

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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

40-7580

**AMENDMENT TO MOTION FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING DEBTORS
TO ENTER INTO THIRD AMENDMENT TO DEBTOR IN POSSESSION
LOAN AND SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH AND TO PAY
AMENDMENT FEE TO CONGRESS FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the captioned debtors and debtors in possession (the “Debtors”) hereby amend their Motion For Order Authorizing Debtors To Enter Into Third Amendment To Debtor In Possession Loan And Security Agreement With And To Pay Congress Financial Corporation (“Motion”) (Docket No. 689), filed on January 13, 2003, in the following respects:

(1) Exhibit A to the Motion, as originally filed (“Original Exhibit A”), is hereby superceded and replaced by the attached “Amended Exhibit A”. Amended Exhibit A differs from Original Exhibit A, as originally filed, only insofar as Paragraph 3, “Consent Regarding Use of Proceeds from Escast Fixed Asset Sales” is concerned. In all other respects, Amended Exhibit A is identical to Original Exhibit A. Attached is a true and correct copy of Amended

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., and American Sintered Technologies, Inc.

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Exhibit A, as well as a black-lined version of Amended Exhibit A, marked to show changes from Original Exhibit A

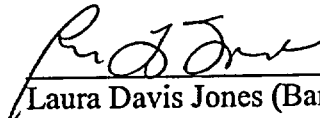
(2) The Motion insofar as it describes "Consent Regarding Use Of Proceeds From Escast Fixed Asset Sales" (*see* paragraph 8, p. 5) is amended to reflect Amended Exhibit A.

Dated: February 11, 2003

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Amended Exhibit A
Consent and Third Amendment
to Loan and Security
Agreement

**CONSENT AND THIRD AMENDMENT TO
LOAN AND SECURITY AGREEMENT**

This Consent and Third Amendment to Loan and Security Agreement (the "Third Amendment") is made as of January 10, 2003, between Congress Financial Corporation (Central) ("Lender") and Fansteel Inc., CHAPTER 11 DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION, a Delaware corporation ("Fansteel"), Fansteel Holdings, Inc., CHAPTER 11 DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION, a Delaware corporation ("Holding Sub"), Custom Technologies Corp., CHAPTER 11 DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION, a Delaware corporation ("Custom"), Escast, Inc., CHAPTER 11 DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION, an Illinois corporation ("Escast"), Wellman Dynamics Corp., CHAPTER 11 DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION, a Delaware corporation ("Wellman"), Washington Manufacturing Company, Inc., CHAPTER 11 DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION, a Delaware corporation ("Washington"), Phoenix Aerospace Corp., CHAPTER 11 DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION, a Delaware corporation ("Phoenix"), American Sintered Technologies, Inc., CHAPTER 11 DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION, a Delaware corporation ("American"; American, Fansteel, Holding Sub, Custom, Escast, Wellman, Washington and Phoenix are collectively "Borrowers" and individually a "Borrower").

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WHEREAS, Borrowers and Lender are parties to that certain Loan and Security Agreement dated May 2, 2002 (as the same has been amended, supplemented or otherwise modified, the "Loan Agreement") and various other documents, instruments and agreements (as amended, supplemented or otherwise modified from time to time, the "Financing Agreements");

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WHEREAS, Lender and Borrowers have agreed to amend the EBITDA covenant set forth in Loan Agreement as set forth herein;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the provisions set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Defined Terms. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings herein as given to such terms in the Loan Agreement.

2. Consent to Escast Fixed Asset Sales. Subject to the terms and conditions hereof, Lender hereby consents to the consummation of the Escast Fixed Asset

Sales. The foregoing consent shall not constitute (a) a modification or alteration of the terms, conditions or covenants of the Loan Agreement or any document entered into in connection therewith, or (b) a waiver of any Events of Default that may exist, or a waiver, release or limitation upon the exercise by Lender of any of its rights, legal or equitable, hereunder, except as to the matters to which Lender herein expressly consents. Except as set forth herein, Lender reserves any and all rights and remedies which it has had, has or may have under the Loan Agreement.

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(a) Expenses. Borrowers agree to pay, on demand, all costs and expenses of Lender (including the fees and expenses of outside counsel for Lender) in connection with the preparation, negotiation, execution, delivery and administration of this Third Amendment and all other instruments or documents provided for herein or delivered or to be delivered hereunder or in connection herewith. All obligations provided in this Section 6(a) shall survive any termination of the Loan Agreement as amended hereby.

