

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re:) Chapter 11
)
FANSTEEL INC., *et al.*,¹) Case No. 02-10109 (JJF)
) (Jointly Administered)
Debtors.)

**ORDER TO EXTEND PERIOD WITHIN WHICH DEBTORS MAY REMOVE
ACTIONS PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1452 AND
FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 9027**

Upon consideration of the Motion for entry of an order extending the period within which Debtors may remove actions pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452 and Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 9006 and 9027 (the "Motion"); and good cause having been shown; and notice of the Motion appearing sufficient and proper under the circumstances; and the relief requested appearing in the best interests of the Debtors,² their estates and creditors; it is hereby

ORDERED that the Motion is granted; and it is further

ORDERED that the time period provided by Bankruptcy Rule 9027(a)(2)(A) within which the Debtors may file notices of removal of related proceedings is enlarged and extended through and including August 13, 2002 (approximately 120 days); and it is further

¹ 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.

² Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

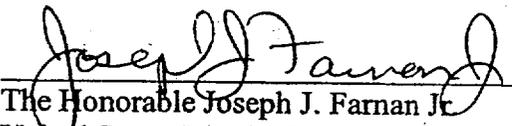
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ORDERED that the August 13, 2002 deadline to file removal actions shall not operate to have any effect on any party's right to file a notice of removal after the Extension Deadline pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9027(a)(2)(B); and it is further

ORDERED that this Order shall be without prejudice to (a) any position the Debtors may take regarding whether section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code applies to stay any given litigation pending against the Debtors, and (b) the Debtors' right to seek further extensions of time within which to remove related proceedings.

Dated: May 16, 2002


The Honorable Joseph J. Farnan Jr.
United States District Judge