

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re: ) Chapter 11  
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FANSTEEL INC., *et al.*,<sup>1</sup> ) Case No. 02-10109 (JJF)  
) (Jointly Administered)  
Debtors. )  
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Objection Deadline: April 7, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.  
Hearing Date: Only if Objections are Timely Filed

**NOTICE OF FILING OF FINAL FEE APPLICATION**

TO: PARTIES ON THE ATTACHED SERVICE LIST

Ernst & Young, LLP, auditors for the above-captioned debtors (the "Debtors") in these Chapter 11 cases, has filed the *Final Application of Ernst & Young LLP for 2002 Audit Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses* (the "Application") seeking fees in the amount of \$762,363.00.00 and expenses in the amount of \$17,306.00 for the period of April 1, 2002 through January 23, 2004.

Objections or responses to the Fee Application, if any, must be made in writing and filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Marine Midland Plaza, 824 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, 19801, on or before April 7, 2004 at 4:00 p.m.

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<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. and American Sintered Technologies, Inc.  
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At the same time, you must also serve a copy of the objections or responses, if any, upon the following: (i) Counsel to the Debtors: Jeffrey S. Sabin, Esquire, Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP, 919 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10022; (ii) Co-counsel to Debtors: Laura Davis Jones, Esquire, Pachulski, Stang, Ziehl, Young, Jones & Weintraub P.C., 919 North Market Street, 16th Floor, P.O. Box 8705, Wilmington, Delaware 19899-8705; (iii) 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; and (iv) counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors: : Frances Gecker, Esquire Neal Gerber & Eisenberg LLP, 2 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602; and Adam Landis, Esquire, Landis Rath & Cobb LLP 919 North Market Street, Suite 600 , Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

A HEARING ON THE APPLICATION WILL BE HELD ONLY IF  
OBJECTIONS OR RESPONSES ARE TIMELY FILED.

IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND OR OBJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS  
NOTICE, THE COURT MAY GRANT THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE APPLICATION  
WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OR HEARING.

Dated: March 8, 2004

PACHULSKI, STANG, ZIEHL, YOUNG, JONES &  
WEINTRAUB P.C.

  
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