IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

re:) Chapter 11
IKO USA, Inc.,) Case No. 18-10069 (MFW)
	Debtor. ¹	Hearing Date: Only if Objections are Filed Objection Deadline: June 19, 2018 @ 4:00 p.m.
OF PERKINS COI COMPENSATION <u>FR</u>	E LLP, COUNSEL T I AND REIMBURSE	FOURTH MONTHLY FEE APPLICATION TO THE DEBTOR, FOR ALLOWANCE OF MENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD THROUGH APRIL 30, 2018
Name of Applicant:		Perkins Coie LLP
Authorized to Provide	Professional Services t	to: Debtor and Debtor-in-Possession
Date of Retention:		Nunc pro tunc to January 11, 2018
Period for which comp		April 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018
reimbursement is soug		
Amount of Compensat reasonable and necessa		\$44,291.50 (80% of which is \$35,433.20)

Perkins	Coie	LLP	intends	to	seek	compensation	in	connection	with	the	preparation	of	this

Application at a later date.

The last four digits of the Debtor's federal tax identification number are 0805. The principal place of business for the Debtor is 470 Park Avenue South, 15th Floor New York, NY, 10016.

Prior Applications:

Date and Docket No.	Filing Period	Requested Fees	Requested Expenses	Approved Fees	Approved Expenses	Unapproved Fees / Expenses	CNO Date and Docket No.
03/12/2018 D.I. 167	01/11/2018 through 01/31/2018	\$120,106.50	\$401.55	\$96,085.20	\$401.55	\$24,021.30	04/03/2018 D.1. 194
04/19/2018 D.I. 214	02/01/2018 through 02/28/18	\$175,200.00	\$0.00	\$140,160.00	\$0.00	\$35,040.00	05/11/2018 D.I. 271
05/11/2018 D.I. 272	03/01/2018 through 03/31/2018	\$91,340.00	\$807.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$92,14.80	Pending ²
- 3300047	TOTAL	\$386,646.50	\$1,209.35	\$236,245.20	\$401.55	\$151,209.10	

Objection deadline is June 1, 2018.

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FOURTH MONTHLY FEE APPLICATION OF PERKINS COIE LLP, COUNSEL TO THE DEBTOR, FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 1, 2018 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2018

Perkins Coie LLP ("**Perkins Coie**" or "**Applicant**"), counsel to the debtor and debtor-in-possession (the "**Debtor**"), hereby applies to the Court for interim allowance of compensation for the period April 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018 (the "**Application Period**") with respect to its retention as counsel to the Debtor. In support of this Application, Perkins Coie represents as follows:

Jurisdiction

- 1. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 2. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Background

3. On January 11, 2018 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtor filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") a voluntary petition for relief

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under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor continues to operate it business and manage its properties as debtor-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee, examiner, or statutory committee of unsecured creditors has been appointed in this chapter 11 case (the "Chapter 11 Case").

4. On February 7, 2018, the Court entered the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* [Docket No. 124] (the "Interim Compensation Order"), which sets forth the procedures for interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses for all professionals in the Chapter 11 Case.

Retention of Perkins Coie

5. On February 7, 2018, this Court entered the *Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Perkins Coie LLP as Counsel to the Debtor, Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date* [Docket No. 125].

Professional Services Rendered

- 6. During the Application Period, Perkins Coie partners, associates and paraprofessionals rendered a total of 60.90 hours of professional services to the Debtor, and requests allowance of interim compensation in the amount of \$44,291.50. The blended hourly rate for the hours included in this Application is equal to \$727.28 per hour, calculated as to both attorneys and paraprofessionals. At all times, work was assigned to the attorney or paraprofessional with the lowest billing rate possible commensurate with the skill, background, responsibility and expertise needed to do the work efficiently.
- 7. Perkins Coie's hourly rates are set at a level designed to compensate Perkins Coie for the work of its attorneys and paraprofessionals and to cover fixed and routine expenses. The hourly rates and corresponding hourly rates structure utilized by Perkins Coie in this Chapter 11 Case are equivalent to the hourly rates and corresponding rate structure used by Perkins Coie for

other corporate restructuring and bankruptcy matters, as well as similar complex corporate, labor, real estate and litigation matters, whether in court or otherwise, regardless of whether a fee application is required.

