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September 02, 2021

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:**EPIC COMPANIES, LLC,****Debtors.¹**

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Chapter 11**Case No. 19-34752 (DRJ)****(Jointly Administered)**

**ORDER SUSTAINING LIQUIDATING TRUSTEE'S OBJECTION TO
CLAIM NO. 157 FILED BY STEVEN KENDALL SMITH**

[Relates to Docket No. 918]

UPON CONSIDERATION of the *Liquidating Trustee's Objection to Claim No. 157 Filed by Steven Kendall Smith* (the "Objection"),² and this Court having jurisdiction to consider the Objection, and due and sufficient notice of the Objection having been given; and after due deliberation thereon, it is **HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Claim is disallowed in its entirety.
2. Notwithstanding the relief granted in this Order and any actions taken pursuant to such relief, nothing in this Order shall be deemed: (a) an admission as to the validity of any prepetition claim against the Debtors; (b) waiver of any party's right to dispute any prepetition claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any prepetition claim; (d) an implication or admission that any particular claim is of a type specified or defined in the Objection or any order granting relief requested by the Objection; (e) a request or authorization to assume any prepetition agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; or

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are as follows: Epic Companies, LLC (1473), Epic Diving & Marine Services, LLC (2501), Epic Applied Technologies, LLC (5844), Epic Specialty Services, LLC (8547), Epic Alabama Steel, LLC (6835), Epic San Francisco Shipyard, LLC (5763) and Zuma Rock Energy Services, LLC (1022). The mailing address of the Debtors is: P.O. Box 79625, Houston, Texas 77279-9625.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Objection.

(f) waiver of the Debtors' or the Liquidating Trustee's rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law.

3. The terms and conditions of this Order will be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

4. The Liquidating Trustee is authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Order in accordance with the Objection.

5. This Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction to resolve any dispute arising from or related to this Order.

Signed: September 01, 2021.



DAVID R. JONES
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE