

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**BRENDA SMITH, BROAD REACH
CAPITAL, LP, BROAD REACH
PARTNERS, LLC, and BRISTOL
ADVISORS, LLC,**

Defendants.

C. A. No. 2:19-cv-17213 (JKS)

Motion Day: Feb. 20, 2024

**NOTICE OF MOTION OF RECEIVER, KEVIN DOOLEY KENT, FOR
APPROVAL OF THIRTEENTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION FOR THE
PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the undersigned, on behalf of the Receiver, Kevin Dooley Kent, will move before the Honorable Jamel K. Semper, U.S.D.J., United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse, 50 Walnut Street, Newark, New Jersey 07101, on February 20, 2024, or as soon thereafter as the Court permits, at a date and time to be determined by the Court, for Approval of the Receiver's Thirteenth Interim Fee Application for the Period July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, in support of this Motion, the undersigned will rely upon the accompanying Interim Fee Application with exhibits attached thereto, which incorporates and is in lieu of a more formal brief, and which is incorporated herein by reference.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the undersigned requests that the proposed form of Order submitted herewith be entered by the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 1/23/2024

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Pursuant to the Court's Order Appointing Receiver dated June 29, 2020, Kevin Dooley Kent, Receiver, hereby submits this Thirteenth Interim Fee Application for the Period July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023, and moves for approval of payment of fees and expenses invoiced by the Receiver, the Receiver's Counsel (Clark Hill PLC) and the Court-appointed accountant to the Receiver, Alvarez & Marsal Disputes and Investigations, LLC ("the Application").

The balance in the Receivership Accounts as of the close of the thirteenth quarter was \$7,773,911.13. The Receiver and his Counsel continue to focus their efforts on preserving and maximizing Receivership Assets, with the current foci on pursuing claims informally and through litigation, and evaluating, negotiating and managing claims asserted against the Receivership Estate. The Receiver's Accountants continue to provide forensic and expert support as needed in connection with the pursuit of affirmative claims, including serving as the Receiver's expert witness when appropriate, assist with quantifying and evaluating claims asserted against the Estate, manage the document repository, perform tax-related services for the Receivership, and support the Receiver in his negotiations with the IRS.

This interim fee application focuses on developments during the thirteenth quarter of the Receivership. The Receiver incorporates by reference his prior interim fee applications with respect to events that took place in prior quarters.

I. BACKGROUND

This action involves an investment advisory fraud in connection with which Defendants, Brenda A. Smith (“Brenda Smith” or “Smith”), Broad Reach Capital, LP, Broad Reach Partners, LLC and Bristol Advisors, LLC, are alleged to have raised in excess of \$100 million from at least forty (40) investors, based upon false representations regarding trading strategies to be implemented when, in reality, the vast majority of these investments were funneled into unrelated companies, used to pay back other investors, or utilized for personal use. (ECF No. 1). It is estimated that investors are still owed over \$60 million in principal. Brenda Smith pled guilty to committing securities fraud in connection with Broad Reach Capital on September 9, 2021, in *USA v. Smith*, No. 2:20-cr-00475-MCA (D.N.J.). Smith was sentenced to 109 months in prison on May 4, 2022.

On June 29, 2020, this Court appointed Mr. Kent as Receiver to assume control of, marshal, pursue and preserve assets of Defendant, Brenda Smith, and the Receivership Parties¹ (hereinafter “Receivership Assets” or “Receivership Estate”). Receivership Order, Whereas ¶ 3; ¶¶ 1–3, 5 (ECF No. 22). The Receivership Order

¹ The Receivership Parties include Broad Reach Capital, LP, Broad Reach Partners, LLC, Bristol Advisors, LLC, BA Smith & Associates LLC, Bristol Advisors LP, CV Brokerage, Inc., Clearview Distribution Services LLC, CV International Investments Limited, CV International Investments PLC, CV Investments LLC, CV Lending LLC, CV Minerals LLC, BD of Louisiana, LLC, TA1, LLC, FFCC Ventures LLC, Prico Market LLC, GovAdv Funding LLC, Elm Street Investments, LLC, Investment Consulting LLC, and Tempo Resources LLC.

authorized the Receiver to retain the law firm of Conrad O’Brien PC—now Clark Hill PLC (“Clark Hill” or “Law Firm”)² and Alvarez & Marsal Disputes and Investigations, LLC (“Alvarez” or “Accountant”) as his counsel and accountant, respectively (collectively “Retained Personnel”). *Id.*, ¶ 71.

The Receivership Order provides that, subject to the Court’s approval, the Receiver and his Retained Personnel are entitled to reasonable compensation and expense reimbursement from the Receivership Estate. Receivership Order, ¶ 72. The Court-approved fee schedules, which provide substantial discounts from the standard rates of the Law Firm and the Accountant, and which hourly fee rates the Court has already found to be reasonable, are as follows:

<u>Receiver</u>	
Name	Rate
Kevin Dooley Kent	\$510.00
<u>The Law Firm</u>	
Name/Position	Rate
Andrew Gallinaro, Partner	\$365.00
Associate	\$240.00 - \$330.00
Paraprofessional	\$165.00
<u>The Accountant</u>	
Name/Position	Rate
Michael Shanahan, Managing Director	\$550.00
Managing Director/Senior Director	\$550.00 - \$725.00
Directors/Managers	\$425.00 - \$525.00

² On January 17, 2023, the Court entered an order authorizing the Receiver to change his retained Law Firm to Clark Hill in light of his counsel’s February 1, 2023 move to Clark Hill. (ECF Nos. 219, 223).

Sr. Associates/Associates

\$275.00 - \$375.00

Id., ¶¶ 79-83. Additionally, on August 11, 2023, the Court entered an Order appointing Robin S. Weiss as lead counsel for the Receiver, at a rate of \$365.00 per hour. (ECF No. 266). Other than the increase associated with Robin Weiss' appointment as lead counsel to the rate applicable to prior lead counsel (Andrew S. Gallinaro), the Receiver, Law Firm and Accountant have not sought increases in these hourly rates since their appointment three years ago, but anticipate seeking approval for a rate increase in the near future.

Pursuant to the Receivership Order and the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's Billing Instructions for Receivers ("Billing Instructions"), the Receiver, Counsel and the Accountant are to be paid their reasonable fees and expenses out of the Receivership Estate. Upon Order of this Court approving such Application, the Receiver may pay up to eighty percent (80%) of the compensation/professional fees and expenses of the applicants.³ *Id.*, ¶¶ 75, 81, 84.

³ At the close of the Receivership, the Receiver will file a final fee application for reasonable compensation and expense reimbursement, describing in detail the costs and benefits associated with all litigation and other actions pursued by the Receiver during the Receivership. Although Interim Fee Applications are subject to a twenty percent (20%) holdback, "[t]he total amounts held back during the course of the receivership will be paid out at the discretion of the Court as part of the final fee application submitted at the close of the receivership." *Id.*, ¶¶ 74-75.

The Receiver previously submitted this Application to the SEC, in accordance with the Billing Instructions and the Receivership Order. The SEC has advised the Receiver that it does not have any objection to the Application.

This is the Thirteenth Interim application for approval of fees and expenses of the Receiver and his Retained Professionals. A summary of the prior interim fee applications is as follows:

	Total Fees	Fees Requested ⁴	Total Expenses	Expenses Requested ⁵	Status
First Interim Fee Application for the Period June 29, 2020 through September 30, 2020 (ECF No. 43), Filed November 13, 2020					
COB⁶	\$171,760.80	\$137,408.64	\$12,434.25	\$9,947.40	Approved 4/5/21 (ECF No. 70)
Accountant	\$43,577.50	\$34,862.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Second Interim Fee Application for the Period October 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 (ECF No. 50), Filed February 12, 2021					
COB	\$101,076.50	\$80,861.20	\$441.58	\$353.26	Approved 7/6/21 (ECF No. 103)
Accountant	\$155,977.50	\$124,782.00	\$170.00	\$136.00	
Third Interim Fee Application for the Period January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021 (ECF No. 88), Filed May 28, 2021					
COB	\$210,921.00	\$168,736.80	\$510.87	\$408.70	Approved 7/6/21 (ECF No. 104)
Accountant	\$454,867.50	\$363,894.00	\$3,280.70	\$2,624.56	
Fourth Interim Fee Application for the Period April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 (ECF No. 112), Filed August 16, 2021					
COB	\$230,164.50	\$184,131.60	\$7,431.85	\$5,945.48	Approved 9/10/21 (ECF No. 121)
Accountant	\$396,202.50	\$316,962.00	\$4,574.34	\$3,659.47	
Fifth Interim Fee Application for the Period July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 (ECF No. 137), Filed November 24, 2021					
COB	\$170,406.50	\$136,325.20	\$551.38	\$441.10	Approved 2/22/22 (ECF No. 166)
Accountant	\$184,725.00	\$147,780.00	\$5,126.90	\$4,101.52	

⁴ This represents eighty percent (80%) of the total fees.

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⁶ The abbreviation "COB" refers to Conrad O'Brien.

Sixth Interim Fee Application for the Period October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 (ECF No. 174), Filed March 17, 2022					
COB	\$174,076.00	\$139,260.80	\$716.30	\$573.04	Approved 5/5/22 (ECF No. 193)
Accountant	\$239,300.00	\$191,440.00	\$3,236.60	\$2,589.28	
Seventh Interim Fee Application for the Period January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022 (ECF No. 197), Filed June 2, 2022					
COB	\$152,256.00	\$121,804.80	\$1,401.86	\$1,121.49	Approved 6/15/22 (ECF No. 199)
Accountant	\$142,877.50	\$114,302.00	\$3,415.70	\$2,732.56	
Eighth Interim Fee Application for the Period April 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 (ECF No. 209), Filed October 17, 2022					
COB	\$115,067.50	\$92,054.00	\$867.81	\$694.25	Approved 1/5/23 (ECF No. 217)
Advertising Expenses On Behalf of Estate⁷			\$6,119.78	\$6,119.78	
Accountant	\$73,652.50	\$58,922.00	\$2,135.40	\$1,708.32	
Ninth Interim Fee Application for the Period July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022 (ECF No. 119), Filed February 8, 2023					
COB	\$53,462.00	\$42,769.60	\$408.15	\$326.52	Approved 4/27/23 (ECF No. 243)
Accountant	\$47,600.00	\$38,080.00	\$2,947.60	\$2,358.08	
Tenth Interim Fee Application for the Period October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 (ECF No. 247), Filed May 16, 2023					
Receiver	\$16,371.00	\$13,096.80	\$25.71	\$20.57	Approved 6/15/23 (ECF No. 250)
COB	\$44,164.00	\$35,331.20	\$177.21	\$141.77	
Accountant	\$76,845.00	\$61,476.00	\$1,955.50	\$1,564.40	
Eleventh Interim Fee Application for the Period January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023 (ECF No. 251), Filed July 6, 2023					
Receiver	\$11,373.00	\$9,098.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	Approved 11/2/23 (ECF No. 277)
COB	\$21,399.00	\$17,119.20	\$64.00	\$51.20	
CH⁸	\$21,797.00	\$17,437.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Accountant	\$72,020.00	\$57,616.00	\$1,735.20	\$1,388.16	
Twelfth Interim Fee Application for the Period April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 (ECF No. 268), Filed September 19, 2023					
Receiver	\$8,568.00	\$6,854.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	Approved 11/2/23 (ECF No. 278)
CH	\$51,197.50	\$40,958.00	\$374.01	\$299.21	
Accountant	\$59,865.00	\$47,892.00	\$2,294.90	\$1,835.92	

⁷ These represent reimbursement to Conrad O'Brien at a rate of 100% for Estate-related advertising expenses relating to publication of the Notice of Claims Procedure Bar Date in various states.

⁸ The abbreviation "CH" refers to Clark Hill PLC.

II. CASE STATUS

The most time-sensitive issues for resolution in this matter include a decision on the Receiver's First Omnibus Motion for Order Resolving Disputed Non-Investor Claims, originally filed on March 14, 2023 (ECF No. 232), and re-filed on July 13, 2023 (ECF No. 254), and the resolution of a claim asserted by the Internal Revenue Service. With the exception of one deceased claimant whose estate has not responded, the Motion is fully briefed and ripe for review. And while the IRS has elected not to participate in the claims process, the Receiver and the IRS have been in active negotiations regarding the IRS claim, and the Receiver anticipates submitting a proposed settlement with the IRS for the Court's approval in the near future. Once these issues are resolved, the Receiver can formulate and file a motion for a proposed interim distribution. The Receiver is eager to begin analyzing a potential distribution process once the pending claims motion is adjudicated.

A more detailed discussion regarding the current status of the Receivership follows.

A. Cash on Hand, Administrative Expenses, and Unencumbered Funds

As of September 30, 2023, total cash on hand was \$7,773,911.13. The Receiver brought in \$4,000.00 in distributions from OTAF (Holgate) LLC, \$12,887.22 in Receivership Assets held by CV International Investments Limited in

an overseas account with Cidel Bank, and \$54,528.56 in interest earnings on the WSFS savings account during the thirteenth quarter.⁹

The Receiver anticipates that his ongoing pursuit of claims and litigation will result in financial benefit for the Receivership Estate through settlements or judgments. Additionally, \$444,213.08 (plus any accrued interest) remains held in two Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Financial Services (“ICBC”) clearing accounts for CV Brokerage.¹⁰

Administrative expenses paid during the thirteenth quarter total \$3,531.58 and include (a) \$15.73 in Bank of America account analysis fees, (b) \$358.80 in WSFS bank fees, (c) \$297.95 in check order fees, (d) \$2,230.00 to the State of Delaware in state taxes for certain Delaware-based Receivership Parties, and (e) \$629.10 for liability insurance coverage renewal for the BD of Louisiana Property.

For further detail, the Receiver has attached the Standardized Fund Accounting Report (“SFAR”) for the thirteenth quarter as Exhibit “A” to this Application.

⁹ Additionally, WSFS credited \$119.65 in maintenance fees back to the Receiver on July 6, 2023.

¹⁰ These funds are being held pursuant to the Stipulation to Resolve ICBCFS’ Motion to Amend the Amended Order Appointing Receiver (ECF No. 30) and are the subject of a disputed creditor claim asserted by ICBCFS, which is addressed in the First Omnibus Claims Motion described herein.

B. Administration of Case to Date

1. Litigation-Related Activities

a. Motion Practice

The Receiver filed his First Omnibus Motion for Order Resolving Disputed Non-Investor Creditor Claims (“First Omnibus Claims Motion”) on March 14, 2023. (ECF No. 232). On March 28, 2023, the Receiver submitted a proposed briefing schedule for the First Omnibus Claims Motion. (ECF No. 234). In response to this request, the Court set a briefing schedule and administratively terminated the First Omnibus Claims Motion without prejudice on March 29, 2023. (ECF No. 235).

Pursuant to the Court’s adjusted briefing schedule, the Receiver re-filed the First Omnibus Claims Motion, with new notice of motion and amended proposed order, on July 13, 2023. (ECF No. 254). The Receiver thereafter filed the responses of Galvin Investment Company, LLC (ECF No. 255), Industrial and Commercial Bank of China Financial Services LLC (ECF No. 256), and Alpha Capital Trading Group, LLC (ECF No. 257). Finally, the Receiver filed his Omnibus Reply in Support of the First Omnibus Claims Motion, which had been served upon all interested parties on July 10, 2023. (ECF No. 258).¹¹ Alpha Capital Trading Group,

¹¹ The Receiver filed a July 11, 2023 Supplement to the Omnibus Reply, advising the Court that Robert Cornish (former counsel for William McCormack) e-mailed counsel for the Receiver advising that “[w]e are in the process of opening an estate in Collier County, Florida so that we can oppose dismissal of Bill’s claim and deal with his other litigation matters . . . , assuming the Florida court appoints us as

LLC thereafter filed a further Reply on August 3, 2023. (ECF No. 263). The First Omnibus Claims Motion has not yet been ruled upon.

The Receiver filed a Motion to Permit b1BANK to Initiate Mortgage Foreclosure Proceedings and Proceed with the Public Sale of Real Property Owned by BD of Louisiana, LLC on July 18, 2023 (ECF No. 259). The Motion was granted on July 19, 2023. (ECF No. 260). B1Bank initiated executory proceedings on or about August 11, 2023.

On August 11, 2023, the Court granted the Receiver's Motion (ECF No. 264) to appoint Robin S. Weiss as lead counsel in this matter. (ECF No. 266).

counsel. I would ask that you reference that Bill's claim remains outstanding until his estate appoints counsel to deal with the objection." (ECF No. 258-1). Mr. Cornish requested that the disposition of Mr. McCormack's claims be held in abeyance "until his estate appoints counsel to litigate such matters."

