UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re :

: Chapter 11 Case No. Allegiance Telecom, Inc., et al., : 03-13057 (RDD)

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Debtors. : Jointly Administered X

INTERIM ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 105 AND 363 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE APPROVING THE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH IMPALA PARTNERS, LLC

Upon the motion (the "Motion"), dated July 11, 2003 of Allegiance Telecom, Inc. and its direct and indirect subsidiaries, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively the "Debtors") for an order pursuant to sections 105 and 363 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") approving the services agreement with Impala Partners, LLC (the "Agreement"), dated July 11, 2003, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and it appearing that this Court has jurisdiction to consider and determine the Motion as core preceding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and it appearing that due and proper notice of this Motion has been given; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor; it is hereby

ORDERED that the Motion is granted on an interim basis; and it is further

ORDERED that the Debtors are authorized to employ Impala Partners, LLC

("Impala") to provide management services to the Debtors on the terms and conditions set forth in the Agreement on an interim basis, pending a final hearing upon adequate notice; and it is further

ORDERED that, upon the Debtors and Impala agreeing on the terms of the Success Fee,¹ the Debtors shall (a) file and serve a notice on the Master Service List that (i) discloses the material terms of the Success Fee and (ii) provides the date and time of the final hearing on the Motion and procedures and deadlines for objecting to the relief requested by the Motion including the Success Fee and (b) file online the full terms of the Success Fee; and it is further

ORDERED that all compensation and reimbursement due to, and other rights of,
Impala in accordance with the Agreement, including, without limitation indemnification
obligations, shall be treated as an allowed administrative expense under section 503 of the
Bankruptcy Code and shall be paid in accordance with the terms and provisions of the
Agreement; and it is further

ORDERED that all compensation and reimbursement of expenses to be paid to Impala Partners, LLC shall be subject to prior approval of this Court in accordance with the requirements of sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and the order of this Court establishing procedures for monthly compensation and reimbursement of expenses for professionals, dated June 13, 2003; and it is further

ORDERED that to the extent accrued since entering into the Agreement and during this interim retention, Impala shall receive only (a) Impala's monthly compensation as specified in the Agreement (i.e., the Monthly Fee Payment) and (b) reimbursement of Impala's expenses; and it is further

¹ Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Motion.

ORDERED that to the extent that there may be any inconsistency between the

terms of the Motion, the Agreement or this Order, the terms of this Order shall govern; and it is

further

ORDERED that the Court shall retain jurisdiction over any and all disputes

arising under or otherwise relating to the construction, performance and enforcement of the terms

and conditions of the Agreement.

Dated: New York, New York

July 29, 2003

/s/Robert D. Drain

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

NO OBJECTION:

By:

/s/Pamela J. Lustrin_

Pamela J. Lustrin (PJL-5890)

United States Trustee Office

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