## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

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PLATINUM MANAGEMENT (NY) LLC;

PLATINUM CREDIT MANAGEMENT, L.P.; :

MARK NORDLICHT;

DAVID LEVY;

DANIEL SMALL;

URI LANDESMAN;

JOSEPH MANN;

JOSEPH SANFILIPPO; and

JEFFREY SHULSE,

Defendants.

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No. 16-cv-6848 (BMC)

## ORDER (I) ESTABLISHING CLAIMS BAR DATES AND (II) APPROVING (A) A PROOF OF CLAIM FORM, (B) THE FORM AND MANNER OF NOTICE OF THE CLAIMS BAR DATES AND (C) PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING PROOFS OF CLAIM

Upon consideration of the motion [Docket No. 424] by Melanie L. Cyganowski, as Receiver (the "*Receiver*") for Platinum Credit Management, L.P., Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Master Fund LP, Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Fund (TE) LLC, Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Fund (BL) LLC, Platinum Liquid Opportunity Management (NY) LLC, Platinum Partners Liquid Opportunity Fund (USA) L.P., Platinum Partners Liquid Opportunity Master Fund L.P., Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Fund International Ltd and Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Fund International Ltd and Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Fund International Ltd and Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Fund International (A) Ltd (collectively, the "*Receivership Entities*"), for entry of an order (i) establishing dates by which all claims arising prior to December 19, 2016 must be filed and (ii) approving (a) a proof of claim form, (b) the form and manner of notice of the claims

bar dates and (c) procedures for submitting proofs of claim (the "*Motion*"), the declaration of the Receiver and memorandum of law in support of the Motion, the objections to the Motion asserted by Navidea Biopharmaceuticals, Inc., David Levy and the San Diego Union-Tribune Retirement Plan, and the supplemental declaration of the Receiver in support of the Motion, this Court finds that (i) the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Receivership Entities, potential claimants, investors and all other parties; (ii) notice of the Motion was good and sufficient under the particular circumstances and that no other or further notice need be given and (ii) based upon the record herein and after due deliberation it is hereby

## **ORDERED THAT:**

- 1. The Motion is GRANTED in all respects.
- 2. All objections not withdrawn or resolved by this Order are overruled in all respects.
- 3. For purposes of this Order (this "Bar Date Order") the following terms are defined as follows:
  - (i) "Claim" is defined as: (1) a claim to a right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, or unsecured, against one or more of the Receivership Entities; or (2) a claim to a right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured, or unsecured, against one or more of the Receivership Entities.
  - (ii) "Claimant" is defined as and includes any person or entity (including, without limitation, individuals, partnerships, corporations, estates, trusts, and governmental units) that holds a Claim. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the definition of Claimant includes, but is not limited to, any person or entity holding a Claim based on the provision of goods or services to any Receivership Entity that has not been paid in whole; money loaned to any Receivership Entity that has not been paid in whole; unpaid wages, compensation, or other employment benefits; tax liabilities, including those held by federal and state governments; primary, secondary, direct, indirect, secured, unsecured, or

contingent liability; or contract, tort, indemnity, reimbursement, subrogation theories, or other legal or equitable theory. The term "Claimant" does <u>not</u> include any person or entity that holds an equity interest in the Receivership Entities, which interest exclusively is based upon the ownership of membership interests or partnership interests in the Receivership Entities.

- (iii) "Governmental Unit" is defined as and includes the United States; State; Commonwealth; District; Territory; municipality; foreign state; department, agency, or instrumentality of the United States, a State, a Commonwealth, a District, a Territory, a municipality, or a foreign state; or other foreign or domestic government.
- 4. Bar Dates.
- (i) This Court hereby establishes <u>5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on the date</u>

  that is forty-five (45) days from the date of entry of this Order as the deadline
  for Claimants other than Governmental Units to submit Proofs of Claim against
  the Receivership Entities (the "General Bar Date"); and
- (ii) This Court hereby establishes <u>5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on the date</u>

