Fill in this information to identify the case:

Debtor Ascend Elements, Inc.

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

Case number 26-90440

Modified Official Form 410
Proof of Claim

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

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

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

Fill in all the information about the claim as of the date the case was filed. That date is on the notice of bankruptcy (Form 309) **that you received.**

Part 1: Identify the Claim

1. **Who is the current creditor?**

Amir Nazari

Name of the current creditor (the person or entity to be paid for this claim)

Other names the creditor used with the debtor

2. **Has this claim been acquired from someone else?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. From whom?

3. **Where should notices and payments to the creditor be sent?**

Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 2002(g)

Where should notices to the creditor be sent?	**Where should payments to the creditor be sent?** (if different)
Amir Nazari 56 Annie Craig Apartment number 1901 Toronto, Ontario M8V 0C8, Canada	
Contact phone 5148653839	Contact phone
Contact email arash.nazari@gmail.com	Contact email

Uniform claim identifier (if you use one):

4. **Does this claim amend one already filed?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. Claim number on court claims registry (if known) Filed on MM / DD / YYYY

5. **Do you know if anyone else has filed a proof of claim for this claim?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. Who made the earlier filing?

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Part 2: Give Information About the Claim as of the Date the Case Was Filed

6. **Do you have any number you use to identify the debtor?**

☐ No

☑ Yes. Last 4 digits of the debtor's account or any number you use to identify the debtor: 2893

7. **How much is the claim?** $ 7780.82 . **Does this amount include interest or other charges?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. Attach statement itemizing interest, fees, expenses, or other charges required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c)(2)(A).

8. **What is the basis of the claim?**

Examples: Goods sold, money loaned, lease, services performed, personal injury or wrongful death, or credit card.

Attach redacted copies of any documents supporting the claim required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c).

Limit disclosing information that is entitled to privacy, such as health care information.

Unpaid employee compensation for 20 days of unused paid time off

9. **Is all or part of the claim secured?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. The claim is secured by a lien on property.

Nature or property:

☐ Real estate: If the claim is secured by the debtor's principle residence, file a *Mortgage Proof of Claim Attachment* (Official Form 410-A) with this *Proof of Claim*.

☐ Motor vehicle

☐ Other. Describe: _____

Basis for perfection: _____

Attach redacted copies of documents, if any, that show evidence of perfection of a security interest (for example, a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, financing statement, or other document that shows the lien has been filed or recorded.)

Value of property: $_____

Amount of the claim that is secured: $_____

Amount of the claim that is unsecured: $_____ (The sum of the secured and unsecured amount should match the amount in line 7.)

Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition: $_____

Annual Interest Rate (when case was filed)_____%

☐ Fixed

☐ Variable

10. **Is this claim based on a lease?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. **Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition.** $_____

11. **Is this claim subject to a right of setoff?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. Identify the property: _____

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12. **Is all or part of the claim entitled to priority under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)?**

A claim may be partly priority and partly nonpriority. For example, in some categories, the law limits the amount entitled to priority.

☐ No

☑ Yes. *Check all that apply:*

	Amount entitled to priority
☐ Domestic support obligations (including alimony and child support) under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B).	$
☐ Up to $3,800* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7).	$
☑ Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to $17,150*) earned within 180 days before the bankruptcy petition is filed or the debtor's business ends, whichever is earlier. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4).	$ 7780.82
☐ Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8).	$
☐ Contributions to an employee benefit plan. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(5).	$
☐ Other. Specify subsection of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(__) that applies.	$

* Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/01/28 and every 3 years after that for cases begun on or after the date of adjustment.

13. **Is all or part of the claim entitled to administrative priority pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(9)?**

☑ No

☐ Yes. Indicate the amount of your claim arising from the value of any goods received by the debtor within 20 days before the date of commencement of the above case, in which the goods have been sold to the Debtor in the ordinary course of such Debtor's business. Attach documentation supporting such claim.

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Part 3: Sign Below

The person completing this proof of claim must sign and date it. FRBP 9011(b).

If you file this claim electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(3) authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what a signature is.

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

Check the appropriate box:

☑ I am the creditor.

☐ I am the creditor's attorney or authorized agent.

☐ I am the trustee, or the debtor, or their authorized agent. Bankruptcy Rule 3004.

☐ I am a guarantor, surety, endorser, or other codebtor. Bankruptcy Rule 3005.

I understand that an authorized signature on this *Proof of Claim* serves as an acknowledgement that when calculating the amount of the claim, the creditor gave the debtor credit for any payments received toward the debt.

I have examined the information in this *Proof of Claim* and have reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

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

Executed on date 06/03/2026
MM / DD / YYYY

/s/AMIR NAZARI
Signature

Print the name of the person who is completing and signing this claim:

Name AMIR NAZARI
First name Middle name Last name

Title

Company
Identify the corporate servicer as the company if the authorized agent is a servicer.

Address

Contact phone Email

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Verita (KCC) ePOC Electronic Claim Filing Summary

For phone assistance: Domestic (866) 927-7078 | International (310) 751-2651

Debtor:
26-90440 - Ascend Elements, Inc.

