

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
Eastern Division

In Re:)
PEREGRINE FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.)

BK No.: 12-27488

Chapter: 7

Honorable Carol A. Doyle

Debtor(s))

**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE TRUSTEE TO OPERATE
THE BUSINESS OF THE DEBTOR AND TO PAY EMPLOYEE OBLIGATIONS**

Upon consideration of the motion (the “Motion”) of Ira Bodenstein, not personally, but as chapter 7 trustee (the “Trustee”) for the estate of Peregrine Financial Group, Inc. d/b/a PFG Best (the “Debtor”), for the entry of an order authorizing the Trustee to conduct the Business Operations and to pay the Employee Obligations (capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed thereto in the Motion); sufficient notice having been provided under the circumstances; the Court having core jurisdiction to hear and determine the Motion; and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises; IT IS ORDERED:

1. The Trustee is authorized, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 721, to operate the business of the Debtor on a limited basis, in the manner necessary, in the Trustee’s business judgment, to preserve value for the Debtor’s estate. Such operating authority includes, but is not limited to:
 - i. Accounting functions;
 - ii. Regulatory compliance;
 - iii. Balancing and processing;
 - iv. Responsibilities and obligations related to human resources;
 - v. Information technology; and
 - vi. Retaining the services of appropriate professionals and/or other service providers as necessary to properly investigate, marshal and liquidate the assets of the Debtor (including potential causes of action).
2. The Trustee is authorized, but not directed, to pay the Wages, as set forth in the Motion and to continue to pay Wages to Retained Employees for services rendered to the Trustee while he operates the Debtor’s business.
3. The Trustee is authorized, but not directed, to pay and continue to provide the Employee Benefits to the Retained Employees while he operates the Debtor’s business.
4. This Order shall not permit any Employee to receive more than the \$11,725 entitled to priority under § 507(a)(4).
5. The Trustee is authorized, but not directed, to pay any and all withholding taxes and other deductions, including, but not limited to, Social Security taxes, federal, state and local income taxes and other types of withholding, whether arising prior to or after the Petition Date.
6. JPMorgan Chase & Co. is hereby directed to honor any and all checks drawn on the Debtor’s accounts to pay the Wages and the Employee Benefits authorized by this Order.
7. Nothing in this Order, nor any payments made by the Trustee pursuant to this Order, shall be deemed an assumption of an employee benefit plan, employment agreement, collective bargaining agreement or other programs or contracts, or otherwise affect the Trustee’s rights to assume or reject any such plan, agreement or contract.

8. This Court shall retain jurisdiction over any and all issues arising from or related to the implementation and interpretation of this Order.

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Dated:

United States Bankruptcy Judge

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