- 8. Perkins Coie maintains computerized records of all time expended for the professional services rendered in connection with this Chapter 11 Case on behalf of the Debtor. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a summary of fees incurred and hours expended during the Application Period along with a detailed, chronological itemization covering all the services performed by Applicant. This detailed itemization complies with Local Rule 2016-2(d) in that (i) each time entry contains a separate time allotment, a description of the type of activity and the subject matter of the activity, (ii) all time is billed in increments of one-tenth of an hour, and (iii) time entries are presented chronologically by Applicant.
- 9. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a detailed itemization, by project category, of all services performed by Applicant with respect to these matters during the Application Period. Non-working travel time (to the extent applicable) is billed at 50% of normal rates.
- 10. Attached hereto as **Exhibit C** is a description of the costs actually expended by the Applicant in the performance of services rendered as counsel to the Debtor during the Application Period. These costs for which reimbursement is requested total \$29.22. The breakdown of costs includes the rate for copying charges (\$.10/page) and the basis for each rate, facsimile charges (\$.25/page outgoing transmission only), telephone charges, postage, messenger service, outside photocopying, teleconferencing and legal research. By this Application, the Applicant does not seek expenses for incoming facsimile transmissions.
- 11. Attached hereto as **Exhibit D** is an Declaration of Applicant with respect to the compensation requested.

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Summary of Legal Services by Project Category

12. The services rendered by Perkins Coie during the Application Period can be grouped in the categories set forth below. The following chart is a summary of the fees and hours billed for each project category during the Application Period.

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
Asset Disposition	0.40	\$318.00
Case Administration	0.70	\$556.50
Claim Analysis, Objections, Proofs of Claim and Bar Date	7.00	\$5,223.00
Creditor Inquiries	0.20	\$159.00
Employee Benefits and Pensions	2.90	\$1,754.50
Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases	10.30	\$7,883.50
Fee/Employment Applications (Other Professionals)	0.30	\$238.50
Financing and Cash Collateral	15.00	\$11,754.00
Plan and Disclosure Statement	23.90	\$16,245.50
Preparation for and Attendance at Hearing	0.20	\$159.00
TOTAL	60.90	\$44,291.50

- 13. These categories are generally described below, with a more detailed identification of the actual services provided set forth in **Exhibit B** attached hereto.
 - (a) <u>Asset Disposition</u>. This category includes all matters relating to the disposition, and other post-petition uses of, property of the estate, including post-closing issues arising from the sale of substantially all of the Debtor's assets. Time in this category includes communicating with Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr ("SEAL") regarding the de minimis asset sale; and reviewing a draft de minimis asset sale motion. Perkins Coie spent 0.40 hours of attorney time on the foregoing services. Said services have a value of \$318.00 for which Perkins Coie is seeking compensation.

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Professionals	Position	Hours	Compensation
J. Vanacore	Senior Counsel	0.40	\$318.00
Total		0.40	\$318.00

(b) <u>Case Administration</u>. This category includes all matters related to work regarding administration of the case. Time in this category includes communicating with the Debtor regarding case issues, and reviewing a motion to extend the removal period and a monthly staffing report. Perkins Coie spent 0.70 hours of attorney time on the foregoing services. Said services have a value of \$556.50 for which Perkins Coie is seeking compensation.

	Case Admin	iisti ation	
Professionals	Position	Hours	Compensation
J. Vanacore	Senior Counsel	0.70	\$556.50
Total		0.70	\$556.50

(c) <u>Claim Analysis, Objections, Proofs of Claim and Bar Date</u>. This category includes all time spent in connection with claim and bar date issues. Time in this category includes communicating with the Debtor and SEAL regarding claim issues; reviewing a claim analysis and the claims register; and reviewing claimants' reconciliation documents. Perkins Coie spent 7.00 hours of attorney time on the foregoing services. Said services have a value of \$5,223.00 for which Perkins Coie is seeking compensation.

Claim Ana	lysis, Objections, Pr	oofs of Claim :	and Bar Date
Professionals	Position	Hours	Compensation
J. Vanacore	Senior Counsel	5.20	\$4,134.00
D. Kennedy	Senior Counsel	1.80	\$1,089.00
Total		7.00	\$5,223.00

(d) <u>Creditor Inquiries</u>. This category includes all matters related to communicating with creditors regarding case issues. Perkins Coie spent 0.20 hours of attorney time on the foregoing services. Said services have a value of \$159.00 for which Perkins Coie is seeking compensation.

	Creditor I	nquiries	
Professionals	Position	Hours	Compensation
J. Vanacore	Senior Counsel	0.20	\$159.00
Total		0.20	\$159.00

(e) Employee Benefits and Pensions. This category includes all time spent in connection with various employee issues. Time in this category includes communicating with the Debtor regarding employee, severance and bonus issues; and reviewing the severance program documents. Perkins Coie spent 2.90 hours of attorney time on the foregoing services. Said services

have a value of \$1,754.50 for which Perkins Coie is seeking compensation.

	Employee Benefit	s and Pensions	
Professionals	Position	Hours	Compensation
D. Kennedy	Senior Counsel	2.90	\$1,754.50
Total		2.90	\$1,754.50

(f) Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases. This category includes all time spent in connection with contract and lease analysis, the assumption, assignment or rejection of executory contracts and unexpired leases, and cure claims. Time in this category includes reviewing and revising an order on the motion to reject additional leases; communicating with counsel for Michilli regarding lease issues; communicating with the Debtor regarding the Times Square property, lease, and landlord issues; communicating with counsel to landlords regarding lease issues; and communicating with SEAL regarding the Times Square property, landlord issues, and lease rejection order. Perkins Coie spent 10.30 hours of attorney time on the foregoing services. Said services have a value of \$7,883.50 for which Perkins Coie is seeking compensation.

Exe	cutory Contracts an	d Unexpired	Leases
Professionals	Position	Hours	Compensation
J. Vanacore	Senior Counsel	7.00	\$5,565.00
M. Sherman	Partner	2.30	\$1,713.50
D. Kennedy	Senior Counsel	1.00	\$605.00
Total		10.30	\$7,883.50

(g) <u>Fee/Employment Applications (Other Professionals)</u>. This category includes all matters related to the review and analysis and filing of retention and fee applications for other professionals in this Chapter 11 case. Time in this category includes briefly reviewing fee applications. Perkins Coie spent 0.30 hours of attorney time on the foregoing services. Said services have a value of \$238.50 for which Perkins Coie is seeking compensation.

Professionals	Position	Hours	Compensation
J. Vanacore	Senior Counsel	0.30	\$238.50

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(h) Financing and Cash Collateral. This category includes all matters relating to debtor in possession financing and cash collateral issues. Time in this category includes communicating with DIP Lender's counsel regarding equity sponsor, plan and exit financing issues; drafting and revising an exit financing agreement; communicating with the Debtor regarding the exist financing and DIP issues; and communicating with SEAL regarding DIP issues. Perkins Coie spent 15.00 hours of attorney time on the foregoing services. Said services have a value of \$11,754.00 for which Perkins Coie is seeking compensation.

Financing and Cash Collateral				
Professionals	Position	Hours	Compensation	
J. Vanacore	Senior Counsel	14.10	\$11,209.50	
D. Kennedy	Senior Counsel	0.90	\$544.50	
Total		15.00	\$11,754.00	

(i) <u>Plan and Disclosure Statement</u>. This category includes time related to plan and disclosure issues. This category includes time related to reviewing and revising a plan and disclosure statement and voting procedures motion; communicating with the Debtor regarding the plan and disclosure statement; communicating with the Lender and landlords regarding the plan and disclosure statement; drafting a plan support agreement; and communicating with SEAL regarding the plan and disclosure statement. Perkins Coie spent 23.90 hours of attorney time on the foregoing services. Said services have a value of \$16,245.50 for which Perkins Coie is seeking compensation.

Plan and Disclosure Statement				
Professionals	Position	Hours	Compensation	
J. Vanacore	Senior Counsel	9.40	\$7,473.00	
D. Kennedy	Senior Counsel	14.50	\$8,772.50	
Total		23.90	\$16,245.50	

(j) Preparation for and Attendance at Hearing. This category includes time related to the preparation for and attendance at various court hearings. Time in this category includes communicating with SEAL regarding hearing issues. Perkins Coie spent 0.20 hours of attorney time on the foregoing services. Said services have a value of \$159.00 for which Perkins Coie is seeking compensation.

Preparation for and Attendance at Hearing				
Professionals	Position	Hours	Compensation	
J. Vanacore	Senior Counsel	0.20	\$159.00	
Total		0.20	\$159.00	

(k) Expenses. Exhibit C lists expenses, such as copying costs at 10¢ per page, postage, filing fees, transcripts, charges for telephonic Court appearances, charges for legal research. Perkins Coie has voluntarily reduced its copying charges from \$.25 per page to \$.10 per page and has eliminated the cost of sending and receiving faxes. Perkins Coie seeks \$29.22 in expenses.

EXPENSES				
Expense Category	Service Provider (if applicable)	Total Expenses		
Overnight Delivery	Federal Express	\$29.22		
Total		\$29.22		

Compensation Should Be Allowed

- 14. The foregoing services in the total amount of \$44,291.50 provided by Perkins Coie on behalf of the Debtor during the Application Period were reasonable, necessary and appropriate to the administration of the Chapter 11 Case.
- 15. The attorneys who worked on this case during the Application Period have various levels and areas of expertise. Accordingly, it was necessary for these attorneys to consult with each other on different aspects and issues relating to the Chapter 11 Case. The attorneys involved in this case and their areas of expertise is attached hereto as **Exhibit E**.
- 16. Section 331 of the Bankruptcy Code provides for compensation of professionals and incorporates the standards of section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code to govern the Court's award of such compensation. Section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code provides that a court may award a professional employed under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code "reasonable compensation for actual necessary services rendered . . . and reimbursement for actual, necessary

expenses." 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1). Section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code also sets forth the criteria for the award of such compensation and reimbursement:

In determining the amount of reasonable compensation to be awarded, the court should consider the nature, extend, and the value of such services, taking into account all relevant factors, including

- (a) the time spent on such services;
- (b) the rates charged for such services;
- (c) whether the services were necessary to the administration of, or beneficial at the time at which the service was rendered toward the completion of, a case under this title;
- (d) whether the services were performed within a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity, importance, and nature of the problem, issue, or task addressed; and
- (e) whether the compensation is reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in cases other than cases under this title.

11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(3).

- 17. The services performed by Perkins Coie during the Application Period for which compensation is sought were necessary for, and beneficial to, the Debtor and the Debtor's estates. Perkins Coie submits that the compensation sought is reasonable.
- 18. Perkins Coie submits that the services provided to the Debtor by Perkins Coie during this Chapter 11 Case were necessary and appropriate given the complexity of this Chapter 11 Case, the issues involved, the nature and extent of services provided, and the cost of comparable services outside of bankruptcy, all of which are factors set forth in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, Perkins Coie respectfully submits that approval of the compensation sought for the Application Period is appropriate and should be approved.
- 19. Perkins Coie has reviewed the requirements of Del. Bank. L.R. 2016-2 and believes that this Application complies with the such requirements.

Notice

20. Notice of this Application is being provided to the Notice Parties identified in the Interim Compensation Order and to all other parties who have requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002.

21. No prior request for the relief sought by this Application has been made to this or any other court.

WHEREFORE, Perkins Coie respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order (i) allowing, authorizing and directing payment of interim compensation in the amount of \$44,291.50 (80% of which is \$35,433.20) for legal services rendered on behalf of the Debtor during the Application Period, together with reimbursement of disbursements in the amount of \$29.22 and, (ii) granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: May 29, 2018

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