  that is sixty (60) days from the date of entry of this Order as the deadline for Governmental Units to submit Proofs of Claim against the Receivership Entities (the "Governmental Bar Date," and together with the General Bar Date, the "Bar Dates").
- 5. Claims Procedures. The following Claims Procedures, including the Bar Date Notice and Proof of Claim Form (each defined below), are approved:
  - Eligibility to Submit Proofs of Claim. Proofs of Claim (defined below) shall be (i) filed by all persons or entities (including, without limitation, individuals, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, estates, trusts, and Governmental Units) that are Claimants and believe that they are owed any money by, or have a right to distribution from, any of the Receivership Entities, regardless of whether the Claim at issue has been acknowledged by the Receiver or whether the Claim at issue is held with or through any person or entity or based on primary, secondary, direct, indirect, secured, unsecured, or contingent liability. Notwithstanding the forgoing, any person or entity that holds an equity interest in the Receivership Entities, which interest exclusively is based upon the ownership of membership interests or partnership interests, is not required to, and should not, file a Proof of Claim; provided, that if any such holder asserts a Claim (as opposed to an ownership interest) against a Receivership Entity (including a Claim relating to an interest or the purchase or sale of such interest), a Proof of Claim must be filed on or before the General Bar Date pursuant to the Claims Procedures.

- (ii) Administrative and Professional Claims. Creditors holding claims based on the provision of goods or services to the Receivership Entities or the Receiver after December 19, 2016 ("Administrative Claims") are not be required to submit proofs of claim on or before the applicable Bar Date and will not be subject to the Bar Dates. For the avoidance of doubt, the Receiver and her retained professionals are not required to submit proofs of claim on or before the General Bar Date and all claims of the Receiver and her professionals will be addressed in accordance with orders of this Court.
- (iii) Advancement, Indemnification and Other Non-Administrative Claims. Creditors (including but not limited to the Defendants in this action and their retained attorneys and professionals) holding claims for indemnification, advancement or reimbursement ("Indemnification Claimants") based on having suffered or incurred, or who may suffer or incur, any costs, losses, damages or liabilities (including without limitation legal fees or other expenses incurred in investigating or defending against any losses, claims, or liabilities) arising from any investigation, claim, allegation, action, or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, arbitrative or investigative, or any appeal in connection with any of the foregoing, that relates to their service in any office or other capacity of, or otherwise representing or acting for or on behalf of any Receivership Entity, or based on a post-receivership agreement with a Receivership Entity (other than for professional services) are required to submit proofs of claim on or before the applicable Bar Date. Indemnification Claimants shall have the right to amend, supplement, and update any claims, provided the original proofs of claims are timely filed, to take into account costs, losses, damages, liabilities, legal fees or other expenses incurred following the Bar Date ("Supplemental Claims"), and all such Supplemental Claims will be deemed timely filed and not barred. The Receiver retains her right to object to any Advancement and Indemnification Claims and/or any Supplemental Claims on any other basis, and to set a final Bar Date (with notice to the Indemnification Claimants) after which no additional Supplemental Claims may be filed.
- (iv) <u>Notice by Mail</u>. The Receiver shall serve, within five (5) business days of entry of this Bar Date Order:
  - (I) a notice of the Bar Dates and the procedures for submitting proofs of claim, substantially in the form of the notice attached as **Exhibit A** to the Cyganowski Dec. and incorporated herein by reference (the "**Bar Date Notice**"); and
  - (II) a proof of claim form substantially in the form of the document attached as **Exhibit B** to the Cyganowski Dec. and incorporated herein by reference (the "**Proof of Claim Form**")
  - on (1) all creditors and other known holders of claims at the address set forth in the Receivership Entities' books and records or as updated pursuant to a request

by the creditor or by returned mail from the post office with a forwarding address; (2) all parties actually known to the Receiver as having potential claims against any of the Receivership Entities; (3) all parties to pending litigation against the Receivership Entities (as of the date of entry of this Bar Date Order); (4) all applicable Governmental Units; and (5) such additional persons and entities deemed appropriate by the Receiver.

With respect to the Claimants that meet the above requirements for notice by mail, the Receiver shall serve (a) those located within the United States by United States first class mail and (b) those located outside the United States by any method reasonably calculated to provide notice to potential Claimants.

