

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:

ZACHRY HOLDINGS, INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-90377 (MI)

(Jointly Administered)

AMENDED MOTION TO REMAND

THIS MOTION SEEKS AN ORDER THAT MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT YOU. IF YOU OPPOSE THE MOTION, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE MOVING PARTY TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE. IF YOU AND THE MOVING PARTY CANNOT AGREE, YOU MUST FILE A RESPONSE AND SEND A COPY TO THE MOVING PARTY. YOU MUST FILE AND SERVE YOUR RESPONSE WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE THIS WAS SERVED ON YOU. YOUR RESPONSE MUST STATE WHY THE MOTION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. IF YOU DO NOT FILE A TIMELY RESPONSE, THE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU. IF YOU OPPOSE THE MOTION AND HAVE NOT REACHED AN AGREEMENT, YOU MUST ATTEND THE HEARING. UNLESS THE PARTIES AGREE OTHERWISE, THE COURT MAY CONSIDER EVIDENCE AT THE HEARING AND MAY DECIDE THE MOTION AT THE HEARING.

REPRESENTED PARTIES SHOULD ACT THROUGH THEIR ATTORNEY.

¹ The debtors in these chapter 11 cases (the “Debtors”), along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, may be obtained on the website of the Debtors’ claims and noticing agent at <https://veritaglobal.net/zhi>. The Debtors’ service address in these chapter 11 cases is: P.O. Box 240130, San Antonio, Texas 78224.



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FLNG Liquefaction, LLC, FLNG Liquefaction 2, LLC, and FLNG Liquefaction 3, LLC (collectively, “FLNG” or the “Plaintiffs”) file this Amended Motion to Remand and respectfully state as follows:

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This case is subject to mandatory abstention because the claims have no independent basis for federal jurisdiction other than 28 U.S.C. 1334(b), the claims are non-core, the Plaintiffs commenced this case in state court, and the lawsuit can be timely adjudicated in state court.

2. Alternatively, if the Court determines that mandatory abstention does not apply, this is a textbook case for the exercise of permissive abstention or equitable remand to the state court forum in which Plaintiffs filed their lawsuit. The case involves non-core state law causes of action, and the only basis for federal jurisdiction is the tenuous “related to” hook created when Zachry Industrial Inc. (“Zachry”) and affiliated entities filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

II. BACKGROUND

3. On April 23, 2024, FLNG filed Cause No. 2024-26036 (the “Case”) in the 133rd Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas (the “State Court”), asserting state law breach of contract claims against Zachry, CB&I, Inc., and Chiyoda International Corporation (together with Zachry and CB&I, Inc., the “Defendants”) after discovering significant defects in the performance of Defendants’ work on a natural gas liquefaction and liquified natural gas export facility, resulting in substantial costs, the shut-down of operations, and other damages. *See Exhibit A*, at pg. 21 of 95, ¶ 1.

4. On May 21, 2024, Zachry Industrial Inc. (“Zachry”) and affiliated entities filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, jointly administered under Case No. 24-90377.

5. On July 31, 2024, Zachry removed the Case from the State Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1452(a), and the Case was docketed in the district court under Civil Action No. 4:24-cv-02841. *See Exhibit A*. The sole basis for jurisdiction alleged in the Notice of Removal is 28 U.S.C. § 1334(b). *Id.* pg. 2 of 95, ¶ 4. As further explained by Zachry, the instant action falls under the court’s “related to” jurisdiction. *Id.* at pg. 3 of 95, ¶ 5. On August 28, 2024 the Case was referred to this Court. Plaintiffs timely filed and served their Motion to Remand the following day.²

III. RELIEF REQUESTED

6. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334(c)(2), Plaintiffs request that the Court (i) abstain from hearing the Case based on mandatory abstention and (ii) remand the Case to State Court. Alternatively, if the Court determines that mandatory abstention does not apply here, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334(c)(1) and 28 U.S.C. § 1452(b),³ Plaintiffs request that the Court exercise permissive abstention and equitable remand to send the Case back to the State Court, which is the appropriate forum given the facts presented.

² As of August 29, 2024, no adversary proceeding number had been established following the referral of the Case to this Court. On recommendation of the clerk of court, Plaintiffs filed their Motion to Remand under Civil Action No. 4:24-cv-02841. A redline from the original Motion to Remand is attached as **Exhibit B**.

³ In either event, while the grant of a motion to remand is not appealable, denial of a motion to remand is reviewed de novo. 28 U.S.C. § 1447(d); *Energy Mgmt. Servs., LLC v. City of Alexandria*, 739 F.3d 255, 257 (5th Cir. 2014) (citing *Roland v. Green*, 675 F.3d 503, 511 (5th Cir. 2012)).

IV. ARGUMENTS AND AUTHORITIES

A. Mandatory abstention requires remand of this case.

7. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1334(c)(2), the Court must abstain from hearing a case that meets the following criteria:

Upon timely motion of a party in a proceeding *based upon a State law claim or State law cause of action*, related to a case under title 11 but not arising under title 11 or arising in a case under title 11, with respect to which an action *could not have been commenced in a court of the United States* absent jurisdiction under this section, *the district court shall abstain* from hearing such proceeding if an action is commenced, and *can be timely adjudicated, in a State forum* of appropriate jurisdiction.

Id. (emphasis added).

8. The Fifth Circuit has parsed the analysis of § 1334(c)(2) into a four part test, providing that mandatory abstention applies where “(1) [t]he claim has no independent basis for federal jurisdiction, other than § 1334(b); (2) the claim is a non-core proceeding, i.e., it is related or in a case under title 11; (3) an action has been commenced in state court; and (4) the action could be adjudicated timely in state court.” *Edge Petroleum Operating Co., Inc. v. GPR Holdings, L.L.C.*, 483 F.3d 292, 300 (5th Cir. 2007) (quoting *Schuster v. Mims (In re Rupp & Bowman Co.)*, 109 F.3d 237, 239 (5th Cir. 1997)); *see also Atencio v. Attencio (In re Petroleum Prods. & Servs., Inc.)*, 556 B.R. 296, 300 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2016) (citing *Mugica v. Helena Chem. Co. (In re Mugica)*, 362 B.R. 782, 792 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2007)). “Any doubts concerning removal must be resolved against removal and in favor of remanding the case back to state court.” *In re Kevco*, 309 B.R. 458, 462 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2004) (internal quotations and citations omitted), *aff’d*, 2003 WL 23784080 (N.D. Tex. 2003), *aff’d*, 113 Fed. Appx. 29 (5th Cir. 2004), *cert denied*, 544 U.S. 948 (2005).

9. Plaintiffs' Case is subject to mandatory abstention because the claims satisfy each requirement under 28 U.S.C. § 1334(c)(2). Accordingly, the Case should be remanded. *See Cedar Park Healthcare, LLC v. Harden Healthcare, LLC (In re Senior Care Centers, LLC)*, 611 B.R. 791, 799-800 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2019) (court must remand where mandatory abstention applies).

i. The claims have no independent basis for federal jurisdiction other than § 1334(b).

10. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1334(b), “the district court shall have original but not exclusive jurisdiction of all civil proceedings arising under title 11, or arising in or related to cases under title 11.” The claims here have no independent basis for jurisdiction other than 28 U.S.C. § 1334(b). This case presents no federal question and diversity jurisdiction is not available.⁴ Further, the claim asserted in the underlying matter is for breach of contract, a state-law cause of action. “Arising under” jurisdiction involves causes of action created or determined by a statutory provision of the Bankruptcy Code. *Legal Xtranet, Inc. v. AT&T Mgmt. Servs., L.P. (In re Legal Xtranet, Inc)*, 453 B.R. 699 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. 2011). “Arising in” jurisdiction is not based on rights created under Title 11, but is based on claims that have no existence outside of bankruptcy. *Broyles v. U.S. Gypsum Co.*, 266 B.R. 778, 783 (Bankr. E.D. Tex. 2001). The claims here are not created or determined by the Bankruptcy Code and they exist outside of bankruptcy. Therefore, 28 U.S.C. § 1334(b) provides the only basis for removal because the claims neither arise under nor arise in Title 11, but are simply “related to” Zachry’s bankruptcy case. Zachry does not contest this, and in fact concedes that this case falls under the Court’s “related to” jurisdiction. *See Exhibit A*, pg 3 of 95, ¶5.

⁴ Diversity jurisdiction requires complete diversity, which “requires that no plaintiff be a citizen of the same state as any defendant.” *Coffman v. Dole Fresh Fruit Co.*, 927 F.Supp.2d 427, 431 (E.D. Tex. 2013) (collecting cases). Because the Plaintiffs and Zachry are both Delaware entities, there is not complete diversity. *Exhibit A*, pgs. 2-3 of 95, ¶¶ 4-6, 8.

ii. Plaintiffs' claims are non-core.

11. FLNG's Case does not present core matters under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). "Civil proceedings that arise under title 11 or arise in a case under title 11 are deemed "core" matters while civil proceedings that are related to a case under title 11 are deemed "non-core" matters." *In re Legal Xtranet, Inc*, 453 B.R. at 704 (citation omitted); *see also Morrison v. Western Builders of Amarillo, Inc., (In re Morrison)*, 553 F.3d 473 (5th Cir. 2009) (quoting *Wood v. Wood (In re Wood)*, 825 F.2d 90, 97 (5th Cir.1987)) ("Core" proceedings are those that "invoke[] a substantive right provided by title 11" or "could arise only in the context of a bankruptcy case."); *Edge Petroleum*, 483 F.3d at 300 (5th Cir. 2007) (proceedings that are related to a case under title 11 are non-core).

iii. The Case was commenced in state court.

12. "Section 1334(c)(2) requires that a state court action be commenced prior to the bankruptcy proceedings." *Houston Baseball Partners LLC v. Comcast Corp. (In re Houston Regional Sports Network, L.P.)*, 514 B.R. 211, 214 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2014) (citing *Special Value Continuation Partners, L.P. v. Jones*, No. 11-3304, 2011 WL 5593058, at *2 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2011)). FLNG's Case commenced on April 23, 2024, when Plaintiffs filed suit in the Texas State Court.⁵ Zachry and its affiliated debtors did not file for bankruptcy relief until nearly one month later, on May 21, 2024.

iv. The Case can be timely adjudicated in state court.

13. To establish that a case can be timely adjudicated in state court, the movant need not show that the case can be adjudicated more quickly in state court; rather, the movant must

⁵ A state law claim originally brought in state court is deemed to have commenced in state court, even if it is later removed to federal court. *Massey Energy Co. v. West Virginia Consumers for Justice*, 351 B.R. 348, 352-53 (Bankr. E.D. Va. 2006).

merely establish that it can simply be adjudicated timely in state court. *In re Mugica*, 362 B.R. at 793; *J.T. Thorpe v. Am. Motorists*, No. H-02-4598, 2003 WL 23323005, at *3 (S.D. Tex. 2003).

14. FLNG's Case can be timely adjudicated in the State Court. The State Court is well-equipped to handle claims predicated entirely on state law and is not congested to an extent that would delay adjudication of the Case. Moreover, because the agreements giving rise to FLNG's claims contain jury waiver provisions, the local rules of the Civil Trial Division of the District Courts of Harris County require that as far as reasonably possible, the Case be brought to trial or final disposition within twelve months. Harris County Civ. Trial Div. L.R. 1(b). *See In re Houston Regional Sports Network, L.P.*, 514 B.R. at 214 (finding that removed action could be timely adjudicated in state court, as local rules in Harris County District Court presumed that trial would be completed within eighteen months of filing); *see also WRT Creditors Liquidation Trust*, 75 F.Supp.2d at 606 (finding that movant's evidence that state trial docket was not congested and that trial would likely occur within the next year sufficient to establish timely adjudication where non-movant had failed to provide any evidence negating the likelihood of a timely adjudication in state court).

15. As discussed above, Plaintiffs' Case satisfies each element required for mandatory abstention. There is no independent basis for jurisdiction over the state law claims except under § 1334(b), the claims are non-core, the action was initially commenced in State Court, and the action can be adjudicated timely in State Court. Therefore, this Court "shall abstain" from hearing Plaintiffs' claims and should remand the Case to the State Court.

B. Alternatively, permissive abstention or equitable remand is warranted.

16. If the Court determines that mandatory abstention is not appropriate, the Court should decline to exercise jurisdiction based on permissive abstention or, in the alternative,

equitable remand. 28 U.S.C. § 1334(c)(1); 28 U.S.C. § 1452(b). “A motion for remand pursuant to § 1452 or [permissive] abstention under § 1334(c)(1) are similar in nature, as both are rooted in equity and courts have discretion to rule.” *In re OGA Charters, LLC*, 569 B.R. 105, 122 (S.D. Tex. 2017).

17. In deciding whether to apply permissive abstention or equitable remand, courts typically follow a non-exclusive list of factors, including:

- 1) the effect or lack thereof on the efficient administration of the estate if the court decides to remand or abstain;
- 2) the extent to which state law issues predominate over bankruptcy issues;
- 3) the difficult or unsettled nature of applicable law;
- 4) the presence of a related proceeding commenced in state court or other nonbankruptcy proceeding;
- 5) the jurisdictional basis, if any, other than § 1334;
- 6) the degree of relatedness or remoteness of the proceeding to the main bankruptcy case;
- 7) the substance rather than the form of an asserted core proceeding;
- 8) the feasibility of severing state law claims from core bankruptcy matters to allow judgments to be entered in state court with enforcement left to the bankruptcy court;
- 9) the burden on the court's docket;
- 10) the likelihood that the commencement of the proceeding in the bankruptcy court involves forum shopping by one of the parties;
- 11) the existence of a right to a jury trial;
- 12) the presence in the proceeding of non-debtor parties;
- 13) comity; and
- 14) the possibility of prejudice to other parties in the action.

TXSM Real Estate Investments, Inc. v. Senior Care Centers, LLC (In re Senior Care Centers, LLC), 622 B.R. 680 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2020); *In re OGA Charters, LLC*, 569 B.R. at 122, aff'd sub nom.; *In re OGA Charters, LLC*, 901 F.3d 599 (5th Cir. 2018) (citing *In re Ramirez*, 413 B.R. 621, 631-32 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2009) (quoting *J.D. Thorpe Co.*, 2003 WL 23323005, at *6).

18. Section 1334(c) is similar to section 1452(b), “as both favor comity and the resolution of state law questions by state courts.” *In re Montalvo*, 559 B.R. 825, 836-37 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2016); *J.D. Thorpe Co.*, 2003 WL 23323005, at *1, *6; see also *Ramirez*, 413 B.R. at

632. “Because the two are similar in purpose, factors which weigh in favor of [permissive] abstention . . . under § 1334(c) will also weigh in favor of equitable remand under § 1452(b).” *Id.*

19. In addition to permissive abstention factors, courts also consider the following factors when dealing whether equitable remand is appropriate:

- 1) forum non conveniens;
- 2) whether the civil action has been bifurcated during removal, which favors a trial of the entire action in state court;
- 3) whether the state court has greater ability to respond to questions of state law;
- 4) the particular court's expertise;
- 5) the inefficiencies of proceedings in two forums;
- 6) prejudice to the involuntarily removed party;
- 7) comity; and
- 8) possibility of an inconsistent result.

Ramirez, 413 B.R. at 633.

C. Permissive abstention is appropriate.

20. In reviewing the list of 14 factors to determine whether to apply permissive abstention or equitable remand, factors 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 13 weigh in favor of equitable remand. Factor 6 leans in favor of abstention or equitable remand but is at worst neutral. Factors 4, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 14 weigh neither for nor against abstention or equitable remand.

21. **Factor 1: The effect on administration of the estate.** While FLNG’s Case involves claims against a debtor entity which will ultimately be administered through the claims allowance process in bankruptcy, the State Court is well positioned to promptly adjudicate this matter. Balancing these considerations, this factor supports abstention. *See Lain v. Watt (In re Dune Energy, Inc.)*, 575 B.R. 716, 732 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. 2017) (in considering effect of abstention on efficient administration of the estate, state court’s ability to promptly adjudicate case supported remand).

22. **Factor 2: The extent to which state law issues predominate over bankruptcy issues.** The Case presents no federal causes of action. Consequently, state law issues clearly predominate. Plaintiffs assert a state law breach of contract claim against Zachry. There are no issues of bankruptcy law or other federal law that will determine the outcome of the litigation. This factor thus weighs in favor of abstention or remand. *IO AT Tech Ridge LP v. Hartford Fire Ins. Co. (In re IO AT Tech Ridge LP)*, 17-11540-TMD, 2018 WL 2431640 at *4 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. 2018) (proceedings based entirely on state law causes of action weigh in favor of remand); *In re Houston Regional Sports Network, L.P.* 514 B.R. at 214 (remand and abstention supported where all claims at issue are state law claims).

23. **Factor 3: The difficult or unsettled nature of applicable law.** The breach of contract claim at issue is something the State Court “can easily adjudicate—and should adjudicate.” *McClenon v. Statebridge Co., LLC (In re McClenon)*, No. 18-03349, 2019 WL 451241, at *3 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2019) (state court should adjudicate garden variety state law claims); *McVey v. Johnson (In re SBMC Healthcare, LLC)*, 519 B.R. 172, 190 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2014) (same).

24. **Factor 4: Presence of a related proceeding commenced in state court.** Because there is no related proceeding, this factor is inapplicable. *In re McClenon*, 2019 WL 451241, at *3; *ECN Capital (Aviation) Corp. v. Airbus Helicopters SAS (In re CHC Grp. Ltd.)*, No. 15-31854-BJH, 2017 WL 1380514, at *21 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2017) (“There is no related proceeding pending in another forum, making this factor inapplicable.”).

25. **Factor 5: Jurisdictional basis, if any, other than 28 U.S.C. §1334.** The only basis for jurisdiction over the removed Case is § 1334(b). The Case is merely “related to” Zachry’s bankruptcy, and there is no other basis for federal subject matter jurisdiction. This circumstance

weighs in favor of abstention or remand. *In re IO AT Tech Ridge LP*, 2018 WL 2431640 at *5 (abstention or remand is supported where the only basis for jurisdiction is § 1334)

26. **Factor 6: Degree of relatedness or remoteness of the proceeding to the main bankruptcy case.** While the Case involves claims against a debtor entity, the events giving rise to the claim occurred entirely prior to bankruptcy, and the Case involves exclusively non-bankruptcy issues. Accordingly, this factor favors abstention and remand, or at worst, is neutral. *In re SBMC Healthcare, LLC*, 519 B.R. at 191.

27. **Factor 7: Substance rather than form of the core proceeding.** Where a proceeding is non-core, abstention and remand are supported. *In re McClenon*, 2019 WL 451241, at *3 (citing *In re Houston Reg'l Sports Network, L.P.*, 514 B.R. at 216; *In re Dune Energy, Inc.*, 575 B.R. at 732. As discussed above, FLNG's Case is a non-core proceeding, so this factor supports abstention and remand.

28. **Factor 8: The feasibility of severing state law claims from core bankruptcy matters to allow judgments to be entered in state court with enforcement left to the bankruptcy court.** This factor is inapplicable, as none of the claims are core proceedings. *In re McClenon*, 2019 WL 451241, at *3 (severability factor inapplicable where none of the claims were core proceedings).

29. **Factor 9: The burden on the court's docket.** The Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas has among the heaviest commercial caseloads in the country. These cases involve immense volumes of filings requiring countless hours of intensive review and regularly culminate in the reorganization and liquidation of entities with hundreds of millions to billions of dollars in assets and debt. The ability of the Court to timely adjudicate these matters affects not only those entities, but the people who rely on them for their livelihoods. And that is all

before considering the substantial consumer caseload before the court, where the vast majority of individuals require a fresh start. Adjudication of a state law case that could be efficiently handled in state court would unnecessarily burden the court's docket, supporting abstention and remand. And it is a burden for the court "to adjudicate solely state law claims[.]" *Id.*

30. **Factor 10: The likelihood that commencement of the proceeding in bankruptcy court involves forum shopping by one of the parties.** This factor is inapplicable because the Case was commenced in state court. *In re Dune Energy, Inc.*, 575 B.R. at 734 ("Forum shopping in the context of permissive abstention is not usually based on where the bankruptcy case was filed; it is based on where the civil proceeding (suit) was filed.").

31. **Factor 11: The existence of a right to a jury trial.** The parties have contractually waived the right to a jury trial, as a result, the parties would not be entitled to a jury trial in either state or federal court. Thus, this factor is neutral.

32. **Factor 12: The presence in the proceeding of non-debtor parties.** While all but one of the parties in the Case are non-debtors, the same claims are asserted against Zachry, CB&I Inc., and Chiyoda International Corp. Because it is possible that the other defendants may have indemnification claims against Zachry, on balance, this factor is neutral.

33. **Factor 13: Comity.** FLNG's Case was commenced in state court and is based on garden variety state law claims, supporting abstention and remand. *See In re McClenon*, 2019 WL 451241, at *4 (case predicated on garden variety state law claims weighed in favor of abstention under comity factor); *In re Dune Energy, Inc.*, 575 B.R. at 733 (considering deference to state court of state law issues in connection with comity factor); *see also In re SBMC Healthcare, LLC*, 519 B.R. at 192 (commencement of case in state court supported abstention under comity factor);

34. **Factor 14: The possibility of prejudice to other parties in the action.** There is nothing to support any prejudice to any party, so this factor is irrelevant. *See In re McClenon*, 2019 WL 451241, at *4 (absent evidence of prejudice to a party, factor looking to possibility of prejudice is irrelevant in assessing abstention).

D. Factors supporting equitable remand

35. The above-described factors support both permissive abstention and equitable remand. For the same reasons discussed above, FLNG also requests equitable remand under 28 U.S.C. §1452(b).

V. Conclusion

36. The removed Case involves only non-core claims that do not have a basis for federal jurisdiction other than § 1334(b). The state court action was commenced before the filing of bankruptcy or removal and the action can be timely adjudicated in state court. As such, this Court “shall abstain” from hearing this proceeding. In the alternative, the Court should exercise its broad power to permissively abstain from hearing this action and remand it to state court pursuant to § 1334(c)(1) and § 1452(b).

37. Based on all the factors discussed above, this Court should abstain from exercising jurisdiction or alternatively, equitably remand the Case to state court.

Date: September 12, 2024

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on September 12, 2024, I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing document to be served by (i) the Court’s ECF service on all parties registered to receive notice in this case, and (ii) first class mail and email on the following:

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I certify that on August 28 and 29, 2024, I conferred with counsel for Zachry Industrial Inc., CB&I, Inc., and Chiyoda International Corporation regarding the relief requested herein. Counsel for Zachry Industrial Inc. and Chiyoda International Corporation indicated that they oppose the requested relief. Counsel for CB&I, Inc. indicated that it is unopposed.

/s/ Christopher Taylor

 Christopher Taylor

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

FLNG LIQUEFACTION, LLC;	§	Adv. Pro. No. _____
FLNG LIQUEFACTION 2, LLC; and	§	
FLNG LIQUEFACTION 3, LLC,	§	
	§	
Plaintiffs,	§	
	§	
v.	§	Removed from:
	§	133rd Judicial District Court
CB&I INC.;	§	Harris County, Texas
ZACHRY INDUSTRIAL, INC.; and	§	Cause No. 2024-26036
CHIYODA INTERNATIONAL	§	
CORPORATION,	§	Related to:
	§	In re: Zachry Holdings, Inc., <i>et al.</i>
Defendants.	§	Case No. 24-90377 (MI)

NOTICE OF REMOVAL BY DEFENDANT ZACHRY INDUSTRIAL, INC.

TO THE COURT AND TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334(b) and 1452(a), Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9027(a)(1), and Bankruptcy Local Rule 9027–1, Defendant Zachry Industrial, Inc. (“Zachry Industrial”) hereby removes to this Court this action now pending in the 133rd Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas, Cause No. 2024-26036 (“Removed Action”).

The grounds for removal are as follows:

1. On May 21, 2024, Zachry Industrial and affiliated entities (collectively, “Zachry”) filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in this Court, consolidated into Case No. 24-90377 (“Zachry Chapter 11 Cases”). According to its first-day declaration, Zachry sought bankruptcy protection “as a result of financial

distress caused by one of [the debtors’] major projects, the liquified natural gas . . . project . . . awarded to Debtor [and Defendant herein] Zachry Industrial, Inc.” and its joint venture partners. Zachry Chapter 11 Cases, Doc. 7 at 2, ¶ 3. Those joint-venture partners are co-Defendant Chiyoda International Corporation and CB&I LLC. *Id.* The Zachry Chapter 11 Cases remain pending.

2. On April 23, 2024, Plaintiffs filed this Removed Action, asserting a claim alleging breach by Defendants of engineering, procurement, and construction contracts with Plaintiffs in connection with the Quintana Island LNG Liquefaction and Export Terminal in Freeport, Texas. Plaintiffs “seek monetary relief over \$1,000,000.” Plaintiffs have served Defendants, but none has responded to Petition. On June 14, 2024, Zachry Industrial filed a Notice of Suggestion of Bankruptcy and Automatic Stay of Proceedings.

3. Zachry Industrial expressly does not concede that it is a proper party to the Removed Action.

4. The Removed Action is a civil action that may be removed to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452(a) because the Court has jurisdiction over the claims asserted therein under 28 U.S.C. § 1334. Section 1334(b) grants this Court “original but not exclusive jurisdiction of all civil proceedings . . . related to cases under title 11,” and it “is well established that ‘[f]ederal courts have “related to” subject matter jurisdiction over litigation arising from a bankruptcy case if the proceeding could conceivably affect the estate being administered in bankruptcy.’” *In re KSRP, Ltd.*, 809 F.3d 263, 266 (5th Cir. 2015) (quoting *Lone Star Fund V (U.S.), L.P. v. Barclays Bank PLC*, 594 F.3d 383, 386 (5th Cir. 2010)). Moreover, cases “are ‘related to’ a bankruptcy case if they involve legal claims by and

against the debtor.” *Menggui Zhang v. Rothrock*, 2006 WL 8446467, at *1 (S.D. Tex. Jan. 4, 2006).

5. The Removed Action falls under “related to” jurisdiction because it involves legal claims against debtor Zachry Industrial, and because it could conceivably affect the estate being administered in bankruptcy. Specifically, as noted above, the Removed Action seeks money judgments against Zachry and its co-Defendants jointly and severally for more than \$1 million. Zachry Industrial will likely incur significant costs disputing liability and damages, further reducing its estate and affecting the administration. If there is a judgment against Zachry’s co-Defendants, Zachry might be subject to contribution claims.

6. Removal by Zachry Industrial is timely under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9027(a)(2)(A), because the Removed Action (filed on April 23) was pending when Zachry Industrial commenced its case under the Bankruptcy Code (on May 21), and this notice is being filed within 90 days of such commencement.

7. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9027(a)(1), Zachry Industrial states that it consents to entry of final orders or judgment by the bankruptcy court.

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

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FLNG LIQUEFACTION 3, LLC,	§	
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Plaintiffs,	§	
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v.	§	Removed from:
	§	133rd Judicial District Court
CB&I INC.;	§	Harris County, Texas
ZACHRY INDUSTRIAL, INC.; and	§	Cause No. 2024-26036
CHIYODA INTERNATIONAL	§	
CORPORATION,	§	Related to:
	§	In re: Zachry Holdings, Inc., <i>et al.</i>
Defendants.	§	Case No. 24-90377 (MI)

NOTICE OF REMOVAL BY DEFENDANT ZACHRY INDUSTRIAL, INC.

TO THE COURT AND TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR COUNSEL OF RECORD:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1334(b) and 1452(a), Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9027(a)(1), and Bankruptcy Local Rule 9027–1, Defendant Zachry Industrial, Inc. (“Zachry Industrial”) hereby removes to this Court this action now pending in the 133rd Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas, Cause No. 2024-26036 (“Removed Action”).

The grounds for removal are as follows:

1. On May 21, 2024, Zachry Industrial and affiliated entities (collectively, “Zachry”) filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in this Court, consolidated into Case No. 24-90377 (“Zachry Chapter 11 Cases”). According to its first-day declaration, Zachry sought bankruptcy protection “as a result of financial

distress caused by one of [the debtors’] major projects, the liquified natural gas . . . project . . . awarded to Debtor [and Defendant herein] Zachry Industrial, Inc.” and its joint venture partners. Zachry Chapter 11 Cases, Doc. 7 at 2, ¶ 3. Those joint-venture partners are co-Defendant Chiyoda International Corporation and CB&I LLC. *Id.* The Zachry Chapter 11 Cases remain pending.

2. On April 23, 2024, Plaintiffs filed this Removed Action, asserting a claim alleging breach by Defendants of engineering, procurement, and construction contracts with Plaintiffs in connection with the Quintana Island LNG Liquefaction and Export Terminal in Freeport, Texas. Plaintiffs “seek monetary relief over \$1,000,000.” Plaintiffs have served Defendants, but none has responded to Petition. On June 14, 2024, Zachry Industrial filed a Notice of Suggestion of Bankruptcy and Automatic Stay of Proceedings.

3. Zachry Industrial expressly does not concede that it is a proper party to the Removed Action.

4. The Removed Action is a civil action that may be removed to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1452(a) because the Court has jurisdiction over the claims asserted therein under 28 U.S.C. § 1334. Section 1334(b) grants this Court “original but not exclusive jurisdiction of all civil proceedings . . . related to cases under title 11,” and it “is well established that ‘[f]ederal courts have “related to” subject matter jurisdiction over litigation arising from a bankruptcy case if the proceeding could conceivably affect the estate being administered in bankruptcy.’” *In re KSRP, Ltd.*, 809 F.3d 263, 266 (5th Cir. 2015) (quoting *Lone Star Fund V (U.S.), L.P. v. Barclays Bank PLC*, 594 F.3d 383, 386 (5th Cir. 2010)). Moreover, cases “are ‘related to’ a bankruptcy case if they involve legal claims by and

against the debtor.” *Menggui Zhang v. Rothrock*, 2006 WL 8446467, at *1 (S.D. Tex. Jan. 4, 2006).

5. The Removed Action falls under “related to” jurisdiction because it involves legal claims against debtor Zachry Industrial, and because it could conceivably affect the estate being administered in bankruptcy. Specifically, as noted above, the Removed Action seeks money judgments against Zachry and its co-Defendants jointly and severally for more than \$1 million. Zachry Industrial will likely incur significant costs disputing liability and damages, further reducing its estate and affecting the administration. If there is a judgment against Zachry’s co-Defendants, Zachry might be subject to contribution claims.

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FLNG LIQUEFACTION LLC vs. CB&I INC (A TEXAS CORPORATION)

7/30/2024

Cause: 202426036 CDI: 7 Court: 133

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Cause No. _____

FLNG LIQUEFACTION, LLC; FLNG LIQUEFACTION 2, LLC; AND FLNG LIQUEFACTION 3, LLC

Plaintiffs,

v.

CB&I INC.; ZACHRY INDUSTRIAL, INC.; AND CHIYODA INTERNATIONAL CORPORATION

Defendants.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT

____ **JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

PLAINTIFFS’ ORIGINAL PETITION

FLNG Liquefaction, LLC; FLNG Liquefaction 2, LLC; and FLNG Liquefaction 3, LLC file this Original Petition against CB&I Inc.; Zachry Industrial, Inc.; and Chiyoda International Corporation, respectfully showing as follows.

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. Plaintiffs contracted with Defendants under fixed price, turnkey, engineering, procurement, and construction agreements for the construction of a natural gas liquefaction and liquified natural gas (“LNG”) export facility, the details of which are discussed below. Plaintiffs have recently discovered significant defects in the performance of Defendants’ work that has caused major damage to key equipment at the LNG facility resulting in substantial repair costs, the shut-down of operations, and other damages. Plaintiffs file this action to recover all damages caused by Defendants failure to comply with their contractual obligations.

II. STATEMENT OF RELIEF

2. Pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 47, Plaintiffs assert that they seek monetary relief over \$1,000,000 and all the other relief to which they are entitled.

III. DISCOVERY LEVEL

3. This case is intended to be conducted under Discovery Level 3 in accordance with Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 190.4.

IV. PARTIES

4. Plaintiff FLNG Liquefaction, LLC (“FLIQ1”) is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas.

5. Plaintiff FLNG Liquefaction 2, LLC (“FLIQ2”) is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas.

6. Plaintiff FLNG Liquefaction 3, LLC (“FLIQ3”) is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas.

7. Defendant CB&I Inc. (“CB&I”) is a Texas corporation with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas. CB&I may be served with process through its registered agent C T Corporation, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201.

8. Defendant Zachry Industrial, Inc. (“Zachry”) is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in San Antonio, Texas. Zachry may be served with process through its registered agent C T Corporation, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201.

9. Defendant Chiyoda International Corporation (“Chiyoda”) is a Washington corporation with its principal place of business in Houston, Texas. Chiyoda may be served with process through its registered agent C T Corporation, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 900, Dallas, Texas 75201.

V. JURISDICTION & VENUE

10. Venue is proper in Harris County pursuant to Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 15.020 because the written agreements at issue involve “major transactions” as defined

under the statute, and the parties agreed to venue in Harris County. Specifically, the agreements at issue provide that each party “irrevocably submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of any Federal court or Texas state court sitting in Houston, Texas.”

11. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this dispute because the amount in controversy is within the jurisdictional limits of this Court.

12. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because they are citizens of Texas by virtue of having their principal places of business in Texas. Further, Defendants conduct business in Texas, including but not limited to, by entering into contractual relationships and performing work in Texas and maintaining offices and employees in Texas. Defendants have purposefully availed themselves of the benefits and protections of the State of Texas by establishing minimum contacts here, and this Court’s exercise of jurisdiction over Defendants does not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice.

VI. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

A. Freeport LNG’s Quintana Island Facility

13. Freeport LNG Development, L.P. (“Freeport LNG”) is one of the first and largest exporters of LNG. With its joint venture partners, Freeport LNG owns and operates an LNG facility located on Quintana Island near Freeport, Texas (the “LNG Facility”).

14. The LNG Facility was previously an LNG import and regasification facility (the “Regas Facility”) featuring two 160,000 cubic meter LNG storage tanks, a marine dock that could accommodate the largest LNG tankers in service, and an LNG vaporization system capable of producing over 2 billion cubic feet (Bcf) of gas per day. Construction on the Regas Facility started in 2005, and commercial operations began in 2008. However, by the time the import terminal commenced operations in 2008, the North American natural gas industry had begun to experience

a sea change—the shale gas revolution.

15. In 2010, to take advantage of excess domestic natural gas reserves due primarily to improvements in extracting gas from shale, Freeport LNG began a project to transform the Regas Facility from an import terminal into a natural gas liquefaction and LNG export facility (as defined above, the “LNG Facility”).

16. LNG is natural gas that is super-cooled to transform it from a gaseous state into a liquid for ease and safety of non-pressurized storage and transport. Natural gas is converted to a liquid in a liquefaction plant that performs a sequence of processes, which is often referred to as “liquefying” the natural gas. This liquefaction process takes place in processing units that are often referred to as “trains.”

17. The LNG Facility, which currently has three liquefaction processing units, or trains, is the first world-scale electric-powered LNG plant in North America. Train 1 was commissioned and began commercial operations in December 2019. Train 2 and Train 3 commenced operations in January and May 2020, respectively. When operating at full capacity, the output from the Facility’s three liquefaction trains is enough to decrease the United States trade deficit by 1-2% alone.

18. Each liquefaction train at the LNG Facility uses three General Electric 75 MW motors that power three propane and mixed-refrigerant compressors. The electric motors used at the LNG Facility were selected to allow Freeport LNG to comply with strict local air emissions standards and meet its production and export targets.

B. The EPC Contracts

19. FLIQ1, FLIQ2, and FLIQ3 are affiliates of Freeport LNG.

20. FLIQ1 developed the first LNG train (“Train 1”). FLIQ2 developed the second

LNG train (“Train 2”), and FLIQ3 developed the third LNG train (“Train 3”).

21. FLIQ1 and FLIQ2 selected CB&I and Zachry, through a joint venture arrangement, to provide all engineering, procurement, construction, pre-commissioning, commissioning, start-up and testing services for Train 1 and Train 2 on a fixed price, turnkey basis.

22. On December 10, 2013, FLIQ1 entered into a Fixed Price Separated Turnkey Agreement with CB&I and Zachry for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Freeport Train 1 Liquefaction Project (“Train 1 EPC Contract”).

23. Also on December 10, 2013, FLIQ2 entered into a Fixed Price Separated Turnkey Agreement with CB&I and Zachry for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Freeport Train 2 Liquefaction Project (“Train 2 EPC Contract”).

24. FLIQ3 selected CB&I, Zachry and Chiyoda, through a joint venture arrangement, to provide engineering, procurement, construction, pre-commissioning, commissioning, start-up and testing services for Train 3 on a fixed price, turnkey basis.

25. On March 24, 2015, FLIQ3 entered into a Fixed Price Separated Turnkey Agreement with CB&I, Zachry, and Chiyoda for the Engineering, Procurement and Construction of the Freeport Train 1 Liquefaction Project (“Train 3 EPC Contract”).

26. The pertinent provisions of the Train 1 EPC Contract, Train 2 EPC Contract, and Train 3 EPC Contract are virtually identical and are referred to collectively in this Petition as the EPC Contracts. CB&I, Zachry, and Chiyoda, as applicable, are referred to in the EPC Contracts collectively as “Contractor,” and will be collectively referred to as “Contractor” in this Petition.

C. Defendants’ Obligations Under the EPC Contracts

27. The EPC Contracts establish Contractor’s substantive performance standards for the Work. Among other obligations, Defendants agreed to perform all engineering, design,

manufacturing, and fabrication work for Trains 1, 2, and 3 in accordance with applicable codes and standards and in accordance with good engineering and construction practices.

28. Specifically, Section 2.5C of the EPC Contracts provides that:

“Contractor shall perform the Work in accordance with Applicable Law and Applicable Codes and Standards, whether or not such Applicable Law or Applicable Codes and Standards came into effect before the Effective Date or during the performance of the Work.” (emphasis added).

29. Section 3.1A of the EPC Contracts provides that:

“the Work shall be performed on a turnkey basis and shall include all engineering, procurement, construction, pre-commissioning, start-up and testing of the Train [1, 2, and 3] Expansion, all Equipment, construction equipment (including materials, apparatus, structures, supplies, tools, machinery, equipment and scaffolding), spare parts, labor, workmanship, inspection, manufacture, fabrication, installation, design, delivery, transportation, storage, training of Owner’s operations and maintenance personnel and all other items or tasks that are set forth in Attachment A, or otherwise required to achieve RFSU, RLFC, Substantial Completion and Final Completion of the Train 3 Expansion in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement, including achieving the Minimum Acceptance Criteria and Performance Guarantees.” (emphasis added).

30. Section 3.1A of the EPC Contracts further provides that:

“Contractor shall perform the Work in accordance with GECP, Applicable Law, Applicable Codes and Standards, and all other terms and provisions of this Agreement.” (emphasis added).

31. The EPC Contracts define “Good Engineering and Construction Practices” or “GECP” as:

“the generally accepted reasonable and prudent practices, methods, skill, care, techniques and standards employed by the liquefied natural gas engineering and construction industries with respect to: (i) the engineering, procurement, construction, pre-commissioning, commissioning, testing and start-up of LNG storage facilities, natural gas treatment facilities and natural gas liquefaction facilities, all in conformance with Applicable Codes and Standards, Applicable Law, and the standards recommended by the suppliers and manufacturers of Equipment provided hereunder; (ii) personnel and facility safety and environmental protection; (iii) efficient scheduling of the Work; and (iv) the reliability and availability of the Facility under the operating conditions reasonably expected at the Site, as specified in Attachment A.” (emphasis added).

32. Section 3.2A of the EPC Contracts provides that Contractor’s specific obligations include to “**procure**, supply, transport, handle, properly store, **assemble**, erect and install all **Equipment.**” (emphasis added).

33. Section 3.2B of the EPC Contracts provides that Contractor’s specific obligations include to:

“provide construction, construction management (including the furnishing of all field supplies, tools, construction equipment, and all Site supervision and craft labor), civil/structural, electrical, instrumentation, field design, **inspection and quality control services required to ensure that the Work is performed in accordance herewith.**” (emphasis added).

34. Section 3.2D of the EPC Contracts requires that the Contractor “perform shop and other inspections of the work of Subcontractors and Sub-subcontractors **to ensure that such work meets all of the requirements of this Agreement.**” (emphasis added).

35. Section 3.2R of the EPC Contracts requires that the Contractor “**perform, or cause to be performed, all design and engineering Work in accordance with this Agreement**, including that specified in Section 3.3.” (emphasis added).

36. Section 3.3A of the EPC Contracts provides that:

“Contractor shall, as part of the Work, **perform, or cause to be performed, all design and engineering Work in accordance with this Agreement** and cause the Work to meet and achieve the requirements of this Agreement, including achieving the Minimum Acceptance Criteria and Performance Guarantees.” (emphasis added).

37. Section 3.3C(6) of the EPC Contracts provides that:

“Owner’s review or approval of any Drawings and Specifications (or Owner’s lack of comments or written approval thereof) shall not in any way be deemed to limit or in any way alter Contractor’s responsibility to perform and complete the Work in strict accordance with the requirements of this Agreement, and **in the event that there is a discrepancy, difference or ambiguity between the terms of this Agreement and any Drawings and Specifications, the interpretation imposing the greater obligation on Contractor shall control.**” (emphasis added).

38. Section 3.3D of the EPC Contracts provides that:

“Contractor shall perform, or cause to be performed, all design and engineering work in accordance with Applicable Law and Applicable Codes and Standards, and all Drawings, Specifications and design and engineering Work shall be signed and stamped by design professionals licensed in accordance with Applicable Law.” (emphasis added).

39. Section 8.2B of the EPC Contracts provides that Contractor remains responsible for breaches of its obligations under the EPC Contracts following Substantial Completion:

“As between Owner and Contractor, Owner shall bear the risk of physical loss and damage to the Train [1, 2, and 3] Expansion and each component thereof ... after Substantial Completion of the Train [1, 2, and 3] Expansion is achieved.... Notwithstanding the foregoing, under no circumstances shall this Section 8.2B be interpreted to relieve Contractor of its obligations or liabilities under this Agreement, including its obligations with respect to Defective Work and Corrective Work and its obligations under Section 20.1 and under Section 2.B of Attachment O.” (emphasis added).

40. Section 12 of the EPC Contracts establishes Contractor’s Warranties for its Work. Specifically, under Section 12.1B of the EPC Contracts, Contractor warrants that the Work “including Equipment, and each component thereof” shall be:

“1. new, complete, and of suitable grade for the intended function and use in accordance with this Agreement;” “2. in accordance with all of the requirements of this Agreement, including in accordance with GECP, Applicable Law and Applicable Codes and Standards;” and “4. free from defects in design, material and workmanship.” (emphasis added).

41. Section 12.1C of the EPC Contracts provides:

“Contractor shall, without additional cost to Owner, use all commercially reasonable efforts to obtain warranties from Subcontractors and Sub-subcontractors that meet or exceed the requirements of this Agreement; provided, however, Contractor shall not in any way be relieved of its responsibilities and liability to Owner under this Agreement, regardless of whether such Subcontractor or Sub-subcontractor warranties meet the requirements of this Agreement, as Contractor shall be fully responsible and liable to Owner for its Warranty and Corrective Work obligations and liability under this Agreement for all Work.” (emphasis added).

42. Section 12.1C of the EPC Contracts further provides:

“All such [Subcontractor and Sub-subcontractor] warranties shall be *deemed to run to the benefit of Owner* and Contractor. Such warranties, with duly executed instruments assigning the warranties to Owner, shall be *enforceable by Owner upon Substantial Completion*. All warranties provided by any Subcontractor or Sub-subcontractor shall be in such form as to permit *direct enforcement by Contractor or Owner* against any Subcontractor or Sub-subcontractor whose warranty is called for.” (emphasis added).

43. Section 12.1C of the EPC Contracts also establishes that:

“*Contractor is jointly and severally liable* with such Subcontractor or Sub-subcontractor with respect to such Subcontractor or Sub-subcontractor warranty.”

44. Section 12.3 of the EPC Contracts establishes Contractor’s obligation to perform Corrective Work during the Defect Correction Period, which is defined as the 18-month period following Substantial Completion. However, Section 12.3D of the EPC Contracts makes clear that Contractor remains responsible to Owner for failures to comply with its Warranties under the EPC Contracts:

“Nothing contained in this Section 12.3 shall be construed to establish a period of limitation with respect to other obligations which Contractor might have under the Agreement. Establishment of the *Defect Correction Period* relates only to the specific obligation of Contractor to perform Corrective Work, and *has no relationship to the time within which the obligation to comply with this Agreement may be sought to be enforced, nor to the time within which proceedings may be commenced to establish Contractor’s liability with respect to Contractor’s obligations other than specifically to perform Corrective Work.*” (emphasis added)

D. Defects in the Trains’ Motors

45. While the Project experienced Contractor execution delays and other difficulties, after Trains 1, 2, and 3 began commercial operations, no significant defects in Defendants’ work were discovered after the expiration of the 18-month Defect Correction Period until recently.

46. On January 17, 2024, the Train 3 Propane Compressor 75 MW Motor (“75 MW Motor”) tripped and remained offline, despite several attempts to restart it. Initial investigations indicated that the likely cause of the trip was an electrical fault within a non-accessible portion of

the 75 MW Motor. A subsequent root cause analysis (“RCA”) determined that the direct cause of the 75 MW Motor failure was an electrical short caused by loose hardware (bolts, nuts and washers) within the 75 MW Motor that dislodged from a protective panel where they were installed and fell into the 75 MW Motor windings.

47. Specifically, the RCA identified the following root causes of the loose hardware:

- a. *Deficient bolt/washer/nut retention assembly design*: Design was not in accordance with manufacturer recommendations or Good Engineering and Construction Practices (“GEC”). Specifically, **locking nuts were not used to ensure that the hardware remained tightened in place** within the 75 MW Motor during normal operations within vibration integrity limits. Additionally, **Nord-Lock washers were placed on only one side of the bolt step up**, which we understand **is not in accordance with manufacturer recommendations** that require a Nord-Lock washer on both the bolt and nut sides for proper fastening.
- b. *Inadequate quality assurance/quality control during assembly*: There was **defective workmanship during assembly, including the use of improper parts, as well as differing metals for similar parts**. For example, bolt assembly components in the 75 MW Motor were a mixture of stainless steel and carbon steel parts, and a large shim washer was found within the 75 MW Motor and is not an approved material in the bill of materials, nor is the use of shim washers part of the proper design of the bolt assembly. In addition, **multiple bolts were identified as being inadequately torqued**.

48. Similar defects have been identified in two other Train 3 motors, which will also require repairs.

49. The RCA identified a separate Defect in the 75 MW motor that also requires repair in order to prevent premature failure in the future. Specifically, significant partial discharge was found on the cable bundles going from the stator to the motor termination boxes in the 75 MW motor. The cause of the discharge was determined to be the excessive length of the cables and the increased bend radius of the cabling. Cable sheath and insulation damage due to excess partial discharge was also found in the other Train 3 motors, requiring repairs to all three Train 3 motors before they could be placed back into service.

50. The same 75 MW Motor are utilized in Trains 1 and 2 of the LNG Facility. Given the prevalence of the Defects in the Train 3 motors, Plaintiffs believed that it was likely that the motors in Trains 1 and 2 are affected by the same Defects.

51. As a result, Plaintiffs implemented enhanced monitoring of Trains 1 and 2 and planned to perform inspections of Trains 1 and 2 after the repairs to Train 3 were completed. However, the enhanced monitoring performed on the Train 1 and 2 motors identified an increase in partial discharge and current abnormalities in one of the Train 2 motors. As such, Train 2 was taken offline for inspection prior to the completion of the repairs to Train 3.

52. Inspections of the Train 2 motors revealed additional workmanship issues, even moreso than those found in the inspections of the Train 3 motors. Not only did all 6 bolt assemblies dislodge from the protective micarta panel (as they did in the damaged Train 3 motor), but the micarta panel itself partially separated due to an approximately two-foot long bolt assembly dislodging from the underside of the panel. While one of the two-foot long bolt assemblies remained in place, the other bolt assembly became fully dislodged from the protective panel and appears to have dropped into the rotor portion of the motor and sheared into numerous smaller pieces (which caused additional damage to the motor internals).

53. The inspection of the Train 2 motor also identified substantial damage to the insulation on the motor's stator. The preliminary boroscope inspection of Train 2's 12K-31 motor identified that some bolt assemblies have dislodged from the micarta panels.

54. Given the extent of the faulty workmanship and poor condition of the bolt assemblies and cabling supports identified in Train 2, Plaintiffs made the decision to take Train 1 offline immediately to mitigate any possibility of damage to the Train 1 motors.

55. FLIQ3 has incurred damages, costs, losses, and expenses as a result of the failure of the 75 MW motor on Train 3 and Contractor's failure to comply with its obligations and Warranties under the EPC Contracts, including investigatory and repair costs, removal and transportation costs for the 75 MW motor to be taken from its installed location to and from the off-site facility for repairs, costs to install a spare 75 MW motor into Train 3, and other costs and expenses incurred by FLIQ3 as a result of the Defects. FLIQ3 also incurred additional damages, costs, losses and expenses to carry out preventative maintenance on the other Train 3 motors.

56. FLIQ1 and FLIQ2 have or will incur similar damages, costs, losses and expenses as a result of the Contractor's failure to comply with its obligations and Warranties under the EPC Contracts in connection with the motors on Trains 1 and 2.

57. Because of Defendants' breaches, it has been necessary for Plaintiffs to retain the undersigned attorneys to prosecute this claim.

58. All conditions precedent to filing this action have or will soon occur.

VII. CAUSES OF ACTION

A. Breach of the EPC Contracts

59. Plaintiffs incorporate and reallege the preceding allegations as if fully set forth below.

60. Plaintiffs entered into the EPC Contracts with Defendants, which constitute valid and enforceable contracts.

61. Defendants have breached their substantive performance obligations under Articles 2 and 3 of the EPC Contracts, as well as their Warranty obligations under Article 12 of the EPC Contracts, by at least the following acts and omissions:

a. Contractor's deficient bolt/washer/nut retention assembly design and its

- inadequate quality assurance/quality control during assembly,
- b. Contractor's excessive cable length and increased bend radius of cabling resulting in significant partial discharge on the cable bundles, and
- c. Contractor's deficient bolt assemblies, causing the bolts to become dislodged from the micarta panels and separation of the micarta panels themselves.

62. Defendants' acts and omissions constitute a breach of their obligations under the EPC Contracts, including, *inter alia*, the obligations to:

- a. perform engineering, design, manufacture and fabrication "in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement" under Section 3.1A;
- b. "perform the Work in accordance with GECP" under Section 3.1A, which includes "reasonable and prudent practices, methods, skill, care, techniques and standards" for the engineering, design and construction of LNG facilities;
- c. "procure" and "assemble, erect and install all Equipment" under Section 3.2A;
- d. "provide ... inspection and quality control services" under Section 3.2B;
- e. inspect the Work of their Subcontractors and "ensure that such work meets all the requirements of this Agreement" under Section 3.2D;
- f. "perform, or cause to be performed, all design and engineering Work in accordance with this Agreement" under Section 3.2R and the equivalent language of Section 3.3A;
- g. comply with their Warranty that the Equipment and each component thereof

shall be “new, complete and of suitable grade for the intended function and use in accordance with this Agreement” under Section 12.1B(1);

- h. comply with their Warranty that the Equipment and each component thereof shall be “in accordance with all of the requirements of this Agreement, including in accordance with GECF” under Section 12.1B(2); and
- i. comply with their Warranty that the Equipment and each component thereof shall be “free from defects in design, material and workmanship” under Section 12.1B(3).

63. Plaintiffs have been damaged and are entitled to recover all amounts caused by Defendants’ breaches of the EPC Contracts.

64. In addition, because Defendants’ acts and omissions constitute gross negligence, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover their lost profits.

65. Because of Defendants’ breaches, it has been necessary for Plaintiffs to retain the undersigned attorneys to prosecute this claim. Pursuant to Texas Civil Practice & Remedies Code § 38.001, Plaintiffs are entitled to recover its reasonable and necessary attorneys’ fees.

VIII. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

66. Plaintiffs respectfully requests that Defendants be cited to appear and answer, and that Plaintiffs be granted judgment including the following relief:

- a. all damages caused by Defendants’ breaches of the EPC Contracts;
- b. pre-judgment and post-judgment interest at the highest allowable rate;
- c. costs and reasonable and necessary attorneys’ fees; and
- d. all other relief to which Plaintiffs are entitled.

Respectfully Submitted,

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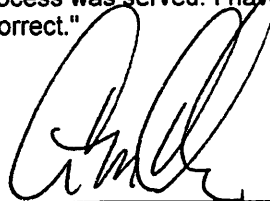
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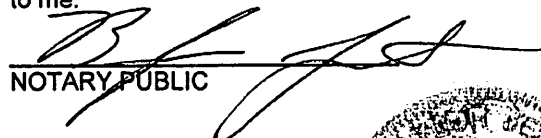
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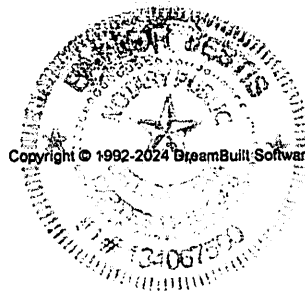
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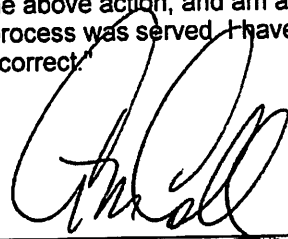
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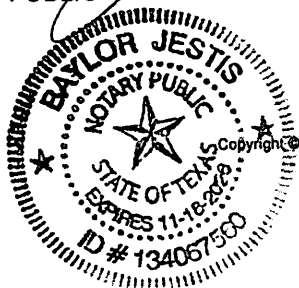


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CAUSE NO. 202426036

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Plaintiff:
FLNG LIQUEFACTION LLC
vs.
Defendant:
CB&I INC (A TEXAS CORPORATION)

In The 133rd
Judicial District Court of
Harris County, Texas
201 CAROLINE
Houston, Texas

CITATION CORPORATE

THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Harris

To: ZACHRY INDUSTRIAL INC (A DELAWARE CORPORATION) BY SERVING ITS REGISTERED AGENT C T
CORPORATION SYSTEM
1999 BRYAN STREET SUITE 900, DALLAS TX 75201

Attached is a copy of: PLAINTIFF'S ORIGINAL PETITION

This instrument was filed on April 23, 2024 in the above cited cause number and court. The instrument attached describes the claim against you.

YOU HAVE BEEN SUED. You may employ an attorney. If you or your Attorney do not file a written answer with the District Clerk who issued this citation by 10:00 a.m. on the Monday next following the expiration date of 20 days after you were served this citation and petition, a default judgment may be taken against you. In addition to filing a written answer with the clerk, you may be required to make initial disclosures to the other parties of this suit. These disclosures generally must be made no later than 30 days after you file your answer with the clerk. Find out more at TexasLawHelp.org.

This citation was issued on April 23, 2024, under my hand and seal of said court.

Issued at the request of:

STENGLEIN, FRANZ MICHAEL
500 WEST 2ND STREET SUITE 1800
AUSTIN, TX 78701
512-457-2000
Bar Number: 00791729



Marilyn Burgess

Marilyn Burgess, District Clerk
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Fees \$ _____

By _____ Affiant

Deputy

On this day, _____, known to me to be the person whose signature appears on the foregoing return, personally appeared. After being by me duly sworn, he/she stated that this citation was executed by him/her in the exact manner recited on the return.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, On this _____ day of _____, 20__.

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State of Texas

County of Harris

133rd Judicial District Court

Case Number: 202426036

Plaintiff:
FLNG Liquefaction, LLC; FLNG Liquefaction 2, LLC; and FLNG Liquefaction 3, LLC

vs.

Defendant:
CB&I Inc.; Zachry Industrial, Inc.; and Chiyoda International Corporation

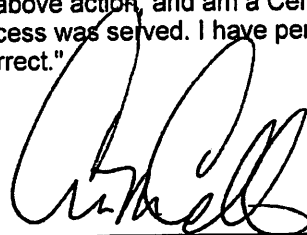
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500 W. 2nd Street
Ste. 1800
Austin, TX 78701

Received by Anthony Collins on the 24th day of April, 2024 at 10:34 am to be served on **Zachry Industrial Inc** by serving its **Registered Agent, CT Corporation System, 1999 Bryan St, Ste 900, Dallas, Dallas County, TX 75201.**

I, Anthony Collins, being duly sworn, depose and say that on the **24th day of April, 2024 at 2:55 pm, I:**

Executed service by hand delivering a true copy of the Citation and Plaintiff's Original Petition to: **George Martinez**, an authorized acceptance agent employed by **Registered Agent CT Corporation System, Inc.**, who is authorized to accept service of process for **Zachry Industrial Inc**, at the address of: **1999 Bryan St, Ste 900, Dallas, Dallas County, TX 75201**, and informed said person of the contents therein, in compliance with state statutes.

"I certify that I am over the age of 18, have no interest in the above action, and am a Certified Process Server in good standing in the judicial circuit in which the process was served. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this affidavit, and they are true and correct."

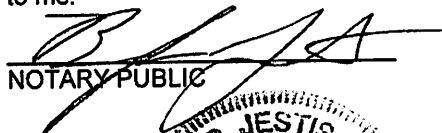
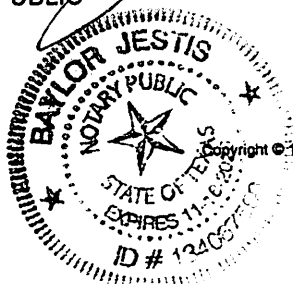


Anthony Collins
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Austin Process LLC
1100 Nueces
Austin, TX 78701
(512) 480-8071

Our Job Serial Number: MST-2024003610
Ref: 22850.139001

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on the 26th day of April, 2024 by the affiant who is personally known to me.


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May 14, 2024

Via Email

CB&I Inc.
Kathleen Brien, Counsel for CB&I, Inc.
Kathleen.Brien@mcdermott.com

Zachry Industrial, Inc.
Jeffrie Lewis, Counsel for Zachry Industrial, Inc.
lewisjx@zachrygroup.com

Chiyoda International Corp.
Karan Ciotti, Counsel for Chiyoda International Corp.
karan@ciottilaw.com

Re: *FLNG Liquefaction, LLC, et al. v. CB&I Inc., et al.*, Cause No. 2024-26036 in the District Court of the 133rd Judicial District of Harris County, Texas

Rule 11 Agreement Regarding Extension of Answer Deadline

Dear Counsel for Defendants:

Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Texas Rule of Civil Procedure, this letter serves to confirm the parties' agreement to extend the answer deadline of Defendants. The parties have agreed that the deadline for Defendants CB&I Inc.; Zachry Industrial, Inc.; and Chiyoda International Corporation to file an answer in the above referenced matter shall be extended to October 31, 2024.

Please sign and return this Rule 11 agreement to acknowledge that I have accurately memorialized the parties' agreement on this matter. If I have misstated the parties' agreement in any respect, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

Shaw Ottis

Digitally signed by Shaw Ottis
Date: 2024.05.14 17:42:39
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Shaw Ottis
*SVP, General Counsel & Secretary for
Plaintiffs*

Freeport LNG Expansion, L.P.

333 Clay Street, Suite 5050 • Houston, Texas 77002-4173
Phone: 713-980-2888 • Fax: 713-980-2903



[Handwritten signature]

Counsel for CB&I Inc.

[Handwritten signature]

Counsel for Zachry Industrial, Inc.

[Handwritten signature]

Counsel for Chiyoda International Corp.

[Signature Page for Rule 11 Agreement Regarding Extension of Answer Deadline]

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that pursuant to section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors' filing of their respective voluntary petitions automatically "operates as a stay, applicable to all entities, of—"

the commencement or continuation, including the issuance or employment of process, of a judicial, administrative, or other action or proceeding against the debtor that was or could have been commenced before the commencement of the case under this title, or to recover a claim against the debtor that arose before the commencement of the case under this title; (2) the enforcement, against the debtor or against property of the estate, of a judgment obtained before the commencement of the case under this title; (3) any act to obtain possession of property of the estate or of property from the estate or to exercise control over property of the estate; (4) any act to create, perfect, or enforce any lien against property of the estate; (5) any act to create, perfect, or enforce against property of the debtor any lien to the extent that such lien secures a claim that arose before the commencement of the case under this title; (6) any act to collect, assess, or recover a claim against the debtor that arose before the commencement of the case under this title; (7) the setoff of any debt owing to the debtor that arose before the commencement of the case under this title against any claim against the debtor; and (8) the commencement or continuation of a proceeding before the United States Tax Court concerning a tax liability of a debtor that is a corporation for a taxable period the bankruptcy court may determine or concerning the tax liability of a debtor who is an individual for a taxable period ending before the date of the order for relief under this title.

11 U.S.C. § 362(a)(1)–(8) (enumerating the categories of actions automatically stayed upon filing a chapter 11 petition) (the “**Automatic Stay**”).¹ No order has been sought or entered in the Chapter 11 Cases granting any relief to any party from the Automatic Stay.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any action taken against the Debtors without obtaining from the Bankruptcy Court relief from the Automatic Stay may be void *ab initio* and may be subject to findings of contempt and the assessment of penalties and fines for violation of the Automatic Stay. Any party wishing to take action against the Debtors should contact the Debtors’ counsel before taking any action in the above-captioned proceeding to ensure that such action does not constitute a violation of the Automatic Stay. The Debtors reserve and retain all rights to seek relief in the Bankruptcy Court from any judgment, order, or ruling entered in violation of the Automatic Stay and to seek entry of an order of the Bankruptcy Court enforcing the Automatic Stay against any person that has taken any action in violation of the Automatic Stay.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that additional information regarding the status of the Chapter 11 Cases may be obtained by reviewing the docket of the Chapter 11 Cases, available electronically at <https://ecf.txsd.uscourts.gov> (PACER login and password required) or free of charge via the website maintained by the Debtors’ proposed claims and noticing agent, Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC, at <https://www.kcellc.net/zhi>.

¹ Nothing herein shall constitute a waiver of the Debtors’ rights to assert any claims, counterclaims, defenses, rights of setoff or recoupment, or any other claims against any party to the above-captioned case.

Dated: June 14, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jeffrie B. Lewis

Assistant General Counsel
Zachry Industrial, Inc.
527 Logwood Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78221
(210) 288 - 5717
lewisjx@zachrygroup.com

Certificate of Service

I, Jeffrie B. Lewis, certify that on June 14, 2024, I caused to be served, via e-file notification and first class mail a true and correct copy of the foregoing *Notice of Suggestion of Bankruptcy and Automatic Stay of Proceedings*, on all known counsel of record in accordance with the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

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Jaden Harris		jharris@kslaw.com	6/14/2024 3:11:13 PM	SENT

Exhibit A

**Voluntary Petition of Zachry Holdings, Inc.
Under Chapter of the Bankruptcy Code**

Fill in this information to identify the case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

Southern District of Texas
(State)

Case number (if known): Chapter 11

Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 201

Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write the debtor's name and the case number (if known). For more information, a separate document, *Instructions for Bankruptcy Forms for Non-Individuals*, is available.

