

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

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In re:	)	
	)	Chapter 11
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CAESARS ENTERTAINMENT OPERATING	)	Case No. 15-01145 (ABG)
COMPANY, INC., <u>et al.</u> , <sup>1</sup>	)	
	)	
Debtors.	)	(Joint Administration Requested)
	)	
	)	Re: Docket No. <u>7</u>

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**INTERIM ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO  
PAY CERTAIN PREPETITION (A) WAGES, SALARIES, AND  
OTHER COMPENSATION, (B) REIMBURSABLE EMPLOYEE  
EXPENSES, AND (C) OBLIGATIONS RELATING TO MEDICAL AND  
OTHER BENEFITS PROGRAMS, AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon the motion (the "Motion") of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") for entry of an interim order (this "Interim Order") (I) authorizing the Debtors to pay in the ordinary course of business certain prepetition (a) wages, salaries, and other compensation described below, (b) reimbursable employee expenses, and (c) obligations relating to medical and other benefits programs, (II) granting related relief, and (III) scheduling a hearing to consider approval of the Motion on a final basis, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and the Court having found that the Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and the Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and the Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this

<sup>1</sup> The last four digits of Caesars Entertainment Operating Company, Inc.'s tax identification number are 1623. Due to the large number of Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, for which the Debtors have requested joint administration, a complete list of the Debtors and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' proposed claims and noticing agent at <https://cases.primeclerk.com/CEOC>.

district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and the Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and the Court having found that the Debtors provided appropriate notice of the Motion and the opportunity for a hearing on the Motion under the circumstances; and the Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before the Court (the "Hearing"); and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court; 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. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

2. ~~The final hearing (the "Final Hearing") on the Motion shall be held on~~  
~~\_\_\_\_\_ 2015, at \_\_\_\_\_ [a/p]m, prevailing Central Time.~~ Any objections or responses to entry of the final order must be filed on or before Feb. 9, 2015, at 4:00 p.m., prevailing Central Time, and served on the following parties: (a) the Debtors, One Caesars Palace Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89109, Attn: Timothy J. Lambert; (b) proposed counsel for the Debtors, Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 300 North LaSalle, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Attn: David R. Seligman, P.C. and Jeffrey D. Pawlitz, Esq.; and Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn: Nicole L. Greenblatt, Esq.; (c) counsel to Caesars Entertainment Corp., Inc., Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, 1285 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019, Attn: Jeffrey D. Saferstein, Esq. and Samuel E. Lovett, Esq.; (d) counsel for the First Lien Note Group, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, 1177 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036, Attn: Kenneth H. Eckstein, Esq. and Daniel M.

Eggermann, Esq.; (e) counsel for the First Lien Credit Agreement Group, Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP, 180 Maiden Lane, New York, New York 10038, Attn: Kristopher M. Hansen, Esq. and Jonathan D. Canfield, Esq.; (f) counsel for the indenture trustee under the First Lien Notes Indenture, Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP, 575 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn: Craig A. Barbarosh, Esq. and Karen B. Dine, Esq.; (g) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Northern District of Illinois, 219 South Dearborn Street, Suite 873, Chicago, Illinois 60604; (h) counsel to any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases; and (i) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. In the event no objections to entry of a final order on the Motion are timely received, this Court may enter such final order without need for the Final Hearing.

3. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to continue to honor the Employee Compensation and Benefits and to pay any prepetition amounts due in connection therewith (either directly or to CES for payment or remittance, as applicable); provided that, pending entry of the Final Order, the Debtors shall not honor any Employee Compensation and Benefits obligations that exceed the priority amounts set forth in sections 507(a)(4) or 507(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.

4. The Debtors are authorized to issue postpetition checks, or to effect postpetition wire transfer requests, in replacement of any checks or wire transfer requests in respect of payments of prepetition obligations described in the Motion that are dishonored or rejected.

5. Notwithstanding the relief granted in this Interim Order and any actions taken pursuant to such relief, nothing in this Interim Order shall be deemed: (a) an admission as to the validity of any prepetition claim against a Debtor entity; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' right to dispute any prepetition claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any

prepetition claim; (d) an implication or admission that any particular claim is of a type specified or defined in this Interim Order or the Motion; (e) a request or authorization to assume any prepetition agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; or (f) a waiver of the Debtors' rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law.

6. The banks and financial institutions on which checks were drawn or electronic payment requests made in payment of the prepetition obligations approved herein are authorized and directed to receive, process, honor, and pay all such checks and electronic payment requests when presented for payment, and all such banks and financial institutions are authorized to rely on the Debtors' designation of any particular check or electronic payment request as approved by this Interim Order.

7. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the relief granted in this Interim Order and any payment to be made hereunder shall be subject to the terms of any orders granting the use of cash collateral approved by this Court in these chapter 11 cases (including with respect to any budgets governing or relating to such use), and to the extent there is any inconsistency between the terms of such cash collateral orders and any action taken or proposed to be taken hereunder, the terms of such cash collateral orders shall control.

8. The contents of the Motion satisfy the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b).

9. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

10. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Interim Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

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11. Notwithstanding Local Rule 5005-3(D), the Debtors are authorized to file the Motion in an amount exceeding 15 pages without filing a separate motion for relief.

12. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Interim Order in accordance with the Motion.

~~13. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Interim Order.~~ AEO

Dated: 15 JAN 2015  
Chicago, Illinois

  
United States Bankruptcy Judge