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September 02, 2021

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

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

<hr/> <b>In re:</b>  <b>EPIC COMPANIES, LLC,</b>  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Debtors.<sup>1</sup></b> </p> <hr/>	§ § § § § § §	<b>Chapter 11</b>  <b>Case No. 19-34752 (DRJ)</b>  <b>(Jointly Administered)</b>
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**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"),<sup>2</sup> 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

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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**

United States Bankruptcy Court  
Southern District of Texas

In re:  
Epic Companies, LLC  
Epic Alabama Steel, LLC  
Debtors

Case No. 19-34752-drj  
Chapter 11

## CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE

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db	+ Epic Applied Technologies, LLC, 1080 Eldridge Parkway, Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77077-2583
db	+ Epic Companies, LLC, 1080 Eldridge Parkway, Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77077-2583
db	+ Epic Diving & Marine Services, LLC, 1080 Eldridge Parkway, Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77077-2583
db	+ Epic San Francisco Shipyard, LLC, 1080 Eldridge Parkway, Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77077-2583
db	+ Epic Specialty Services, LLC, 1080 Eldridge Parkway, Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77077-2583
db	+ Zuma Rock Energy Services, LLC, 1080 Eldridge Parkway, Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77077-2583
aty	+ Andrew V. Tenzer, PaulHastings, LLP, 600 Travis Street, 58th Floor, Houston, TX 77002-3009
aty	+ David L Bateman, Bateman Law Firm, 6700 Jefferson Hwy, Bldg 3, Baton Rouge, LA 70806-8287
aty	+ Michael S Waskiewicz, Burr Forman LLP, 50 N Laura Street, Ste 3000, Jacksonville, FL 32202-3658
cr	+ Abe's Boat Rentals, Inc., Wilbur J. Babin, Jr., Bankruptcy Trustee, 3027 Ridgelake Dr, Metairie, LA 70002-4924
intp	+ Alliance Offshore, LLC, c/o David F. Waguespack, 1100 Poydras Street, Suite 3100, New Orleans, LA 70163 USE 70163-1102
cr	+ American Longshore Mutual Association, Ltd. through, c/o Leann O. Moses, 1100 Poydras Street, Suite 3100, New Orleans, LA 70163-1102
cr	+ Brian M. Jackson, 8 Tanager Trail, The Woodlands, TX 77381-3121
cr	+ Chalos & Co, P.C., Chalos & Co, P.C., 7210 Tickner Street, Houston, TX 77055, UNITED STATES 77055-6935
cr	#+ David Wright, 28019 Buena Way, Spring, Tx 77386-2819
cr	+ Deep Delta, LLC, Timothy Thriffley, P.O. Box 7125, Belle Chasse, LA 70037-7125
intp	+ Fairways Offshore Exploration, Inc., c/o McDowell Hetherington LLP, Attention: Jarrod B. Martin, 1001 Fannin, Suite 2700, Houston, TX 77002-6774
cr	+ Forum US, Inc., c/o Bradley Arant Boult Cummings, LLP, Attn: Chris Glenos, 1819 5th Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35203-2119
cr	+ Frederick J. Guidry, c/o Jason Welborn, P. O. Box 2053, Lafayette, LA 70502-2053
cr	+ Greene's Energy Group, LLC, 440 Louisiana, Suite 718, Houston, TX 77002, UNITED STATES 77002-1058
cr	+ Gulf Oceanic Marine Contractors, Inc., P.O. Box 99, Bourg, LA 70343-0099
cr	+ Louisiana Department of Revenue, Senior Bankruptcy Counsel, Litigation, 617 N. Third Street, Office 780, P O Box 4064 (Zip 70821-4064), Baton Rouge, LA 70802 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA 70821-4064
cr	+ McMoran Oil & Gas, LLC, Locke Lord LLP, Omer F. Kuebel, III, Bradley C. Knapp, 601 Poydras St., Suite 2660 New Orleans, LA 70130-6032
cr	+ New Industries, LLC, c/o Barnet B. Skelton, Jr., 815 Walker, Suite 1502, Houston, TX 77002-5832
intp	+ Offshore Domestic Group, LLC, c/o McDowell Hetherington LLP, Attention: Jarrod B. Martin, 1001 Fannin, Suite 2700, Houston, TX 77002-6774
cr	+ Offshore Express, Inc., C/O Jarrod Martin, 1200 Smith Street, Suite 1400, Houston, TX 77002-4496
intp	+ Offshore Express, LLC, c/o McDowell Hetherington LLP, Attention: Jarrod B. Martin, 1001 Fannin, Suite 2700, Houston, TX 77002-6774
cr	+ Offshore Technical Solutions, LLC, 690 S. Hollywood Rd, Houma, LA 70360-3226
cr	+ RTD Services, c/o David K. Bissinger, Bissinger, Oshman & Williams LLP, 2229 San Felipe, Suite 1500, Houston, TX 77019-5648
cr	Taylor's International Services, Inc., C/O Stephen C. Jackson, 1901 6th Ave North, 2400 Regions/Harbert Plaza, Birmingham, AL 35203
cr	Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, Christopher S. Murphy, c/o Sherri K. Simpson, Paralegal, P.O. Box 12548, Austin, TX 78711-2548
intp	+ Triton Heavy Lift Services, LLC, c/o David F. Waguespack, 1100 Poydras Street, Suite 3100, New Orleans, LA 70163-1102
intp	+ White Oak Global Advisors, LLC, PaulHastings, LLP, c/o Peter S. Burke, 515 South Flower Street, 25th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90071-2228
cr	+ Williams Field Services-Gulf Coast Company, L.P., c/o Steven W. Soule, Hall, Estill, et al., 320 South Boston Avenue, Suite 200 Tulsa, OK 74103-3705
cr	+ Wilson Heavy Industry Co. Ltd., 2925 Briarpark Dr., Suite 675, Houston, TX 77042-3781