District:
Southern District of Texas, Houston Division

Creditor:
Amir Nazari

56 Annie Craig
Apartment number 1901

Toronto, Ontario, M8V 0C8
Canada

Phone:
5148653839

Phone 2:

Fax:

Email:
arash.nazari@gmail.com

Has Supporting Documentation:
Yes, supporting documentation successfully uploaded

Related Document Statement:

Has Related Claim:
No

Related Claim Filed By:

Filing Party:
Creditor

Other Names Used with Debtor:

Amends Claim:
No

Acquired Claim:
No

Basis of Claim:
Unpaid employee compensation for 20 days of unused paid time off

Last 4 Digits:
Yes - 2893

Uniform Claim Identifier:

Total Amount of Claim:
7780.82

Includes Interest or Charges:
No

Has Priority Claim:
Yes

Priority Under:
11 U.S.C. §507(a)(4): 7780.82

Has Secured Claim:
No

Amount of 503(b)(9):
No

Based on Lease:
No

Subject to Right of Setoff:
No

Nature of Secured Amount:

Value of Property:

Annual Interest Rate:

Arrearage Amount:

Basis for Perfection:

Amount Unsecured:

Submitted By:
AMIR NAZARI on 02-Jun-2026 10:48:40 p.m. Pacific Time

Title:

Company:

VN: 002A8DD20353FF8AAF6ACEB2CA8A5633

ASCEND ELEMENTS

August 11, 2022

Amir Nazari

(Delivery via email)

Dear Amir,

It is my pleasure to offer to you the position of Chemical / Process Engineer with Ascend Elements, Inc (AE) reporting to: Benoit Tranape, Director Advance Manufacturing Engineer. This letter is intended to summarize some of the terms of your /employment.

Below please find the details pertaining to your offer:

1. Employment Date: Your anticipated start date of employment is: August 22, 2022 or as agreed with your manager
2. Position Title: Chemical / Process Engineer
3. Job Description and Responsibilities: You will be responsible for the job duties of the Chemical / Process Engineer; see job description.
4. Reporting: You will report to: Benoit Tranape , Director Advance Manufacturing Engineer
5. Location: Your primary business office will be your home office until you are able to relocate to the area and then your primary business office will be Westborough
6. Travel: Travel may be an important part of this job.
7. Salary: This is a full time, exempt position. You will be paid $125,000 annually, less applicable withholdings and deductions, paid in 12 Monthly payments of $10,416.66 according to company payroll policies and procedures. Your base salary is based on the expectation that you will work at least 40 hours in a week. There may be occasions where you need to work more than 40 hours to fulfill your job duties.
8. Sign on Bonus: $10,000 sign on bonus payable after 90 days of employment. Sign on bonus is repayable in full, to the Company if you separate before December 31, 2022.

9. Benefits: You will be eligible to participate in the Company's health insurance plan. A benefits summary and holiday schedule is attached.

10. Paid-time Off: You will be entitled to the 20 days of paid time off (PTO) that is granted at the beginning of each year. This PTO is to be useable in accordance with AE's policies with your manager's approval.

11. Stock Options: You will receive 10,000 options to purchase shares of common stock. These options will be issued after the board of directors approves the 2022 Plan. Your vesting period will begin on your start date.

12. Representations: By signing below, you represent that you are not subject to and will not be subject to any agreements, restrictions or obligations, including any non-competition agreements or restrictions or any nondisclosure or confidentiality agreement or restrictions, that prevent you from performing (or that may in any other way adversely impact your ability to perform) your employment duties on behalf of AE. Whether or not you are bound by the terms of any such agreements, you agree that during your employment with AE, you will not disclose or use, or induce anyone at AE to use, any confidential, proprietary or trade secret information or material belonging to any former employer or to any other person or entity.

13. Miscellaneous: You will be reimbursed for all pre-approved, authorized, reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the performance of your job duties, consistent with AE's expense reimbursement policy and practices. AE will provide a computer for business use.

14. Contingencies: Please note that your employment is contingent upon satisfactory completion of AE's employment screening process, which includes a background check. Please sign and return the enclosed Background Check Authorization form right away so that we can begin the process before you begin working for AE. Employment with AE is [also] contingent on verification of eligibility to work in the United States. Please provide proper identification, as specified by the enclosed I-9 Form, within the first three (3) days of work in order to verify your employment eligibility. Your employment is also contingent on your execution of the Company's standard Employee Confidentiality Agreement (the "Confidentiality Agreement"), a copy of which is attached for your review and signature. Please sign and return the Agreement on or before your first day of employment. You will not be allowed to commence work until we receive a signed Agreement.

15. At-Will: Employment with AE is "at will". This means that you may terminate your employment with AE at any time, for any reason and that AE retains the same right. This letter does not constitute, and shall not be construed as, creating a contract of employment for any specific period of time. Policies applicable to other AE employees shall also be applicable to you.

If the terms and conditions of this offer are satisfactory to you, please sign this offer letter. This offer letter may not be amended or modified in any way except in writing signed by you and by Andrew A. Aberdale, Chief Financial Officer of AE. This offer letter is governed by Massachusetts law.

We make this offer with the expectation that our employment relationship with you will be mutually beneficial and satisfactory. We look forward to this opportunity for us to work together.

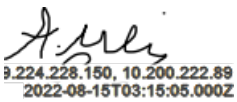
This offer will be voided on Monday August 15, 2022 at 5:00 pm . Should you have any questions about this offer or policies of Ascend Elements, please feel free to call Courtney Frank, Human Resources Manager, at 617-413-7348.

Sincerely,



Andrew Aberdale

Receipt Acknowledged and Accepted:



Today's Date: August 11, 2022

October 17, 2025
(Delivery via email)

New Title: Principal Process Engineer
Reports to: Michael Pelsozy, Senior Director of AME - Engineered Materials

Dear Amir,

On behalf of the Ascend Elements Leadership, I am happy to share the following change(s) for you effective 10/20/25, in recognition of your dedication and contributions.

The change(s) scheduled for you are as follows:

- **New Title:** Principal Process Engineer
- **Annualized Salary** $142,000.00

Sincerely,

Eric Gratz

Amir Nazari

Eric Gratz
CTO