1 Richard L. Wynne (Bar No. 120349) richard.wynne@hoganlovells.com 2 Erin N. Brady (Bar No. 215038) erin.brady@hoganlovells.com 3 Edward J. McNeilly (Bar No. 314588) 4 edward.mcneilly@hoganlovells.com HOGAN LOVELLS US LLP 5 1999 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 1400 Los Angeles, California 90067 6 Telephone: (310) 785-4600 Facsimile: (310) 785-4601 7 8 Attorneys for Debtor and Debtor in Possession KS Mattson Partners, LP 9 10 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 11 SANTA ROSA DIVISION 12 Lead Case No. 24-10545 (CN) 13 (Jointly Administered) In re: LEFEVER MATTSON, a California Chapter 11 14 corporation, et al., 1 Debtors. **DEBTOR'S OBJECTION TO CLAIM** 15 NO. 792 (EQUITABLE OCEAN 16 FRONT LLC); NOTICE OF **OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING;** 17 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE 18 **Date:** February 11, 2026 19 **Time:** 11:00 a.m. In re: **Place**: Via Zoom or In Person 20 KS MATTSON PARTNERS, LP, United States Bankruptcy Court 1300 Clay Street, Courtroom 215 21 Debtor. Oakland, CA 94612 22 **Objection Deadline**: January 28, 2026 23 24 25 The last four digits of LeFever Mattson's tax identification number are 7537. The last four digits of the tax identification number for KS Mattson Partners, LP ("KSMP") are 5060. KSMP's address for service is c/o Stapleton 26 Group, 514 Via de la Valle, Solana Beach, CA 92075. The address for service on LeFever Mattson and all other Debtors is 6359 Auburn Blvd., Suite B, Citrus Heights, CA 95621. Due to the large number of debtor entities in these 27 Chapter 11 Cases, a complete list of the Debtors and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and 28 noticing agent at https://veritaglobal.net/LM.

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TO: THE HONRABLE CHARLES NOVACK, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE, THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE, COUNSEL TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS, AND THE ABOVE-LISTED PARTY:

KS Mattson Partners, LP (the "Debtor") in the above-captioned bankruptcy case (the "Bankruptcy Case"), pursuant to section 502 title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 3001 and Rule 3007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and Rule 3007-1 of the Bankruptcy Local Rules (the "Local Rules"), hereby files this Debtor's Objection to Claim No. 792 (Equitable Ocean Front LLC) (the "Objection") and requests that the Court enter an order disallowing Claim Number 792 ("Claim No. 792") asserted by Equitable Ocean Front LLC (the "Claimant") in this chapter 11 case. Pursuant to Local Rule 3007-1(a), a true and correct copy of Claim No. 792, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

This Objection is supported by the *Declaration of Robbin Itkin in Support of the Debtor's Objection to Claim No.* 792 (*Equitable Ocean Front LLC*) (the "<u>Itkin Declaration</u>") filed herewith, and any other evidence properly before the Court, prior to or at any hearing on the Objection.

JURISDICTION

- 1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California (the "Bankruptcy Court") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Order Referring Bankruptcy Cases and Proceedings to Bankruptcy Judges, General Order 24 (N.D. Cal.), and Local Rule 5011-1(a). The Debtor confirms its consent, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 7008, to the entry of a final order by the Bankruptcy Court in connection with this Objection to the extent that it is later determined that the Bankruptcy Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.
- 2. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

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BACKGROUND

A. General Background

- 3. This case arises from an alleged multiyear and multimillion-dollar fraud perpetrated by Mr. Mattson. This alleged fraud resulted in multiple prepetition litigations against Debtor KSMP, Kenneth Mattson, and LeFever Mattson, a California corporation (the real estate corporation jointly owned by Mr. Mattson and Tim LeFever). It has also resulted in the United States Department of Justice bringing serious criminal charges against Mr. Mattson.
- 4. On November 22, 2024 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), Debtor KSMP became subject to an involuntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. On June 9, 2025 (the "<u>Relief Date</u>"), the Court entered the *Stipulated Order for Relief in an Involuntary Case* [Case No. 24-10715, Dkt. No. 131] and subsequently appointed Robbin L. Itkin as the Responsible Individual in its chapter 11 case (the "<u>Responsible Individual</u>"), with effect from June 16, 2025 [Case No. 24-10715, Dkt. No. 172].
- 5. Debtor KSMP continues to operate its business and manage its properties as debtor in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. On August 26, 2025, a committee of unsecured creditors (the "Committee") was appointed in this chapter 11 case (the "KSMP Chapter 11 Case"), consisting of the same members as the LeFever Mattson committee [Dkt No. 2104].

B. KS Mattson Partners, LP

6. Debtor KSMP is a California limited partnership, established on August 16, 1999, to manage and develop assets held by Kenneth Mattson and his family. Debtor KSMP's partnership agreement provides that its partnership interests are held by each of Mr. Mattson (49%), Mr. Mattson's wife, Stacy Mattson, (49%), and K S Mattson Company, LLC ("KSMC") (2%). Because Debtor KSMP failed to maintain adequate books and records before the Relief Date, the

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Responsible Individual is currently undertaking efforts to determine what assets Debtor KSMP owns. At present, the Responsible Individual believes that Debtor KSMP holds interests in approximately 36 properties, some owned outright and others held as tenant-in-common with other investors, although this number remains subject to change as further diligence and investigation are completed. Debtor KSMP has no employees.

C. Jointly Administered Cases and Substantive Consolidation

- 7. On September 19, 2024, LeFever Mattson and fifty-seven affiliates and subsidiaries (collectively, the "LFM Debtors" and, together with Debtor KSMP, the "Debtors")—parties related to Debtor KSMP—filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, commencing their jointly administered bankruptcy cases (the "LFM Chapter 11 Cases"). On June 20, 2025, the Committee filed the *Motion of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for Substantive Consolidation of Debtor LeFever Mattson and KS Mattson Partners, LP and for Related Relief* [Dkt No. 1585] (the "Substantive Consolidation Motion"), by which the Committee sought to substantively consolidate the KSMP and LeFever Mattson estates. Following significant diligence and extensive negotiations between Debtor KSMP, the LFM Debtors and the Committee, the Committee agreed to hold its Substantive Consolidation Motion in abeyance while the parties worked together to produce a joint chapter 11 plan.
- 8. On July 29, 2025, the Court entered the *Stipulated Bridge Order in Connection with* the Motion to Substantively Consolidate the Bankruptcy Estates of LeFever Mattson and KS Mattson Partners, LP [Dkt No. 1887], which, among other things, holds the Substantive Consolidation Motion in abeyance and jointly administers Debtor KSMP's Chapter 11 Case with the LFM Chapter 11 Cases (collectively, the "Chapter 11 Cases").²

² One other entity, Windscape Apartments, LLC, filed a voluntary petition for chapter 11 (Case No. 24-10417) on August 6, 2024, and two other entities, Pinewood Condominiums, LP (Case No. 24-10598) and Ponderosa Pines, LP (Case No. 24-10599), filed voluntary chapter 11 petitions on October 2, 2024. These entities are the LeFever Mattson Debtors.

D. Bar Date and Proof of Claim Analysis

- 9. On August 25, 2025, the Court entered the *Order Granting Motion for an Order* (1) *Establishing Bar Date;* (2) *Approving Form and Manner of Notice of Bar Date and Procedure with Respect thereto; and* (3) *Approving Confidentiality Protocols* [Dkt. No. 2184] (the "KSMP Bar Date Order"). The KSMP Bar Date Order fixed October 3, 2025 as the last day for general unsecured creditors to file proofs of claim in the KSMP Chapter 11 Case (the "KSMP Bar Date").
- 10. Debtor KSMP and the Committee are reviewing approximately 800 claims that were filed prior to the KSMP Bar Date. In particular, the Committee's financial advisor, Pricewaterhouse Coopers ("PwC"), is undertaking a detailed review of investor proofs of claim to conduct the netting analysis necessary to calculate each investor's potential claim for plan voting and distribution purposes. The information from the KSMP proof of claims process is being analyzed jointly with those filed in the LFM Chapter 11 Cases.