Since that time, the Receiver has attempted to investigate the status of Mr. McCormack's estate proceedings, which are captioned *In Re: Estate of William Thomas McCormack*, No. 11-2023-CP-001853-0001-XX, proceeding in the Circuit Court for Collier County, Florida. Based upon a review of the limited information available on the public docket, there was a dispute over who would serve as personal representative. Thus, the Receiver e-mailed all known counsel involved in the action on August 16, 2023 and October 3, 2023, placing them on notice of the Receivership Order and Mr. McCormack's disputed creditor claim, and requesting that they provide an update once the personal representative issues are resolved and/or decided. On October 31, 2023, i.e. after the close of the thirteenth quarter, the Court appointed Gregory J. Ritter as successor personal representative of the Estate of William McCormack. The Receiver has not heard from Mr. Ritter or anyone affiliated with him since his appointment. In fact, the only person who has provided the Receiver with any updates since Mr. Ritter's appointment is Mr. McCormack's former counsel, Robert V. Cornish, Jr.

b. Lawsuits Filed on Behalf of the Receivership Estate

The Receiver filed twelve (12) lawsuits during prior quarters. Four (4) of those lawsuits have been settled and closed:

- 1) ***Kevin D. Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Medical Consultants Instructional Training Center, et al., No. 2:21-cv-13104 (D.N.J.):*** This case was closed following the Court's approval of the settlement on August 4, 2022. (ECF No. 28). However, the defendants have not satisfied all of their payment obligations under the Settlement Agreement, and two of the defendants have filed for bankruptcy protection. The Receiver submitted a claim on behalf of the Receivership Estate in the bankruptcy action filed by Medical Construction Industrial Training Center, LLC in the District of New Jersey on June 28, 2023. The Receiver also submitted a claim on behalf of the Receivership Estate in the bankruptcy action filed by Carol Johnston in the District of New Jersey on August 24, 2023.
- 2) ***Kevin Dooley Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Larry Hooper, et al., No 2:22-cv-01876 (D.N.J.):*** This case was closed following the Court's approval of the settlement on August 29, 2022. (ECF No. 15).
- 3) ***Kevin Dooley Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Jeffrey Bydalek, et al., No 2:22-cv-01811 (D.N.J.):*** This case was dismissed on January 30, 2013 (ECF No. 39), following the Court's approval of the settlement on January 20, 2023. (ECF No. 35).
- 4) ***Kevin Dooley Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Richard Shawn Ellis, et al., No. 2:21-cv-20754 (D.N.J.):*** The Receiver filed a Motion to Approve the Settlement on September 21, 2023. (ECF No. 74). The Receiver likewise filed a Notice of Settlement in this action that same day. (ECF No. 270). The Court approved the settlement after the close of the thirteenth quarter on November 2, 2023 (ECF No. 78), and the case was dismissed on November 14, 2023. (ECF No. 81).

Another lawsuit has been closed following the entry of a default judgment:

- 5) ***Kevin Dooley Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Edward C. Britton, et al., No. 2:22-cv-02845 (D.N.J.):*** The Receiver obtained a default judgment against the defendants on August 16, 2023. (ECF No. 8). The Receiver filed a request for the award of pre- and post-judgment interest on September 15, 2023. (ECF No. 10). On October 4, 2023, the Court entered an amended default judgment award against the defendants in the amount of \$1,739,863.50, inclusive of the principal sum of \$1,129,845.50, plus pre- and post-judgment interest, and closed the case. (ECF No. 11).

The status of the remaining seven (7) lawsuits as of the close of the thirteenth quarter is as follows:

- 6) ***Kevin D. Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Emperor Global Enterprises LLP, et al., No. 2:21-cv-13099 (D.N.J.):*** Defendants' Motion to Dismiss Complaint for lack of jurisdiction as to all defendants (except Emperor Global Enterprises LLP) (ECF No. 72) was fully briefed (*See* ECF Nos. 73, 74), and oral argument took place on July 24, 2023. On July 25, 2023, the Court entered an Order denying the Motion to Dismiss. (ECF No. 100). The parties are proceeding with discovery.
- 7) ***Kevin D. Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Richard C. Galvin, et al., No. 2:21-cv-13105 (D.N.J.):*** Counsel for the corporate defendants re-entered their appearance on May 23, 2023. Accordingly, following a status conference held on June 27, 2023, the Court entered an order directing the clerk to vacate the default entered against them on June 27, 2023. (ECF No. 54). The parties are proceeding with discovery.
- 8) ***Kevin Dooley Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Agostinho Calcada, No. 2:21-cv-18396 (D.N.J.):*** Discovery is closed. The Receiver filed his Motion for Summary Judgment on April 27, 2023 (ECF No. 34), which was administratively terminated without prejudice, to be re-filed pursuant to an adjusted briefing schedule. Defendant submitted his response on July 6, 2023. The Receiver submitted his reply on August 7, 2023. The Receiver thereafter re-filed the Motion (ECF No. 45), Defendant's Response (ECF No. 47), and the Receiver's Reply (ECF

No. 48) on August 11, 2023 pursuant to the Court's adjusted briefing schedule.

- 9) ***Kevin Dooley Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Renato Iregui, et al., No. 2:21-cv-20691 (D.N.J.)***: Fact discovery is now closed, and the parties are proceeding with expert discovery. In connection therewith, the Receiver produced the expert report of his Accountant on September 22, 2023. A settlement conference is scheduled for January 22, 2024.
- 10) ***Kevin Dooley Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Jordan Denise, et al., No. 2:22-cv-00388 (D.N.J.)***: The parties have been involved in a discovery dispute regarding Ms. Denise's failure to appear for her deposition. (ECF No. 54). Ms. Denise has been ordered to appear for deposition by no later than November 20, 2023. (ECF No. 58).
- 11) ***Surefire Dividend Capture, LP and Kevin Dooley Kent, Esq., as Receiver v. The Nottingham Company, et al., No. 19-CV-04088-BMS (E.D. Pa.)***: The parties are conducting discovery.
- 12) ***Kevin Dooley Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Ronald Hightower, et al., No. 2:22-cv-01195 (D.N.J.)***: The Receiver's Motion to Dismiss Defendants' Counterclaims (ECF No. 31) was fully briefed (ECF Nos. 38, 39), and oral argument took place on July 24, 2023. On July 25, 2023, the Court entered an order staying the Counterclaims until the termination of the Receivership and the lifting of the Stay imposed by the Receivership Order. (ECF No. 48). The parties are proceeding with fact discovery.

Additionally, the Receiver filed a thirteenth lawsuit on behalf of the Receivership Estate captioned *Kevin Dooley Kent, in his capacity as Receiver v. Hector Valdes, et al.*, No. 2:23-cv-20475 (D.N.J.) against Bluwater Holdings Corp. ("Bluwater"), Hector Valdes, Doggtek, LLC, FOGO Resources, Terranovus Corp., Underground Resources, Ltd., Valdesco, Ltd., and ZROC International, Ltd. on

September 19, 2023. The Complaint asserts fraudulent/voidable transfer and unjust enrichment claims against Bluwater, seeking to recover a net of \$7,752,976.43 in Receivership Assets transferred to Bluwater from Broad Reach Capital, TA1, Investment Consulting, and CV Investments, and asserts a demand for accounting against all defendants.

2. Storage & Sale of Belongings and Data

In total, the Receiver has recovered \$14,188.20 in net proceeds from the sale of personal property through eighteen (18) auctions over the course of the Receivership, after payment of commissions and related expenses.¹² The Receiver does not currently possess any other marketable personal property.

The Receiver continues to hold professional equipment and the original books and records of the Receivership Parties. Brenda Smith arranged for the pick-up of personal, sentimental items without significant resale value on April 6, 2023.

3. Louisiana Property

Despite aggressive marketing efforts and numerous price reductions, including a reduction to \$495,000.00 on August 25, 2022, the Receiver was unable to secure a private buyer for the Louisiana property owned by BD of Louisiana, LLC (“the Property”) at a price which would satisfy the requirements of 28 U.S.C. §

¹² Gross sale proceeds to date total \$19,516.50, which are offset by commissions and other related expenses totaling \$5,328.30 to date.

2001(b) and cover the balance of the mortgage held by b1BANK. Accordingly, on June 30, 2023, the Receiver entered into a Creditor Agreement with b1BANK, authorizing it to initiate mortgage foreclosure proceedings against BD of Louisiana, LLC in Louisiana.

The basic terms of the Agreement are as follows:

- The Receiver was to file a motion in this action to lift the stay for the limited purpose of allowing b1BANK to proceed with an executory process (e.g., foreclosure) proceeding in Louisiana state court—specifically, the 21st Judicial District Court for the Parish of Tangipahoa.
- Following Louisiana’s requirements for executory process proceedings, b1BANK will remit payment of all fees, deposits, and commissions in connection with the foreclosure proceedings.
- B1BANK will have the discretion to determine whether to pursue a Sheriff’s sale with or without appraisal and will complete all necessary requirements if it decides to pursue an appraisal.
- B1BANK will credit bid up to a maximum bid of \$450,000.00, such that any third party who bids more than \$450,000.00 will be allowed to purchase the Property.
- If no competing bids are received, b1BANK may choose to defer the Sheriff’s sale to a second sale as provided by Louisiana law, provided that the same bidding limitations and requirements will apply.
- If a third party purchases the Property at the Sheriff’s sale for not less than \$450,000.00, the net sale proceeds (after deduction of the Sheriff’s commission, any outstanding property taxes, costs, and superior liens and encumbrances) will be allocated as follows:
 - \$395,000 to b1BANK;
 - Any sums over \$395,000 to the Receiver

- If b1BANK is the successful bidder at the Sheriff's sale and takes title to the property, it will use its commercially reasonable best efforts to sell the Property on the private market for not less than \$415,000. b1BANK will, at its sole discretion, select and engage a realtor and determine the listing price and terms and conditions of any sale.
- If a private purchase agreement is executed within six (6) months after b1BANK receives title, b1BANK will allocate the net sale proceeds (after reimbursement of the Sheriff's commission and costs, insurance and property taxes paid in the interim) in the same manner as with a Sheriff's sale, e.g., \$395,000 to b1BANK and the excess to the Receiver. Further, if the property is subject to any IRS lien, the six month period referenced herein will not begin until the IRS' right of redemption has expired.
- If, despite its commercially reasonable best efforts, b1BANK is unable to sell the property within 6 months after it receives title, it will no longer be obligated to share net proceeds with the Receiver.
- In no event will b1BANK pursue recovery of any deficiency amount from BD of Louisiana, the Receivership Estate, the Receiver, or Brenda Smith, and b1BANK waives any and all rights to recover from them any remaining balance owed under the Promissory Note after the sale of the Property.

