UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF VERMONT

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In re:

FIBERMARK, INC.,
FIBERMARK NORTH AMERICA, INC., and
FIBERMARK INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS, INC.
Debtors,

Chapter 11 Case # 04-10463 Jointly Administered

ORDER

GRANTING IN PART THE SECOND QUARTERLY FEE APPLICATION OF WEISER LLP FOR COMPENSATION FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED (JULY 1, 2004 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2004)

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2004, Weiser LLP ("Weiser"), in its capacity as restructuring accountant for the Debtors in the above-referenced case, filed its second quarterly fee application for allowance of compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred for the period from July 1, 2004 through October 31, 2004 (doc. # 888) (the "Second Application");

WHEREAS, no objection has been filed and the United States Trustee has neither objected nor consented to the Second Application;

WHEREAS, the Second Application seeks compensation in the amount of \$443,565.75 for professional services rendered for the period from July 1, 2004 through October 31, 2004 (the "Application Period") and \$33,130.84 for reimbursement of expenses incurred during the Application Period;

THE COURT FINDS that the professional's fees earned during the Application Period to be fully and properly compensable. Specifically, the Court finds the services rendered by Weiser were reasonable, necessary and of benefit to the estate, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 330(a). See also In re JLM, Inc., 210 B.R. 19, 24 (2d Cir. BAP 1997). Accordingly, the professional fees sought in connection with services rendered by Weiser during the Application Period are approved and allowed in full.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that certain of the expenses for which reimbursement is sought lack sufficient information for the Court to determine whether the expenses are actual, necessary or justified. See 11 U.S.C. § 330(a); S.T.N. Enterprises, 70 B.R. 823, 836 (Bankr. Vt. 1987); In re Fibermark, No. 04-10463, *4 (Bankr. Vt. filed Nov. 29, 2004)(doc. # 783); In re Fibermark, No. 04-10463, *10 (Bankr. Vt. filed Oct. 22, 2004)(doc. # 698); In re Fibermark, No. 04-10463, *2-3(Bankr. Vt. filed Sept. 30, 2004)(doc. # 645).

Specifically, the Court observes that although many of the entries requesting reimbursement for hotel charges contain detail regarding the length of stay(making it possible to compute the per day charge), several lodging entries do not contain any specifics beyond the date incurred, the fact that it was for lodging, and the amount requested. In light of the lack of information provided, this Court cannot determine whether the expenses are necessary or justified, the Court denies reimbursement for the following entries:

Date Expense Incurred	Detail provided	Amount Requested
7/08/04	Lodging while working at client	\$ 368.08
7/15/04	Lodging while working at client	\$ 489.01
7/23/04	Lodging while working at client	\$ 475.24
7/30/04	Lodging while working at client	\$ 488.95
8/05/04	Lodging while working at client	\$ 475.24
8/12/04	Lodging while working at client	\$ 475.24
8/19/04	Lodging while working at client	\$ 476.24
8/27/04	Lodging while working at client	\$ 482.24
9/02/04	Lodging while working at client	\$ 362.93
9/17/04	Lodging while working at client	\$ 479.74
9/24/04	Lodging while working at client	\$ 477.24
10/01/04	Lodging while working at client	\$ 493.39
10/08/04	Lodging while working at client	\$ 358.93
10/15/04	Lodging while working at client	\$ 482.74
10/21/04	Lodging while working at client	\$ 478.99
10/29/04	Lodging while working at client	\$ 361.43

This Court has previously acknowledged in this case that the cost of lodging may vary from location to location. <u>In re Fibermark</u>, No. 04-10463, *4 (Bankr. Vt. filed Nov. 29, 2004)(doc. # 783). However, based upon the lack of specificity as to the location and whether the professional stayed one or multiple nights, the expenses appear excessive and Weiser has not provided any basis for determining otherwise. <u>In re S.T. N. Enterprises</u>, 70 B.R. at 836. Accordingly, the above expenses totaling \$7,225.63 are disallowed.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the Second Application lacks sufficient information for the Court to determine whether expenses labeled as "Phone bill July" and "Phone bill August" are not overhead expenses and, thus, compensable from the estate. Consequently, these expenses totaling \$82.67 are denied.

Id.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the Second Application lacks sufficient information for the Court to determine whether an expense for a rental car for "one month and two days" in the amount of \$1,417.24 may be justified as actual and necessary and compensable from the estate. Accordingly, this expense is denied.

THE COURT FURTHER FINDS that the remaining \$ 24,405.30 sought for reimbursement of expenses incurred during the Application Period to be reasonable and appropriate and, accordingly, they are approved and allowed.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that

- 1. The Second Application of Weiser LLP is allowed in part and disallowed in part.
- 2. The following fees and expenses requested in the Second Application are approved and allowed:
 - (A) \$443,565.75 for professional services rendered; and
 - (B) \$24,405.30 for reimbursement of expenses.
- 3. The Debtors are hereby authorized and directed to pay to Weiser LLP (to the extent not previously paid) the sum of:
 - (A) \$443,565.75, representing fees earned by Weiser, LLP during the Application Period; and
 - (B) \$ 24,405.30, representing reimbursement for the approved expenses incurred by Weiser, LLP during the Application Period.

Colleen A. Brown

United States Bankruptcy Judge

SO ORDERED.

January 25, 2005

Rutland, Vermont

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