(b) No Default; Accuracy of Representations and Warranties. Borrowers represent and warrant that (i) no Default or Event of Default has occurred and is continuing and (ii) the representations and warranties contained in the Loan Agreement and the other Financing Agreements are true and accurate in all material respects as of the date hereof with the same force and effect as if such had been made on and as of the date hereof (other than those which, by their terms, specifically are made as of certain date prior to the date hereof).

(c) Governing Law. This Third Amendment shall be a contract made under and governed by the internal laws of the State of Illinois.

(d) Counterparts. This Third Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, and by the parties hereto on the same or separate counterparts, and each such counterpart, when executed and delivered, shall be deemed to be an original, but all such counterparts shall together constitute but one and the same amendment.

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(f) Ratification. Except as herein amended, the Loan Agreement shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect, and is hereby ratified in all respects.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Third Amendment to be executed by their respective officers thereunto duly authorized and delivered at Chicago, Illinois as of the date first above written.

LENDER

BORROWERS

CONGRESS FINANCIAL CORPORATION
(CENTRAL)

FANSTEEL INC.

By 
Title FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

By _____
Title _____

FANSTEEL HOLDINGS, INC.

By _____
Title _____

CUSTOM TECHNOLOGIES CORP.

By _____
Title _____

ESCAST, INC.

By _____
Title _____

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By R.M.M. Ltee
Title Vice President & CFO

FANSTEEL HOLDINGS, INC.

By R.M.M. Ltee
Title Treasurer

CUSTOM TECHNOLOGIES CORP.

By R.M.M. Ltee
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BSCAST, INC.

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AMERICAN SINTERED
TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

By R.M.M. Ltee
Title Vice President

Exhibit A

See attached

July 3, 2002

Fansteel Intercast
3600 Formosa
Suite 13
McAllen, TX 78503

Attn: Ray Chapman

Re: Appraisal of Machinery & Equipment

Dear Mr. Chapman,

Pursuant to your request I, as a certified AEA appraiser, have prepared an appraisal on the equipment located at Fansteel Intercast in Sarasota, Florida. I personally viewed the machinery on June 21, 2002, after which I conducted an investigation into the market conditions for this type of equipment in order to make an impartial report. After a thorough analysis of the machinery and current market condition, it is my opinion that the fair market value of the machinery and equipment is \$149,400.00 and the liquidation value is \$94,850.00.

I certify that I do not have any present or future interest in the appraised property. The fee charged for this appraisal is not contingent on the values reported nor were any undisclosed fees, commissions or other compensation received.

Respectfully Submitted,


W. Robert O'Neal, AEA

WRO/po

FANSTEEL INTERCAST
 2080 LIMBUS AVENUE
 SARASOTA, FL 34243

JUNE 21, 2002

APPRAISAL


MACHINE	LIQUIDATION	FAIR MARKET
1. KODAK 14" COMPARATOR, MDL 14-24	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
2. 24" X 36" X 3" GRANITE SURFACE PLATE ON STAND	\$ 250	\$ 400
3. ROCKWELL HARDNESS TESTER, MDL 2-1/2-A, OLD	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
4. NIKON MICROSCOPE COMPARATOR, S/N 55111	\$ 200	\$ 350
5. ELOX EDM SINKER, TYPE 8-2012, S/N 011804	\$ 3,000	\$ 5,000
6. XLO EDM SINKER, 6 X 12, 25 AMP	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000
7. BRIDGEPORT MILL, 9X42, S/N 221696, ACCURITE DRO, TROYKE CROSS SLIDE ROTARY TABLE	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,500
8. BRIDGEPORT MILL, 9X42, MITS DRO, S/N 229547, TROYKE CROSS SLIDE ROTARY TABLE	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,500
9. BRIDGEPORT MILL, 9X42, ACCURITE DRO, S/N 221678	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,500
10. MILLTRONICS PARTNER, CNC, 12"X40" TABLE, S/N 3113	\$15,000	\$25,000
11. 24" X 24" X 4" SURFACE PLATE ON STAND	\$ 250	\$ 400
12. 18" X 24" X 3" SURFACE PLATE	\$ 100	\$ 200
13. 15" X 54" LEBLOND REGAL SERVO SHIFT LATHE, 8" 3-JAW, S/N 12C241	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,500
14. HARDING TOOL ROOM LATHE, OLD	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
15. POWERMATIC DRILL, 2 HEAD ON 24" X 80" TABLE. V.S., MODEL 1200	\$ 600	\$ 1,000
16. BRIDGEPORT-MILL, 2J, TROYKE CROSS SLIDE TABLE, S/N 198597	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,500
17. BRIDGEPORT w/2 AXIS CNC PROTO TRAK CONTROL, S/N 274967, 1997	\$12,000	\$15,000

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		<u>MARKET</u>
18. BRIDGEPORT MILL, 2J, ACCURITE, TROYKE CROSS SLIDE TABLE, S/N 229542	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,500
19. BRIDGEPORT MILL, TROYKE CROSS SLIDE TABLE, VISE, S/N 229540, HEAD NEEDS REBUILDING	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000
20. BRIDGEPORT MILL, TROYKE CROSS SLIDE, VISE, S/N 227689, ANILAM DRG	\$ 3,600	\$ 4,500
21. POWERMATIC 2 SPINDLE DRILL, MODEL 1200 ON 24X80 TABLE	\$ 800	\$ 1,500
22. JOHANSSON SWING HEAD DRILL	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
23. BOYAR-SCHULTZ 6 X 12 SURFACE GRINDER, S/N 21772	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500
24. BOYAR-SCHULTZ, 612 H SURFACE GRINDER, S/N 28300	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500
25. BOYAR-SCHULTZ 612 SURFACE GRINDER, S/N 17556	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500
26. TORIT DUST COLLECTOR, MDL 90-81, S/N B6939	\$ 300	\$ 600
27. 6" GRINDER FOR CARBIDE	\$ 50	\$ 100
28. 8" CENTRAL GRINDER	\$ 100	\$ 150
29. COSA CARBIDE DRILL GRINDER	\$ 200	\$ 500
30. 18" X 24" X 3" SURFACE PLATE, (5) @ 200 AND \$300 EACH	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
31. DECKEL ENGRAVER, GK12-4500-2038	\$ 500	\$ 1,500
32. GALLMEYER LIVINGSTON SURFACE GRINDER, MDL 370, S/N 370188, 1966	\$ 5,000	\$ 7,500
33. TORIT DUST COLLECTOR, MDL 75	\$ 200	\$ 400
34. DELTA TABLE TOP VERTICAL BAND SAW, 7/8" BLADE	\$ 50	\$ 100
35. FAMCO ARBOR PRESS, #3	\$ 100	\$ 200
36. POWERMATIC 1 SPINDLE DRILL, MDL 100, 18X18 TABLE	\$ 400	\$ 700
37. 4" BELT SANDER	\$ 100	\$ 150

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38. 1" BELT SANDER	\$ 50	\$ 100
39. BRIDGEPORT MILL, 2I, ACCURITE DRO, VISE	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,500
40. MAXIMAT LATHE, EMCO, S/N 147869	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,500
41. MILLER SYNCHRO WAVE WELDER, S/N KH531243	\$ 800	\$ 1,200
42. MILLER MATIC 185, 100 AMP	\$ 600	\$ 900
43. DEWALT 12" ABRASIVE SAW	\$ 500	\$ 100
44. DATSUN FORKLIFT, 5,000 LB. CUSHION TIRES, PROPANE, S/N FG105-00755	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,500
45. ROL-LIFT PALLET LIFT	\$ 100	\$ 200
46. WELLSAW MDL 8 HORIZONTAL BANDSAW	\$ 400	\$ 700
47. POWERMATIC MDL 87 VERTICAL BANDSAW, S/N 8187001	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,200
48. 16" DOALL VERTICAL BANDSAW	\$ 500	\$ 1,200
49. BRIDGEPORT MILL, 2I, POWER FEED RISER, S/N 219803	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,000
50. 5 HP SPEEDAIR AIR COMPRESSOR	\$ 500	\$ 750
51. 1 HP SPEEDAIR AIR COMPRESSOR	\$ 200	\$ 300
52. MISCELLANEOUS COMPUTERS AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT	\$ 5,000	\$ 8,000
53. MISCELLANEOUS TOOLS, DRILLS, TOOLING, ETC.	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000
54. WORK BENCHES	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500
55. MISCELLANEOUS INSPECTION EQUIPMENT, MILLS, CALIPERS, HEIGHT GAGES, ETC.	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,000
TOTALS:	\$94,850 89,350	\$149,400 140,400

The above listed prices are at liquidation and fair market values. This does not constitute an offer to buy and sell this equipment at these prices.


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