

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.)
[Related Docket No. 1182]

**ORDER TO APPROVE DEBTORS' MOTION FOR ORDER AUTHORIZING
FIFTH EXTENSION OF THE PERIOD WITHIN WHICH THE DEBTORS MAY
REMOVE CIVIL ACTIONS PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1452 AND
FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 9027**

Upon consideration of the Motion² for entry of an order extending the period within which the Debtors may remove civil 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, their estates and creditors; it is hereby

ORDERED that the Motion is granted in full; 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 January 8, 2004; 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. and American Sintered Technologies, Inc.

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

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ORDERED that the January 8, 2004 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) or (C); and it is further

ORDERED that this Order shall be without prejudice to (i) 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 (ii) the Debtors' right to seek further extensions of time within which to remove related proceedings.

Dated: October 21, 2003


Honorable Joseph J. Farnan, Jr.
United States District Court Judge