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United States Bankruptcy Court
Southern District of Texas

#### **ENTERED**

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

September 13, 2024
Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

In re:	) Chapter 11
AUTO PLUS AUTO SALES LLC,	) Case No. 23-90055 (CML)
Wind-Down Debtor. <sup>1</sup>	) (Formerly Jointly Administered ) under Lead Case IEH Auto Parts
	) Holding LLC, Case No. 23-90054)

# STIPULATION AND AGREED ORDER BY AND AMONG GUC TRUSTEE AND PARTS AUTHORITY, LLC

#### [Relates to Claim No. 544]

Michael D. Warner, solely in his capacity as trustee (the "GUC Trustee") of the Auto Parts GUC Trust (the "GUC Trust"), and Parts Authority, LLC ("Parts Authority," and together with the GUC Trustee, the "Parties"), by and through the undersigned counsel, hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

#### **General Background**

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2023 (the "Petition Date"), IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC and its debtor affiliates (before the Plan Effective Date, the "Debtors," and after the Plan Effective Date, the "Wind-Down Debtors")<sup>2</sup> filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "Court").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On January 16, 2024, the Court entered a *Final Decree Closing Certain of the Chapter 11 Cases* [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 1043] closing each Debtor's chapter 11 case except the case of Auto Plus Auto Sales LLC. The Wind-Down Debtor's service address is 5330 Caramel Crest Lane, Charlotte, NC 28226.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each entity's federal tax identification number, are as follows: IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC (6529); AP Acquisition Company Clark LLC (4531); AP Acquisition Company Gordon LLC (5666); AP Acquisition Company Massachusetts LLC (7581); AP Acquisition Company Missouri LLC (7840); AP Acquisition Company New York LLC (7361); AP Acquisition Company North Carolina LLC (N/A); AP Acquisition Company Washington LLC (2773); Auto Plus Auto Sales LLC (6921); IEH AIM LLC (2233); IEH Auto Parts LLC (2066); IEH Auto Parts Puerto Rico, Inc. (4539); and IEH BA LLC (1428).

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2023, the Court entered an Order [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 28] authorizing the Debtors to retain Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC ("KCC" or the "Claims Agent") as claims, noticing, and solicitation agent to, among other things, maintain the official claims register in these bankruptcy cases (the "Claims Register").

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2023, the Court entered an Order [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 222] establishing (i) May 1, 2023, as the deadline for all non-governmental units to file proofs of claim (the "General Bar Date") and establishing (ii) July 31, 2023, as the deadline for all governmental units to file proofs of claim (the "Government Bar Date" and together with General Bar Date, the "Bar Dates").

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2023, the Debtors filed their respective Schedules of Assets and Liabilities [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. Nos. 292-304] (as each may have been amended from time to time, the "Bankruptcy Schedules"). Claims listed in the Debtors' Bankruptcy Schedules are referenced herein as "Scheduled Claims."

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2023, the Court entered an Order [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 749] confirming the *Third Amended Combined Disclosure Statement and Joint Plan of Liquidation of IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC and its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 738] (the "Plan"). The Plan became effective on October 6, 2023 (the "Effective Date") [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 922].

WHEREAS, the GUC Trustee has sole authority under the Plan to object to and reconcile all General Unsecured Claims,<sup>3</sup> and the Plan Agent and/or the Wind-Down Debtors, as applicable, have authority to object to and reconcile all Non-GUC Claims, including 503(b)(9) Claims. *See Plan* at 37, Art. VII.B.1.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings provided in the Plan unless otherwise noted.

## Claims of Parts Authority, LLC

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2023, Parts Authority filed Proof of Claim No. 543 ("Claim No. 543") asserting a Claim against IEH Auto Parts LLC in the total amount of \$600,322.27 as of the Petition Date, including a 503(b)(9) Claim of \$394,219.17 and a General Unsecured Claim of \$206,103.10.

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2023, Parts Authority filed Proof of Claim No. 544 ("Claim No. 544") asserting a Claim against IEH Auto Parts LLC in the total amount of \$600,322.27 as of the Petition Date, including a 503(b)(9) Claim of \$394,219.17 and a General Unsecured Claim of \$206,103.10.

WHEREAS, Claim No. 543 has been disallowed and expunged from the Claims Register pursuant to the Court's *Order Sustaining the Debtor's Second Omnibus Objection to Certain Proofs of Claim (Duplicate Claims)* [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 770].

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2024, the GUC Trustee filed the *GUC Trustee's Eleventh Omnibus Objection to Claims (Reduced Claims)* [Dkt. No. 147] (the "Objection") objecting to the General Unsecured Claim asserted by Parts Authority in Claim No. 544. Parts Authority informally responded to the GUC Trustee's Objection prior to the response deadline.

WHEREAS, the Parties have engaged in good faith, arms' length negotiations to resolve the disputes as to Parts Authority's General Unsecured Claim. To efficiently resolve such matters without further litigation, and without admission by any of the Parties, the Parties have agreed to resolve all disputes as to Parts Authority's General Unsecured Claim on the terms set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PARTIES HEREBY STIPULATE AND AGREE, AND UPON APPROVAL AND ENTRY OF THIS STIPULATION BY THE COURT, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals are incorporated by reference into this Stipulation and Agreed Order with the same force and effect as if fully set forth hereinafter.

- 2. Except to the extent encompassed in the 503(b)(9) Claim (which is not disallowed hereunder), all Scheduled Claims of Parts Authority and any subsidiaries or affiliates of Parts Authority (collectively, "Affiliates") listed in the Bankruptcy Schedules, if any, are hereby disallowed in their entirety and shall be expunged from the Claims Register.
- 3. Proof of Claim No. 543 filed by Parts Authority has been disallowed and expunged from the Claims Register pursuant to the Court's *Order Sustaining the Debtor's Second Omnibus Objection to Certain Proofs of Claim (Duplicate Claims)* [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 770].
- 4. Notwithstanding the language of paragraph 2 above, Proof of Claim No. 544 filed by Parts Authority is hereby Allowed as a General Unsecured Claim in the reduced amount of \$160,000.00, which shall be treated and paid as a Class 2 Claim in accordance with the terms of the Plan.
- 5. Without any effect upon Parts Authority's 503(b)(9) claim, Parts Authority's General Unsecured Claim is hereby capped at the foregoing Allowed amount, and no portion of Parts Authority's 503(b)(9) Claim (or any other Non-GUC Claims asserted by Parts Authority) shall be reclassified as part of its General Unsecured Claim. Parts Authority hereby waives the right to have any portion of its 503(b)(9) Claim reclassified as a General Unsecured Claim; provided, however, that Parts Authority expressly reserves all other rights with respect to its 503(b)(9) Claim. The Wind-Down Debtors' objections or defenses to the 503(b)(9) Claim are not altered hereby.
- 6. Parts Authority shall not file or assert any further Claims against the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, the Debtors' bankruptcy estates, or the GUC Trust.

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7. Parts Authority represents and warrants that (a) Claim No. 544 is the only Claim it

holds or asserts against the Debtors; (b) it has not transferred or assigned Claim No. 544 to any

third party; and (c) none of its Affiliates holds any other Claims against the Debtors.

8. The Claims Agent is authorized and directed to update the Claims Register to reflect

the terms and relief provided in this Stipulation and Agreed Order.

9. The Parties are authorized to take all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate

the terms of the Stipulation and Agreed Order.

10. The terms of this Stipulation and Agreed Order are effective and enforceable

immediately upon approval and entry by the Court.

11. This Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to

this Stipulation and Agreed Order, and the Parties consent to the Court's jurisdiction to resolve any

such disputes or controversies.

12. This Stipulation and Agreed Order may be executed by electronic means and the

printed product of such shall constitute an original of this Stipulation and Agreed Order. This

Stipulation and Agreed Order may be executed and delivered in multiple counterparts, each of

which, when so executed and delivered, shall be and constitute an original and one and the same

document.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: September 13, 2024

Christopher Lopez

United States Bankruptcy Judge

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# AGREED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

Dated: September 12, 2024

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Auto Plus Auto Sales LLC Chapter 11

IEH BA LLC Debtors

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cr	+ Email/Text: julie.parsons@mvbalaw.com	Sep 13 2024 19:49:00	Dallam County Appraisal District, McCreary, Veselka, Bragg & Allen, P.C., P.O. Box 1269, Round Rock, TX 78680-1269
cr	+ Email/Text: dallas.bankruptcy@LGBS.com	Sep 13 2024 19:49:00	Dallas County, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson, LLP, c/o John K Turner, 2777 N. Stemmons Frwy Ste 1000, Dallas, TX 75207-2328
cr	+ Email/Text: collections@eucmail.com	Sep 13 2024 19:49:00	Easton Utilities, POB 1189, 219 N Washington St, Easton, MD 21601-3150
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### NOTICE CERTIFICATION

I, Gustava Winters, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed .R. Bank. P.2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

Date: Sep 15, 2024 Signature: /s/Gustava Winters

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