IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

ESSAR STEEL MINNESOTA LLC and ESML HOLDINGS INC.,¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 16-11626 (BLS)

(Jointly Administered)

Debtors.

AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF NEW YORK)) ss.:

COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

FORREST KUFFER, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. I am employed as a Noticing Coordinator by Epiq Bankruptcy Solutions, LLC, located at 777 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017. I am over the age of eighteen years and am not a party to the above-captioned action.
- 2. On March 23, 2017, I caused to be served:
 - a. a personalized letter regarding the "Notice of Intent to Enter into Post-Emergence Trade Agreement," dated March 23, 2017, a sample of which is annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, and
 - b. a personalized version of the "Notice of Intent to Enter into Post-Emergence Trade Agreement," dated March 23, 2017, a sample of which is annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>,

by causing true and correct copies to be:

- i. enclosed securely in separate postage pre-paid envelopes and delivered via certified mail to those parties listed on the annexed <u>Exhibit C</u>, and
- ii. enclosed securely in separate postage pre-paid envelopes and delivered via priority mail to those parties listed on the annexed <u>Exhibit D</u>.

¹ Essar Steel Minnesota LLC n/k/a Mesabi Metallics Company LLC is doing business as Mesabi Metallics Company LLC. The last four digits of its federal taxpayer identification number are 8770. The last four digits of ESML Holdings Inc.'s federal taxpayer identification number are 8071.

3. All envelopes utilized in the service of the foregoing contained the following legend: "LEGAL DOCUMENTS ENCLOSED. PLEASE DIRECT TO THE ATTENTION OF ADDRESSEE, PRESIDENT OR LEGAL DEPARTMENT."

> /s/ Forrest Kuffer Forrest Kuffer

Sworn to before me this 24th day of March, 2017 /*s/ Sidney J. Garabato*

Notary Public, State of New York No. 01GA6218946 Qualified in New York County Commission Expires March 15, 2018

EXHIBIT A

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March 23, 2017

CERTIFIED MAIL

A. W. KUETTEL & SONS, INC. ATTN: JESSE R. ORMAN 333 SOUTH SEVENTH STREET, SUITE 2600 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

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<u>In re Essar Steel Minnesota LLC (n/k/a – Mesabi Metallics Company, LLC) and ESML</u> <u>Holdings, Inc. (Case No. 16-11626)(BLS) – Notice of Intent to Enter into Post-Emergence</u> <u>Trade Agreement</u>

Dear: A. W. KUETTEL & SONS, INC.

Enclosed please find Mesabi Metallics' notice that it intends to enter into a Post-Emergence Trade Agreement (the "**Notice**") with you.

By signing the Notice you are indicating your willingness to enter into negotiations to continue working with Mesabi Metallics after it emerges from bankruptcy. If you return the signed Notice, the Debtors will reach out to you directly to negotiate the terms and conditions of the Post-Emergence Trade Agreement.

Please complete and return the Notice so as to be received no later than April 14, 2017, at the address set forth in the Notice.

A separate solicitation package has been sent to you that includes the Debtors' Plan, Disclosure Statement, form of Post-Emergence Trade Agreement, and a ballot to vote for or against the Plan. To vote on the Plan, the ballot must be returned separately to Epiq Bankruptcy Solutions, LLC as directed in those materials. The Notice does not constitute a vote for or against the Plan.

If you do not have copies of any of these materials they can be accessed via the Debtors' restructuring information website maintained by Epiq Bankruptcy Solutions, LLC at http://dm.epiq11.com/ESM.

If you have any questions, please contact me on my direct dial listed below.

Best regards,

/s/ Ronald Gorsich

Ronald Gorsich, Esq.

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Enclosure

EXHIBIT B

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ENTER POST-EMERGENCE TRADE AGREEMENT

Pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 7.16 of the Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Mesabi Metallics Company LLC (f/k/a Essar Steel Minnesota LLC) and ESML Holdings Inc. (as amended from time to time, the "Plan"),¹ the Debtors hereby provide A. W. KUETTEL & SONS, INC. (the "Vendor") with notice of their intent to enter a Post-Emergence Trade Agreement between Mesabi Metallics Company LLC (f/k/a Essar Steel Minnesota LLC) and Vendor.

