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

In re:	)	Chapter 11
ASCEND ELEMENTS, INC., *et al.*,[1]	)	Case No. 26-90440 (CML)
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)

NOTICE OF HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL
OF THE SALE OF THE COVINGTON ASSETS
[Relates to Dkt. No. 487]

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on April 9, 2026 (the "Petition Date"), the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division (the "Court").

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, on April 17, 2026, the Court entered the *Order (A) Approving Bid Procedures, (B) Authorizing Designation of a Stalking Horse Bidder, (C) Scheduling an Auction, Related Deadlines, and a Sale Hearing, and (D) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 120] (the "Bid Procedures Order"),[2] authorizing the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") to conduct a marketing and sale process, potentially including an auction (the "Auction"), to sell the Assets.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, on June 20, 2026, the Debtors filed the *Notice of (I) Designation of R3 Lithium, Inc. as Successful Bidder for the Debtors' Covington, Georgia Assets and (II) Cancellation of Auction with Respect to Such Assets* [Dkt. No. 487] (the "Notice"). As set forth in the Notice, no Qualified Bids were received for the Debtors' Covington, Georgia assets (the "Covington Assets") other than the bid submitted by R3 Lithium, Inc. Accordingly, the Debtors designated R3 Lithium, Inc. as the Successful Bidder with respect to the Covington Assets.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the deadline to object to the sale of the Covington Assets, which was set forth in the Notice as **June 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)**, has been extended by the Debtors for all parties to **June 25, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)**.

[1] The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Ascend Elements, Inc. (2893) and Ascend Elements US, LLC (8309). The location of the Debtors' service address is: 133 Flanders Road, Westborough, MA 01581.

[2] Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Bid Procedures Order or the Bid Procedures, as applicable.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Court will hold a hearing to consider approval of the sale of the Covington Assets (the "Sale Hearing") on **June 26, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. (prevailing Central Time)**.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that parties may attend the hearing either in person or virtually using the audio or video access instructions set forth below. Audio communication will be by use of the Court's dial-in facility. You may access the facility at **832-917-1510.** Once connected, you will be asked to enter the conference room number. Judge Lopez's conference room number is **590153**. Video communication will be by use of the GoToMeeting platform. Connect via the free GoToMeeting application or click the link on Judge Lopez's homepage. The meeting code is "**JudgeLopez**". Click the settings icon in the upper right corner and enter your name under the personal information setting.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that hearing appearances must be made electronically in advance of both electronic and in-person hearings. To make your appearance, click the "Electronic Appearance" link on Judge Lopez's homepage. Select the case name, complete the required fields and click "Submit" to complete your appearance.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all documents filed in these chapter 11 cases are available free of charge by visiting https://www.veritaglobal.net/ascend. Copies of any pleadings or papers filed with the Court may also be obtained by visiting the Court's website at https://ecf.txsb.uscourts.gov in accordance with the procedures and fees set forth therein.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I certify that on June 22, 2026, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas. Additionally, the foregoing document will be served as set forth in a forthcoming affidavit filed by the Debtors' proposed claims agent.

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