1. Debtor's name Zachry Holdings, Inc.

2. All other names debtor used in the last 8 years

Include any assumed names, trade names, and *doing business* as names

3. Debtor's federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) 26 - 1256814

4. Debtor's address

<p>Principal place of business</p> <p>527 Logwood Avenue Number Street</p> <p>San Antonio TX 78221 City State ZIP Code</p> <p>Bexar County County</p>	<p>Mailing address, if different from principal place of business</p> <p>Number Street</p> <p>P.O. Box 240130 P.O. Box</p> <p>San Antonio TX 78224 City State ZIP Code</p> <p>Location of principal assets, if different from principal place of business</p> <p>Number Street</p> <p>City State ZIP Code</p>
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5. Debtor's website (URL) https://zachrygroup.com

Debtor Zachry Holdings, Inc.
Name

Case number (if known) _____

6. Type of debtor

- Corporation (including Limited Liability Company (LLC) and Limited Liability Partnership (LLP))
- Partnership (excluding LLP)
- Other. Specify: _____

7. Describe debtor's business

A. Check one:

- Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
- Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
- Railroad (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(44))
- Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
- Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
- Clearing Bank (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 781(3))
- None of the above

B. Check all that apply:

- Tax-exempt entity (as described in 26 U.S.C. § 501)
- Investment company, including hedge fund or pooled investment vehicle (as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 80a-3)
- Investment advisor (as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 80b-2(a)(11))

C. NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) 4-digit code that best describes debtor. See <http://www.uscourts.gov/four-digit-national-association-naics-codes> .

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8. Under which chapter of the Bankruptcy Code is the debtor filing?

A debtor who is a "small business debtor" must check the first sub-box. A debtor as defined in § 1182(1) who elects to proceed under subchapter V of chapter 11 (whether or not the debtor is a "small business debtor") must check the second sub-box.

Check one:

- Chapter 7
- Chapter 9
- Chapter 11. Check all that apply:

- The debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D), and its aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$3,024,725. If this sub-box is selected, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).
- The debtor is a debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1182(1), its aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$7,500,000, and it chooses to proceed under **Subchapter V of Chapter 11**. If this sub-box is selected, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return, or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).
- A plan is being filed with this petition.
- Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).
- The debtor is required to file periodic reports (for example, 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission according to § 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. File the *Attachment to Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy under Chapter 11* (Official Form 201A) with this form.
- The debtor is a shell company as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 12b-2.

- Chapter 12

Debtor Zachry Holdings, Inc.
Name

Case number (if known) _____

9. Were prior bankruptcy cases filed by or against the debtor within the last 8 years?

No

Yes. District _____ When MM / DD / YYYY Case number _____

If more than 2 cases, attach a separate list.

District _____ When _____ Case number _____
MM / DD / YYYY

10. Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a business partner or an affiliate of the debtor?

No

Yes. Debtor See Schedule 1 Relationship Affiliate

List all cases. If more than 1, attach a separate list.

District Southern District of Texas When _____

Case number, if known _____
MM / DD / YYYY

11. Why is the case filed in this district?

Check all that apply:

Debtor has had its domicile, principal place of business, or principal assets in this district for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other district.

A bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership is pending in this district.

12. Does the debtor own or have possession of any real property or personal property that needs immediate attention?

No

Yes. Answer below for each property that needs immediate attention. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Why does the property need immediate attention? (Check all that apply.)

It poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety.

What is the hazard? _____

It needs to be physically secured or protected from the weather.

It includes perishable goods or assets that could quickly deteriorate or lose value without attention (for example, livestock, seasonal goods, meat, dairy, produce, or securities-related assets or other options).

Other _____

Where is the property?

Number _____ Street _____

City _____ State ZIP Code _____

Is the property insured?

No

Yes. Insurance agency _____

Contact name _____

Phone _____

Statistical and administrative information

Debtor Zachry Holdings, Inc.
Name

Case number (if known) _____

13. Debtor's estimation of available funds

Check one:

- Funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.
 After any administrative expenses are paid, no funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.

14. Estimated number of creditors (on a consolidated basis)

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1-49 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5,001-10,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199 | <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999 | | |

15. Estimated assets (on a consolidated basis)

- | | | |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001-\$10 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001-\$1 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001-\$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001-\$50 million | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001-\$10 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001-\$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001-\$100 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001-\$50 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001-\$1 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001-\$500 million | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion |

16. Estimated liabilities (on a consolidated basis)

- | | | |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0-\$50,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001-\$10 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001-\$1 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001-\$100,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001-\$50 million | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001-\$10 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001-\$500,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001-\$100 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001-\$50 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001-\$1 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001-\$500 million | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion |

Request for Relief, Declaration, and Signatures

WARNING -- Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

17. Declaration and signature of authorized representative of debtor

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

I have examined the information in this petition and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 5/21/2024
MM / DD / YYYY

X /s/ James R. Old
Signature of authorized representative of debtor

James R. Old
Printed name

Title General Counsel

Debtor Zachry Holdings, Inc.
Name

Case number (if known) _____

18. Signature of attorney

X /s/ Charles R. Koster
Signature of attorney for debtor

Date 5/21/2024
MM / DD / YYYY

Charles R. Koster
Printed name

White & Case LLP
Firm name

609 Main Street, Suite 2900
Number Street

Houston Texas 77002-4403
City State ZIP Code

(713) 496-9700 charles.koster@whitecase.com
Contact phone Email address

24128278 Texas
Bar number State

Schedule 1**Affiliated Entities**

On the date hereof, each of the affiliated entities listed below (collectively, the “Debtors”) filed in this Court a petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101 et seq., as amended. The Debtors have moved for joint administration of these cases under the case number assigned to the chapter 11 case of Zachry Holdings, Inc.

	Debtor	Corporate ID No.
1.	Zachry Holdings, Inc.	26-1256814
2.	Zachry EPC Holdings, LLC	20-2340077
3.	Zachry Engineering Corporation	20-3603134
4.	Zachry High Voltage Solutions, LLC	20-5791090
5.	ZEC New York, Inc.	31-0825897
6.	UE Properties, Inc.	75-2052226
7.	ZEC Michigan, Inc.	20-0404627
8.	Zachry Industrial, Inc.	74-2887583
9.	Zachry Constructors, LLC	85-3449094
10.	Moss Point Properties, LLC	46-0851616
11.	Zachry Enterprise Solutions, LLC	85-3532706
12.	Zachry Nuclear, Inc.	26-3117807
13.	Zachry Nuclear Construction, Inc.	26-3383241
14.	Zachry Nuclear Engineering, Inc.	06-1067568
15.	Computer Simulation & Analysis, Inc.	82-0424097
16.	Zachry Plant Services Holdings, Inc.	46-0901383
17.	JVIC Fabrication, LLC	85-3659726
18.	Zachry Industrial Americas, Inc.	27-1310902
19.	Zachry Maintenance Services, LLC	85-3519005
20.	J.V. Industrial Companies, LLC	76-0660821
21.	Madison Industrial Services Team, LLC	20-0696261

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

In re:)	
)	Chapter 11
ZACHRY HOLDINGS, INC., <i>et al.</i> ¹)	
)	Case No. 24-_____ (___)
Debtors.)	(Joint Administration Requested)
)	

**CONSOLIDATED CORPORATE OWNERSHIP STATEMENT
AND LIST OF EQUITY INTEREST HOLDERS PURSUANT TO
FED. BANKR. P. 1007(A)(1), 1007(A)(3), AND 7007.1**

Pursuant to rules 1007(a)(1), 1007(a)(3), and 7007.1 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “**Bankruptcy Rules**”), attached hereto as Exhibit A is an organizational list reflecting all of the ownership interests in the above-captioned debtor and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “**Debtors**”). The Debtors respectfully represent as follows:

1. The equity of each of the Debtors identified on **Exhibit A** is 100% owned by the entity identified as the equity holder thereof on **Exhibit A**.
2. Zachry Holdings, Inc. is the direct or indirect parent of each of the other Debtors and its equity securities are wholly owned by non-debtor Zachry, LLC.

¹ The debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: Zachry Holdings, Inc. (6814); Zachry EPC Holdings, LLC (0077); Zachry Engineering Corporation (3134); Zachry High Voltage Solutions, LLC (1090); ZEC New York, Inc. (5897); UE Properties, Inc. (2226); ZEC Michigan, Inc. (4627); Zachry Industrial, Inc. (7583); Zachry Constructors, LLC (9094); Moss Point Properties, LLC (1616); Zachry Enterprise Solutions, LLC (2706); Zachry Nuclear, Inc. (7807); Zachry Nuclear Construction, Inc. (3241); Zachry Nuclear Engineering, Inc. (7568); Computer Simulation & Analysis, Inc. (4097); Zachry Plant Services Holdings, Inc. (1383); JVIC Fabrication, LLC (9726); Zachry Industrial Americas, Inc. (0902); Zachry Maintenance Services, LLC (19005); J.V. Industrial Companies, LLC (0821); Madison Industrial Services Team, LLC (6261). The location of the debtors’ service address in these chapter 11 cases is: P.O. Box 240130, San Antonio, Texas 78224.

Exhibit A

	Entity	Equity Holder	% Ownership	Last Known Address of Equity Holder
1.	Zachry Holdings, Inc.	Zachry, LLC	100%	527 Logwood Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78221
2.	Zachry EPC Holdings, LLC	Zachry Holdings, Inc.	100%	527 Logwood Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78221
3.	Zachry Engineering Corporation	Zachry EPC Holdings, LLC	100%	527 Logwood Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78221
4.	Zachry High Voltage Solutions, LLC	Zachry Engineering Corporation	100%	527 Logwood Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78221
5.	ZEC New York, Inc.	Zachry Engineering Corporation	100%	527 Logwood Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78221
6.	UE Properties, Inc.	Zachry Engineering Corporation	100%	527 Logwood Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78221
7.	ZEC Michigan, Inc.	Zachry Engineering Corporation	100%	527 Logwood Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78221
8.	Zachry Industrial, Inc.	Zachry EPC Holdings, LLC	100%	527 Logwood Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78221
9.	Zachry Construction, LLC	Zachry Industrial, Inc.	100%	527 Logwood Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78221
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13.	Zachry Nuclear Corporation, Inc.	Zachry Nuclear, Inc.	100%	527 Logwood Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78221
14.	Zachry Nuclear Engineering, Inc.	Zachry Nuclear, Inc.	100%	527 Logwood Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78221
15.	Zachry Computer Simulation & Analysis, Inc.	Zachry Nuclear Engineering, Inc.	100%	527 Logwood Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78221
16.	Zachry Plant Services Holdings, Inc.	Zachry Holdings, Inc.	100%	527 Logwood Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78221
17.	JVIC Fabrication, LLC	Zachry Plant Services Holdings, Inc.	100%	527 Logwood Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78221
18.	Zachry Industrial Americas, Inc.	JVIC Fabrication, LLC	100%	527 Logwood Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78221
19.	Zachry Maintenance Services, LLC	Zachry Plant Services Holdings, Inc.	100%	527 Logwood Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78221
20.	J.V. Industrial Companies, LLC	Zachry Plant Services Holdings, Inc.	100%	527 Logwood Avenue, San Antonio, Texas 78221
21.	Madison Industrial Services Team, LLC	J.V. Industrial Companies, LLC	100%	3741 Red Bluff Road, Pasadena, Texas 77503

Fill in this information to identify the case:

Debtor name Zachry Holdings, Inc.

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: Southern District of Texas
(State)

Case number (if known): _____

Check if this is an amended filing

Official Form 204**Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: List of Creditors Who Have the 30 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders**

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A list of creditors holding the 20 largest unsecured claims must be filed in a Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 case. Include claims which the debtor disputes. Do not include claims by any person or entity who is an *insider*, as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(31). Also, do not include claims by secured creditors, unless the unsecured claim resulting from inadequate collateral value places the creditor among the holders of the 20 largest unsecured claims.

	Name of creditor and complete mailing address, including zip code	Name, telephone number, and email address of creditor contact	Nature of the claim (for example, trade debts, bank loans, professional services, and government contracts)	Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, or disputed	Amount of unsecured claim		
					Total claim, if partially secured	Deduction for value of collateral or setoff	Unsecured claim
1	SUNBELT RENTALS, INC. 1799 Innovation Pt, Fort Mill, SC 29715	Michael Christian, michael.christian@sunbeltrentals.com, (803) 578-9413	Trade	CUD			\$133,310,610
2	D REYNOLDS COMPANY, LLC 2680 Sylvania Cross Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76137	Scott George, sageorge@reynco.com, (210) 862-1148	Trade	CUD			\$17,576,934
3	BO-MAC CONTRACTORS LTD 1020 Lindbergh Drive Beaumont, TX, 77707	Dan Brown danbrown@bo-mac.com (409) 842-2125	Trade	CUD			\$15,608,639
4	BIGGE CRANE AND RIGGING CO. 2400 Maury Street, Richmond, VA 23224	Eric Jones, ejones@bigge.com, (804) 271-9356	Trade	CUD			\$14,746,479
5	RUSH RESOURCES, LLC 2781 County Road 639 Buna, TX, 77612	John Rush Jr., jrush@rushllc.com, (409) 781-5911	Trade	CUD			\$12,566,163
6	MAMMOET USA, INC. 20525 FM 521. Rosharon, TX 77583	Mike Hamic, mike.hamic@mammoet.com, (281) 369-2200	Trade	CUD			\$10,836,424
7	TECON SERVICES, INC. 515 Garden Oaks Blvd. Houston, TX 77018	Cynthia Jaime, cjaime@teconservices.com, (713) 691-2700	Trade	CUD			\$10,125,679
8	GULFSPAN INDUSTRIAL, LLC 600 N Shepherd Dr, Suite 300, Houston, TX 77007	Luis Gallardo, lgallardo@gulfspan.net, (409) 673-0800	Trade	CUD			\$7,997,804

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					Total claim, if partially secured	Deduction for value of collateral or setoff	Unsecured claim
9	SABER POWER SERVICES, LLC 9841 Saber Power Lane, Rosharon, TX 77583	Jared Penney, jpenney@saberpower.com, (713) 222-9102	Trade	CUD			\$5,854,479
10	MMR CONSTRUCTORS, INC. 15961 Airline Hwy. Baton Rouge, LA 70817	John Cloutre, jcloutre@mmrgrp.com, (225) 756-5090	Trade	CUD			\$5,709,681
11	INSULATIONS, INC. 880 W. Commerce Rd, Suite 104, Harahan, LA 70123	Debbie Koper, dkoper@insulationsinc.com, (504) 733-5033	Trade	CUD			\$4,879,234
12	ISC CONSTRUCTORS, LLC 20480 Highland Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70817	Mario Rispone, mrispone@iscgrp.com, (225) 756-7585	Trade	CUD			\$4,809,862
13	INNOVATIVE HEAT TREATMENT SOLUTIONS 11318 Hirsch Rd, Houston, TX 77016	Juan Solitaire, j.solitaire@ihtsinc.com, (346) 207-8081	Trade	CUD			\$4,622,399
14	HOTARD COACHES, INC. 2838 Touro Street, New Orleans, LA 70122	Callen Hotard, callen@hotard.com, (504) 944-8660	Trade	CUD			\$4,607,991
15	SYSTEM ONE HOLDINGS, LLC 210 Sixth Avenue Suite 3100, Pittsburgh, PA 15222	Carla Snell, carla.snell@systemone.com, (717) 701-9240	Trade	CUD			\$4,529,021
16	PK INDUSTRIAL, LLC 10811 E. Harry St, Wichita, KS 67207	Landon Riggs, lriggs@pksti.com, (855) 759-2800	Trade	CUD			\$4,346,948
17	CAJUN INDUSTRIES LLC 1020 Lindbergh Drive, Beaumont, TX, 77707	William J Cloutre williamc@cajunusa.com (225) 753-5857	Trade	CUD			\$4,267,647
18	CALCAM LOGISTICS & CONTRACTING, LLC 3010 Spurlock Rd., Nederland, TX 77627	Lennie Stephens, lennie@calcam.net, (601) 270-4965	Trade	CUD			\$3,915,946
19	ANALYTIC STRESS RELIEVING, INC. 3118 W Pinhook Rd #202, Lafayette, LA 70508	Bryan Willis, bryan.willis@analyticstress.com, (281) 471-9600	Trade	CUD			\$3,674,321
20	COMMONWEALTH ELECTRIC COMPANY OF THE MIDWEST 3910 South Street, Lincoln, NE 68506	Scott Lamoreux, slamoreux@commonwealthelectric.com, (402) 514-2646	Trade	CUD			\$3,628,994

