

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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ORDER APPROVING SECURITIZATION OF
MASTERCARD SETTLEMENT ACCOUNT PAYMENTS

Upon the motion of Constantine Cannon LLP and Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP, Lead Counsel, on behalf of the Plaintiff Class to approve the securitization of the MasterCard International Incorporated (“MasterCard”) settlement payments, the Court, having considered all matters submitted to it at the hearing held on April 24, 2009, and the supporting papers filed with the Court with respect to the motion, including the Declaration of Robert L. Begleiter, Esq., dated March 5, 2009, and exhibits attached thereto (“Begleiter Declaration”), the Declaration of Joshua J. Slovik, dated March 4, 2009, the Declaration of Neil L. Zola, dated October 6, 2008, Lead Counsel’s memorandum supporting the motion, the report of the Court appointed Independent Expert, Professor Bernard Black, dated March 6, 2009, and upon all other papers and proceedings had herein, hereby **GRANTS** the motion.

WHEREAS the Court possesses jurisdiction over this matter and the Plaintiff Class and MasterCard in this matter, including jurisdiction to grant the motion and enter this order;

WHEREAS the Plaintiff Class and MasterCard filed with the Court an executed settlement agreement (“Settlement Agreement”) on June 4, 2003 that the Court approved on December 19, 2003, and which became final on June 1, 2005, after the denial of or expiration of

all time for appeals;

WHEREAS the Amended Plan of Allocation was submitted to the Court on August 16, 2005, as directed by the Court's August 2, 2005 Order;

WHEREAS the Settlement Agreement and the Amended Plan of Allocation provide for the securitization of the MasterCard Settlement Fund Account payments ("Securitization") and the proposed Securitization is consistent with the provisions set forth therein;

WHEREAS, under the terms of the Settlement Agreement, the Plaintiff Class has agreed to the following restrictions:

(i) "[p]laintiffs shall look solely to the Settlement Agreement for settlement and satisfaction against MasterCard of all claims that are released" thereunder, (Settlement Agreement at ¶ 29);

(ii) "[e]ach Class Member ... covenants and agrees that it shall not, hereafter, seek to establish liability against any Released Party based, in whole or in part, upon any of the released claims," (Settlement Agreement at ¶ 30);

(iii) "[t]he Settling Parties ... irrevocably submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York for any suit, action, proceeding or dispute arising out of or relating to [the] Settlement Agreement or the applicability of [the] Settlement Agreement and exhibits hereto," (Settlement Agreement at ¶ 41(a));

(iv) "[i]n the event that the provisions of [the] Settlement Agreement are asserted by MasterCard as a defense in whole or in part to any claim or cause of action or otherwise raised as an objection in any other suit, action or proceeding by a Plaintiff, it is hereby agreed that MasterCard shall be entitled to a stay of that suit, action or proceeding until the United States Court for the Eastern District of New York has entered a final judgment determining any issues

related to the defense or objection based on such provisions. Solely for the purposes of such suit, action or proceeding, to the fullest extent they may effectively do so under applicable law, the Settling Parties irrevocably waive and agree not to assert, by way of motion, as a defense or otherwise, any claim or objection that they are not subject to the jurisdiction of such court, or that such court is, in anyway, an improper venue or an inconvenient forum,” (Settlement Agreement at ¶ 41(b));

(v) “[i]n the event that any party does not fulfill any of its obligation under the Settlement Agreement, Plaintiff’s Co-Lead Counsel or MasterCard may seek from the Court any and all relief they believe appropriate,” (Settlement Agreement at ¶ 42);

(vi) “[i]n the Event that MasterCard does not fulfill its obligations relating to payments to the Settlement Fund Account as specified in paragraph 3 [of the Settlement Agreement], both Plaintiffs’ Co-Lead Counsel or any purchaser, assignee, or entity involved with securitization or financing of the Settlement Fund as provided for in paragraph 3(f) [of the Settlement Agreement], may seek from the Court any and all relief they believe appropriate,” (Settlement Agreement at ¶ 43).

Each of the restrictions agreed to by the parties in the MasterCard Settlement Agreement, including, but not limited to, those set forth above, remain in full force and effect and nothing in this Order is intended to or does amend, modify or extinguish any of said restrictions;

WHEREAS the Plaintiff Class has no obligations to fulfill under the Settlement Agreement, except that pursuant to paragraph 34 of the Settlement Agreement, “[t]he Settling Parties and their respective counsel agree[d] that, except as otherwise required by law, within sixty (60) days after MasterCard has complied with all of its obligations under the Settlement Agreement, all materials produced by, or information discovered of, or records of information

discovered of, the Settling Parties (including their past, present and former parents, subsidiaries, divisions, affiliates...) that contain Confidential Information or Outside Counsel Eyes Only Information...shall be destroyed or returned to the producing party”;

WHEREAS MasterCard is obligated under the Settlement Agreement to make four additional payments of \$100 million each into the Settlement Fund Account on or before the following dates: December 22, 2009, December 22, 2010, December 22, 2011, and December 22, 2012 (the “Future Payments”);

WHEREAS paragraph 3(b) of the Settlement Agreement provides that MasterCard may request that Plaintiffs work with MasterCard to establish a mutually agreeable discount rate to apply to any Future Payments due under the Settlement Agreement and the Amended Plan of Allocation in the event that MasterCard desires to make one or more payments on an accelerated basis (“Prepayment”); and

WHEREAS MasterCard is prohibited from making a Prepayment once the Securitization is completed; and

WHEREAS notice of the motion was made available to the public on the case website at <http://www.inrevisacheckmastermoneyantitrustlitigation.com> and was mailed to all parties appearing in this case, it is hereby

ORDERED that the motion is **GRANTED**;

ORDERED that Lead Counsel on behalf of the Plaintiff Class may proceed with the Securitization as proposed in the Begleiter Declaration, supporting memorandum, and other papers submitted in support of the motion or a Prepayment pursuant to the July 1, 2009 Agreement to PrePay Future Payments at a Discount between Lead Counsel and MasterCard;

ORDERED that Lead Counsel is authorized and has all requisite power and authority to

act as binding representative and agent of the Plaintiff Class for all matters related to the Prepayment or Securitization and to execute (through the signatures of either Robert L. Begleiter or Jeffrey I. Shinder on behalf of Constantine Cannon LLP and of George W. Sampson on behalf of Hagens Berman Sobol Shapiro LLP), deliver and perform on behalf of the Plaintiff Class all documents necessary or advisable to complete the Prepayment or Securitization, including but not limited to the authorization to create the Trust (as defined in the supporting memorandum) and all matters related thereto, and upon such execution and delivery by Lead Counsel, all documents relating to the Prepayment or Securitization to which Lead Counsel is party shall constitute legal, valid, and binding obligations of and be enforceable against the Plaintiff Class in accordance with their terms;

ORDERED that the conveyance of the Plaintiff Class' rights to receive all Future Payments and all rights and interests relating will, when effectuated, constitute an absolute sale in that the Plaintiff Class will transfer immediately all rights and interests to receive the Future Payments upon the completion of the Securitization;

ORDERED that the transfer by Lead Counsel to the Trust of control over withdrawals from the Settlement Fund Account in accordance with the documents relating to the Securitization does not conflict with the requirement of Paragraph 3 of the Settlement Agreement that all requests for withdrawals from the Settlement Fund Account be signed by Lead Counsel;

ORDERED that the Trust will, effective as of the conveyance of the Plaintiff Class' rights described above, have the right to enforce all rights and powers related to the Future Payments granted to the Plaintiff Class under the Settlement Agreement and the Amended Plan of Allocation, including but not limited to the power to seek relief from this Court pursuant to Paragraph 43 of the Settlement Agreement to compel MasterCard to fulfill its payment

obligations into the Settlement Fund;

ORDERED that Lead Counsel is authorized to complete the Prepayment or Securitization at a rate equal to or lesser than the maximum discount rate set forth in the memorandum supporting the motion, but if, after consulting with the Independent Expert, Lead Counsel determines the Prepayment or Securitization should not be completed despite obtaining a discount rate for the Securitization notes equal to or lesser than the maximum rate set forth in the memorandum supporting the motion, Lead Counsel shall not complete the transaction and shall so notify the Court; and

ORDERED that, other than this order and according to the relief set forth herein, notice provided to the Plaintiff Class on the case website and to the parties appearing in this action by mail is sufficient and adequate such that no additional consent, approval, order, or authorization by this Court, filing with this Court, or notice to this Court, the Plaintiff Class, or the parties appearing in this action is required in connection with the execution, delivery, or performance by Lead Counsel of the documents necessary to complete the Prepayment or Securitization.

Dated: August 21
Brooklyn, New York

s/John Gleeson

JOHN GLEESON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE