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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:) Case No. 02-10109(JJF)¹
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FANSTEEL INC., *et al.*,²) Chapter 11
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Debtors.) (Jointly Administered)

**NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR CREDITORS TO FILE
PROOFS OF CLAIM DEADLINE: 4:00 P.M. PREVAILING EASTERN TIME ON
SEPTEMBER 23, 2002**

TO: ALL PERSONS OR ENTITIES (INCLUDING GOVERNMENTAL UNITS) WHO MIGHT WISH TO ASSERT CLAIMS AGAINST: FANSTEEL INC.; FANSTEEL HOLDINGS, INC.; CUSTOM TECHNOLOGIES CORP.; ESCAST, INC.; WELLMAN DYNAMICS CORP.; WASHINGTON MFG. CO.; PHOENIX AEROSPACE CORP.; AMERICAN SINTERED TECHNOLOGIES, INC.; FANSTEEL SCHULZ PRODUCTS, INC.

1. An Order of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware ("District Court") has established a deadline (sometimes referred to as a "bar date") for the filing of claims (the "Claims Deadline") against the captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, "Debtors").

2. The Order provides, in substance, that every person or entity, including, without limitation, every individual, partnership, corporation, estate, trust, or "governmental unit", as that term is defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27), except those described in paragraph "9" below, who wishes to assert a claim³ against the Debtors which arose prior to January 15, 2002, the date the Debtors' filed their respective chapter 11 cases ("Chapter 11 Cases"), must file a written Proof of Claim, as described below, on or before the Claims Deadline, which is 4:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time, September 23, 2002.

3. **THIS ORDER DOES NOT ESTABLISH A DEADLINE FOR PARTIES HOLDING EQUITY SECURITY INTERESTS IN ANY OF THE DEBTORS TO FILE A**

¹The United States District Court for the District of Delaware ("District Court") has withdrawn the reference on these chapter 11 cases [Docket No. 39] ("Order Withdrawing the Reference"). District Court Civil Action Numbers 02-CV-44 and 02-CV-105 through 112 formerly identified these chapter 11 cases. The District Court continues to adjudicate these chapter 11 cases as an Article III court; however, for ease of administration and without affecting the substance of the Order Withdrawing the Reference, these cases now are administered through the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware and identified under Case Number 02-10109 (See Order, Docket No. 75)

² 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.

³ "Claim" means, as provided in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code: (a) a right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured or unsecured; or (b) a right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured.

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“PROOF OF INTEREST” PURSUANT TO FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 3003(c)(2). ACCORDINGLY, IF YOUR ONLY CONNECTION WITH THE DEBTORS IS THAT YOU HOLD STOCK IN ANY OF THE DEBTORS, THEN YOU NEED NOT FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM OR A PROOF OF INTEREST AT THIS TIME.

4. IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM BY THE CLAIMS DEADLINE, YOU MAY BE FOREVER BARRED FROM: (A) ASSERTING A CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE DEBTORS, (B) VOTING ON OR RECEIVING DISTRIBUTIONS UNDER ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OR LIQUIDATION OF THE DEBTORS, (C) FILING A PROOF OF CLAIM WITH RESPECT TO SUCH CLAIM, (D) ASSERTING SUCH CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS OR THEIR ESTATES OR PROPERTY, (E) VOTING ON ANY PLAN OR PLANS OF REORGANIZATION OR LIQUIDATION FILED IN THESE CASES, AND (F) PARTICIPATING IN ANY DISTRIBUTION IN THE DEBTORS’ CHAPTER 11 CASES ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH CLAIM.

5. Debtors’ Schedules of Assets and Liabilities (“Schedules”) are available for inspection: (a) on the Internet site for this case at www.bmccorp.net/fansteel; (b) at the Office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (“Bankruptcy Court”), 824 Market Street, 5th Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801; (c) on the Bankruptcy Court’s electronic docket for the Debtors’ Chapter 11 Cases, www.deb.uscourts.gov. (PACER authorization required); or (d) at the offices of Co-Counsel for the Debtors, Schulte, Roth & Zabel, 919 Third Avenue, New York New York 10022 and Pachulski, Stang, Ziehl, Young & Jones P.C., 919 Market Street, Suite 1600, P.O. Box 8705 Wilmington, Delaware 19899-8705. The amount and stature of your claim, as listed on the Schedules by the Debtors, appears on the Proof of Claim form enclosed with this notice (“Notice”).

6. TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE CHAPTER 11 CASES AND SHARE IN ANY DISTRIBUTION, IF YOUR CLAIM: (i) IS NOT LISTED IN THE SCHEDULES, OR (ii) IS LISTED IN THE SCHEDULES IN AN AMOUNT OR CATEGORY WITH WHICH YOU DISAGREE, OR (iii) IS LISTED IN THE SCHEDULES AS “DISPUTED,” “CONTINGENT” OR “UNLIQUIDATED,” WHETHER OR NOT A CLAIM AMOUNT IS SHOWN, THEN YOU MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM ON OR BEFORE THE CLAIMS DEADLINE.

7. If it is unclear whether your claim is disputed, contingent or unliquidated, or whether it otherwise is properly listed (as to its category, its amount, or otherwise), you must file a Proof of Claim prior to the Claims Deadline. If you chose to rely on the Schedules, you have the responsibility for determining that any claims you might want to assert are fully, accurately and unequivocally listed there.

8. YOU MAY, BUT NEED NOT, FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM: (i) if you have already properly filed a Proof of Claim in the Debtors’ Chapter 11 Cases with either the Bankruptcy Court Clerk or the District Court Clerk; or (ii) if your claim is listed in the Schedules in an amount and classification with which you agree, and your claim is not listed in the Schedules as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated. **OTHERWISE, YOU MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM ON OR PRIOR TO THE CLAIMS DEADLINE, IF YOU WISH TO ASSERT A CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS.**

9. The Claims Deadline for any person or entity whose claim arises from, or as a consequence of, the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease (the “Rejection Claims”) shall be as follows: (a) if the Court has entered an order fixing the date by which

Rejection Claims must be filed, then the order shall govern, and (b) if the Court has not entered an order fixing the date by which Rejection Claims must be filed, then the claims bar date shall be the later of (i) the Claims Deadline or (ii) thirty (30) days from the date of service of the order approving the rejection of said contract or lease.

10. Proofs of Claim should conform substantially to Official Bankruptcy Form 10 (or use the form enclosed with this notice, which is modeled on that form) and must be **received** on or before the Claims Deadline. Official Bankruptcy Form 10 may be obtained from the Internet at www.deb.uscourts.gov. If you send your Proof of Claim by U.S. mail, address it to: **Bankruptcy Management Corporation, Attn. Fansteel Claims Agent, P.O. Box 1059, El Segundo, CA 90245-1059**. If you send your Proof of Claim by hand or by courier other than U.S. Mail, address it to: **Bankruptcy Management Corporation, Attn. Fansteel Claims Agent, 1330 East Franklin Avenue, El Segundo, CA 90245**. Bankruptcy Management Corporation ("BMC" or "Claims Agent") may be contacted by telephone at (888) 909-0100 (or at www.bmccorp.net) for assistance with any questions concerning the filing or processing of a Proof of Claim or whether a claim was timely received.

11. **A CLAIMANT SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY REGARDING ANY OTHER INQUIRIES, SUCH AS WHETHER THE CLAIMANT SHOULD FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM.**

12. **ALL PROOFS OF CLAIM WILL BE DEEMED FILED ONLY WHEN RECEIVED. PROOFS OF CLAIM WILL BE DEEMED VALIDLY AND TIMELY FILED ONLY IF THE PROOF OF CLAIM (i) IS A SIGNED ORIGINAL OF THE COMPLETED PROOF OF CLAIM FORM, ALONG WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION, (ii) ACCURATELY AND CLEARLY IDENTIFIES THE ENTITY AGAINST WHICH IT IS ASSERTED, AND (iii) IS ACTUALLY RECEIVED BEFORE THE CLAIMS DEADLINE. PROOF OF CLAIM FORMS MAY NOT BE FILED BY FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR TELECOPY.**

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Dated July 22, 2002

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF	PROOF OF CLAIM
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In re:	Case Number:
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NOTE: This form should not be used to make a claim for an administrative expense arising after the commencement of the case. A "request" for payment of an administrative expense may be filed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503

