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?**

F.E. Moran, Inc. Fire Protection

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)
See summary page	
Contact phone 312-876-7899	Contact phone
Contact email michelle.novick@saul.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: ___ ___ ___ ___

7. **How much is the claim?** $ 1858918.40 . **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.

Mechanics Lien - Construction Subcontract dated June 2, 2024

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).	$_____
☐ 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.

$_____

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 07/01/2026
MM / DD / YYYY

/s/David Sammis
Signature

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

Name: David Sammis
First name | Middle name | Last name

Title: President

Company: F.E. Moran, Inc. Fire Protection
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:
F.E. Moran, Inc. Fire Protection
Saul Ewing LLP c/o Michelle Novick, Esq.
161 N. Clark Street, Suite 4200

Chicago, IL, 60601

Phone:
312-876-7899
Phone 2:

Fax:

Email:
michelle.novick@saul.com

Has Supporting Documentation:
Yes, supporting documentation successfully uploaded
Related Document Statement:

Has Related Claim:
No
Related Claim Filed By:

Filing Party:

Other Names Used with Debtor:

Amends Claim:
No
Acquired Claim:
No

Basis of Claim:
Mechanics Lien - Construction Subcontract dated June 2, 2024

Last 4 Digits:
No

Uniform Claim Identifier:

Total Amount of Claim:
1858918.40

Includes Interest or Charges:
None

Has Priority Claim:
No

Priority Under:

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:
David Sammis on 01-Jul-2026 8:37:33 a.m. Pacific Time
Title:
President
Company:
F.E. Moran, Inc. Fire Protection

VN: 69A23728E15A567CA8919179A41CB63D

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

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

F.E. MORAN, INC. FIRE PROTECTION'S DESCRIPTION OF CLAIM AGAINST DEBTOR ASCEND ELEMENTS, INC.

F.E. Moran, Inc. Fire Protection ("F.E. Moran") hereby describes its claim against Ascend Elements, Inc. as follows:

BACKGROUND

1. On April 9, 2026 ("Petition Date"), Ascend Elements, Inc. and its affiliated debtor (collectively, the "Debtors") each filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code ("Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas ("Court").

2. Prior to the Petition Date, on or about June 2, 2024, F.E. Moran entered into an agreement ("Agreement") with general contractor Turner-Kokosing Joint Venture ("TKJV") to provide fire protection services and materials to the Debtors' property located at 6505 John Rivers

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.

Road, Hopkinsville, Kentucky 42240 ("Hopkinsville Property")[2]. In contracting with F.E. Moran for the labor, materials, supplies, and equipment needed for the fire protection work, TKJV acted in its capacity as general contractor and authorized agent for the Debtors.

3. Prior to the Petition Date, F.E. Moran provided all requested labor, materials, supplies, and equipment to the Hopkinsville Property, completing its obligations on or about November 8, 2024.

PRE-PETITION CLAIM

4. **Amount Owed**. As of the Petition Date, the Debtor owed F.E. Moran the amount of $1,858,918.40, plus interest and costs.

5. **The Mechanic's Lien.** On February 6, 2025, having not received payment for its fire protection work, F.E. Moran notified the Debtors of its intent to file a mechanic's lien on the Hopkinsville Property. Thereafter, on February 24, 2025, pursuant to KY. Rev. Stat. § 376.010, F.E. Moran filed a Mechanic's and Materialman's Lien in the Christian County Clerk's Office, in which it asserted a lien against the Hopkinsville Property for the full amount of $2,454,271.40 due and owing, plus interest and costs. Notice of this lien was mailed to the Debtors on February 28, 2025, thus perfecting the lien pursuant to KY. Rev. Stat. § 376.080.

6. On March 26, 2025, F.E. Moran filed an Amended Mechanic's and Materialman's Lien in the Christian County Clerk's Office, amending the amount asserted on the lien against the Hopkinsville Property to $1,858,918.40 due and owing, plus interest and costs ("F.E. Moran Lien").

[2] The Agreement is voluminous and contains confidential and proprietary information. Accordingly, the Agreement is not attached to this proof of claim. The Agreement can be obtained by contacting F.E. Moran's counsel identified in this proof of claim, subject to execution of an appropriate confidentiality agreement.

7. **Sale of Kentucky Assets.** On June 5, 2026, the Court entered the *Order (I) Approving the Sale of the Debtors' Interests in the Hopkinsville, Kentucky Assets Free and Clear of Liens, Claims, Interests and Encumbrances, (II) Approving the Assumption and Assignment of Associated Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, and (III) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 469], approving, among other things, the sale of the Hopkinsville Property to TKJV free and clear of the F.E. Moran Lien.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

8. F.E. Moran reserves the right to replace, amend and/or supplement this proof of claim at any time and in any respect, including, without limitation, for the purpose of (i) setting forth or changing the bases described herein, (ii) providing further description or evidence of such claims, and/or (iii) including additional claims at law or in equity. F.E. Moran further reserves the right to file any and all appropriate administrative claims pursuant to Section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code or otherwise.