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21	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC. 751 Lakefront Commons, Newport News, VA, 23606	Chris Fadden, chris.fadden@ferguson.com, (330) 931-7078	Trade	CUD			\$3,537,084
22	THOMPSON CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC. 100 North Main Street, Sumter, SC 29150	Hal Turner, hturner@thompsonind.com, (803) 972-1011	Trade	CUD			\$3,459,913
23	P&I SUPPLY CO. 2220 N Fares Avenue, Evansville, IN 47711	Bruce Stallings, bstallings@pisupply.com, (812) 894-4531	Trade	CUD			\$3,219,621
24	THOMPSON CONSTRUCTION GROUP, INC. 100 North Main Street, Sumter, SC 29150	Hal Turner, hturner@thompsonind.com, (803) 972-1011	Trade	CUD			\$3,049,882
25	TRADESMEN INTERNATIONAL, LLC 9760 Shepard Road, Macedonia, OH 44056	Dan Bennet, daniel.bennet@tradesmeninternational.com, (352) 246-4756	Trade	CUD			\$2,908,191
26	SUN COAST RESOURCES LLC 6405 Calvalcade St., Houston, TX 77026	Brian Robinson, legal@suncoastresources.com, (800) 231-7584	Trade	CUD			\$2,723,957
27	BAKER HUGHES HOLDINGS 17021 Aldine Westfield Rd., Houston, TX 77073	Randy Coghlin, randy.coghlin@bakerhughes.com, (713) 906-8407	Trade	CUD			\$2,645,419
28	NES COMPANIES LP. PO Box 205572, Dallas TX, 75320-5572	Kimberly Tran kimberly.tran@nesgt.com (346) 320-0709	Trade	CUD			\$2,610,909
29	REDWINE ENTERPRISES INC 2114 LEE STREET NEDERLAND, TX, 77627	Pat Redwine tredwinde@gt.rr.com (409)722-8373	Trade	CUD			\$2,564,492
30	PORT ARTHUR TECHNICAL SERVICES 2901 Turtle Creek Dr., Port Arthur, TX 77642	Reynald Reyes, reynald.reyes@pa-ts.com, (587) 779-3201	Trade	CUD			\$2,515,695

**OMNIBUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE
BOARDS OF DIRECTORS, SOLE SHAREHOLDERS, AND SOLE MEMBERS**

May 20, 2024

After due deliberation, (i) the members of the board of directors of Zachry Holdings, Inc. (the “**Company**”) and (ii) the undersigned, being the sole shareholder or the sole member, as the case may be, of each of the companies set forth on **Annex A** attached hereto (collectively, the “**Companies**,” and the governing body of each Company, each a “**Governing Body**”), do hereby consent to, adopt, and approve the following resolutions pursuant to the certification of incorporation or similar document (in each case, as amended or amended and restated to date) of each Company, as applicable, and the laws of the state of formation of each Company as set forth next to each Company’s name on **Annex A**:

Chapter 11 Filing

WHEREAS, each Governing Body has reviewed and considered (a) the presentations by each Company’s management and financial and legal advisors regarding the liabilities and liquidity of each Company, the strategic alternatives available to it, and the impact of the foregoing on each Company’s businesses, (b) the information and advice previously provided to and reviewed by each Governing Body, and (c) the related matters reported on at the meeting of each Governing Body;

WHEREAS, in connection therewith, the Company seeks to appoint Mr. Mohsin Meghji as Chief Restructuring Officer of the Company upon the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases (as defined below);

WHEREAS, each Governing Body has had the opportunity to consult with each of the Companies’ management and financial and legal advisors and fully consider each of the strategic alternatives available to the Companies; and

WHEREAS, based on their review of all available alternatives and advice provided by such financial and legal advisors, each Governing Body deems it advisable and in the best interest of each of the Companies, their creditors, employees, and other stakeholders to take the actions specified in the following resolutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that in the business judgment of each Governing Body, it is desirable and in the best interests of the Companies, their creditors, and other parties in interest to file, or cause to be filed, voluntary petitions for relief (the “**Chapter 11 Cases**”) under the provisions of 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 “**Bankruptcy Court**”) and any other petition for relief or recognition or other order that may be desirable under applicable law in the United States, and to take any and all actions, that they deem necessary or appropriate.

RESOLVED, that the officers of each Company and Mr. Mohsin Meghji (each, an “**Authorized Signatory**” and collectively, the “**Authorized Signatories**”), acting alone or with one or more other Authorized Signatories be, and they hereby are, authorized, empowered and directed, together with the Companies’ advisors, to execute and file on behalf of each Company all petitions, schedules, lists and other motions, applications, pleadings, papers, or documents, and to take any and all actions that they deem necessary or proper to obtain such relief, including, without limitation, any action necessary to maintain the ordinary course operation of each Company’s businesses and in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases, with a view to the successful prosecution of the cases.

Retention of Professionals

RESOLVED, that Mr. Mohsin Meghji shall serve as Chief Restructuring Officer of the Company immediately after the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases and shall have the powers and duties as set forth in an engagement letter, the material terms of which have been described to the Governing Bodies, for the term set forth in such letter or, if earlier, until his earlier resignation or removal.

RESOLVED, that Mr. Mohsin Meghji will receive the benefit of the most favorable indemnification provisions provided by the Company to its directors, officers, and any equivalently placed employees, whether under the Company's charter or by-laws, by contract or otherwise and such indemnification obligation shall be primary to, and without allocation against, any similar indemnification obligations that M3 Advisory Partners, LP ("**M3**") may offer to its personnel generally.

RESOLVED, that each of the Authorized Signatories be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to employ the law firm of White & Case LLP ("**W&C**") as general bankruptcy counsel to represent and assist each Company in carrying out its duties under the Bankruptcy Code, and to take any and all actions to advance each Company's rights and obligations, including filing any motions, objections, replies, applications, or pleadings; and in connection therewith, each of the Authorized Signatories, with power of delegation, is hereby authorized and directed to execute appropriate retention agreements, pay appropriate retainers, and to cause to be filed an appropriate application for authority to retain the services of W&C in accordance with applicable law.

RESOLVED, that each of the Authorized Signatories be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to employ the law firm of Susman Godfrey L.L.P. ("**Susman**") as special litigation counsel to represent and assist each Company in carrying out its duties under the Bankruptcy Code, and to take any and all actions to advance each Company's rights and obligations, including filing any motions, objections, replies, applications, or pleadings; and in connection therewith, each of the Authorized Signatories, with power of delegation, is hereby authorized and directed to execute appropriate retention agreements, pay appropriate retainers, and to cause to be filed an appropriate application for authority to retain the services of Susman in accordance with applicable law.

RESOLVED, that each of the Authorized Signatories be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to employ the law firm of Hicks Thomas, LLP ("**Hicks Thomas**") as special litigation counsel to represent and assist each Company in carrying out its duties under the Bankruptcy Code, and to take any and all actions to advance each Company's rights and obligations, including filing any motions, objections, replies, applications, or pleadings; and in connection therewith, each of the Authorized Signatories, with power of delegation, is hereby authorized and directed to execute appropriate retention agreements, pay appropriate retainers, and to cause to be filed an appropriate application for authority to retain the services of Hicks Thomas in accordance with applicable law.

RESOLVED, that each of the Authorized Signatories be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to employ the firm of M3 as financial advisor to each Company to represent and assist each Company in carrying out its duties under the Bankruptcy Code, and to take any and all actions to advance each Company's rights and obligations; and in connection therewith, each of the Authorized Signatories, with power of delegation, is hereby authorized and directed to execute appropriate retention agreements, pay appropriate retainers, and cause to be filed an appropriate application for authority to employ or retain the services of M3 in accordance with applicable law.

RESOLVED, that each of the Authorized Signatories be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to employ the firm of Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC ("**KCC**") as notice and claims agent to represent and assist each Company in carrying out its duties under the Bankruptcy Code, and to take any and all actions to advance each Company's rights and obligations; and in connection therewith, each of the Authorized Signatories, with power of delegation, is hereby authorized and directed to execute appropriate

retention agreements, pay appropriate retainers, and cause to be filed appropriate applications for authority to retain the services of KCC in accordance with applicable law.

RESOLVED, that each of the Authorized Signatories be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to employ any other professionals, including legal counsel, accountants, financial advisors, investment bankers, and other professionals, to assist each Company in carrying out its duties under the Bankruptcy Code; and in connection therewith, each of the Authorized Signatories, with power of delegation, is hereby authorized and directed to execute appropriate retention agreements, pay appropriate retainers and fees, and cause to be filed an appropriate application for authority to retain the services of any other professionals as necessary.

General

RESOLVED, that each of the Authorized Signatories be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered, on behalf of and in the name of the Company to amend, supplement, or otherwise modify from time to time the terms of any documents, certificates, instruments, agreements, financing statements, notices, undertakings, or other writings referred to in the foregoing resolutions.

RESOLVED, that in addition to the specific authorizations heretofore conferred upon the Authorized Signatories, each of the Authorized Signatories (and their designees and delegates) be, and hereby are, authorized and empowered, in the name of and on behalf of each Company, to take or cause to be taken any and all such other and further action, and to execute, acknowledge, deliver, and file any and all such agreements, certificates, instruments, and other documents and to pay all expenses, including but not limited to filing fees, in each case as in such Authorized Signatory's judgment, shall be necessary, advisable, or desirable in order to fully carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of the resolutions adopted herein.

RESOLVED, that each Governing Body of each Company has received sufficient notice of the actions and transactions relating to the matters contemplated by the foregoing resolutions, as may be required by the organizational documents of each Company, or hereby waive any right to have received such notice.

RESOLVED, that all acts, actions, and transactions relating to the matters contemplated by the foregoing resolutions done in the name of and on behalf of each Company, which acts would have been approved by the foregoing resolutions except that such acts were taken before the adoption of these resolutions, are hereby, in all respects, approved and ratified as the true acts and deeds of each Company with the same force and effect as if each such act, transaction, agreement, or certificate has been specifically authorized in advance by resolution of each Governing Body.

RESOLVED, that the omission from these resolutions of any agreement, document, or other arrangement contemplated by any of the agreements, documents, or instruments described in the foregoing resolutions or any action to be taken in accordance with any requirement of any of the agreements or instruments described in the foregoing resolutions shall in no manner derogate from the authority of the Authorized Signatories to take all actions necessary, desirable, advisable, or appropriate to consummate, effectuate, carry out, or further the transactions contemplated by, and the intent and purposes of, the foregoing resolutions.

RESOLVED, that each of the Authorized Signatories (and their designees and delegates) be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to take all actions or to not take any action in the name of each Company with respect to the transactions contemplated by these resolutions hereunder, as such Authorized Signatory shall deem necessary or desirable in such Authorized Signatory's reasonable business judgment to effectuate the purposes of the transactions contemplated herein.

Secretary's Certificate

The undersigned, being duly elected as General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Zachry Holdings, Inc. ("ZHI"), a Delaware corporation, hereby certifies that (i) the attached resolutions are true and correct copies of the resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of ZHI on behalf of ZHI at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 20, 2024; and (ii) these resolutions have not been amended and or modified or superseded in any way as of the date of this Certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand this 20th day of May, 2024.

By: 
James R. Old
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly executed this consent as of the date first set forth above.

ZACHRY HOLDINGS, INC., THE SOLE MEMBER OF:

ZACHRY EPC HOLDINGS, LLC

ZACHRY ENTERPRISE SOLUTIONS, LLC

By: _____



James R. Old

General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly executed this consent as of the date first set forth above.

ZACHRY HOLDINGS, INC., THE SOLE SHAREHOLDER OF:

ZACHRY NUCLEAR, INC.

ZACHRY PLANT SERVICES HOLDINGS, INC.

By: _____


James R. Old

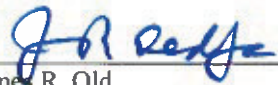
General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly executed this consent as of the date first set forth above.

ZACHRY PLANT SERVICES HOLDINGS, INC., THE SOLE MEMBER OF:

**J.V. INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES, LLC
ZACHRY MAINTENANCE SERVICES, LLC
JVIC FABRICATION, LLC**

By: _____


James R. Old
General Counsel

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly executed this consent as of the date first set forth above.

ZACHRY NUCLEAR, INC., THE SOLE SHAREHOLDER OF:

ZACHRY NUCLEAR CONSTRUCTION, INC.

ZACHRY NUCLEAR ENGINEERING, INC.

By:  _____
James R. Old
General Counsel

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly executed this consent as of the date first set forth above.

**ZACHRY EPC HOLDINGS, LLC, THE SOLE SHAREHOLDER OF:
ZACHRY ENGINEERING CORPORATION
ZACHRY INDUSTRIAL, INC.**


By: 
James R. Old
General Counsel

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly executed this consent as of the date first set forth above.

**ZACHRY ENGINEERING CORPORATION, THE SOLE MEMBER
OF:**

ZACHRY HIGH VOLTAGE SOLUTIONS, LLC


By: _____


James R. Old
General Counsel

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly executed this consent as of the date first set forth above.

**ZACHRY ENGINEERING CORPORATION, THE SOLE
SHAREHOLDER OF:**

**ZEC NEW YORK, INC.
UE PROPERTIES, INC.
ZEC MICHIGAN, INC.**

By: 
James R. Old
General Counsel

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly executed this consent as of the date first set forth above.

ZACHRY INDUSTRIAL, INC., THE SOLE MEMBER OF:

ZACHRY CONSTRUCTORS, LLC

MOSS POINT PROPERTIES, LLC

By: _____



James R. Old
General Counsel

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly executed this consent as of the date first set forth above.

**ZACHRY NUCLEAR ENGINEERING, INC., THE SOLE
SHAREHOLDER OF:**

COMPUTER SIMULATION & ANALYSIS, INC.

By:  _____
James R. Old
General Counsel

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly executed this consent as of the date first set forth above.

**JVIC FABRICATION, LLC, THE SOLE SHAREHOLDER OF:
ZACHRY INDUSTRIAL AMERICAS, INC.**

By: _____


James R. Old
General Counsel

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has duly executed this consent as of the date first set forth above.

**J.V. INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES, LLC, THE SOLE MEMBER OF:
MADISON INDUSTRIAL SERVICES TEAM, LLC**

By: 
James R. Old
General Counsel

Annex A
Companies

Name of Company	Jurisdiction of Incorporation
Zachry Holdings, Inc.	Delaware
Zachry EPC Holdings, LLC	Texas
Zachry Engineering Corporation	Delaware
Zachry High Voltage Solutions, LLC	Texas
ZEC New York, Inc.	New York
UE Properties, Inc.	Texas
ZEC Michigan, Inc.	Michigan
Zachry Industrial, Inc.	Texas
Zachry Constructors, LLC	Texas
Moss Point Properties, LLC	Texas
Zachry Enterprise Solutions, LLC	Texas
Zachry Nuclear, Inc.	Delaware
Zachry Nuclear Construction, Inc.	Delaware
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Computer Simulation & Analysis, Inc.	Idaho
Zachry Plant Services Holdings, Inc.	Texas
JVIC Fabrication, LLC	Texas
Zachry Industrial Americas, Inc.	Delaware
Zachry Maintenance Services, LLC	Texas
J.V. Industrial Companies, LLC	Texas
Madison Industrial Services Team, LLC	Texas

Fill in this information to identify the case and this filing:

Debtor Name Zachry Holdings, Inc.

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: Southern District of Texas
(State)

Case number (If known): _____

Official Form 202

Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury for Non-Individual Debtors

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An individual who is authorized to act on behalf of a non-individual debtor, such as a corporation or partnership, must sign and submit this form for the schedules of assets and liabilities, any other document that requires a declaration that is not included in the document, and any amendments of those documents. This form must state the individual's position or relationship to the debtor, the identity of the document, and the date. Bankruptcy Rules 1008 and 9011.

WARNING -- Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

Declaration and signature

I am the president, another officer, or an authorized agent of the corporation; a member or an authorized agent of the partnership; or another individual serving as a representative of the debtor in this case.