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cr + Wright's Well Control Services LLC, 28019 Buena Way, Spring, Tx 77386-2819

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cr	+ Email/Text: c.rodrique@bluewaterrubber.com	Sep 02 2021 20:04:00	Bluewater Rubber & Gasket Company, 1119 Barrow Street, P O Drawer 190, Houma, LA 70361-0190
cr	Email/Text: david.cedro@danos.com	Sep 02 2021 20:03:00	Danos, L.L.C., 3878 West Main Street, Gray, LA 70359
cr	Email/Text: controller@dhdoffshore.com	Sep 02 2021 20:03:00	DHD Offshore Services, LLC, 7889 Hwy 182 E, Morgan City, LA 70380
cr	Email/Text: houston_bankruptcy@LGBS.com	Sep 02 2021 20:04:00	Harris County, Linebarger Goggan Blair & Sampson LLP, C/O John P. Dillman, PO Box 3064, Houston, TX 77253-3064
cr	Email/Text: BANKRUPTCY@DOR.MS.GOV	Sep 02 2021 20:04:00	MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, P. O. BOX 22808, JACKSON, MS 39225-2808

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cr		Aqueos Corporation
cr		Austin Waterman
cr		Bay Point Capital Partners II, LP
cr		Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, a Division of Hea
cr		Bollinger Fourchon, LLC
cr		Bordelon Marine, LLC
cr		Candy Apple, LLC
cr		Curtin Maritime Corporation
cr		Cypress Energy Partners L.P.
cr		Dan Bunkering (America) Inc.
cr		Echo Offshore, LLC
cr		Entier USA Inc.
op		Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC
cr		Express Supply and Steel, LLC
cr		Freeport-McMoRan Oil & Gas LLC
cr		Fugro USA Marine, Inc.
cr		Garber Bros, Inc.
cr		Goliath Offshore Holdings PTE.LTD, in pesonam
cr		Gulf Coast Manufacturing, LLC
op		Hilco Industrial, LLC
app		Hilco Valuation Services, LLC
cr		ITC Global, Inc.
cr		Industrial Diesel Services, Inc.
cr		Integra Services Technologies Inc
op		Jeffrey T. Varsalone, Liquidating Trustee
cr		M/V Nor Goliath, in rem
cr		MARMAC LLC
cr		MM Industrial Fabrication, LLC
cr		Medsafe, Inc. and W. Joe Shaw, Ltd.
intp		Modern American Recycling Service, Inc.

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cr		Oceanwide Cypress Ltd.
cr		Oceanwide Netherlands BV
cr		Oceanwide Texas, Inc.
cr		Stephanie Daniels
cr		Stern Offshore, B.V.
cr		The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors
intp		The Ultimate Software Group Inc.
cr		United States of America
intp		Vertex Services, LLC
cr		Work Boat Electric Services, Inc.
cd	*+	Epic Applied Technologies, LLC, 1080 Eldridge Parkway, Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77077-2583
cd	*+	Epic Companies, LLC, 1080 Eldridge Parkway, Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77077-2583
cc	*+	Wright's Well Control Services LLC, 28019 Buena Way, Spring, Tx 77386-2819
aty	##+	Nicholas A Bassett, Paul Hastings LLP, 875 15th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20005-2258
intp	##+	Arena Offshore LP, Arena Offshore LP, 4200 Research Forest Drive, Suite 500, The Woodlands, TX 77381, UNITED STATES 77381-4224
cr	##+	Javeler Marine Services LLC, P.O. Box 137, Delcambre, LA 70528-0137

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## NOTICE CERTIFICATION

**I, Joseph Speetjens, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.**

**Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed .R. Bank. P.2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.**

Date: Sep 04, 2021

Signature: /s/Joseph Speetjens