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 (I) COMBINED HEARING TO CONSIDER FINAL APPROVAL OF DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND CONFIRMATION OF CHAPTER 11 PLAN FILED BY THE DEBTORS, (II) RELATED VOTING AND OBJECTION DEADLINES, AND (III) BAR DATE FOR FILING ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on July 15, 2026, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division (the "***Court***") entered an order [Docket No. 575] (the "***Disclosure Statement Order***"): (i) authorizing Ascend Elements, Inc. and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "***Debtors***") to solicit acceptances for the *Combined Disclosure Statement and Joint Plan of Liquidation for Ascend Elements, Inc., et al*. [Docket No. 570] (as modified, amended, or supplemented from time to time and including all exhibits and supplements thereto, the "***Plan***," or "***Disclosure Statement***," or "***Combined Disclosure Statement and Plan***," as applicable),[2] (ii) conditionally approving the Disclosure Statement as containing "adequate information" pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (iii) approving the solicitation materials and documents to be included in the solicitation package (the "***Solicitation Package***"); (iv) approving procedures for soliciting, noticing, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan; and (v) scheduling certain dates with respect thereto.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a hearing to consider final approval of the Disclosure Statement and Confirmation of the Plan (the "***Combined Hearing***") will commence on **August 17, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time), subject to the Court's availability,** before the Honorable Christopher M. Lopez in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, located at 515 Rusk Street, Courtroom 402, Houston, Texas, 77002. Please be advised that the Combined Hearing may be continued from time to time by the Court or the Debtors without further notice other than by such adjournment being announced in open court or by a notice of adjournment filed with the Court and served on other parties entitled to notice. The Plan may be modified, if necessary, prior to, during, or as a result of the Combined Hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that parties may participate in the Combined Hearing either in person or by an audio and video connection. Audio communication will be

[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] All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Combined Disclosure Statement and Plan.

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 home page. The meeting code is "JudgeLopez". Click the settings icon in the upper right corner and enter your name under the personal information setting. 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 home page. Select the case name, complete the required fields and click "Submit" to complete your appearance.

CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING VOTING ON THE PLAN

Voting Record Date. The voting record date is **July 14, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)** (the "***Voting Record Date***"), which is the date for determining which Holders of Claims are entitled to vote on the Plan.

Voting Deadline. The deadline to vote on the Plan is **August 14, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) (**the "***Voting Deadline***"). If you received the Solicitation Package, including a Ballot, and intend to vote on the Plan, you ***must***: (i) follow the instructions contained on your Ballot carefully; (ii) complete ***all*** of the required information on the Ballot; and (iii) execute and return your completed Ballot according to and as set forth in detail in the voting instructions so that it is ***actually received*** by the Solicitation Agent, on or before the Voting Deadline.

Temporary Allowance Deadline. If a Holder of a Claim wishes to challenge the allowance or classification of its Claim for voting purposes, it must file and serve on the Objection Notice Parties a motion pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018(a), requesting that the Court temporarily allow its Claim in a different amount or with a different classification for purposes of voting to accept or reject the Plan. Such motions must be filed by 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) on **the later of (a) August 14, 2026 and (b) if such Rule 3018 Motion relates to a Disputed Claim, the fifth day after such Claim became a Disputed Claim** (the "***Rule 3018 Motion Deadline***").

Failure to follow such instructions may disqualify your vote.

CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING OBJECTING TO THE PLAN

ARTICLE XIII OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AND ARTICLE XIII.E CONTAINS A THIRD-PARTY RELEASE. YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER.

Confirmation Objection Deadline. The deadline for filing objections to confirmation of the Plan and the adequacy of the Disclosure Statement is **August 14, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)** (the "***Objection Deadline***"). Any objection to the relief sought at the Combined Hearing must: (a) be in writing; (b) comply with the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules; (c) state, with particularity, the legal and factual bases for the objection and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan (or related materials) that would resolve such objection; and (d) be Filed with the Court and served on the Objection Notice Parties on or before the Objection Deadline.

IF AN OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN OR FINAL APPROVAL OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS NOT FILED AND SERVED STRICTLY AS PRESCRIBED HEREIN, IT MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE COMBINED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PLAN

Obtaining Solicitation Materials. If you wish to receive paper copies of the Combined Disclosure Statement and Plan, they will be provided as soon as practicable upon request to Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC d/b/a Verita Global (the "***Solicitation Agent***") through the Solicitation Agent's website at https://www.veritaglobal.net/ascend. The Combined Disclosure Statement and Plan is also on file with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas and may be reviewed during the regular hours of the Court or online through the Court's website at https://www.txs.uscourts.gov/page/bankruptcy-court.

The Plan Supplement. The Debtors will file the Plan Supplement on or before **August 10, 2026**, and will serve notice on parties in interest, which will (a) inform parties that the Debtors filed the Plan Supplement; (b) list the information contained in the Plan Supplement; and (c) explain how parties may obtain copies of the Plan Supplement.

Administrative Claims Bar Date. The deadline for Holders of Administrative Claims, other than Professional Fee Claims and Section 503(b)(9) Claims, to file and serve an application for allowance of an Administrative Claim shall be **thirty (30) days after the Effective Date** (the "Administrative Claims Bar Date").

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING YOUR CLAIM OR THE VOTING PROCEDURES, OR IF YOU NEED A BALLOT OR ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE COMBINED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PLAN OR OTHER ENCLOSED MATERIALS, PLEASE CONTACT THE SOLICITATION AGENT AS SET FORTH ABOVE.

BINDING NATURE OF THE PLAN

IF CONFIRMED, THE PLAN SHALL BIND ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH HOLDER WILL RECEIVE OR RETAIN ANY PROPERTY OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY UNDER THE PLAN, HAS FILED A PROOF OF CLAIM IN THESE CHAPTER 11 CASES, OR FAILED TO VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN OR VOTED TO REJECT THE PLAN.

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