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**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

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 In re: : Chapter 11
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 HI-CRUSH INC., *et al.*,¹ : Case No. 20- 33495 (DRJ)
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 Debtors. : (Jointly Administered)
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ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF PREPETITION TAXES AND FEES

[Relates to Motion at Docket No. 14]

Upon the motion (the “**Motion**”)² of the Debtors for an Order authorizing the Debtors, in their sole discretion, to pay amounts owed on account of prepetition Taxes and Fees to the Taxing Authorities and the other Debtors; and the Court having reviewed the Motion and the First Day Declaration; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §1334; and the Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2) and that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and the Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and it appearing that proper and adequate notice of the Motion has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; and upon the record herein; and all objections, if any, to entry of this

¹ The Debtors in these cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: Hi-Crush Inc. (0530), OnCore Processing LLC (9403), Hi-Crush Augusta LLC (0668), Hi-Crush Whitehall LLC (5562), PDQ Properties LLC (9169), Hi-Crush Wyeville Operating LLC (5797), D & I Silica, LLC (9957), Hi-Crush Blair LLC (7094), Hi-Crush LMS LLC, Hi-Crush Investments Inc. (6547), Hi-Crush Permian Sand LLC, Hi-Crush Proppants LLC (0770), Hi-Crush PODS LLC, Hi-Crush Canada Inc. (9195), Hi-Crush Holdings LLC, Hi-Crush Services LLC (6206), BulkTracer Holdings LLC (4085), Pronghorn Logistics Holdings, LLC (5223), FB Industries USA Inc. (8208), PropDispatch LLC, Pronghorn Logistics, LLC (4547), and FB Logistics, LLC (8641). The Debtors’ address is 1330 Post Oak Blvd, Suite 600, Houston, Texas 77056.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Motion.



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Order having been withdrawn, resolved, or overruled; and after due deliberation thereon; and the Court having determined that there is good and sufficient cause for the relief granted in the Order, it is hereby

ORDERED THAT:

1. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, in their sole discretion, to pay to the Taxing Authorities or the other Debtors all Taxes and Fees relating to the period prior to the commencement of their Chapter 11 Cases (the "**Petition Date**"), solely to the extent that such Taxes and Fees become payable in accordance with applicable law. Such Taxes and Fees are summarized in further detail in the chart below.

Category	Description	Estimated Amount
Franchise and Business Taxes	Taxes required to conduct business in the ordinary course, including the Commercial Activity Tax (" CAT ").	\$320,000
Income Taxes	Taxes imposed on the Debtors' income and that are required to conduct business in the ordinary course.	\$0
Property Taxes	Taxes and obligations related to real and personal property holdings.	\$3,000,000
Sales and Use Taxes	Taxes imposed on the sale and use of certain goods and services.	\$660,000
Government Regulatory Taxes/Licensing Fees	Taxes and obligations related to regulatory fees and the granting of licenses that are required to conduct business in the ordinary course.	\$0

2. The Debtors' rights to contest the amounts of any Taxes and Fees on any grounds they deem appropriate are reserved and extend to the payment of Taxes and Fees relating to tax audits that have been completed, are in progress, or arise from prepetition periods.

3. The Debtors may seek additional relief from this Court in the future in the event that the Debtors subsequently determine that additional prepetition Taxes and Fees are owed by the Debtors.

4. Nothing in the Motion or this Order shall be construed as impairing the Debtors' right to contest the validity, amount, or priority of any Taxes and Fees allegedly due or owing to any Taxing Authorities or the other Debtors, or any claim or lien against the Debtors and all Debtors' rights with respect thereto are hereby reserved.

5. The Debtors' banks and financial institutions shall be, and are hereby authorized, when requested by the Debtors in their sole discretion, to process, honor, pay and, if necessary, reissue any and all checks or electronic fund transfers, including prepetition checks and electronic payment and transfer requests that the Debtors reissue or re-request postpetition, drawn on the Debtors' bank accounts relating to the prepetition Taxes and Fees, whether those checks were presented prior to or after the Petition Date, provided that sufficient funds are available in the accounts to make the payments.

6. The Debtors' banks and financial institutions may rely on the representations of the Debtors with respect to whether any check or other transfer drawn or issued by the Debtors prior to the Petition Date should be honored pursuant to this Order, and any such bank or financial institution shall not have any liability to any party for relying on such representations by the Debtors as provided for in this Order.

7. Nothing in the Motion or this Order, or the Debtors' payment of any claims pursuant to this Order, shall be construed as: (i) an admission as to the validity of any claim against any Debtor or the existence of any lien against the Debtors' properties; (ii) a waiver of the Debtors' rights to dispute any claim or lien on any grounds; (iii) a promise to pay any claim; (iv) an implication or admission that any particular claim would constitute an allowed claim; (v) an assumption or rejection of any executory contract or unexpired lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; or (vi) a limitation on the Debtors' rights under section 365 of the

Bankruptcy Code to assume or reject any executory contract with any party subject to this Order. Nothing contained in this Order shall be deemed to increase, decrease, reclassify, elevate to an administrative expense status, or otherwise affect any claim to the extent it is not paid.

8. Neither the provisions contained herein, nor any actions or payments made by the Debtors pursuant to this Order, shall be deemed an admission as to the validity of any underlying obligation or a waiver of any rights the Debtors may have to dispute such obligation on any ground that applicable law permits.

9. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, (i) any payment made, or to be made, or authorization contained hereunder shall be subject to the requirements imposed on the Debtors under any order approving a postpetition financing facility or any order regarding the use of cash collateral approved by this Court in these Chapter 11 Cases (collectively, the “**DIP Orders**”), and (ii) to the extent there is any inconsistency between the terms of the DIP Orders and any action taken or proposed to be taken hereunder, the terms of the DIP Orders shall control. For the avoidance of doubt, the Debtors are not authorized to make any payments pursuant to this Order except as permitted by the Budget (as defined in the DIP Orders).

10. The contents of the Motion satisfy the requirements of Bankruptcy Rules 6003(b) and 6004(a).

11. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), to the extent applicable, this Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry hereof.

12. The Debtors shall maintain a matrix/schedule of payments made pursuant to this Order, including the following information: (a) the names of the payee; (b) the nature of the payment; (c) the amount of the payment; (d) the category or type of payment; (e) the Debtor or Debtors that made the payment; (f) the payment date; and (g) the purpose of such payment. The

Debtors shall provide a copy of such matrix/schedule to the U.S. Trustee, the Ad Hoc Group, and any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases every 30 days beginning upon entry of this Order.

13. The Debtors are authorized to take all action necessary to effectuate the relief granted by this Order.

14. The Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Signed: July 13, 2020.



DAVID R. JONES
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE