

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	)	Chapter 11
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FANSTEEL INC., <i>et al.</i> , <sup>1</sup>	)	Case No. 02-10109 (JJF)
	)	(Jointly Administered)
Debtors.	)	
	)	Objection Deadline: February 11, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.
	)	Hearing Date: February 14, 2002 at 12:30 p.m.
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**NOTICE OF DEBTORS' APPLICATION FOR ORDER  
UNDER SECTION 327(a) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE  
AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT AND RETENTION OF  
PACHULSKI, STANG, ZIEHL, YOUNG & JONES P.C. AS  
CO-COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION**

TO: Parties required to receive notice pursuant to Del. Bankr. LR 2002-1.

On January 15, 2002, the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") filed the *Application for Order Under Section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code Authorizing the Employment and Retention of Pachulski, Stang, Ziehl, Young & Jones P.C. as Co-Counsel for the Debtors and Debtors in Possession* (the "Application") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 824 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (the "Court"), seeking the retention of Pachulski, Stang, Ziehl, Young & Jones P.C. as their bankruptcy co-counsel. A true and correct copy of the Application is attached hereto.

<sup>1</sup> The Debtors are the following entities: Fansteel Inc., Fansteel Holdings, Inc., Custom Technologies Corp., Escast, Inc., Wellman Dynamics Corp., Washington Mfg. Co., Phoenix Aerospace Corp., American Sintered Technologies, Inc., and Fansteel Schulz Products, Inc.  
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Objections and other responses to the Application, if any, must be in writing and be filed with the Bankruptcy Court, and served on (i) counsel for the Debtors: Jeffrey S. Sabin, Esquire, Schulte, Roth & Zabel LLP, 919 Third Avenue, New York, New York, 10022; and Laura Davis Jones, Esquire, Pachulski, Stang, Ziehl, Young & Jones P.C., 919 North Market Street, Suite 1600, P.O. Box 8705, Wilmington, Delaware 19899-8705; (ii) the Office of the United States Trustee, David Buckbinder, Esquire, J. Caleb Boggs Federal Building, 844 King Street, Suite 2313, Lock Box 35, Wilmington, Delaware 19801; (iii) counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (if any); and (iv) counsel for the postpetition lenders: Jeffrey N. Rich, Esquire, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP, 1251 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10022, on or before February 11, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. prevailing eastern time.

IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE TIMELY FILED AND SERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE BANKRUPTCY COURT MAY GRANT THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE APPLICATION WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OR HEARING.

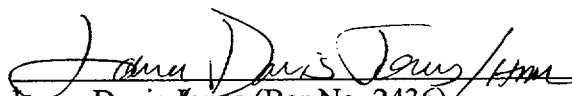
IN THE EVENT THAT ANY OBJECTION OR RESPONSE IS FILED AND  
SERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, A HEARING ON THE APPLICATION  
WILL BE HELD ON FEBRUARY 14, 2002 AT 12:30 P.M. EASTERN TIME BEFORE THE  
HONORABLE JOSEPH J. FARNAN, JR., UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE, 844 N. KING STREET, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, COURTROOM  
6A, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE.

Dated: January 22, 2002

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