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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
(Nashville Division)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
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Plaintiff,)
v.)
COMMERCE CAPITAL, L.P.)
)
Defendant.)

CASE NO. : 2-13-MC-23

CONSENT ORDER OF RECEIVERSHIP

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of 15 U.S.C. §687c, this Court takes exclusive jurisdiction of COMMERCE CAPITAL, L.P. ("Commerce Capital") and all of its assets and property, of whatever kind and wherever located, and the United States Small Business Administration ("SBA") is hereby appointed Receiver of Commerce Capital ("Receiver") to serve without bond until further order of this Court. The Receiver is appointed for the purpose of marshalling and liquidating all of Commerce Capital's assets and satisfying the claims of creditors therefrom in the order of priority as determined by this Court.

2. The Receiver shall have all powers, authorities, rights and privileges heretofore possessed by the general partners, limited partners, officers, directors, managers, investment advisors and other agents of Commerce Capital under applicable state and federal law, by the agreement of limited partnership, and by-laws of said limited

partnership, in addition to all powers and authority of a receiver at equity, and all powers and authority conferred upon the Receiver by the provisions of 15 U.S.C. § 687c and 28 U.S.C. § 754. The trustees, directors, officers, employees, managers, investment advisors, attorneys, accountants and agents of Commerce Capital are hereby dismissed and the powers and authority of the general partner are suspended during the pendency of this receivership. Such persons shall have no authority with respect to Commerce Capital's operations or assets, except to the extent as may hereafter be expressly granted by the Receiver. The Receiver shall assume and control the operation of Commerce Capital and shall pursue and preserve all of its claims.

3. The Receiver is entitled to take immediate possession of all assets, bank accounts or other financial accounts, books and records and all other documents or instruments relating to Commerce Capital. The past and/or present general partners, officers, directors, managers, investment advisors, agents, trustees, attorneys, accountants, and employees of Commerce Capital, as well as all those acting in their place, are hereby ordered and directed to turn over to the Receiver forthwith all books, records, documents, accounts and all other instruments and papers of and relating to Commerce Capital and its assets and all other assets and property of the corporation, whether real or personal. Commerce Equity Capital Corporation, general partner of Commerce Capital, shall furnish a written statement within ten (10) days after the entry of this Order, listing the identity, location and estimated value of all assets of Commerce Capital as well as the names, addresses and amounts of claims of all known creditors of Commerce Capital. Within thirty (30) days following the entry of this Order, Commerce Equity Capital Corporation shall also furnish a written report describing all assets. All

persons or entities having control, custody or possession of any assets or property of Commerce Capital are hereby directed to turn such assets and property over to the Receiver.

4. The Receiver shall promptly give notice of its appointment to all known general partners, officers, directors, agents, employees, shareholders, creditors and debtors of Commerce Capital, as the Receiver deems necessary or advisable to effectuate the operation of the receivership. All persons and entities owing any obligation or debt to Commerce Capital shall, until further ordered by this Court, pay all such obligations in accordance with the terms thereof to the Receiver and its receipt for such payments shall have the same force and effect as if Commerce Capital had received such payments.

5. The Receiver is hereby authorized to open such Receiver's accounts at banking or other financial institutions to extend credit on behalf of Commerce Capital, to utilize SBA personnel, and to employ such other personnel as it may deem necessary to effectuate the operation of the receivership including, but not limited to, attorneys, accountants, and appraisers, and is further authorized to expend receivership funds to compensate such personnel in such amounts and upon such terms as the Receiver shall deem reasonable in light of the usual fees and billing practices and procedures of such personnel. The Receiver is not required to obtain Court approval prior to the disbursement of receivership funds for payments to personnel employed by the Receiver or for expenses that the Receiver deems advantageous to the orderly administration and operation of the receivership. In addition, the Receiver is authorized to reimburse the SBA for travel expenses incurred by SBA personnel in the establishment and administration of the receivership. The Receiver may, without further order of this Court,

transfer, compromise, or otherwise dispose of any asset (including without limitation any claim), other than real estate.

6. Commerce Capital's past and/or present general partners, officers, directors, agents, accountants, managers, general partners, limited partners, shareholders, employees, debtors and creditors of Commerce Capital and other appropriate persons (including without limitation, the defendant's portfolio of small business concerns and financial institutions doing business with defendant and/or defendant's portfolio of small business concerns) shall answer under oath to the Receiver all questions which the Receiver may put to them in compliance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and pursuant thereto shall produce any documents as required by the Receiver regarding the business of said limited partnership, or any other matter relevant to the operation or administration of the receivership or the collection of funds due to Commerce Capital. In the event that the Receiver deems it necessary to require the appearance of the aforementioned persons, the production of documents, information, or any other discovery concerning the assets, property or business operations of Commerce Capital, or any other matter relevant to the operation or administration of the Receivership or the collection of funds due to Commerce Capital, the Receiver shall make its discovery request(s) in compliance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

7. The parties to any and all civil legal proceedings of any nature, excluding the instant proceeding, but including without limitation bankruptcy proceedings, arbitration proceedings, foreclosure actions, default proceedings, or other actions of any nature involving Commerce Capital or any assets of Commerce Capital, including subsidiaries, partnerships and other business combinations of Commerce Capital,

wherever located, or involving Commerce Capital, the Receiver, or any of Commerce Capital's past or present officers, directors, managers, agents, or general or limited partners sued for, or in connection with, any action taken by them while acting in such capacity of any nature, whether as plaintiff, defendant, third-party plaintiff, third-party defendant, or otherwise, are enjoined from commencing or continuing any such legal proceeding, or from taking any action, in connection with any such proceeding or any such asset. All civil legal proceedings of any nature, excluding the instant proceeding, but including without limitation bankruptcy proceedings, arbitration proceedings, foreclosure actions, default proceedings, or other action of any nature involving Commerce Capital or any assets of Commerce Capital, including subsidiaries, partnerships and other business combinations of Commerce Capital, wherever located, and excluding the instant proceeding, or involving Commerce Capital, the Receiver, or any of Commerce Capital's past or present officers, directors, managers, agents, or general or limited partners sued for, or in connection with, any action taken by them while acting in such capacity of any nature, whether as plaintiff, defendant, third-party plaintiff, third-party defendant, or otherwise, are stayed in their entirety, and all Courts having any jurisdiction thereof are enjoined from taking or permitting any action until further Order of this Court. Further, as to a cause of action accrued or accruing in favor of Commerce Capital against a third person or party, any applicable statute of limitation is tolled during the period in which this injunction against the commencement of legal proceedings is in effect as to that cause of action.

8. Commerce Capital and its past and/or present directors, officers, managers, general or limited partners, agents, investment advisors, employees and other

persons acting in concert or participating therewith be, and they hereby are, enjoined from either directly or indirectly taking any actions or causing any such action to be taken which would dissipate the assets and/or property of Commerce Capital to the detriment of the Receiver appointed in this cause, including but not limited to destruction of corporate records, or which would violate the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 661 et. seq., or the regulations promulgated thereunder ("Regulations"), 13 C.F.R. Part 107.


9. The Receiver is authorized to borrow on behalf of Commerce Capital, from the SBA, up to \$500,000 and is authorized to cause Commerce Capital to issue Receiver's Certificates of Indebtedness in the principal amounts of the sums borrowed, which certificates will bear interest at or about 10 percent per annum and will have a maturity date no later than 18 months after the date of issue. Said Receiver's Certificates of Indebtedness shall be deemed to be administrative expenses of the Receivership.

10. This Court determines and adjudicates that Commerce Capital has violated the Act and the Regulations, as alleged in the Complaint filed against Commerce Capital in the instant action. After the foregoing activities are completed, the Receiver may submit a report to this Court recommending that Commerce Capital's SBA license be revoked.

SEEN AND AGREED BY COMMERCE CAPITAL, L.P. AND THE U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, THROUGH THEIR DULY AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES:

Commerce Capital, L.P.

By: Commerce Equity Capital Corporation, General Partner

By: 

Name: Andrew G. Higgins

Its: President

Date: April 17, 2013

Thomas G. Morris

U.S. Small Business Administration

By: Thomas G. Morris

Its: Director, Office of SBIC Liquidation

Date: 04-24-13

SO ORDERED, DATED this 15th day of May, 2013.

Kevin H. Sharp

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE