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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO **EASTERN DIVISION**

In re:	)	Case No. 10-50494
FAIR FINANCE COMPANY	)	Chapter 7
Debtor.	) ) )	Chief Judge Marilyn Shea-Stonum

## STATUS REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2010 STATUS CONFERENCE

Brian A. Bash, Trustee herein, submits the following summary of the status of the Trustee's administration of the estate:

Since the August 17, 2010 Status Conference before this Court, the Trustee, with the assistance of his professionals, has accomplished the following:

- a) Received in excess of \$250,000 in proceeds from the sale of two luxury cars pledged to the Trustee and auctioned by RM auctions.
- b) Reached agreement with the Department of Justice regarding the disposition of the remaining cars. Custody of the cars will be turned over to the Trustee. The Trustee plans to file a motion to retain RM Auctions in the near future to sell the remaining vehicles. Reconciliation of the vehicles purportedly owned by Durham and Durham entities is ongoing.
- c) Made substantial progress in reviewing debtor's records, including voluminous electronic documents which require the assistance of Vestige, the estate's forensic computer experts.
- d) Identified potential significant claims and commenced analysis and investigation thereof.

- e) Obtained approval of the Trustee's access request for information held by the Securities and Exchange Commission.
  - f) Continued cooperation with the Department of Justice regarding the case.
  - g) Served and responded to discovery requests in pending adversary proceedings.
- h) Obtained and commenced review of information from account servicers relevant to Fair's obligations to CLST.
- i) Continued to investigate the organizational structure of over seventy entities which are or were owned or controlled by common owners of Debtor and others owing obligations to the estate.
  - j) Continued to prepare the Debtor's 401(k) plan for termination.
- k) Filed motion and obtained order permitting the Trustee to issue subpoenas under Bankruptcy Rule 2004
- l) Published notice of the Trustee's sale of artwork, and a supplement to the Trustee's motion to sell.
- m) Provided an agreed order to Taft Stettinius regarding its motion to withdraw from representation of the debtor.
- n) Negotiated with banks that hold senior liens on Debtor's collateral regarding the disposition of that property, with favorable results.
- o) Negotiated terms for a sale of the debtor's legal forms and other assets, subject to approval to the court.

<u>In the following weeks, the Trustee intends to focus on accomplishing the following key</u> actions:

- 1) Continue to pursue mortgages, liens, or other accommodations to perfect security interests in property owned by people and entities that owe money to the estate.
- 2) Continue to negotiate for consensual turnover of assets from entities owing obligations to the Debtor, including finalizing the agreements with Mr. Durham and Diamond Investments.
  - 3) Continue review of records and analysis of claims.
  - 4) Address issues regarding State of Massachusetts license revocation action.
  - 5) Continue discovery in pending adversary proceedings.
- 6) Continue to follow up with Fortress Investments LLC regarding estate's interest in accounts.
  - 7) Monitor status of proceedings relating to the Trustee's collateral..
- 8) Continue investigation and commence additional proceedings to recover assets, including avoidance claims under chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 9) Monitor and appear, as necessary, in CLST actions in Texas state and district courts; continue negotiations with CLST regarding options for resolving the Trustee's claims and interests.
  - 10) Follow up regarding the potential sale of accounts owned by the Debtor.
  - 11) Prepare motion to sell the legal forms and other assets for the negotiated price.
  - 12) Conduct auction of artwork held by the Trustee.
  - 13) Issues discovery requests pursuant to Rule 2004.
  - 14) Work with RM Auctions to take custody of the vehicles and schedule sales.

Date: September 20, 2010

# Respectfully submitted,

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

A copy of the foregoing has been served via ECF or regular, U.S. Mail, on September 20, 2010, on the attached service list.

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