Proceeding in this fashion is in the best interest of the Receivership Estate because (a) the Receiver has already exhausted his efforts to privately sell the Property pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2001(b), without success; (b) if the Receiver has to proceed with a public sale pursuant to Section 2001(a), the Receivership Estate will be forced to incur additional upfront costs and run the risk of selling the Property for less than the mortgage balance; (c) the Property holds no beneficial purpose for the Receivership Estate and is only costing the Estate money in the form of administrative costs while interest on the mortgage continues to increase; (d) the

proposed sale through the foreclosure process includes the potential that the Receivership Estate will make a recovery from the public sale; and (e) the arrangement will eliminate the risk that the Receivership Estate could owe any deficiency to b1BANK if the Property ultimately sells for less than the mortgage balance.

The Receiver filed a Motion to Permit b1BANK to Initiate Mortgage Foreclosure Proceedings and Proceed with the Public Sale of Real Property Owned by BD of Louisiana, LLC on July 18, 2023 (ECF No. 259). The Motion was granted on July 19, 2023. (ECF No. 260). B1Bank initiated executory proceedings on or about August 11, 2023.

4. Private Investments and Ownership Interests

The Receiver continues to attempt to resolve and/or liquidate Smith's potential interest in a gold mine as a result of payments made to Calais Management Corporation. If this interest cannot be liquidated or bought out to the Receiver's satisfaction, the Receiver may seek to initiate litigation against the entities involved in order to protect the interests of the Receivership Estate.

The Receiver received an additional \$4,000.00 distribution from OTAF (Holgate) LLC on July 17, 2023, bringing total distributions on Smith's \$100,000.00 investment to \$167,627.52 through the close of the thirteenth quarter. The Receiver thereafter received an additional distribution of \$179.06 on October 17, 2023.

5. Investigation of Overseas Bank Accounts

Aside from Cidel Bank & Trust Inc. (“Cidel Bank”), the overseas banks to which the Receiver sent Brenda Smith’s signed consent directive have failed to respond to the Receiver’s communications and document requests. However, Cidel Bank returned the funds held in that overseas account to the Receiver during the thirteenth quarter.

6. Investigation, Development, Pursuit and Settlement of Claims

The Receiver has filed a total of thirteen (13) lawsuits on behalf of the Receivership Estate so far, and has issued demands and/or continues to negotiate with several others. The Receiver anticipates filing additional lawsuits in the near future if those additional claims cannot be resolved.

In total, ten (10) pre-litigation settlements and four (4) litigation settlements have been reached as of September 30, 2023, valued at over \$4.7 million. Of this amount, \$2,350,000.00 represents future payments due to be paid through December 2025.

Based on existing settlements with extended payout schedules, including the settlement described above, the Receiver anticipates bringing in an additional \$2,350,000.00 in settlement funds through December 2025.¹³

¹³ These amounts are subject to certain prepayment discounts if the funds are delivered earlier than anticipated.

7. Financial Account Reconstruction and Accounting Support

The Receiver's Accountants at Alvarez and Marsal continue to support the Receiver's efforts. The Accountants' financial account reconstruction allowed them to make determinations regarding investor capital account activity, and they prepared supporting documentation distributed to investors in connection with the claims process. They continue to support the Receiver in evaluating and quantifying disputed investor and creditor claims.

The Accountants have continued to support the Receivers' demands issued to, and negotiations with, third-party recipients of investor funds, and their work has allowed the Receiver to initiate and pursue litigation against various individuals and entities on behalf of the Receivership Estate. The Accountants are available to the Receiver to provide assistance with specific issues that may arise in connection with certain claims and/or lawsuits the Receiver is pursuing, and to provide necessary litigation and/or expert support. The Accountants have already issued two (2) expert reports in connection with the Receiver's ancillary litigation, and completed a detailed insolvency analysis for certain Receivership Parties in connection therewith. The Accountants are actively working on expert reports in connection with other affirmative litigation being pursued by the Receiver.

8. Receivership Taxes

The Receiver is in the process of negotiating with the Internal Revenue Service regarding the \$1.3 million minimum claim it has asserted against the Receivership Estate. Meanwhile, Alvarez and Marsal continues to provide tax-related services to the Receivership Estate, and will be preparing a plan for the ultimate dissolution of most, if not all, of the Receivership Parties.

9. Anticipated Closure of Case

Given the Receiver's continued investigation and pursuit of litigation, the claims asserted by the IRS, the pendency of the Creditor Claims Proceedings and need for those to conclude before any distribution can be proposed and order of preference adjudicated, and the extended payout schedules associated with certain settlement agreements, the Receiver does not have a projected date by which he expects the Receivership to close.

C. Summary of Creditor Claims Proceedings

Pursuant to the Court's adjusted briefing schedule, the Receiver re-filed the First Omnibus Claims Motion, all responses, and the Receiver's Reply on July 13, 2023. (ECF Nos. 254 – 258).

At the time the Receiver initially filed his First Omnibus Claims Motion, the Receiver had received and processed a total of thirty-seven (37) Investor Creditor

Claims totaling \$69,373,769.53,¹⁴ and fifteen (15) Non-Investor Creditor claims totaling \$86,921,909.87, for total claims of \$156,295,679.40.¹⁵ However, the Receiver has since resolved the disputed creditor claim of Southern Minerals Group. The Receiver has now confirmed the creditor claim of Southern Minerals Group in the amount of \$160,000.00, which negotiated amount represents the claim amount that will be attributed to SMG for purposes of a future distribution process when the Receiver proposes a plan of distribution to the Court.¹⁶

With the resolution of Southern Minerals Group's claim—previously asserted in the amount of \$21,929,259.00—the amount of total claims against the Receivership Estate has been reduced to \$134,526,420.40, and the total amount of non-investor creditor claims has been reduced to \$65,152,650.87.

¹⁴ For purposes of this filing, this includes investors who invested money in any of the Receivership Parties, not just Broad Reach Capital or TA1.

¹⁵ This includes a claim from the IRS. These numbers exclude claims that were withdrawn prior to the filing of the First Omnibus Claims Motion. They also exclude claims for amounts that were submitted after the Claims Bar Date.

¹⁶ Southern Minerals Group has represented that it has not assigned its claim.

D. Receivership Assets

1. Receivership Bank Accounts

As of the close of thirteenth quarter on September 30, 2023, the balance in the Receivership Accounts was \$7,773,911.13, broken down as follows: \$7,346,137.44 in the WSFS Trust/Savings Account, \$183,988.76 in WSFS Checking Account, and \$243,784.93 in the Bank of America Account.

2. Settlements

The Receiver reached a settlement in a litigation matter he filed against Richard Shawn Ellis (“Ellis”) and Rose & Thorn Cowlitz, LLC, Rose & Thorn HQ, LLC, Rose & Thorn Denver, LLC, Mainspring, LLC, Semper Genus LLC, Frolic & Revelry, LLC, Hotel Carbon HQ, Inc., and Hotel Carbon 19.06, LLC (collectively “Entity Defendants”) (*see* ECF No. 270), which was the subject of a Motion to Approve filed in that action on September 21, 2023. (*See Kent v. Ellis, et al.*, No. 2:21-cv-20754 (D.N.J.), ECF No. 74). The Motion to Approve was granted after the close of the thirteenth quarter on November 14, 2023. (ECF No. 78).

Without any admission of liability, the parties agreed to resolve all of the Receiver’s claims against Ellis and the Entity Defendants in exchange for the Entity Defendants’ payment of \$1,550,000.00 (“Settlement Amount”) on the following schedule: \$100,000.00 to be paid within 90 days of the settlement, and the balance

to be paid within 18 months from the date of the settlement.¹⁷ There is a 15% prepayment discount if payment is made in full within 12 months of the settlement date.

Based on existing settlements with extended payout schedules, including the settlement described above, the Receiver anticipates bringing in an additional \$2,350,000.00 in settlement funds through December 2025.¹⁸ Additionally, given that MCITC and Carol Johnston have defaulted on their settlement agreement with the Receiver and have since filed for bankruptcy, the Receiver's claims for additional funds owed by them need to be resolved through the bankruptcy proceedings.

The Receiver is actively negotiating potential settlements with several other individuals and/or entities. Many of these potential claims are subject to tolling agreements.

3. Judgments

The Receiver has obtained a default judgment against Edward C. Britton and Natural Impact Health and Fitness LP in the amount of \$1,739,863.50, inclusive of pre-judgment interest and partial post-judgment interest. Meanwhile, post-judgment

¹⁷ The settlement also includes certain security protections for the Estate. *See Kent v. Ellis, et al.*, 2:21-cv-20754 (ECF No. 74).

¹⁸ These amounts are subject to certain prepayment discounts if the funds are delivered earlier than anticipated.

interest continues to accrue pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1961. The Receiver is beginning to explore options for the collection of this judgment.

4. Cryptocurrency

The Receiver has learned that at least some cryptocurrency was distributed to an investor, purportedly as a partial in-kind redemption on their investment. The amount and value of the cryptocurrency transferred is being investigated.

5. Private Investments

After efforts to negotiate with Bluwater stalled, the Receiver file a lawsuit seeking to recover the Receivership Assets transferred to Bluwater on September 19, 2023. *Kent v. Valdes, et al.*, No. 2:23-cv-20475 (D.N.J.) (ECF No. 1).

The Receiver is continuing to attempt to negotiate a resolution relating to Smith's purported interest in the Calais Gold Mine, and is prepared to initiate litigation if any proposed resolution fails to appropriately compensate the Receivership for Smith's interest and/or the Receivership Assets transferred.

The Receivership has continued to receive distributions on Smith's \$100,000.00 investment in OTAF (Holgate) LLC through the thirteenth quarter. However, the Receiver has been advised that the last portfolio holding of the project has been sold, and that OTAF (Holgate) LLC is in the process of closing down the fund. The Receiver has been advised that there may be a few additional investor

distributions over the next year for New Jersey non-resident withholding taxes for 2022 and 2023, and from the residual cash balance of the Fund.

The potential value of Smith's one (1) share in CMCC Development Corp. ("CMCC") is still being investigated.

6. Receivables and Promissory Notes

The Receiver's pursuit of litigation continues to include a promissory note from Sunny Ocean 699, LLC and Agostinho Calcada, individually, valued at over \$1.5 million, plus interest.

7. Louisiana Properties

The Receiver reached an agreement with the mortgaging bank for the BD of Louisiana Property for the sale of the property through an executory process, which was approved by the Court on July 19, 2023. (ECF Nos. 259, 260).

If B1 Bank is able to sell the Property for more than a certain dollar threshold, either through auction or privately, the Receivership Estate may recover some proceeds from that sale.

8. Additional Bank Accounts and Funds

ICBCFS continues to hold approximately \$444,213.08 in two clearing accounts for CV Brokerage, pursuant to a Stipulation. (ECF No. 30). The Receiver has addressed ICBCFS' claimed security and priority interest in these funds in his First Omnibus Claims Motion (ECF Nos. 254, 256, 258).

As of February 22, 2023, Cidel Bank held an account in the name of CV International Investments, Ltd., which had the equivalent market value of approximately \$12,821.80 USD. Cidel had also continued to charge quarterly management fees on the account of between \$11.23 and \$11.34 per quarter since the entry of the Receivership Order. On July 18, 2023, the Receiver requested that Cidel cease charging management fees on the account given the Receivership Order, Consent Directive, and the Receiver's numerous requests for the turnover of these funds, and reiterated his request for the return of those funds. Cidel Bank thereafter agreed to reverse the management fees and to return these assets to the Receivership Estate. Cidel Bank transferred the updated balance of \$12,957.22 to the Receiver on July 21, 2023 which, less a \$70 wire transfer fee, resulted in the repatriation of \$12,887.22 in Receivership Assets.

9. Personal Property

In total, the Receiver has recovered \$14,188.20 in net proceeds from the sale of personal property through eighteen (18) auctions over the course of the Receivership, after deduction of commissions and related expenses. Additionally, Smith arranged for the pick-up of her personal/sentimental belongings on April 6, 2023. Further, as previously reported, the Receiver has not been able to locate viable options for the sale of computer equipment retrieved from the Equinix data center.

The Receiver believes he has exhausted all efforts to market and sell Smith's personal property.

E. Liquidated and Unliquidated Claims

The Receiver has filed thirteen (13) lawsuits over the course of the Receivership. One of those lawsuits has been closed following the entry of a default judgment – *Kent v. Britton, et al.*, 2:22-cv-02845 (D.N.J.). Three of those lawsuits are settled and closed – *Kent v. MCITC, et al.*, 2:21-cv-13104 (D.N.J.), *Kent v. Hooper, et al.*, No. 2:22-cv-01876 (D.N.J.), and *Kent v. Bydalek, et al.*, 2:22-cv-01811 (D.N.J.), and one settlement remains pending subject to the Court's approval – *Kent v. Ellis, et al.*, 2:21-cv-20754 (D.N.J.). However, two of the defendants in the MCITC case, Medical Construction Industrial Training Center, LLC ("MCITC") and Carol Johnson, with whom the Receiver settled his claims, have failed to fulfill their full payment obligations and have filed for bankruptcy. The Receiver submitted his claim in the MCITC bankruptcy case on June 28, 2023, seeking payment of the remaining \$100,000.00 owed, plus interest, pursuant to the terms of the settlement agreement approved by this Court. *See In re Medical Construction Industrial Training Center, LLC*, 23-bk-13260-JNP (Bankr. D.N.J.). The Receiver likewise filed his claim in Ms. Johnston's bankruptcy case on August 24, 2023. *See In re Carol Ford Johnston Olive*, 23-15398-ABA (Bankr. D.N.J.).

III. CURRENT AND PREVIOUS BILLINGS

The total fees and expenses incurred by the Receiver, Law Firm and Accountant for the period covered by this Application, which are subject to a twenty percent (20%) holdback pending completion of the case, are as follows:

	Receiver	Law Firm	Accountant
Total Fees	\$13,821.00	\$69,213.00	\$184,987.50
Fees Requested¹⁹	\$11,056.80	\$55,370.40	\$147,990.00
Total Expenses	\$0.00	\$86.50	\$2,853.90
Total Expenses Requested²⁰	\$0.00	\$69.20	\$2,283.12

The Receiver's prior fee applications setting forth the history of fees and expenses charged to the Receivership Estate, the amounts requested, and the status of the Court's approval of those applications, are set forth in the table appearing at pages 5-6 of this fee application.

As evidence of the continued substantial time and effort the Receivership has required, and in support of the fee compensation and expense reimbursement sought herein, the Receiver will submit the following exhibits under seal for the Court's review and consideration:

- Exhibit "B" – Summary of the Receiver's time from July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023;

¹⁹ This amount applies a twenty percent (20%) holdback.

²⁰ This amount applies a twenty percent (20%) holdback.

- Exhibit “C” – Summary of Law Firm Professional & Paraprofessional Time and Expenses from July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023; and
- Exhibit “D” – Summary of Accounting Professional & Paraprofessional Time and Expenses from July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023.

These exhibits,²¹ as well as the narrative descriptions in this Application, evidence the time and labor employed in this matter.

The following includes a breakdown of the Receiver’s hours and fees during the thirteenth quarter, as defined by the SEC’s billing guidelines:

Activity Category	Hours	Fee Amount
Case Administration	27.10	\$13,821.00
Totals	27.10	\$13,821.00

The following includes a breakdown of the Law Firm’s hours and fees during the thirteenth quarter, as defined by the SEC’s billing guidelines:

Activity Category	Hours	Fee Amount
Asset Analysis and Recovery	117.6	\$38,924.00
Asset Disposition	6.5	\$1,303.50
Business Operations	0.2	\$69.50
Case Administration	45.2	\$14,029.00
Claims Administration and Objections	44.20	\$14,887.00
Totals	213.70	\$69,213.00

The following includes a breakdown of the Accountant’s hours and fees during the thirteenth quarter, as defined by the SEC’s billing guidelines:

²¹ These exhibits are being filed under seal pursuant to Paragraph 73 of the Receivership Order.

Activity Category	Hours	Fee Amount
Claims Administration & Objections	11.00	\$5,380.00
Data Analysis	38.40	\$18,670.00
Forensic Accounting	1.80	\$765.00
Litigation Consulting	364.40	\$155,492.50
Status Reports	9.20	\$4,030.00
Tax Issues	1.50	\$650.00
TOTALS	426.30	\$184,987.50

The following is a breakdown of the Receiver's hours and fees for the thirteenth quarter:

Name/Position	Hourly Rate	Hours	Fee Amount
Kevin Dooley Kent, Receiver	\$510.00	27.10	\$13,821.00

The following is a breakdown of the Law Firm's hours and fees, broken down by biller for the thirteenth quarter:

Name/Position	Hourly Rate	Hours	Fee Amount
Andrew S. Gallinaro, Partner	\$365.00	10.50	\$3,832.50
Robin S. Weiss, Senior Attorney (7/1/2023 – 8/11/2023)	\$330.00	70.80	\$23,364.00
Robin S. Weiss, Senior Attorney (8/12/2023 – 9/30/2023)	\$365.00 ²²	68.10	\$24,856.50
Nicholas C. Needle, Associate	\$330.00	19.30	\$6,369.00
Vanessa L. Huber, Associate	\$275.00	30.60	\$8,415.00
Erika L. Finkernagel, Paralegal	\$165.00	4.90	\$808.50

²² The hourly rate of \$365.00 was approved on August 11, 2023, and was applied to all billing entries beginning on August 12, 2023. (ECF No. 266).

Justin Russell, Paralegal	\$165.00	9.50	\$1,567.50
TOTALS		213.70	\$69,213.00

The following includes a breakdown of the Accountant's hours and fees, broken down by biller for the thirteenth quarter:

Name/Position	Hourly Rate	Hours	Fee Amount
Forensic Analysis Team			
Michael Shanahan (Senior Director)	\$550.00	47.10	\$25,905.00
David Medway (Director)	\$475.00	141.00	\$66,975.00
Nichole Strong (Manager)	\$425.00	115.10	\$48,917.50
Sam Herzon (Senior Associate)	\$325.00	1.10	\$357.50
Kristina Keefe (Associate)	\$275.00	72.30	\$19,882.50
Won Choi (Associate)	\$275.00	6.40	\$1,760.00
Forensic Analysis Team Sub-Total		383.00	\$163,797.50
Data Analysis Team			
Bradley Koehler (Senior Director)	\$550.00	22.20	\$12,210.00
Hannah Mulvihill (Manager)	\$425.00	15.10	\$6,417.50
Curtis Stecke (Manager)	\$425.00	4.50	\$1,912.50
Data Analysis Team Sub-Total		41.80	\$20,540.00
Tax Services Team			
Sean Menendez (Managing Director)	\$550.00	0.50	\$275.00
Jadyna Seelye (Senior Associate)	\$375.00	1.00	\$375.00
Tax Services Team Sub-Total		1.50	\$650.00
OVERALL TOTALS		426.30	\$184,987.50

The fees and expenses included herein were incurred in the best interests of the Receivership Estate. With the exception of the Billing Instructions and the proposed Contingency Fee Agreement for the pursuit of litigation which was submitted under seal in support of the Receiver's Second, Third and Fourth Motions for Permission to Initiate Litigation, (ECF Nos. 98, 99, 147, 148, 220, 242), the Receiver has not entered into any other agreements concerning the amount of compensation paid or to be paid from the Receivership Estate, or any sharing thereof.

Significantly, in accordance with the Contingency Fee Agreement, the significant amount of work the Receiver and his Counsel have performed in connection with the lawsuits the Receiver sought permission to file in his Second, Third and Fourth Motions to Initiate Litigation have not been, and will not be, billed to the Receivership on an hourly basis.²³ Rather, the Receiver and his Counsel will only receive payment in connection with those lawsuits if and when a settlement or judgment is obtained, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Contingency Fee Agreements.

²³ This does not include the lawsuit filed against Nottingham and Kip Meadows as well as against Jordan Denise and her entities, as these lawsuits were the subject of the Receiver's First Motion for Permission to Initiate Litigation and are not subject to a contingency fee agreement (ECF No. 49).

IV. REQUEST FOR COMPENSATION FOR FEES AND EXPENSES

This Court has the power to appoint a receiver and to award the receiver fees for his services and for expenses incurred by the Receiver in the performance of his duties. *See Donovan v. Robbins*, 588 F. Supp. 1268, 1272 (N.D. Ill. 1984) (“[T]he receiver diligently and successfully discharged the responsibilities placed upon him by the Court and is entitled to reasonable compensation for his efforts.”); *see also Securities & Exch. Comm’n v. Elliot*, 953 F. Supp. 1560 (11th Cir. 1992) (noting that the receiver is entitled to compensation for faithful performance of his duties). The case law on equity receiverships sets forth the standards for approving receiver compensation and the fees and expenses for the receiver’s counsel. The District Court has discretion to determine compensation to be awarded to a court-appointed equity receiver and his counsel and “may consider all of the factors involved in a particular receivership in determining the appropriate fee.” *Gaskill v. Gordon*, 27 F.3d 248, 253 (7th Cir. 1994). Many authorities provide “convenient guidelines,” but in the final analysis, “the unique fact situation renders direct reliance on precedent impossible.” *Securities & Exch. Comm’n v. W.L. Moody & Co.*, 374 F. Supp. 465, 480 (S.D. Tex. 1974), *aff’d*, 519 F. 2d 1087 (5th Cir. 1975).

In allowing counsel fees in Securities Act receiverships, “[t]he court will consider . . . the complexity of problems faced, the benefit to the receivership estate, the quality of work performed, and the time records presented.” *Securities & Exch.*

Comm'n v. Fifth Ave. Coach Lines, Inc., 364 F. Supp. 1220, 1222 (S.D.N.Y. 1973); *see also United States v. Code Prods.*, 362 F.2d 669, 673 (3d Cir. 1966) (noting that court should consider the time, labor and skill required—but not necessarily expended—the fair value of such time, labor and skill, the degree of activity, the dispatch with which the work is conducted and the result obtained). “[R]esults are always relevant.” *Securities & Exch. Comm'n v. Elliot*, 953 F.2d 1560, 1577 (11th Cir. 1992) (*quoting Moody*, 374 F. Supp. at 480). However, a good result may take a form other than a bare increase in monetary value. *See id.* (“Even though a receiver may not have increased, or prevented a decrease in, the value of the collateral, if a receiver reasonably and diligently discharges his duties, he is entitled to compensation.”).

Another “basic consideration is the nature and complexity of the legal problems confronted and the skill necessary to resolve them.” *Moody*, 374 F. Supp. at 485. Moreover, “[t]ime spent cannot be ignored.” *Id.* at 483. The Receiver and his Accountants are continuing to address claims asserted against the Receivership Estate through the creditor claims process, and the Receiver’s Counsel drafted and finalized the Reply Brief in Support of his First Omnibus Claims Motion in the beginning of the thirteenth quarter, in the interest of moving closer to an interim distribution.

The Receiver is also in the process of pursuing numerous affirmative lawsuits against recipients of many millions of dollars in Receivership Assets, with the assistance of his Accountants, who are providing expert support when/as needed. Many of these cases involve fraudulent/voidable transfer claims where the recipients claim to have provided “services” or other things of purported value in exchange for the transfers—in other words, the majority of defendants are asserting that reasonably equivalent value was provided in exchange. The issues involved are complex and involve bizarre business ventures (including *inter alia* purported investments in mineral mining and extraction and efforts to trade and/or monetize potentially/likely fraudulent and/or falsified bonds and other financial instruments through highly suspect means and methods). These cases have required the expenditure of significant time and efforts on the part of the Receiver and his Counsel (which is not being billed to the Receivership Estate on an hourly basis due to the contingency fee arrangement applicable to most of these claims, with the exception of the Nottingham and Jordan Denise litigation), along with the Accountants as they provide necessary forensic and expert support to enable the Receiver to support and pursue his claims. The current state of affirmative litigation, with numerous expert deadlines having recently passed or quickly approaching, and discovery and deposition preparation ongoing in the Nottingham and Jordan Denise matters, have resulted in an increase in fees for the thirteenth quarter. While the

Receiver continues his efforts to resolve lawsuits for reasonable sums when the opportunity arises, the Receiver anticipates that these lawsuits may result in increased fees over the coming quarters as fact discovery closes and the cases proceed through expert discovery, dispositive motion practice, and trial.

The pursuit of claims is important to the Receiver's efforts to recover Receivership Assets on behalf of the Estate. Following numerous bizarre transactions involving restaurants, property development projects, mineral mining, extraction and transport endeavors, and overseas companies—most of which caused material losses to the Receivership Parties—as well as what appear to be substantial “gifts” to friends and/or colleagues of Smith without any known benefit to the Receivership Parties, the Estate was left with few assets still in the Receivership Parties' possession. The Receiver remains optimistic that additional material funds can be recovered on behalf of the Receivership Estate, primarily through litigation, or pre-litigation settlement of claims.

Under the above standards, the Receiver has adequately demonstrated that the amount of fees requested is appropriate. The Receiver, his Counsel and Accountants acted quickly to take control of the Receivership Entities and to prevent the further dissipation of assets. The liquid cash on hand has increased significantly since the inception of the Receivership, when the existence of substantial valuable assets was in serious question. The amounts at issue in this case are substantial, where the

investment scheme involved approximately \$100 million during its operation, at least \$1.5 billion of financial transactions occurred in accounts controlled by Smith over its last several years, and it is currently estimated that investors are still owed approximately \$60 million in principal.

This Court has already found that the rates charged by the Receiver and his Counsel and Accountant are reasonable for the experience of the individuals performing the work and in light of the complexity of the work performed, and are consistent with the rates charged for similarly complex work done by other, similarly experienced professionals in this geographic region. Receivership Order, ¶¶ 80, 83. The Receiver and the Law Firm have been performing this work at an average discount rate twenty-five percent to thirty percent (25%-30%), while the Accountants have likewise been performing this work at a significant discount. Aside from the request that Robin Weiss' hourly rate be increased upon her appointment as lead counsel to the rate applicable to the Receiver's former lead counsel, the Receiver and his Retained Personnel have not requested that the Court authorize an increase in their approved hourly rates in 2021, 2022, or to date in 2023, resulting in even more significant rate reductions.

The Receiver has attempted to maximize cost savings and administer the Estate as efficiently as possible, by, for example, assigning professionals and paraprofessionals with the lowest billable rate appropriate for the task at issue, which

the Accountant has likewise done. The Receiver and his Counsel have extensively utilized non-billing administrative personnel where appropriate. Most significantly, the Receiver and his Law Firm's willingness to pursue litigation under a contingency fee arrangement as set forth in his Second, Third, and Fourth Motions for Permission to Initiate Litigation on Behalf of the Receivership Estate is resulting in significant cost savings for the Estate.

The Receiver and his Retained Professionals' compensation in this matter is subject to the final approval of this Court. The Court should consider that the Receiver as well as his attorneys and accountants have assumed the risk of non-payment and/or substantial delay in payment in accepting the Court appointment, particularly with so little known regarding the amount and availability of Receivership Assets. The risk is even greater with regard to the pursuit of litigation on behalf of the Receivership Estate on a contingency fee basis, in connection with which the Receiver and his Law Firm risk non-payment entirely if the claims are unsuccessful and/or the prospective defendants are judgment-proof.

Based on the foregoing, the Receiver respectfully submits that the compensation sought by the Receiver and his team is wholly warranted.

WHEREFORE, the Receiver respectfully requests that the Court grant the Receiver's Motion for Approval of the Thirteenth Interim Fee Application for the Period July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023, and thereby authorize the following:

1. Payment to Clark Hill PLC in the amount of \$11,056.80 as compensation for the Receiver's services performed from July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023, such payment representing eighty percent (80%) of the Receiver's fees for the thirteenth quarter;

2. Payment to Clark Hill PLC in the amount of \$55,370.40 as compensation for services performed by the Receiver's Counsel from July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023, such payment representing eighty percent (80%) of its fees for the thirteenth quarter;

3. Payment to Alvarez & Marsal Disputes and Investigations, LLC in the amount of \$147,990.00 as compensation for services performed from July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023, such payment representing eighty percent (80%) of its fees for the thirteenth quarter;

4. Payment to Clark Hill PC in the amount of \$69.20 for expenses incurred from July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023, representing eighty percent (80%) of its expenses for the thirteenth quarter; and

5. Payment to Alvarez & Marsal Disputes and Investigations, LLC, in the amount of \$2,283.12 for expenses incurred from July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023, representing eighty percent (80%) of its expenses for the thirteenth quarter.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 1/23/2024

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STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT

CIVIL – RECEIVERSHIP FUND

Brenda Smith, Broad Reach Capital, LP, Broad Reach Partners,
LLC, and Bristol Advisors, LLC
Civil Action No.: 2:19-cv-17213-MCA-ESK

REPORTING PERIOD 07/01/2023 TO 09/30/2023

STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT for Consolidated Broad Reach Capital Receivership Entities - Cash Basis
 Receivership; Civil Court Docket No. 2:19-CV-17213-MCA-ESK
 REPORTING PERIOD 07/01/2023 TO 09/30/2023

FUND ACCOUNTING (See Instructions):		Current Reporting Period - 07/01/23 to 09/30/23			06/29/2020 - 09/30/2023
		Detail	Subtotal	Period Total	Case to Date
Line 1	Beginning Balance (As of 07/01/23):			\$ 7,705,907.28	\$ -
	Increases In Fund Balance:				
Line 2	Business Income			-	-
Line 3	Cash and Securities			12,887.22	8,333,454.80
Line 4	Interest/Dividend Income			54,528.56	120,178.37
Line 5	Business Asset Liquidation			-	700.00
Line 6	Personal Asset Liquidation			4,000.00	565,144.02
Line 7	Third-Party Litigation Income			-	1,949,990.17
Line 8	Miscellaneous - Other			-	-
	Total Funds Available (Lines 1 – 8):			\$ 7,777,323.06	\$ 10,969,467.36
	Decreases In Fund Balance:				
Line 9	Disbursements to Investors/Claimants			-	258,776.99
Line 10	Disbursements for Receivership Operations			3,411.93	2,917,959.46
Line 10a	Disbursements to Receiver or Other Professionals			-	-
Line 10b	Business Asset Expenses			927.05	-
Line 10c	Personal Asset Expenses			-	-
Line 10d	Investment Expenses			254.88	-
Line 10e	Third-Party Litigation Expenses			-	-
	1. Attorney Fees			-	-
	2. Litigation Expenses			-	-
	Total Third-Party Litigation Expenses			-	-
Line 10f	Tax Administrator Fees and Bonds			-	-
Line 10g	Federal and State Tax Payments			2,230.00	-
	Total Disbursements for Receivership Operations			\$ 3,411.93	\$ 3,176,736.45
Line 11	Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund:			-	18,819.78
Line 11a	Distribution Plan Development Expenses:				
	1. Fees:				
	Fund Administrator			-	-
	Independent Distribution Consultant (IDC)			-	-
	Distribution Agent			-	-
	Consultants			-	-
	Legal Advisers			-	-
	Tax Advisers			-	-
	2. Administrative Expenses			-	-
	3. Miscellaneous			-	-
	Total Plan Development Expenses			-	-
Line 11b	Distribution Plan Implementation Expenses:				
	1. Fees:				
	Fund Administrator			-	-
	IDC			-	-
	Distribution Agent			-	-
	Consultants			-	-
	Legal Advisers			-	-
	Tax Advisers			-	-
	2. Administrative Expenses			-	-
	3. Investor Identification:				
	Notice/Publishing Approved Plan			-	-
	Claimant Identification			-	-
	Claims Processing			-	-
	Web Site Maintenance/Call Center			-	-
	4. Fund Administrator Bond			-	-
	5. Miscellaneous			-	-
	6. Federal Account for Investor Restitution (FAIR) Reporting Expenses			-	-
	Total Plan Implementation Expenses			-	-
	Total Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund			\$ -	\$ 18,819.78
Line 12	Disbursements to Court/Other:			-	-
Line 12a	Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment System (CRIS) Fees			-	-
Line 12b	Federal Tax Payments			-	-
	Total Disbursements to Court/Other			\$ -	\$ -
	Total Funds Disbursed (Lines 9 – 11):			\$ 3,411.93	\$ 3,195,556.23
Line 13	Ending Balance (As of 09/30/23):			\$ 7,773,911.13	\$ 7,773,911.13
Line 14	Ending Balance of Fund – Net Assets:				
Line 14a	Cash & Cash Equivalents			7,773,911.13	7,773,911.13
Line 14b	Investments			-	-
Line 14c	Other Assets or Uncleared Funds			-	-
	Total Ending Balance of Fund – Net Assets			\$ 7,773,911.13	\$ 7,773,911.13

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OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:		Current Reporting Period - 07/01/23 to 09/30/23			06/29/2020 - 09/30/2023
		Detail	Subtotal	Period Total	Case to Date
Line 15	Report of Items NOT To Be Paid by the Fund:				
	Disbursements for Plan Administration Expenses Not Paid by the Fund:			\$ -	\$ -
<i>Line 15a</i>	<i>Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund:</i>				
	1. Fees:				
	Fund Administrator			-	
	IDC			-	
	Distribution Agent			-	
	Consultants			-	
	Legal Advisers			-	
	Tax Advisers			-	
	2. Administrative Expenses			-	
	3. Miscellaneous			-	
	Total Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund			\$ -	
<i>Line 15b</i>	<i>Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fund:</i>				
	1. Fees:				
	Fund Administrator			-	
	IDC			-	
	Distribution Agent			-	
	Consultants			-	
	Legal Advisers			-	
	Tax Advisers			-	
	2. Administrative Expenses			-	
	3. Investor Identification:				
	Notice/Publishing Approved Plan			-	
	Claimant Identification			-	
	Claims Processing			-	
	Web Site Maintenance/Call Center			-	
	4. Fund Administrator Bond			-	
	5. Miscellaneous			-	
	6. FAIR Reporting Expenses			-	
	Total Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fund			\$ -	
<i>Line 15c</i>	<i>Tax Administrator Fees & Bonds Not Paid by the Fund</i>			-	
	Total Disbursements for Plan Administration Expenses Not Paid by the Fund			-	-
Line 16	Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by the Fund:				
<i>Line 16a</i>	<i>Investment Expenses/CRIS Fees</i>			-	
<i>Line 16b</i>	<i>Federal Tax Payments</i>			-	
	Total Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by the Fund:			-	-
Line 17	DC & State Tax Payments			\$ -	\$ -
Line 18	No. of Claims:				
<i>Line 18a</i>	<i># of Claims Received This Reporting Period</i>				-
<i>Line 18b</i>	<i># of Claims Received Since Inception of Fund</i>				52
Line 19	No. of Claimants/Investors:				
<i>Line 19a</i>	<i># of Claimants/Investors Paid This Reporting Period</i>				-
<i>Line 19b</i>	<i># of Claimants/Investors Paid Since Inception of Fund</i>				1