- (v) <u>Notice by Electronic Mail</u>. In addition to notice by mail (if required pursuant to the previous paragraph), where potential Claimants have provided an electronic mail address to the Receiver, the Receiver shall serve, within five (5) business days of entry of this Bar Date Order, the Bar Date Notice and the Proof of Claim Form on such potential Claimants via the electronic mail address provided by them.
- (vi) Notice by Publication. The Bar Date Notice and the Proof of Claim Form shall be posted, within five (5) business days of entry of this Bar Date Order, on the Receiver's website. In addition, within fourteen (14) calendar days of entry of this Bar Date Order, a notice of the Bar Dates and the procedures for submitting proofs of claim, substantially in the form of the notice attached as **Exhibit C** to the Cyganowski Dec. and incorporated herein by reference (the "**Bar Date Publication Notice**"), will be published in The Wall Street Journal, and other such publications that in the Receiver's sole and absolute discretion are reasonably calculated to provide notice to potential Claimants.
- (vii) Notice Upon Inquiry. The Receiver shall promptly provide the Bar Date Notice and the Proof of Claim Form to any Claimant who makes a written request for such documents to the e-mail address platinumreceiver@otterbourg.com or to the physical address Platinum Claims c/o Otterbourg P.C., 230 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10169-0075.
- (viii) Procedure for Submitting Proofs of Claim. Except as otherwise ordered by this Court or provided below, each Claimant must submit a completed and signed Proof of Claim Form under penalty of perjury and evidencing such Claimant's Claim, together with supporting documentation (a "Proof of Claim") with the Receiver's agent in the manner indicated below, so that such Proof of Claim is actually received on or before the applicable Bar Date. Proofs of Claim may be submitted to the Receiver's agent by (1) first class mail addressed to Platinum Receivership c/o Epiq, PO Box 10667, Dublin, OH 43017-9367; (2) overnight courier or in-person delivery addressed to Platinum Receivership c/o Epiq, 5151 Blazer Parkway, Suite A, Dublin, OH 43017; or (3) by electronic mail, as an attachment in portable document format (.pdf), to PTMInfo@epiqglobal.com.

## Proofs of Claim should not be filed with this Court, and any Proof of Claim so filed will not be considered properly submitted.

- (ix) Prior Submissions by Claimants. A Claimant that has previously submitted a proof of claim asserting a Claim may, but is not required to, submit a new Proof of Claim with respect to such Claim in accordance with the Claims Procedures. If such a Claimant does not submit a new Proof of Claim, the previously filed proof of claim shall be treated as a timely filed Proof of Claim. However, at the request of the Receiver, the Claimant may be required to submit additional supporting documentation in order for the Claim asserted in the previously filed proof of claim to be evaluated.
- (x) Supporting Documentation for Proof of Claim. Each Claimant should attach to each Proof of Claim copies of all documents available to the Claimant that could support such Proof of Claim. Such documentation may include but is not limited to: copies of all agreements, promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, court judgments, mortgages, security agreements, evidence of perfection of lien and other documents evidencing the amount and basis of the claim. If such supporting documentation is not available, the Claimant must attach to the Proof of Claim an explanation of why the documentation is unavailable.
- (xi) <u>Proof of Claim Must Identify Receivership Entity</u>. Any Claimant holding Claims against more than one Receivership Entity must submit a separate Proof of Claim against each such Receivership Entity and identify on each Proof of Claim the Receivership Entity against which the Proof of Claim is asserted.
- (xii) Effect of Failure to Submit Proof of Claim Before Applicable Bar Date. Any Claimant who is required to submit a Proof of Claim, but fails to do so in a timely manner or in the proper form, shall be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined to the fullest extent allowed by applicable law from asserting, in any manner, such Claim against the Receivership Entities and their respective property or estates; shall not be permitted to object to any distribution plan proposed by the Receiver on account of such Claim; shall be denied any distributions under any distribution plan implemented by the Receiver on account of such Claim; and shall not receive any further notices on account of such Claim. Further, the Receivership Entities and their respective property or estates will be, and hereby are, discharged from any and all indebtedness or liability with respect to such Claim.
- (xiii) <u>Proofs of Claim Processing and Verification</u>. The Receiver is authorized to employ any procedures she deems necessary, in her sole and absolute discretion, for processing, reconciling, and verifying Proofs of Claim.
- (xiv) Reservation of Rights. Nothing herein shall prejudice the rights of the Receiver to dispute, or assert offsets or defenses as to the nature, amount, liability,

classification, or otherwise against, any amounts asserted in any Proof of Claim. Nothing contained herein is intended to preclude the Receiver from objecting to any Proof of Claim on any grounds.

Dated: February 10, 2019 Brooklyn, New York

> THE HON. BRIAN M. COGAN UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK