

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

In re:	)	Chapter 11
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REPUBLIC METALS REFINING CORPORATION, <i>et al.</i> , <sup>1</sup>	)	Case No. 18-13359 (shl)
	)	
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)

**ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF THE  
EMPLOYMENT OF AKERMAN LLP AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE DEBTORS**

Upon the Application (the “Application”)<sup>2</sup> of Republic Metals Refining Corporation and its debtor affiliates (collectively, the “Debtors”), as debtors and debtors-in-possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the “Chapter 11 Cases” or “Cases”), for entry of an order authorizing the Debtors to employ and retain Akerman LLP as counsel for the Debtors [ECF No. 59] (the “Application”), finds that (i) it has jurisdiction over the matters raised in the Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; (ii) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); (iii) the relief requested in the Application is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, and their creditors and relief under Rule 6003 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and approving employment of Akerman LLP (“Akerman”) as of the Petition Date is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm; (iv) Akerman is a “disinterested person” as that term is defined under Bankruptcy Code section 101(14) as modified by Bankruptcy Code

<sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, include: Republic Metals Refining Corporation, 15 West 47th Street, Suites 206 and 209, New York, NY 10036 (3194), Republic Metals Corporation, 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (4378), Republic Carbon Company, LLC, 5295 Northwest 163rd Street, Miami Gardens, FL 33014 (5833), Republic High Tech Metals, LLC, 13001 NW 38 Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (6102), RMC Diamonds, LLC, 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (1507), RMC2, LLC, 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (4696), J & L Republic LLC, 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (7604); R & R Metals, LLC, 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (7848), Republic Metals Trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., 276 Ningbo Road, Huangpu District, Shanghai, P.R. 200001 China (1639), and Republic Trans Mexico Metals, S.R.L., Francisco I. Madero No. 55 Piso 5, Local 409, Centro Joyero Edificio Central, Delegación Cuahtémoc, Mexico DF 6000 (2942).

<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

section 1107(b); (v) proper and adequate notice of the Application has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; (vi) all objections to the Application have been resolved by this Order or are overruled in their entirety; and (vii) upon the record herein after due deliberation thereon good and sufficient cause exists for the granting of the relief as set forth herein.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The Application is GRANTED as set forth herein.
2. Pursuant to section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors are authorized to retain Akerman, as bankruptcy counsel, effective as of the Petition Date, in accordance with and on the terms described in the Application, the engagement letter, and this Order, and to perform the services described therein.
3. The requirements of section 329 of the Bankruptcy Code have been satisfied.
4. Akerman shall be compensated upon appropriate application and notice in accordance with Bankruptcy Code sections 330 and 331, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Bankruptcy Rules, including any applicable procedures and orders of this Court.
5. Prior to any rate increases by any professionals employed by Akerman, Akerman will provide, on ten (10) business days, notice of the rate increase to the United States Trustee, and will file such notice with the Court. The United States Trustee retains its rights to object to any rate increase on grounds including, but not limited to, the reasonableness standard provided for in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Court may review any rate increase pursuant to Section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code.
6. The Fee Structure set forth in the Application is approved.

7. No work performed by Akerman shall be unnecessarily duplicative of work performed by any other counsel retained by the Debtors in the Chapter 11 Cases.

8. The Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from the implementation of this Order.

Dated: New York, New York  
December 10, 2018

/s/ Sean H. Lane  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE