1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE Case No. 3:16-cv-1386 11 COMMISSION, [PROPOSED] ORDER 12 Plaintiff, **GRANTING THE FORMER** 13 RECEIVER'S APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER TO PAY ITS 14 JOHN B. BIVONA; SADDLE RIVER ADVISERS, LLC; SRA AND ITS' COUNSEL'S FEES 15 MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES, LLC;) FRANK GREGORY MAZZOLA FOR THE PERIOD **OCTOBER 1 TO DECEMBER** 16 31, 2018 Defendants. 17 Date: No Date 18 Time: 19 Courtroom: 5 Judge: Edward M. Chen 20 21 22 The former Receiver in the above matter, Sherwood Partners Inc. 23 ('Sherwood") through its Senior Vice President Georgiana Nertea 24 ("Nertea"), requests that this Court approve the Application by Sherwood for its services and expenses for the period of October 1 to December 31, 2018. 25 26 27 28 [PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING MOTION REQUESTING THE PAYMENT OF FEES TO THE

Sherwood also requests approval to pay the fees of its counsel, John W. Cotton of Gartenberg, Gelfand & Hayton LLP for the same period.

In support, the Sherwood has submitted the Declaration of Georgiana Nertea, one of Sherwood's senior supervising personnel, in which she states Sherwood has complied in full with the SEC's "Billing Instructions to Receivers". She has broken out, and reviewed the time spent on each of the various SEC activity categories, and stated under oath that each was reasonable and necessary, and performed by billing personnel of appropriate skill and experience. She has also attached the required SEC Standard Form Accounting Report, or "SFAR" for the requested time period.

The former Receiver's Counsel, John W. Cotton, has also submitted his declaration in which he states that he has broken out, and reviewed the time spent on each of the various SEC activity categories, and stated under oath that each was reasonable and necessary, and performed by billing personnel of appropriate skill and experience.

The SEC has reviewed this Eighth Quarterly Fee Motion, and after substantive discussion with Sherwood's counsel, has proposed certain reductions in amount to its invoices, which were acceptable to it. The SEC has however requested, and the Receiver has agreed to, a fee holdback of 20%, as permitted by Sec. XIV of this Court's Order of October 11, 2016, in the amount of \$7,068.39. This amount, when added to previous fee and expense holdbacks ordered by the Court, bring the total amount of holdback for Sherwood to \$144,627.51.

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, the Court hereby authorizes that the former Receiver in this matter, Sherwood Partners Inc., be paid by the current Receiver for its requested fees and expenses for the period October 1

to December 31, 2018, in the total amount of \$28,273.57. An additional amount of \$7,068.39 is approved as to amount only by the Court, but shall remain as a part of a "hold back" amount until the conclusion of this matter, or as earlier ordered by the Court.

GOOD CAUSE ALSO APPEARING, the Court hereby authorizes the current Receiver in this matter, to pay Gartenberg, Gelfand & Hayton LLP for its requested fees and expenses for the period October 1 to December 31, 2018 in the amount of \$15,235.22. The SEC and the other interested parties have stated to the former Receiver's counsel that they do not oppose this request.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: April <u>25</u>, 2019

Judge Edward M. Chen United States District Court