Name of Creditor and Address: _____ _____ _____ Creditor Telephone Number () _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Check box if you are aware that anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to your claim. Attach copy of statement giving particulars. <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if you have never received any notices from the bankruptcy court in this case. <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if this address differs from the address on the envelope sent to you by the court.
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If you have already filed a proof of claim with the Bankruptcy Court or BMC, you do not need to file again

CREDITOR TAX I.D. #:	ACCOUNT OR OTHER NUMBER BY WHICH CREDITOR IDENTIFIES DEBTOR:	Check here <input type="checkbox"/> replaces or <input type="checkbox"/> amends a previously filed claim dated: _____ if this claim
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1. BASIS FOR CLAIM

<input type="checkbox"/> Goods sold	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal injury/wrongful death	<input type="checkbox"/> Retiree benefits as defined in 11 U.S.C § 1114(a)
<input type="checkbox"/> Services performed	<input type="checkbox"/> Taxes	<input type="checkbox"/> Wages, salaries, and compensation (Fill out below)
<input type="checkbox"/> Money loaned	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe briefly)	

Your social security number: _____
 Unpaid compensation for services performed from: _____ to _____
(date) (date)

2. DATE DEBT WAS INCURRED: _____	3. IF COURT JUDGMENT, DATE OBTAINED: _____
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4. TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIM AS OF PETITION DATE: \$ _____ (unsecured) \$ _____ (secured) \$ _____ (priority) \$ _____ (total)

If all or part of your claim is secured or entitled to priority, also complete Item 5 or 6 below.

Check this box if claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim. Attach itemized statement of all interest or additional charges.

5. SECURED CLAIM

Check this box if your claim is secured by collateral (including a right of setoff)

Brief description of collateral:

Real Estate
 Motor Vehicle
 Other _____

Value of collateral: \$ _____

Amount of arrearage and other charges at time case filed included in secured claim above, if any \$ _____

6. UNSECURED PRIORITY CLAIM

Check this box if you have an unsecured priority claim

Specify the priority of the claim:

Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$4,650*), earned within 90 days before filing of the bankruptcy petition or cessation of the Debtor's business, whichever is earlier - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(3)

Contributions to an employee benefit plan - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4)

Up to \$2,100* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(6)

Alimony maintenance or support owed to a spouse, former spouse, or child - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7)

Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8)

Other - Specify applicable paragraph of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a) _____

* Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/1/01 and every 3 years thereafter with respect to cases commenced on or after the date of adjustment.

7. CREDITS: The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited and deducted for the purpose of making this proof of claim.

8. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Attach copies of supporting documents such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, court judgments, mortgages, security agreements, and evidence of perfection of lien. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. If the documents are not available, explain. If the documents are voluminous, attach a summary.

9. DATE-STAMPED COPY: To receive an acknowledgment of your claim, please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope and an additional copy of your claim

The original of this completed proof of claim form must be sent by mail or hand delivered (FAXES NOT ACCEPTED) so that it is received on or before 4:00 pm, Eastern Time on September 23, 2002

BY MAIL TO: Bankruptcy Management Corp P.O. BOX 1059 El Segundo, CA 90245-1059	BY HAND OR OVERNIGHT DELIVERY TO: Bankruptcy Management Corp 1330 East Franklin Avenue El Segundo, CA 90245
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**THIS SPACE FOR COURT
USE ONLY**

DATE SIGNED:	SIGN and print the name and title, if any, of the creditor or other person authorized to file this claim (attach copy of power of attorney, if any)
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING PROOF OF CLAIM FORM

The instructions and definitions below are general explanations of the law. In particular types of cases or circumstances, such as bankruptcy cases that are not filed voluntarily by a debtor, there may be exceptions to the general rules.

DEFINITIONS

DEBTOR

The person, corporation, or other entity that has filed a bankruptcy case is called the debtor.

CREDITOR

A creditor is any person, corporation, or other entity to whom the debtor owed a debt on the date that the bankruptcy case was filed.

PROOF OF CLAIM

A form telling the bankruptcy court how much the debtor owed a creditor at the time the bankruptcy case was filed (the amount of the creditor's claim). This form must be filed with the court appointed Claims Agent, Bankruptcy Management Corporation, at the address listed on the reverse side of this page.

SECURED CLAIM

A claim is a secured claim to the extent that the creditor has a lien on the property of the debtor (collateral) that gives the creditor the right to be paid from that property before creditors who do not have liens on the property.

Examples of liens are a mortgage on real estate and a security interest in a car, truck, boat, television set, or other item of property. A lien may have been obtained through a court proceeding before a bankruptcy case began; in some states a court judgment is a lien. In addition, to the extent a creditor also owes money to the debtor (has a right of setoff), the creditor's claim may be a secured claim. (See also Unsecured Claim.)

UNSECURED CLAIM

If a claim is not a secured claim it is an unsecured claim. A claim may be partly secured and partly unsecured if the property on which a creditor has a lien is not worth enough to pay the creditor in full.

UNSECURED PRIORITY CLAIM

Certain types of unsecured claims are given priority, so they are to be paid in bankruptcy cases before most other unsecured claims (if there is sufficient money or property available to pay these claims). The most common types of priority claims are listed on the proof of claim form. Unsecured claims that are not specifically given priority status by the bankruptcy laws are classified as *Unsecured Nonpriority Claims*.

ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED IN PROOF OF CLAIM FORM (IF NOT ALREADY PROPERLY FILLED IN)

Court, Name of Debtor, and Case Number:

Fill in the name of the federal judicial district where the bankruptcy case was filed, the name of the debtor in the bankruptcy case, and the bankruptcy case number. If you received a notice of the case from the Claims Agent, Bankruptcy Management Corporation, all of this information is near the top of the notice.

Information about Creditor:

If not already accurately pre-printed, complete the section giving the name, address, and telephone number of the creditor to whom the debtor owes money or property, and the debtor's account number, if any. If (a) anyone else has already filed a proof of claim relating to this debt, (b) if you never received notices from the Claims Agent, Bankruptcy Management Corporation, about this case, (c) if your address differs from that to which the Claims Agent sent this notice, or (d) if this proof of claim replaces or amends a proof of claim that was already filed, check the appropriate boxes on the form.

1. Basis for Claim:

Check the type of debt for which the proof of claim is being filed. If the type of debt is not listed, check "Other" and briefly describe the type of debt. If you were an employee of the debtor, fill in your social security number and the dates of work for which you were not paid.

2. Date Debt Incurred:

Fill in the date when the debt first was owed by the debtor.

3. Court Judgments:

If you have a court judgment for this debt, state the date the court entered the judgment.

4. Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed:

FILL IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE ENTIRE CLAIM. If interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim are included, check the appropriate place on the form and attach an itemization of the interest and charges.

5. Secured Claim:

If your claim is a secured claim, check the appropriate boxes in this section. You must state the type and value of property that is collateral for the claim, attach copies of the documentation of your lien, and state the amount past due on the claim as of the date the bankruptcy case was filed. A claim may be partly secured and partly unsecured (See DEFINITIONS, above).

6. Unsecured Priority Claim:

If your claim is an unsecured priority claim (See DEFINITIONS, above), check the appropriate boxes in this section, and state the amount entitled to priority. A claim may be partly priority and partly nonpriority if, for example, the claim is for more than the amount given priority by the law. Check the appropriate place to specify the type of priority claim.

7. Credits:

By signing this proof of claim, you are stating under oath that in calculating the amount of your claim you have given the debtor credit for all payments received from the debtor.

8. Supporting Documents:

You must attach to this proof of claim form copies of documents that show the debtor owes the debt claimed or, if the documents are too lengthy, a summary of those documents. If documents are not available, you must attach an explanation of why they are not available.

Please read – important information: upon completion of this claim form, you are certifying that the statements herein are true.

Be sure to date the claim and place original signature of claimant or person making the claim for creditor where indicated at the bottom of the claim form. Please type or print name of individual under the signature. Be sure all items are answered on the claim form. If not applicable, insert "Not Applicable."

Return claim form and attachments, if any, and a second copy with any attachments to the Claims Agent, Bankruptcy Management Corporation, at the address on the front of this form.