- well, I -- I think the 2nd or the 9th seem to make some sense. It's just, to the extent that you can't get it teed up by the 9th and we're

Page 17 1 talking about a third hearing --2 MR. ROSENTHAL: I -- I --3 THE COURT: And -- and I think the later in the month you go, the -- the more problematic it -- it becomes. 4 5 MR. ROSENTHAL: Fine. 6 THE COURT: At least, at the moment. That -- that 7 may all resolve itself in some miraculous set of events, but 8 9 MR. ROSENTHAL: Thank you, Your Honor. 10 MR. DUNNE: On -- on that, Your Honor, this is the 11 first we're hearing of the bifurcation, and I -- I recognize that it's common to have an interim hearing for debtor-in-12 possession financing and then, have a final hearing 13 14 thereafter. That's usually when you're rushing into the 15 case on -- on the first day and you -- and you need to 16 borrow. 17 I don't know, frankly, why we can't do both on the 9th. Meaning, typically, there's a need for borrowing so 18 19 that the -- the estate is getting those -- those loaned 20 dollars in exchange for some portion of the fees and the 21 rest of the economics that get approved on an interim basis, 22 and then, you come back on a final. I don't know why, since 23 we don't have a need to borrow between the 2nd and the 9th, 24 why we can't just do this all at once on the 9th. 25 THE COURT: Well, the -- the one thing that I

thought and didn't say, but now I -- I think I will is when I heard that they may have a desire to get the commitment letter and that it would give them a certain amount of -- of incentives is probably not the full word, but some sort of comfort, incentive and a sort of a stake in things as it goes forward. I think, obviously, the expense reimbursement motion does a lot of that.

So, to the extent that it can be teed up to be heard on the requisite notice on the 9th, that -- that probably makes the most sense, and, to the extent that it helps for your conversations with them for me to say that, you can report to them that I said that, just -- just because I think one-stop-shopping may be beneficial, but it may be, to the extent that there is a benefit to getting some of the information out there, certainly, nothing prevents filing on the docket the information as soon as possible so that the discussions can begin and -- and communications can -- can start.

MR. ROSENTHAL: Understood, Your Honor. We'll -- we'll communicate that to the prospective lenders.

THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

MR. ROSENTHAL: May I turn it over to Mr. Millet?

THE COURT: Certainly.

MR. MILLET: Again, Your Honor, Craig Millet, for the debtors.

THE COURT: Afternoon.

MR. MILLET: I'm going to address the second matter, Your Honor, which is also resolved with respect to -- it has several names. We call it District Cooling, which is what it's called in the motion, and it deals with operations of a chilling facility, a cooling facility in Abu Dhabi, which as, you can imagine, is very near and dear to the hearts of those who are customers of that service.

When we presented our budget last -- earlier this month, on September 5, we -- we did have agreement with the committee and others as to all items of the budget, with the exception of this \$1.9 million in funding for District Cooling. We then agreed at that hearing that the remainder of the budget would be approved. We could make those expenditures. This item would remain in the budget. It would be approved in the eighth interim cash management order, but we would not fund this amount, absent a further order of the Court, which was going to be considered today, or an agreement with the committee.

As you know, we have reached an agreement, and we're pleased that -- that we don't have to go forward at least litigating whether or not to make this \$1.9 million.

We -- we reached that agreement based on the discussions we had in London last week that Mr. Rosenthal referenced in which we did have a chance to talk to both the professionals

of the committee as well as the committee itself, and then, after we had filed our brief and before we had responded to any discovery and before any opposition was filed by the committee or anyone else, we did reach an agreement six days after we filed our brief, and we advised the Court.

Now, we understood that the committee was going to file something that reflected the fact that they no longer had an objection, and we expected that to occur, but, when we received the pleading that was filed yesterday, we were a little bit surprised because it did go into a considerable discussion as to how or why a resolution was reached. We feel that it makes misrepresentations of facts as to how that occurred and that --

THE COURT: Well, you know, as I think I've said before, I -- I don't need to parse that, and so, I -- I understand folks sometimes have a need to say things, but it sounds like the ultimate resolution is -- is just that, a resolution of -- of the need for this and the committee's assent to the -- the expenditure.

MR. MILLET: Exactly, Your Honor. We -- we did not want to be in the position of litigating why a resolution was reached.

THE COURT: No, no, that --

MR. MILLET: It's difficult to resist, but we --

THE COURT: I think that --

Page 21 1 MR. MILLET: -- did not file a response. 2 THE COURT: We all have better things to do. 3 MR. MILLET: Right. And so, just suffice it to 4 say we disagree substantially with the position then. 5 Having said that, moving on to the -- the end here, because 6 the -- the expenditure was included in the budget that was 7 approved by the Court in the eighth cash management order, 8 this matter can be resolved without the entry of a further 9 order. 10 THE COURT: All right. 11 MR. MILLET: So, since we do have agreement, the money has been funded, and this matter should be at a 12 13 conclusion without the need of a further order of the Court. 14 THE COURT: All right. All right. 15 Any comments from the committee? 16 MR. FLECK: No, Your Honor. The committee is 17 pleased to have reached a resolution of the dispute. 18 THE COURT: All right. 19 MR. FLECK: Thank you. 20 THE COURT: Again, I appreciate all the efforts of 21 parties to reach resolutions on things like this. 22 Obviously, you're much closer to the facts than I am, and 23 the process has served the case very well. So certainly, to 24 the extent that you can all sing Kumbaya on every issue does -- does not reflect poorly on anybody. It's a -- it's a 25

Page 22 1 very interesting and unique case. So -- so again, I 2 appreciate all your efforts. 3 And so then, the upshot of today is just the entry of the one order approving the expense reimbursement, and 4 I'll wait for a revised order to be sent by e-mail, and 5 6 we'll get that entered as soon as we get it. 7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Your Honor. THE COURT: Thank you. 8 9 Anything else we should discuss? 10 (No audible response) 11 All right. Thank you. 12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you, Your Honor, for 13 your time. 14 (Proceeding concluded at 2:40 PM.) 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25

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