I have examined the information in the documents checked below and I have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct:

- Schedule A/B: Assets—Real and Personal Property (Official Form 206A/B)
- Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property (Official Form 206D)
- Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims (Official Form 206E/F)
- Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases (Official Form 206G)
- Schedule H: Codebtors (Official Form 206H)
- Summary of Assets and Liabilities for Non-Individuals (Official Form 206Sum)
- Amended Schedule _____
- Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: List of Creditors Who Have the 20 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders (Official Form 204)
- Other document that requires a declaration Consolidated Corporate Ownership Statement and List of Equity Holders

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 5/21/2024
MM / DD / YYYY

X /s/ James R. Old
Signature of individual signing on behalf of debtor

James R. Old
Printed name

General Counsel
Position or relationship to debtor

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:

ZACHRY HOLDINGS, INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

~~FLNG LIQUEFACTION, LLC; FLNG
LIQUEFACTION 2, LLC; and FLNG
LIQUEFACTION 3, LLC;~~

Plaintiffs,

vs.

~~CB&I INC.; ZACHRY INDUSTRIAL,
INC.; and CHIYODA INTERNATIONAL
CORPORATION;~~

Defendants.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-90377 (MI)

(Jointly Administered)

Adv. No. _____

AMENDED MOTION TO REMAND

THIS MOTION SEEKS AN ORDER THAT MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT YOU. IF YOU OPPOSE THE MOTION, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE MOVING PARTY TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE. IF YOU AND THE MOVING PARTY CANNOT AGREE, YOU MUST FILE A RESPONSE AND SEND A COPY TO THE MOVING PARTY. YOU MUST FILE AND SERVE YOUR RESPONSE WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE THIS WAS SERVED ON YOU. YOUR RESPONSE MUST STATE WHY THE MOTION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. IF YOU DO NOT FILE A TIMELY RESPONSE, THE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU. IF YOU OPPOSE THE MOTION AND HAVE NOT REACHED AN AGREEMENT, YOU MUST ATTEND THE HEARING. UNLESS THE PARTIES AGREE OTHERWISE, THE COURT MAY CONSIDER EVIDENCE AT THE HEARING AND MAY DECIDE THE MOTION AT THE HEARING.

REPRESENTED PARTIES SHOULD ACT THROUGH THEIR ATTORNEY.

¹ The debtors in these chapter 11 cases (the "Debtors"), along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent at <https://veritaglobal.net/zh>. The Debtors' service address in these chapter 11 cases is: P.O. Box 240130, San Antonio, Texas 78224.

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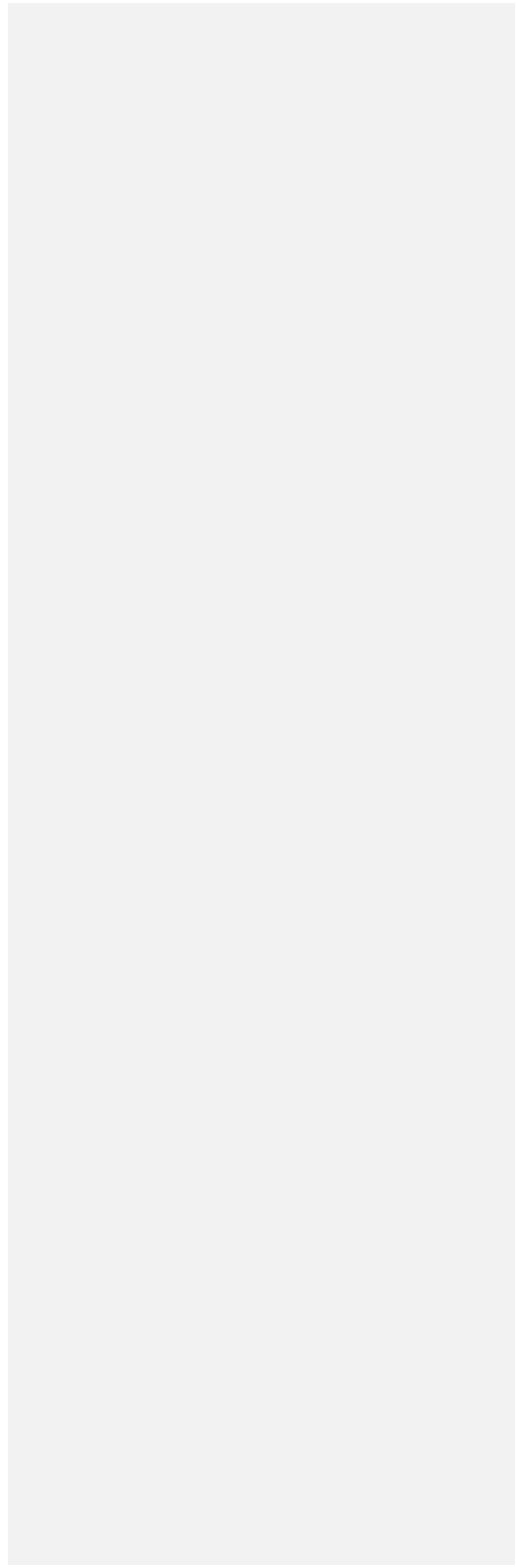


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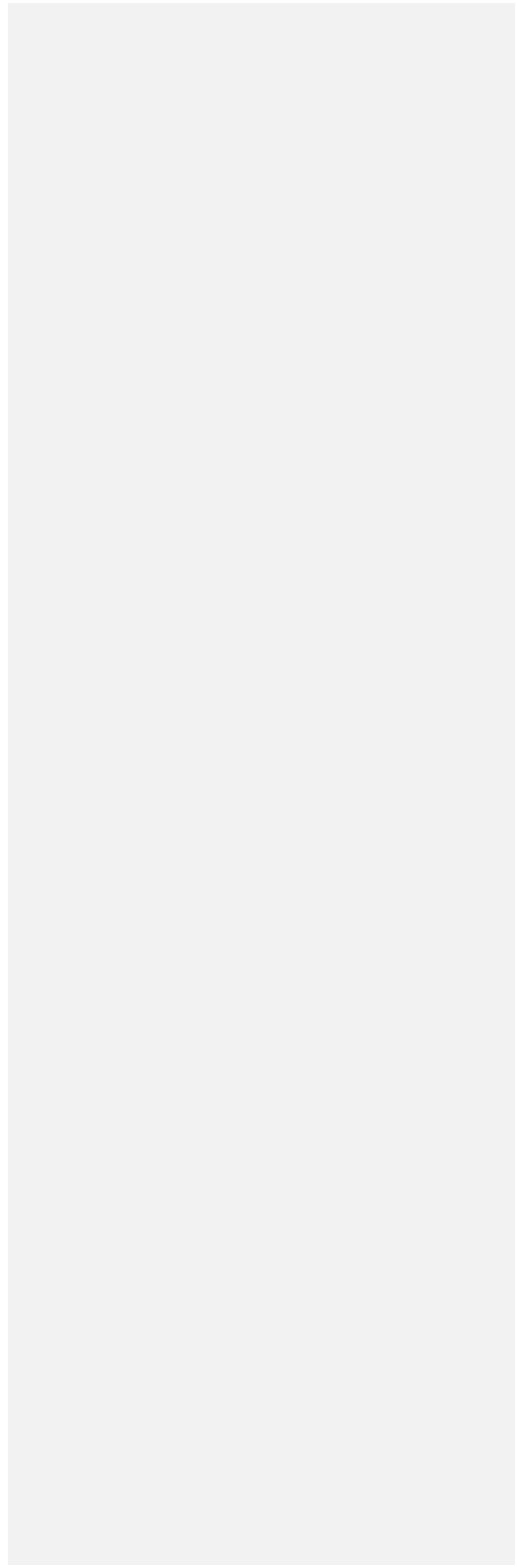
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FLNG Liquefaction, LLC, FLNG Liquefaction 2, LLC, and FLNG Liquefaction 3, LLC (collectively, “FLNG” or the “Plaintiffs”) file this [Amended](#) Motion to Remand and respectfully state as follows:

I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. This case is subject to mandatory abstention because the claims have no independent basis for federal jurisdiction other than 28 U.S.C. 1334(b), the claims are non-core, the Plaintiffs commenced this case in state court, and the lawsuit can be timely adjudicated in state court.

2. Alternatively, if the Court determines that mandatory abstention does not apply, this is a textbook case for the exercise of permissive abstention or equitable remand to the state court forum in which Plaintiffs filed their lawsuit. The case involves non-core state law causes of action, and the only basis for federal jurisdiction is the tenuous “related to” hook created when Zachry Industrial Inc. (“Zachry”) and affiliated entities filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

II. BACKGROUND

3. On April 23, 2024, FLNG filed [Cause No. 2024-26036](#) (the ~~initial action~~ “Case”) in the 133rd Judicial District Court of Harris County, Texas (the “State Court”), asserting state law breach of contract claims against Zachry, CB&I, Inc., and Chiyoda International Corporation (together with Zachry and CB&I, Inc., the “Defendants”) after discovering significant defects in the performance of Defendants’ work on a natural gas liquefaction and liquified natural gas export facility, resulting in substantial costs, the shut-down of operations, and other damages. ~~Docket No. 1, ex. B~~ See [Exhibit A](#), at pg. 21 of 95, ¶ 1.

4. On May 21, 2024, Zachry Industrial Inc. (“Zachry”) and affiliated entities filed voluntary petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, jointly administered under Case No. 24-90377.

5. On July 31, 2024, Zachry removed the ~~above-captioned case~~ Case from the State Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1452(a), and the Case was docketed in the district court under Civil Action No. 4:24-cv-02841. See Docket No. 1-Exhibit A. The sole basis for jurisdiction alleged in the Notice of Removal is 28 U.S.C. § 1334(b). *Id.* at pg. 2 of 95, ¶ 4. As further explained by Zachry, the instant action falls under the court’s “related to” jurisdiction. *Id.* at ¶ 5 at pg. 3 of 95, ¶ 5. On August 28, 2024 the Case was referred to this Court. Plaintiffs timely filed and served their Motion to Remand the following day.²

III. RELIEF REQUESTED

6. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334(c)(2), Plaintiffs request that the Court (i) abstain from hearing ~~this case~~ the Case based on mandatory abstention and (ii) remand the ~~case~~ Case to State Court. Alternatively, if the Court determines that mandatory abstention does not apply here, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334(c)(1) and 28 U.S.C. § 1452(b),³ Plaintiffs request that the Court exercise permissive abstention and equitable remand to send ~~this case~~ the Case back to the State Court, which is the appropriate forum given the facts presented.

² As of August 29, 2024, no adversary proceeding number had been established following the referral of the Case to this Court. On recommendation of the clerk of court, Plaintiffs filed their Motion to Remand under Civil Action No. 4:24-cv-02841. A redline from the original Motion to Remand is attached as **Exhibit B**.

³ In either event, while the grant of a motion to remand is not appealable, denial of a motion to remand is reviewed de novo. 28 U.S.C. § 1447(d); *Energy Mgmt. Servs., LLC v. City of Alexandria*, 739 F.3d 255, 257 (5th Cir. 2014) (citing *Roland v. Green*, 675 F.3d 503, 511 (5th Cir. 2012)).

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IV. ARGUMENTS AND AUTHORITIES

A. Mandatory abstention requires remand of this case.

7. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1334(c)(2), the Court must abstain from hearing a case that meets the following criteria:

Upon timely motion of a party in a proceeding *based upon a State law claim or State law cause of action*, related to a case under title 11 but not arising under title 11 or arising in a case under title 11, with respect to which an action *could not have been commenced in a court of the United States* absent jurisdiction under this section, *the district court shall abstain* from hearing such proceeding if an action is commenced, and *can be timely adjudicated, in a State forum* of appropriate jurisdiction.

Id. (emphasis added).

8. The Fifth Circuit has parsed the analysis of § 1334(c)(2) into a four part test, providing that mandatory abstention applies where “(1) [t]he claim has no independent basis for federal jurisdiction, other than § 1334(b); (2) the claim is a non-core proceeding, i.e., it is related or in a case under title 11; (3) an action has been commenced in state court; and (4) the action could be adjudicated timely in state court.” *Edge Petroleum Operating Co., Inc. v. GPR Holdings, L.L.C.*, 483 F.3d 292, 300 (5th Cir. 2007) (quoting *Schuster v. Mims (In re Rupp & Bowman Co.)*, 109 F.3d 237, 239 (5th Cir. 1997)); *see also Atenncio v. Attencio (In re Petroleum Prods. & Servs., Inc)*, 556 B.R. 296, 300 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2016) (citing *Mugica v. Helena Chem. Co. (In re Mugica)*, 362 B.R. 782, 792 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2007)). “Any doubts concerning removal must be resolved against removal and in favor of remanding the case back to state court.” *In re Kevco*, 309 B.R. 458, 462 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2004) (internal quotations and citations omitted), *aff’d*, 2003 WL 23784080 (N.D. Tex. 2003), *aff’d*, 113 Fed. Appx. 29 (5th Cir. 2004), *cert denied*, 544 U.S. 948 (2005).

9. ~~This case~~Plaintiffs' Case is subject to mandatory abstention because the claims satisfy each requirement under 28 U.S.C. § 1334(c)(2). Accordingly, the ~~case~~Case should be remanded. *See Cedar Park Healthcare, LLC v. Harden Healthcare, LLC (In re Senior Care Centers, LLC)*, 611 B.R. 791, 799-800 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2019) (court must remand where mandatory abstention applies).

i. The claims have no independent basis for federal jurisdiction other than § 1334(b).

10. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1334(b), “the district court shall have original but not exclusive jurisdiction of all civil proceedings arising under title 11, or arising in or related to cases under title 11.” The claims here have no independent basis for jurisdiction other than 28 U.S.C. § 1334(b). This case presents no federal question and diversity jurisdiction is not available.⁴ Further, the claim asserted in the underlying matter is for breach of contract, a state-law cause of action. “Arising under” jurisdiction involves causes of action created or determined by a statutory provision of the Bankruptcy Code. *Legal Xtranet, Inc. v. AT&T Mgmt. Servs., L.P. (In re Legal Xtranet, Inc)*, 453 B.R. 699 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. 2011). “Arising in” jurisdiction is not based on rights created under Title 11, but is based on claims that have no existence outside of bankruptcy. *Broyles v. U.S. Gypsum Co.*, 266 B.R. 778, 783 (Bankr. E.D. Tex. 2001). The claims here are not created or determined by the Bankruptcy Code and they exist outside of bankruptcy. Therefore, 28 U.S.C. § 1334(b) provides the only basis for removal because the claims neither arise under nor arise in Title 11, but are simply “related to” Zachry’s bankruptcy case. Zachry does not contest this, and in

⁴ Diversity jurisdiction requires complete diversity, which “requires that no plaintiff be a citizen of the same state as any defendant.” *Coffman v. Dole Fresh Fruit Co.*, 927 F.Supp.2d 427, 431 (E.D. Tex. 2013) (collecting cases). Because the Plaintiffs and Zachry are both Delaware entities, there is not complete diversity. [Docket No. 1-Exhibit A, pgs. 2-3 of 95](#), ¶¶ 4-6, 8.

fact concedes that this case falls under the Court’s “related to” jurisdiction. See Docket No. 1, Exhibit A, pg 3 of 95, 5.

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ii. Plaintiffs’ claims are non-core.

11. This case FLNG’s Case does not present core matters under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). “Civil proceedings that arise under title 11 or arise in a case under title 11 are deemed “core” matters while civil proceedings that are related to a case under title 11 are deemed “non-core” matters.” *In re Legal Xtranet, Inc.*, 453 B.R. at 704 (citation omitted); *see also Morrison v. Western Builders of Amarillo, Inc., (In re Morrison)*, 553 F.3d 473 (5th Cir. 2009) (quoting *Wood v. Wood (In re Wood)*, 825 F.2d 90, 97 (5th Cir.1987)) (“Core” proceedings are those that “invoke[] a substantive right provided by title 11” or “could arise only in the context of a bankruptcy case.”); *Edge Petroleum*, 483 F.3d at 300 (5th Cir. 2007) (proceedings that are related to a case under title 11 are non-core).

iii. The easeCase was commenced in state court.

