# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	Chapter 11
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Supply Source Enterprises, Inc., et al., Case No. 24-11054 (BLS)

Debtors. (Jointly Administered)

# CORRECTED NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM AND REQUESTS FOR ALLOWANCE OF ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMS

YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NOTICE BECAUSE YOU MAY HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED CASES. YOU SHOULD READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY AND DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN ATTORNEY, YOU MAY WISH TO CONSULT ONE.

#### TO: ALL POTENTIAL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS

Please take notice that on May 21, 2024, the above-captioned debtors (the "<u>Debtors</u>") each filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the U.S. Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 *et seq*. (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Court</u>").

Please take further notice that on July 8, 2024, the Court entered an order (the "Bar Date Order")<sup>2</sup> establishing: (i) **August 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.** (**prevailing Eastern Time**) (the "General Bar Date") as the last date and time for each person or entity to file a Proof of Claim in these Chapter 11 Cases (the "Proof of Claim" or "Proofs of Claim," as applicable), provided that, solely with respect to a governmental unit, the last date and time for such governmental unit to file a Proof of Claim in these Chapter 11 Cases is **November 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.** (**prevailing Eastern Time**) (the "Governmental Bar Date"); and (ii) **August 30, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.** (**prevailing Eastern Time**) (the "Administrative Claim Bar Date") as the last date and time for each person or entity to file a request for allowance of an Administrative Expense Claims (the "Payment Request" or "Payment Request" or "Payment Requests," as applicable) arising during the period from the Petition Date through and including July 26, 2024. For your convenience, enclosed with this Notice is a Proof of Claim form (the "Proof of Claim Form") and a Payment Request form (the "Payment Request Form").

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 proceedings, together with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Supply Source Enterprises, Inc. (0842); SSE Intermediate, Inc. (1772); SSE Buyer, Inc. (5901); Impact Products, LLC (7450); and The Safety Zone, LLC (4597). The Debtors' headquarters are located at 385 Long Hill Road, Guilford, Connecticut 06437.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Bar Date Order.

# THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS NOTICE DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS OR THAT THE DEBTORS BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS.

Please take further notice that the Bar Date Order and the procedures set forth therein and herein for the filing of Proofs of Claim apply to all claims (the holder of any such claim, a "Claimant") that arose, or are deemed to have arisen, prior to the Petition Date, regardless of their character or nature, whether secured or unsecured, priority or non-priority, liquidated or unliquidated, fixed or contingent, including, without limitation, claims entitled to administrative priority status under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code³, no matter how remote or contingent.

As used in this Notice, the term "<u>Creditor</u>" has the meaning given to it in section 101(10) of the Bankruptcy Code, and includes all persons, entities, estates, trusts, governmental units and the United States Trustee. In addition, the terms "<u>persons</u>," "<u>Entities</u>" and "<u>Governmental units</u>" are defined in sections 101(41), 101(15) and 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code, respectively.

As used in this Notice, the term "Claim" or "Claims" has the meaning given to it in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, and includes as to or against the Debtor: (a) any right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured or unsecured; or (b) any right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured.

# **ALL CLAIMS**

# A. PROOFS OF CLAIM, PAYMENT REQUESTS, AND MANNER OF FILING

#### i. Proofs of Claim

Except as otherwise provided herein, any person or entity that has or seeks to assert a Claim which arose, or is deemed to have arisen, prior to the Petition Date, including, without limitation, a Claim under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM ON OR BEFORE THE APPLICABLE BAR DATE in order to potentially share in the Debtors' estates. For the avoidance of doubt, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3003(c)(2), any Claimant who asserts a Claim that arose, or is deemed to have arisen, prior to the Petition Date and whose Claim is either (a) not listed on the Debtors' Schedules or (b) is listed on the Schedules as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, shall be required to file a Proof of Claim on or prior to the applicable Bar Date in order to potentially share in the Debtors' estates. Under the Bar Date Order, the filing of an original, written Proof of Claim Form, or the electronic submission of a Proof of Claim Form shall be deemed to satisfy the procedural requirements for the assertion of administrative priority Claims under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code. All other Administrative Expense Claims under section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code must be made pursuant to the procedures below and shall

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, "[a]fter notice and a hearing, there shall be allowed administrative expenses . . . including the value of any goods received by the debtor within 20 days before the date of commencement of a case under this title in which the goods have been sold to the debtor in the ordinary course of such debtor's business." 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(9).

not be deemed proper if made by Proof of Claim. Claims under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code must be filed by the General Bar Date. Acts or omissions of the Debtors that occurred on or arose before the Petition Date may give rise to Claims that must be filed by the applicable Bar Date, notwithstanding that such Claims may not have matured, are contingent, or have not become fixed or liquidated prior to or as of the Petition Date.