For purposes of voting and to be eligible for certain treatment as a holder of a Claim in Class 5 or Class 7, as applicable, this Notice must be returned to the Debtors so as to be received no later than five (5) days prior to the Voting Deadline, on April 14, 2017, at the address below:

> Mesabi Metallics Company LLC (f/k/a Essar Steel Minnesota LLC) ESML Holdings Inc. c/o White & Case LLP Attn: Ronald K. Gorsich, Esq. 555 South Flower Street, Suite 2700 Los Angeles, CA 90071-2433 (213) 620-7700

By signing below and returning this Notice to the Debtors, you indicate your intent to negotiate mutually agreeable terms of a Post-Emergence Trade Agreement in good faith.

Name of Vendor:______(Print or Type)

By:_

(Signature of Vendor or Authorized Agent)

Print Name of Signatory:

Title:

(If Appropriate)

Street Address:_____

(City, State and Zip Code)

Telephone Number: ()

(Social Security or Federal Tax I.D. No.)

Email:

Date Completed:

¹ Capitalized terms contained herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Plan.

EXHIBIT C

Debtor: Essar Steel Minnesota LLC (n/k/a – Mesabi Metalli Case 16-11626-Blessar Steel Minnesota Filed (n/3/2-4/1-zabi Metalli Steel Minnesota LLC (n/k/a – Mesabi Metalli

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BALDOR ELECTRIC COMPANY C/O NCS 729 MINER ROAD HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, OH 44143

BOUGALIS INC ATTN: NICK BOUGALIS 800 GREYHOUND BLVD HIBBING, MN 55746

CHAMPION CHARTER SALES AND SERVICE, INC. ATTN: DAN WENTARMINI, CFO 180 TRADERS MINE ROAD, PO BOX 490 IRON MOUNTAIN, MI 49801

CUSTOM FABRICATION, INC. 5756 OLD KY 54 PHILPOT, KY 42366 AGRA INDUSTRIES, INC. ATTN: DAVE MARCOTT 1211 W. WATER STREET MERRILL, WI 54452

AMPTEK, INC. ATTN: ROY J. CHRISTENSEN 230 W. SUPERIOR STREET #800 DULUTH, MN 55802

BARR ENGINEERING COMPANY ATTN: LORI L. STEGINK 4300 MARKETPOINTE DRIVE SUITE 200 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55435

BRAUN INTERTEC CORPORATION ATTN: JODI NORMAN 11001 HAMPSHIRE AVE S MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55438

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DAWES RIGGING & CRANE RENTAL, INC. ATTN: BRANDON FAIRLESS 4700 ACORN DRIVE INDEPENDENCE, OH 44131 AMBASSADOR STEEL FABRICATION, LLC 1342 S GRANDSTAFF DRIVE AUBURN, IN 46706

AMPTEK, INC. ATTN: ROY J. CHRISTENSEN 230 W. SUPERIOR STREET #800 DULUTH, MN 55802

BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES INC D/B/A BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY ATTN: MARK BYE 9100 WYOMING AVE N #550 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55445

BROWN-CAMPBELL COMPANY ATTN: DAWN KRAUSE 11800 INVESTMENT DRIVE SHELBY TOWNSHIP, MI 48315

CRANE1SERVICES, INC. 550 CONVER DRIVE FRANKLIN, OH 45005

DEARBORN MIDWEST CONVEYOR 8245 NIEMAN ROAD LENEXA, KS 66214 Debtor: Essar Steel Minnesota LLC (n/k/a – Mesabi Metalli Case 16-11626-Blessar Steel Minnesota Filed (n/3/2-4/1-zabi Metalli Steel Minnesota LLC (n/k/a – Mesabi Metalli

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HARRIS DAVIS REBAR, LLC 210 WASHINGTON STREET BELLEVUE, NE 68005

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HAMMERLUND CONSTRUCTION, INC. C/O FABYANSKE WESTRA HART THOMSON, P.A. ATTN: GREGORY T. SPALJ 333 SOUTH SEVENTH STREET, SUITE 2600 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

HD SUPPLY WATERWORKS, LTD. C/O WAGNER, FALCONER & JUDD, LTD. 100 SOUTH 5TH STREET, SUITE 800 MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55402

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HAMMERLUND'S CHAMPION STEEL INC.

N/K/A CHAMPION STEEL MINNESOTA. INC.

HOOVER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY C/O JOSEPH V FERGUSON 230 W SUPERIOR ST # 800 DULUTH, MN 55802

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JK MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS INC C/O JOSEPH KLAMM 204 5TH STREET NASHWAUK, MN 55769

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MACHINEWELL, INC. 115 WEST STATE STREET GRYGLA, MN 56727

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RIVER TOWN IRONWORKS, INC. ATTN: JIM ARMSTRONG 38043 INDUSTRIAL BLVD PRAIRIE DU CHIEN, WI 53821

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