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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 BE HELD ON AUGUST 10, 2026

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 FURTHER NOTICE that, on June 30, 2026, the Court entered the *Order (I) Approving the Sale of Certain of the Debtors' Assets Free and Clear of Claims, Liens, and Encumbrances, (II) Approving the Assumption and Assignment of Designated Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases and (III) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 534] (the "Covington Sale Order"), by which the Court approved the sale (the "Covington Sale") of the Acquired Assets (as defined in that certain Asset Purchase Agreement, dated as of June 19, 2026 (together with all other agreements and other instruments deliverable thereunder or attached thereto or referenced therein, and as may be amended, modified, or supplemented)), consisting of certain assets located or otherwise related to the Debtors' business operations in Covington, Georgia (collectively, the "Covington Assets").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that AMCON asserts a mechanics' and materialmen's lien against the Covington Assets, excluding any off-site feedstock or other off-site inventory, and the proceeds thereof from the Covington Sale (the "M&M Lien"); the Debtors and Committee dispute the validity, extent, priority, enforceability and amount of the M&M Lien.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, pursuant to paragraph 40 of the Covington Sale Order, the Debtors and AMCON agreed to expedited litigation of the validity, priority, extent, enforceability, and amount of AMCON's asserted M&M Lien, and the allocation of sale proceeds, if any, attributable to AMCON's asserted M&M Lien (the "AMCON Lien Dispute").

[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.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a hearing on this matter will be held on **August 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. (prevailing Central Time)** before the Honorable Judge Christopher M. Lopez, United States Bankruptcy Judge.

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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Dated: July 30, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

I certify that on July 30, 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. .

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