## 1. Claims for Which A Proof of Claim Need Not be Filed

Notwithstanding the above, holders of the following Claims are <u>not required</u> to file a Proof of Claim on or before the applicable Bar Date solely with respect to such claim:

- a) any person or entity that already has filed a Proof of Claim against the correct Debtor(s) with Verita or the Clerk of the Court in a form substantially similar to Official Bankruptcy Form B 410;
- any person or entity whose claim is listed on the Debtors' Schedules or any amendments thereto; <u>unless</u> (i) the claim is scheduled as "disputed," "contingent," or "unliquidated;" (ii) the claimant disagrees with the amount, nature, and/or priority of the claim as set forth in the Schedules; or (iii) the claimant disputes that the claim is an obligation of the particular Debtor against which the claim is listed in the Schedules. In the case of either (i), (ii), or (iii), a Proof of Claim must be filed on or before the applicable Bar Date;
- c) professionals retained by the Debtors or the Committee, pursuant to orders of the Court, that assert administrative expense claims for fees and expenses subject to the Court's approval pursuant to sections 330, 331 and 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code;
- d) current officers and directors of the Debtors who assert claims for indemnification and/or contribution arising as a result of such officers' or directors' prepetition or post-petition services to the Debtors;
- e) a holder of a claim that has previously been allowed by order of the Court;
- f) a holder of a claim that has been paid in full by the Debtors or any other party;
- g) a holder of a claim for which a specific deadline to file a Proof of Claim previously has been fixed by the Court;
- h) any Debtor having a claim against another Debtor;
- i) any present or former employee of the Debtors, solely with respect to any claim based on the payment of an obligation arising in the ordinary course of business as a wage, commission, or benefit and previously authorized to be paid by the *Final Order (I) Authorizing, But Not Directing, the Debtors to (A) Pay Prepetition Wages, Compensation, Employee Benefits, and Other*

Employee Obligations and (B) Continue Certain Employee Benefit Programs in the Ordinary Course; (II) Authorizing All Banks to Honor Prepetition Checks for Payment of Prepetition Employee Obligations; and (III) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 131]; provided, however, that a current or former employee must submit a Proof of Claim by the General Bar Date for all other claims, including claims for wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, hostile work environment, retaliation, claims covered by the Debtors' workers' compensation insurance, or any other litigation or pre-litigation claim; and

j) each of the Prepetition Secured Parties and the DIP Lender in these Chapter 11 Cases or any successor case for claims on behalf of itself for payment of the Prepetition Secured Obligations or the DIP Obligations, including any principal, unpaid interest (including default interest therein), fees, expenses, and other amounts under the Prepetition Credit Documents.

Please take notice that any Claimant exempted from filing a Proof of Claim for a Claim as described in the list above must still properly and timely file a Proof of Claim for any other Claim that <u>does not fall within the exemptions</u> described in the list above.

## ii. Payment Requests

Except as otherwise provided herein, each person or entity (including, without limitation, individuals, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, trusts, and governmental units) that holds or wishes to assert an alleged Administrative Expense Claim against the Debtors' estates that may have arisen during the period from the Petition Date through and including July 26, 2024 MUST FILE A PAYMENT REQUEST FORM ON OR BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM BAR DATE in order to potentially share in the Debtors' estates.

#### 1. Claims for Which a Payment Request Form Need Not be Filed

Pursuant to the terms of the Bar Date Order, the Administrative Claim Bar Date <u>does not</u> apply to the following claims:

- a) Administrative Expense Claims that (i) have been previously paid by the Debtors in the ordinary course of the Debtors' business or (ii) have otherwise been allowed by order of the Court;
- b) Administrative Expense Claims previously filed with Verita or the Court;
- c) Administrative Expense Claims held by a person or entity that filed a motion requesting allowance of such Administrative Expense Claim prior to the date hereof;
- d) Administrative Expense Claims of any professional retained and employed by the Debtors or the Committee pursuant to sections 327, 328, or 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code, including any ordinary course of business professionals retained, pursuant to an order of this Court approving the

employment of ordinary course business professionals, for compensation, indemnification, or reimbursement of costs and expenses relating to professional services performed and expenses incurred on and after the Petition Date;

- e) claims for fees payable to the Clerk of this Court;
- f) fees payable to the Office of the U.S. Trustee under 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(6) or accrued interest thereon arising under 31 U.S.C. § 3717;
- g) any governmental entity asserting a claim for taxes that arose after the Petition Date; and
- h) Administrative Expense Claims arising on or after July 27, 2024.

A CLAIMANT OR REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CLAIMANT SHOULD CONSULT HIS OR HER ATTORNEY IF THE CLAIMANT HAS ANY QUESTIONS, INCLUDING WHETHER SUCH CLAIMANT SHOULD FILE A PAYMENT REQUEST FORM. NEITHER THE DEBTORS' ATTORNEYS, NOR VERITA, NOR THE CLERK OF THE COURT CAN ADVISE THE CLAIMANT WHETHER THE CLAIMANT SHOULD FILE A PAYMENT REQUEST FORM.

# iii. Claims Arising from Rejected Executory Contracts or Unexpired Leases

Any person or entity that holds a Claim that arises from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease must file a Proof of Claim based on such rejection by the later of (a) the General Bar Date, (b) the date set forth in an order authorizing the Debtors to reject contracts or leases pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code (unless the order authorizing such rejection provides otherwise), and (c) thirty (30) days after the claimant is served with notice of the applicable Court order (the "Rejection Bar Date").

# iv. Schedules and Amendments thereto

You may be listed as the holder of a Claim in the Schedules. The Schedules are available free of charge on Verita's website at https://veritaglobal.net/supplysource/document/list/6093. If you rely on the Schedules, it is your responsibility to determine that your Claim is accurately listed in the Schedules. As described above, if (a) you agree with the nature, amount, and status of your Claim as listed in the Schedules, (b) your Claim is NOT described as "disputed," "contingent," or "unliquidated," and (c) you do not dispute that the Claim is an obligation of the particular Debtor against which the Claim is listed in the Schedules, then you are not required to file a Proof of Claim in these Chapter 11 Cases with respect to such Claim. Otherwise, or if you decide to file a Proof of Claim, you must do so before the applicable Bar Date in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Notice and the Bar Date Order.

If the Debtors amend their Schedules, then the Bar Date for those Creditors affected by any such amendment shall be the later of (a) the General Bar Date or (b) 5:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time) on the date that is twenty-one (21) days from the date that the Debtors provided written notice to the affected Creditor that the Schedules have been amended (the "Amended Schedules Bar Date").

# B. WHEN AND WHERE TO FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM AND PAYMENT REQUEST FORMS

All Claimants must submit (by overnight mail, courier service, hand delivery, regular mail, or in person) an original, written: (i) Proof of Claim that substantially conforms to the Official Bankruptcy Form No. B 410 or the enclosed Proof of Claim Form; and/or (ii) the Payment Request Form, as applicable, so as to be <u>actually received</u> by Verita by no later than 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on or before the applicable Bar Date at the following address:

(by mail) **Supply Source Claims Processing Center**c/o KCC dba Verita

222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300
El Segundo, CA 90245

(by overnight mail, courier, or hand delivery) **Supply Source Claims Processing Center** c/o KCC dba Verita 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300 El Segundo, CA 90245

Alternatively, claimants may submit a Proof of Claim or Payment Request Form, as applicable, electronically through the electronic Claims filing system available at https://veritaglobal.net/supplysource.

Proofs of Claim and Payment Request Forms will be deemed timely filed only if actually received by Verita on or before the applicable Bar Date. It is NOT sufficient for the Proof of Claim or Payment Request Form to be post-marked by the applicable Bar Date – it must be ACTUALLY RECEIVED by the applicable Bar Date. Proofs of Claim and Payment Request Form may not be delivered by facsimile, telecopy, or electronic mail transmission. Any facsimile, telecopy, or electronic mail submissions will not be accepted and will not be deemed filed until a Proof of Claim or Payment Request, Form as applicable, is submitted to Verita by overnight mail, courier service, hand delivery, regular mail, or in person or through the electronic filing system described above. Claimants wishing to receive acknowledgment that their original, written Proofs of Claim or Payment Request Forms, as applicable, were received by Verita must submit (i) a copy of the Proof of Claim or Payment Request Form, as applicable, and (ii) a self-addressed, stamped envelope (in addition to the original Proof of Claim or Payment Request Form, as appliable, sent to Verita).

Copies of all filed Proofs of Claim will be available at Verita's website at https://veritaglobal.net/supplysource/register.

# C. CONTENTS OF A PROOF OF CLAIM AND PAYMENT REQUEST

#### i. Proofs of Claim

As noted above, the Debtors are enclosing a Proof of Claim Form for use in these Chapter 11 Cases, or you may use another Proof of Claim form that substantially conforms to Official Bankruptcy Form No. B 410. The Proof of Claim Form is available free of charge on Verita's website at https://veritaglobal.net/supplysource.

If your Claim is listed in the Debtors' Schedules, the Proof of Claim Form sent to you will indicate how the Debtors have scheduled your Claim in the Schedules, including (a) the amount of the scheduled Claim, if any; (b) whether the Claim is listed as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated; and (c) whether the Claim is listed as a secured, unsecured priority, or unsecured non-priority Claim.

To be valid, your Proof of Claim **MUST**: (a) be signed by the Claimant (which, if submitted electronically, may be satisfied by electronic signature through the electronic claims filing system described above); (b) be written in the English language; (c) be denominated in the lawful currency of the United States; *provided that* Claims in foreign currency must state the amounts claimed in such foreign currency and must also convert each such amount to United States dollars as of the Petition Date; (d) conform substantially to the enclosed Proof of Claim Form or Official Form B 410; (e) set forth with specificity the legal and factual basis for the alleged Claim; and (f) include supporting documentation or an explanation as to why such documentation is not available. **You should redact any sensitive information from your supporting documentation prior to filing your Proof of Claim.** 

For each Claim under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, you must attach all documents supporting such Claim to the Proof of Claim Form and include a statement setting forth with specificity: (a) the value of the goods the Claimant contends the Debtors received within twenty (20) days before the Petition Date; (b) documentation, including invoices, receipts, purchase orders, bills of lading, and the like, identifying the particular goods for which the Claim is being asserted; and (c) a statement indicating (i) whether the value of such goods listed in the Proof of Claim Form represents a combination of services and goods, (ii) the percentage of value related to services and related to goods, and (iii) whether the Claimant has been paid on account of any other claim against the Debtors regarding the goods underlying its Proof of Claim Form.

# ii. Payment Requests

As noted above, the Debtors are enclosing a Payment Request Form for use in these Chapter 11 Cases. The Payment Request Form is available free of charge on Verita's website at https://veritaglobal.net/supplysource.

Each Payment Request Form must: (i) be signed by the Claimant or, if the Claimant is not an individual, by an authorized agent of the Claimant; (ii) be written English; (iii) denominate the Claim in the lawful currency of the United States as of the Administrative Claim Bar Date; and (iv) include supporting documentation (or, if such documentation is voluminous, include a summary of such documentation) or an explanation as to why such documentation is not available. Documentation should include both evidence of the nature of the Administrative Expense Claim asserted as well as evidence of the date on which the Administrative Expense Claim arose.

## D. CONTINGENT CLAIMS

Acts or omissions of or by the Debtors that occurred, or that are deemed to have occurred, prior to the Petition Date, including, without limitation, acts or omissions related to any indemnity agreement, guarantee, services provided to or rendered by the Debtors, or goods provided to or by

the Debtors, may give rise to Claims against the Debtors and their estates notwithstanding the fact that such Claims (or any injuries on which they may be based) may be contingent or may not have matured or become fixed or liquidated prior to the Petition Date. Therefore, any person or entity that holds a Claim or potential Claim against the Debtors and their estates, no matter how remote, contingent, or unliquidated, <u>MUST</u> file a Proof of Claim on or before the applicable Bar Date.

# CONSEQUENCES FOR FAILURE TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM AND/OR PAYMENT REQUEST

Except as otherwise ordered by the Court, any Claimant that is required to file a Proof of Claim and in these Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the Bar Date Order with respect to a particular Claim, but that fails to do so properly by the applicable Bar Date, may be forever barred, estopped, and enjoined from: (a) asserting such Claim against the Debtors, their estates, or property of the Debtors, or thereafter filing a Proof of Claim with respect thereto in the Chapter 11 Cases; (b) with respect to such Claim, being treated as a Creditor of the Debtors for the purposes of voting upon any plan in the Chapter 11 Cases; and (c) receiving or being entitled to receive any payment or distribution of property from the Debtors or their successors or assigns with respect to such Claim, without further order of the Court.

Additionally, any party purportedly holding an Administrative Expense Claim against the Debtors that arose between the Petition Date and July 26, 2024 that is required to file a Payment Request Form, but fails to do so properly or timely in accordance with the Bar Date Order, shall not, absent further order of the Court, participate in any distribution in these Chapter 11 Cases on account of such Administrative Expense Claim or, in the event that the Chapter 11 Cases are converted, in any case under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

# **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

Nothing contained in this Notice or the Bar Date Order is intended or should be construed as a waiver of any of the Debtors' rights, including without limitation, their rights to: (a) dispute, or assert offsets or defenses against, any filed Claim or any Claim listed or reflected in the Schedules as to the nature, amount, liability, or classification thereof; (b) subsequently designate any scheduled Claim as disputed, contingent or unliquidated; or (c) otherwise amend or supplement the Schedules. In addition, nothing contained herein is intended or should be construed as an admission of the validity of any Claim or an approval, assumption or rejection of any agreement, contract or lease under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code. All such rights and remedies are reserved.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The Proof of Claim Form, the Payment Request Form, the Bar Date Order, and all other pleadings filed in these Chapter 11 Cases are available free of charge on Verita's website at https://veritaglobal.net/supplysource. If you have questions concerning the filing or processing of Claims, you may contact the Debtors' claims and noticing agent, Verita, by calling the toll-free information line at (866) 927-7078 for U.S. or Canada claimants, or (310) 751-2651 for all other international claimants, or by submitting an online inquiry via Verita's website at https://veritaglobal.net/supplysource/inquiry.