Notes

[1] In accordance with the Motion of Receiver, Kevin D. Kent, Esquire, to Approve a Settlement Resolving the Receiver's April 9, 2021 Motion to Determine Ownership of Taylor Trading, LLC Account (ECF No. 130) ("Taylor Trading Motion") and the Order Confirming Ownership of Taylor Trading, LLC Account Proceedings (ECF No. 134), the Receiver arranged for the transfer of 50% of the balance of the Taylor Trading, LLC bank account maintained with PNC Bank ("Taylor Trading Account") to investor Surefire Dividend Capture, LP ("Surefire") on November 19, 2021. Surefire had filed claims against, *inter alia*, Scott Koppenheffer in a lawsuit it filed in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania captioned *Surefire Dividend Capture, LP v. Smith et al.*, No. 2:19-cv-04088 (E.D. Pa.) (the "Surefire Action"). Surefire agreed to resolve its claims against Mr. Koppenheffer in exchange for, *inter alia*, an assignment of Mr. Koppenheffer's rights (if any) to the Taylor Trading Account. The Receiver and Surefire then agreed to resolve the Taylor Trading Motion by splitting the balance in the Taylor Trading Account, which amount will be deducted from any future distribution made by the Receiver to Surefire. This settlement resulted in a meaningful recovery for the Receivership Estate while eliminating the risk and cost of litigating the issue of account ownership with Mr. Koppenheffer and/or Surefire.

Receiver:

By: Kevin D. Kent
 (signature)
Kevin D. Kent
 (printed name)
Receiver
 (title)
 Date: October 26, 2023

NOTES TO THE STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT**Receivership Cash Accounts**

As of September 30, 2023, the Receiver's cash balance of \$7,773,911.13 was maintained in checking and savings accounts at Bank of America and WSFS Bank with the following balances:

Receivership Cash Account Balances - September 30, 2023

Financial Institution	Account Type	Balance
Bank of America	Checking	243,784.93
WSFS Bank	Checking	183,988.76
WSFS Bank	Savings	7,346,137.44
Total Cash		\$7,773,911.13

Investments, Real and Personal Property

As described more fully in the Receiver's Thirteenth Quarterly Status Report, the Receiver is in the process of identifying and liquidating all the investments, real and personal property of the Receivership Parties.

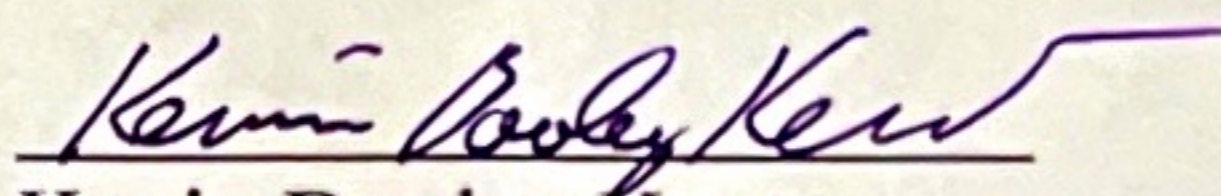
In addition to the transactions reflected within the Standardized Fund Accounting Report, the Receiver anticipates recovering future distributions related to Brenda Smith's personal investment in OTAF LLC.

The Receivership has an interest in two parcels in Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana, owned by BD of Louisiana, LLC ("BD of Louisiana Property"). Due to an inability to secure a private buyer for the BD of Louisiana Property, on June 30, 2023, the Receiver entered into a Creditor Agreement with b1BANK, authorizing it to initiate mortgage foreclosure proceedings against BD of Louisiana, LLC in Louisiana. Any third party who bids more than \$450,000 will be allowed to purchase the Property, and proceeds will be allocated as \$395,000 to b1BANK and any sums in excess of \$395,000 to the Receiver.

- (c) All fees contained in the Application are based on the rates listed in the Applicant's fee schedule attached hereto and such fees are reasonable, necessary and commensurate with the skill and experience for the activity performed;
- (d) I have not included in the amount for which reimbursement is sought the amortization of the cost of any investment, equipment, or capital outlay (except to the extent that any such amortization is included within the permitted allowable amounts set forth herein for photocopies and facsimile transmission); and
- (e) In seeking reimbursement for a service which the Applicant justifiably purchased or contracted for from a third party (such as copying, imaging, bulk mail, messenger service, overnight courier, computerized research, or title and lien searches), the Applicant requests reimbursement only for the amount billed to the Applicant by the third party vendor and paid by the Applicant to such vendor. With regard to such services performed by the Receiver or his staff, the Receiver certifies that he is not making a profit on such reimbursable service.

2. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on this 22nd day of January, 2024.


Kevin Dooley Kent

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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COMMISSION,**

Plaintiff,

v.

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ADVISORS, LLC,**

Defendants.

C. A. No. 2:19-cv-17213 (JKS)

STATEMENT IN LIEU OF BRIEF PURSUANT TO L.CIV.R. 7.1(d)(4)

Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 7.1(d)(4), the undersigned, on behalf of the Receiver, Kevin Dooley Kent, hereby submits this Statement in lieu of the submission of a formal brief in support of the Motion for Approval of Thirteenth Interim Fee Application for the Period July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023. Inasmuch as the attached Interim Fee Application complies with the Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and otherwise satisfies the requirements for Interim Fee Applications as set forth in this Court's June 29, 2020 Order Appointing Receiver, and contains all information and documentation required by the SEC as well as legal argument in support of the Interim

Fee Application, and until any opposition to the Motion is filed, it is respectfully suggested that any additional, formal brief in support of the Motion and attached Application would be duplicative and unnecessary at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 1/23/2024

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**ORDER APPROVING THE RECEIVER, KEVIN DOOLEY KENT'S
THIRTEENTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION FOR THE PERIOD
JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

THIS MATTER having come before this Court upon the Motion of Receiver, Kevin Dooley Kent for Approval of Thirteenth Interim Fee Application for the Period July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023;

It is on this _____ day of _____, 2024,

ORDERED that the Receiver's Thirteenth Interim Fee Application is APPROVED; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that Payment to Clark Hill PLC ("Clark Hill") in the amount of \$11,056.80 for the Receiver's services from July 1, 2023 through September

30, 2023, representing eighty percent (80%) of the Receiver's total fee of \$13,821.00 for this quarter, is APPROVED and may be paid by the Receiver at this time; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that Payment to Clark Hill ("Law Firm") in the amount of \$55,370.40 for the Law Firm's legal services provided from July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023, representing eighty percent (80%) of the Law Firm's total counsel fees of \$69,213.00 for this quarter, is APPROVED and may be paid by the Receiver at this time; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that payment to Alvarez & Marsal Disputes and Investigations, LLC ("Accountant") in the amount of \$147,990.00 for services performed from July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023, representing eighty percent (80%) of the Accountant's total fee of \$184,987.50 for this quarter, is APPROVED and may be paid by the Receiver at this time; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that payment to Clark Hill PLC in the amount of \$69.20 for expenses incurred from July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023, representing eighty percent (80%) of the Law Firm's total expenses of \$86.50 for this quarter, is APPROVED and may be paid by the Receiver at this time; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that payment to Alvarez & Marsal Disputes and Investigations, LLC in the amount of \$2,283.12 for expenses incurred from July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023, representing eighty percent (80%) of the

Accountant's total expenses of \$2,853.90 for this quarter, is hereby APPROVED and may be paid by the Receiver at this time.

BY THE COURT:

HONORABLE JAMEL K. SEMPER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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**CERTIFICATE OF
SERVICE**

I hereby certify, this 23rd day of January, 2024, that I caused to be served a true and correct copy of the Notice of Motion of Receiver, Kevin Dooley Kent for Approval of Thirteenth Interim Fee Application for the Period July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 upon Plaintiff, Securities and Exchange Commission, through counsel of record, and upon counsel of record for all other parties, by electronic filing pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 5 (b), and upon Defendant, Brenda A. Smith, on behalf of all defendants, via first-class mail, postage prepaid, as follows:

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