12. “Section 1334(c)(2) requires that a state court action be commenced prior to the bankruptcy proceedings.” *Houston Baseball Partners LLC v. Comcast Corp. (In re Houston Regional Sports Network, L.P.)*, 514 B.R. 211, 214 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2014) (citing *Special Value Continuation Partners, L.P. v. Jones*, No. 11–3304, 2011 WL 5593058, at *2 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2011)). This case FLNG’s Case commenced on April 23, 2024, when Plaintiffs filed suit in the Texas State Court.⁵ Zachry and its affiliated debtors did not file for bankruptcy relief until nearly one month later, on May 21, 2024.

⁵ A state law claim originally brought in state court is deemed to have commenced in state court, even if it is later removed to federal court. *Massey Energy Co. v. West Virginia Consumers for Justice*, 351 B.R. 348, 352-53 (Bankr. E.D. Va. 2006).

iv. **The easeCase can be timely adjudicated in state court.**

13. To establish that thea case can be timely adjudicated in state court, the movant need not show that the case can be adjudicated more quickly in state court; rather, the movant must merely establish that it can simply be adjudicated timely in state court. *In re Mugica*, 362 B.R. at 793; *J.T. Thorpe v. Am. Motorists*, No. H-02-4598, 2003 WL 23323005, at *3 (S.D. Tex. 2003).

14. This caseFLNG's Case can be timely adjudicated in the State Court. The State Court is well-equipped to handle claims predicated entirely on state law and is not congested to an extent that would delay adjudication of the easeCase. Moreover, because the agreements giving rise to FLNG's claims contain jury waiver provisions, the local rules of the Civil Trial Division of the District Courts of Harris County require that as far as reasonably possible, the easeCase be brought to trial or final disposition within twelve months. Harris County Civ. Trial Div. L.R. 1(b). *See In re Houston Regional Sports Network, L.P.*, 514 B.R. at 214 (finding that removed action could be timely adjudicated in state court, as local rules in Harris County District Court presumed that trial would be completed within eighteen months of filing); *see also WRT Creditors Liquidation Trust*, 75 F.Supp.2d at 606 (finding that movant's evidence that state trial docket was not congested and that trial would likely occur within the next year sufficient to establish timely adjudication where non-movant had failed to provide any evidence negating the likelihood of a timely adjudication in state court).

15. As discussed above, Plaintiffs' easeCase satisfies each element required for mandatory abstention. There is no independent basis for jurisdiction over the state law claims except under § 1334(b), the claims are non-core, the action was initially commenced in State Court, and the action can be adjudicated timely in State Court. Therefore, this Court "shall abstain" from hearing Plaintiffs' claims and should remand the easeCase to the State Court.

B. Alternatively, permissive abstention or equitable remand is warranted.

16. If the Court determines that mandatory abstention is not appropriate, the Court should decline to exercise jurisdiction based on permissive abstention or, in the alternative, equitable remand. 28 U.S.C. § 1334(c)(1); 28 U.S.C. § 1452(b). “A motion for remand pursuant to § 1452 or [permissive] abstention under § 1334(c)(1) are similar in nature, as both are rooted in equity and courts have discretion to rule.” *In re OGA Charters, LLC*, 569 B.R. 105, 122 (S.D. Tex. 2017).

17. In deciding whether to apply permissive abstention or equitable remand, courts typically follow a non-exclusive list of factors, including:

- 1) the effect or lack thereof on the efficient administration of the estate if the court decides to remand or abstain;
- 2) the extent to which state law issues predominate over bankruptcy issues;
- 3) the difficult or unsettled nature of applicable law;
- 4) the presence of a related proceeding commenced in state court or other nonbankruptcy proceeding;
- 5) the jurisdictional basis, if any, other than § 1334;
- 6) the degree of relatedness or remoteness of the proceeding to the main bankruptcy case;
- 7) the substance rather than the form of an asserted core proceeding;
- 8) the feasibility of severing state law claims from core bankruptcy matters to allow judgments to be entered in state court with enforcement left to the bankruptcy court;
- 9) the burden on the court's docket;
- 10) the likelihood that the commencement of the proceeding in the bankruptcy court involves forum shopping by one of the parties;
- 11) the existence of a right to a jury trial;
- 12) the presence in the proceeding of non-debtor parties;
- 13) comity; and
- 14) the possibility of prejudice to other parties in the action.

TXSM Real Estate Investments, Inc. v. Senior Care Centers, LLC (In re Senior Care Centers, LLC), 622 B.R. 680 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2020); *In re OGA Charters, LLC*, 569 B.R. at 122, aff'd sub nom.; *In re OGA Charters, LLC*, 901 F.3d 599 (5th Cir. 2018) (citing *In re Ramirez*, 413 B.R. 621, 631-32 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2009) (quoting *J.D. Thorpe Co.*, 2003 WL 23323005, at *6).

18. Section 1334(c) is similar to section 1452(b), “as both favor comity and the resolution of state law questions by state courts.” *In re Montalvo*, 559 B.R. 825, 836-37 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2016); *J.D. Thorpe Co.*, 2003 WL 23323005, at *1, *6; see also *Ramirez*, 413 B.R. at 632. “Because the two are similar in purpose, factors which weigh in favor of [permissive] abstention . . . under § 1334(c) will also weigh in favor of equitable remand under § 1452(b).” *Id.*

19. In addition to permissive abstention factors, courts also consider the following factors when dealing whether equitable remand is appropriate:

- 1) forum non conveniens;
- 2) whether the civil action has been bifurcated during removal, which favors a trial of the entire action in state court;
- 3) whether the state court has greater ability to respond to questions of state law;
- 4) the particular court's expertise;
- 5) the inefficiencies of proceedings in two forums;
- 6) prejudice to the involuntarily removed party;
- 7) comity; and
- 8) possibility of an inconsistent result.

Ramirez, 413 B.R. at 633.

C. Permissive abstention is appropriate.

20. In reviewing the list of 14 factors to determine whether to apply permissive abstention or equitable remand, factors 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 13 weigh in favor of equitable remand. Factor 6 leans in favor of abstention or equitable remand but is at worst neutral. Factors 4, 8, 10, 11, 12, and 14 weigh neither for nor against abstention or equitable remand.

21. **Factor 1: The effect on administration of the estate.** While ~~this case~~ [FLNG's Case](#) involves claims against a debtor entity which will ultimately be administered through the claims allowance process in bankruptcy, the State Court is well positioned to promptly adjudicate this matter. Balancing these considerations, this factor supports abstention. *See Lain v. Watt (In re Dune Energy, Inc.)*, 575 B.R. 716, 732 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. 2017) (in considering effect of abstention on

efficient administration of the estate, state court's ability to promptly adjudicate case supported remand).

22. **Factor 2: The extent to which state law issues predominate over bankruptcy issues.** ~~This case~~The Case presents no federal causes of action. Consequently, state law issues clearly predominate. Plaintiffs assert a state law breach of contract claim against Zachry. There are no issues of bankruptcy law or other federal law that will determine the outcome of the litigation. This factor thus weighs in favor of abstention or remand. *IO AT Tech Ridge LP v. Hartford Fire Ins. Co. (In re IO AT Tech Ridge LP)*, 17-11540-TMD, 2018 WL 2431640 at *4 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. 2018) (proceedings based entirely on state law causes of action weigh in favor of remand); *In re Houston Regional Sports Network, L.P.* 514 B.R. at 214 (remand and abstention supported where all claims at issue are state law claims).

23. **Factor 3: The difficult or unsettled nature of applicable law.** The breach of contract claim at issue is something the State Court “can easily adjudicate—and should adjudicate.” *McClenon v. Statebridge Co., LLC (In re McClenon)*, No. 18-03349, 2019 WL 451241, at *3 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2019) (state court should adjudicate garden variety state law claims); *McVey v. Johnson (In re SBMC Healthcare, LLC)*, 519 B.R. 172, 190 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2014) (same).

24. **Factor 4: Presence of a related proceeding commenced in state court.** Because there is no related proceeding, this factor is inapplicable. *In re McClenon*, 2019 WL 451241, at *3; *ECN Capital (Aviation) Corp. v. Airbus Helicopters SAS (In re CHC Grp. Ltd.)*, No. 15-31854-BJH, 2017 WL 1380514, at *21 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2017) (“There is no related proceeding pending in another forum, making this factor inapplicable.”).

25. **Factor 5: Jurisdictional basis, if any, other than 28 U.S.C. §1334.** The only basis for jurisdiction over the removed ~~easeCase~~ is § 1334(b). ~~This case~~The Case is merely “related to” Zachry’s bankruptcy, and there is no other basis for federal subject matter jurisdiction. This circumstance weighs in favor of abstention or remand. *In re IO AT Tech Ridge LP*, 2018 WL 2431640 at *5 (abstention or remand is supported where the only basis for jurisdiction is § 1334)

26. **Factor 6: Degree of relatedness or remoteness of the proceeding to the main bankruptcy case.** While ~~this ease~~the Case involves claims against a debtor entity, the events giving rise to the claim occurred entirely prior to bankruptcy, and the ~~easeCase~~ involves exclusively non-bankruptcy issues. Accordingly, this factor favors abstention and remand, or at worst, is neutral. *In re SBMC Healthcare, LLC*, 519 B.R. at 191.

27. **Factor 7: Substance rather than form of the core proceeding.** Where a proceeding is non-core, abstention and remand are supported. *In re McClenon*, 2019 WL 451241, at *3 (citing *In re Houston Reg'l Sports Network, L.P.*, 514 B.R. at 216; *In re Dune Energy, Inc.*, 575 B.R. at 732. As discussed above, ~~this ease~~FLNG’s Case is a non-core proceeding, so this factor supports abstention and remand.

28. **Factor 8: The feasibility of severing state law claims from core bankruptcy matters to allow judgments to be entered in state court with enforcement left to the bankruptcy court.** This factor is inapplicable, as none of the claims are core proceedings. *In re McClenon*, 2019 WL 451241, at *3 (severability factor inapplicable where none of the claims were core proceedings).

29. **Factor 9: The burden on the court’s docket.** The Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas has among the heaviest commercial caseloads in the country. These cases involve immense volumes of filings requiring countless hours of intensive review and

regularly culminate in the reorganization and liquidation of entities with hundreds of millions to billions of dollars in assets and debt. The ability of the Court to timely adjudicate these matters affects not only those entities, but the people who rely on them for their livelihoods. And that is all before considering the substantial consumer caseload before the court, where the vast majority of individuals require a fresh start. Adjudication of a state law case that could be efficiently handled in state court would unnecessarily burden the court's docket, supporting abstention and remand. And it is a burden for the court "to adjudicate solely state law claims[.]" *Id.*

30. **Factor 10: The likelihood that commencement of the proceeding in bankruptcy court involves forum shopping by one of the parties.** This factor is inapplicable because the ~~ease~~Case was commenced in state court. *In re Dune Energy, Inc.*, 575 B.R. at 734 ("Forum shopping in the context of permissive abstention is not usually based on where the bankruptcy case was filed; it is based on where the civil proceeding (suit) was filed.").

31. **Factor 11: The existence of a right to a jury trial.** The parties have contractually waived the right to a jury trial, as a result, the parties would not be entitled to a jury trial in either state or federal court. Thus, this factor is neutral.

32. **Factor 12: The presence in the proceeding of non-debtor parties.** While all but one of the parties in ~~this case~~the Case are non-debtors, the same claims are asserted against Zachry, CB&I Inc., and Chiyoda International Corp. Because it is possible that the other defendants may have indemnification claims against Zachry, on balance, this factor is neutral.

33. **Factor 13: Comity.** ~~This case~~FLNG's Case was commenced in state court and is based on garden variety state law claims, supporting abstention and remand. *See In re McClenon*, 2019 WL 451241, at *4 (case predicated on garden variety state law claims weighed in favor of abstention under comity factor); *In re Dune Energy, Inc.*, 575 B.R. at 733 (considering deference

to state court of state law issues in connection with comity factor); *see also In re SBMC Healthcare, LLC*, 519 B.R. at 192 (commencement of case in state court supported abstention under comity factor);

34. **Factor 14: The possibility of prejudice to other parties in the action.** There is nothing to support any prejudice to any party, so this factor is irrelevant. *See In re McClenon*, 2019 WL 451241, at *4 (absent evidence of prejudice to a party, factor looking to possibility of prejudice is irrelevant in assessing abstention).

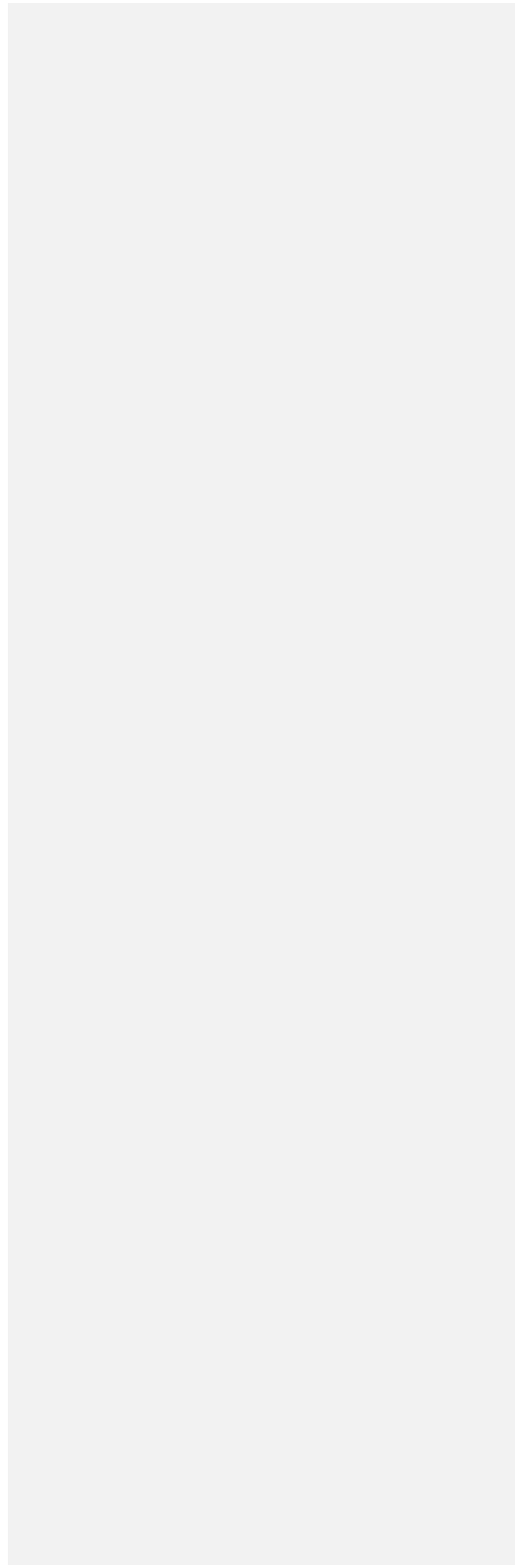
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35. The above-described factors support both permissive abstention and equitable remand. For the same reasons discussed above, FLNG also requests equitable remand under 28 U.S.C. §1452(b).

V. Conclusion

36. The removed [easeCase](#) involves only non-core claims that do not have a basis for federal jurisdiction other than § 1334(b). The state court action was commenced before the filing of bankruptcy or removal and the action can be timely adjudicated in state court. As such, this Court “shall abstain” from hearing this proceeding. In the alternative, the Court should exercise its broad power to permissively abstain from hearing this action and remand it to state court pursuant to § 1334(c)(1) and § 1452(b).

37. Based on all the factors discussed above, this Court should abstain from exercising jurisdiction or alternatively, equitably remand the [easeCase](#) to state court.



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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I certify that on August 28 and 29, 2024, I conferred with counsel for Zachry Industrial Inc., CB&I, Inc., and Chiyoda International Corporation regarding the relief requested herein. Counsel for Zachry Industrial Inc. and Chiyoda International Corporation indicated that they oppose the requested relief. Counsel for CB&I, Inc. indicated that it is unopposed.

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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION

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Signed this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Marvin Isgur
United States Bankruptcy Judge

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