E. Claim No. 792

- 11. On October 2, 2025, the Claimant filed Claim No. 792 in the amount of \$23,000,000.00 and stating that the basis of the claim was "Acquisition of 1819 Coast Boulevard, Del Mar, CA."
- 12. The Claimant provided no supporting documents to substantiate or support the amount and validity of Claim No. 792 as required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c).

ARGUMENT

A. Legal Standard

13. When a claimant files a proof of its claim pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 501, such claim is deemed allowed unless a party in interest objects. 11 U.S.C. §502(a). A claimant must attach copies of writings upon which claims are based in order to carry their burden of establishing a prima facie case against the debtor. *In re King Investments, Inc.* 219 B.R. 848, 858 (9th Cir. BAP 1998).

In considering whether to allow a claim, a bankruptcy court may take judicial notice of the underlying records in a bankruptcy case. Fed. R. Evid. 201(c); *See also In re E.R. Fergert*, 887 F.2d. 955, 957-958 (9th Cir. 1989).

- 14. Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c) requires that where a "a claim or an interest in the debtor's property securing the claim is based on a writing, the creditor must file a copy with the proof of claim."
- 15. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §502 and Bankruptcy Rules 3001 and 3007, the Debtor objects to the allowance of Claim No. 792. A claim should not be allowed if that "claim is unenforceable against the debtor and property of the debtor, under any agreement or applicable law" 11 U.S.C. §502(b)(1).

B. The Objection

- 16. As detailed above, Claimant did not provide sufficient—or any—documentation to support the amount or validity of Claim No. 792, as required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c). Claim No. 792 asserts a claim arising from an alleged "acquisition" of real property. Any such acquisition must be evidenced by a written instrument under the statute of frauds, yet no agreement, deed or other supporting documentation was submitted with the claim. The Debtor's books and records likewise contain no information supporting the claim, and Claimant provides no explanation or legal basis to substantiate the asserted amount.
- 17. Accordingly, the Debtor respectfully requests that Claim No. 792 be disallowed in its entirety and expunged from the claims register.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

18. The Debtor expressly reserves its right to amend, modify, or supplement this Objection or to file additional objections to Claim No. 792 or any other proofs of claim (filed or not filed) that any creditor asserting a Claim may assert against the Debtor.

1 **CONCLUSION** 2 WHEREFORE, the Debtor respectfully requests that this Bankruptcy Court enter an 3 Order: 4 1. Sustaining the Objection in its entirety; 5 Disallowing Claim No. 792 in its entirety; 2. 6 3. Granting such other relief as is just and proper. 7 8 9 Dated: December 9, 2025 /s/ Richard L. Wynne Richard L. Wynne (Bar No. 120349) 10 richard.wynne@hoganlovells.com Erin N. Brady (Bar No. 215038) 11 erin.brady@hoganlovells.com 12 Edward J. McNeilly (Bar No. 314588) edward.mcneilly@hoganlovells.com 13 HOGAN LOVELLS US LLP 1999 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 1400 14 Los Angeles, California 90067 Telephone: (310) 785-4600 15 Facsimile: (310) 785-4601 16 Attorneys for Debtor and Debtor in 17 Possession KS Mattson Partners, LP 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27

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EXHBIT 1 Claim No. 792 Proof of Claim

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Claim #792 Date Filed: 10/2/2025

Fill in this information to identify the case:						
Debtor 1 KS Mattson Partners, LP						
Debtor 2						
(Spouse, if filing)						
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Case number: 24–10715						

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Edward J. Emmons, Clerk

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Proof of Claim

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Read the instructions before filling out this form. This form is for making a claim for payment in a bankruptcy case. Do not use this form to make a request for payment of an administrative expense. Make such a request according to 11 U.S.C. § 503.

Filers must leave out or redact information that is entitled to privacy on this form or on any attached documents. Attach redacted copies of any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, and security agreements. Do not send original documents; they may be destroyed after scanning. If the documents are not available, explain in an attachment.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

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	Contact phone6192323090	Contact phone					
	Contact email kevincyoungesq@aol.com	Contact email					
	Uniform claim identifier (if you use one):						
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	Acquisition of 1819 COAST BOULEVARD, Del Mar, CA					
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