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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA CHARLOTTE DIVISION

In re	Chapter 11
DBMP LLC, <sup>1</sup>	Case No. 20-30080 (JCW)
Debtor.	
OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF ASBESTOS PERSONAL INJURY CLAIMANTS, and SANDER L. ESSERMAN, in his capacity as Legal Representative for Future Asbestos Claimants,	
Plaintiffs, v.	Adv. Pro. No. 21-03023 (JCW)
DBMP LLC and CERTAINTEED LLC,	
Defendants.	
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Plaintiffs, v.	Adv. Pro. No. 22-03000 (JCW)
CERTAINTEED LLC, CERTAINTEED HOLDING CORPORATION, and SAINT-GOBAIN CORPORATION,	
Defendants.	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The last four digits of the Debtor's taxpayer identification number are 8817. The Debtor's address is 20 Moores Road, Malvern, Pennsylvania 19335.

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v.	Adv. Pro. No. 22-03001 (JCW)
COMPAGNIE DE SAINT-GOBAIN S.A., SAINT-GOBAIN CORPORATION, SAINT-GOBAIN DELAWARE CORPORATION, CERTAINTEED LLC, CERTAINTEED HOLDING CORPORATION, JOSEPH BONDI, SEAN KNAPP, LAWRENCE RAYBURN, MICHAEL STARCZEWSKI, VINCENT DINENNA, ROBERT PANARO, DONALD MELROY, PIERRE-ANDRÉ DE CHALENDAR, BENOIT BAZIN, ANTOINE VIGNIAL, HUBERT REICHARDT, DANIEL BIARNEIX, SREEDHAR NATARAJAN, GUILLAUME TEXIER, THOMAS KINISKY, CAROL GRAY, JOHN SWEENEY, ERIC PLACIDET, MARK RAYFIELD, and KEITH CAMPBELL,	

Defendants.

#### *EX PARTE* APPLICATION OF THE DISCOVERY REFEREE FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING HIM TO RETAIN AND EMPLOY AMANDA MELTON CARTER AS RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Forrest D. Bridges, as the Discovery Referee appointed pursuant to the Order

Appointing Discovery Referee and Establishing Protocol for Resolution of Crime-Fraud/Waiver

Motion [Dkt. 2290; Adv. Pro. No. 21-3023, Dkt. 200; Adv. Pro. No. 22-3000, Dkt. 171; Adv. Pro.

No. 22-3001, Dkt. 145] (the "Discovery Referee Order"),<sup>1</sup> hereby applies to the Court for the entry

of an order authorizing him to retain and employ Amanda Melton Carter as an additional research

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assistant in connection with the matters set forth in the Discovery Referee Order. In support of this Application, the Discovery Referee respectfully represents as follows:

#### **Background**

1. On February 15 and 16, 2023, the Court entered the Discovery Referee Order in the above-captioned chapter 11 case and in the Adversary Proceedings. The Discovery Referee Order appointed the Discovery Referee to prepare one or more Reports and Recommendations to the Court concerning resolution of the Crime-Fraud/Waiver Motion, as more fully described therein. *See* Discovery Referee Order ¶ 2.

2. The Discovery Referee Order provides that the Discovery Referee's reasonable fees and expenses shall be paid by the Debtor's estate and that the Discovery Referee may engage staff and professionals to assist his efforts (legal, paraprofessional, and administrative), which costs may be billed with the other expenses of the Discovery Referee. *See id.* at  $\P$  4. Further, the Discovery Referee Order provides that "[i]f the Discovery Referee retains professional staff and/or firm(s) to assist him, (a) such retention shall be subject to court approval under the standards applicable to estate [professionals] under section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, including the disclosures contemplated by Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a); and (b) and the fees of such staff and/or firm(s) shall be subject to the reasonableness requirements of section 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code." *Id.* 

3. On March 6, 2023, the Discovery Referee filed the <u>Ex Parte</u> Application for an Order Authorizing Him to Retain and Employ Adam Steele as Research Assistant [Dkt. 2336; Adv. Pro. No. 21-3023, Dkt. 203; Adv. Pro. No. 22-3000, Dkt. 175; Adv. Pro. No. 22-3001, Dkt. 149] and on the same day the Court entered orders [Dkt. 2337; Adv. Pro. No. 21-3023, Dkt. 204; Adv. Pro. No. 22-3000, Dkt. 176; Adv. Pro. No. 22-3001, Dkt. 150] approving the application.

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#### **Jurisdiction**

4. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

#### **Relief Requested**

5. Pursuant to section 105(a) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"), Rule 2014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>"), and Rule 2014-1 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of North Carolina (the "<u>Local Bankruptcy Rules</u>"), the Discovery Referee hereby seeks the entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, authorizing him to retain and employ Amanda Melton Carter as an additional research assistant in connection with the matters set forth in the Discovery Referee Order.

6. In support of this Application, the Discovery Referee submits, and incorporates herein by reference, the *Declaration of Disinterestedness of Amanda Melton Carter* (the "<u>Declaration</u>"), a copy of which is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>.

#### <u>Argument</u>

#### Ms. Carter's Qualifications

7. Amanda Melton Carter is an attorney in active and good standing of the Bar for the State of North Carolina, where she has been licensed to practice since 2006. Ms. Carter has practiced transactional law in private firms and has served in legal education as a professor since 2010. Her course topics include legal research and writing, and she currently serves as an adjunct for the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

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## Scope of Proposed Retention

8. Ms. Carter shall serve as an additional research assistant to the Discovery Referee in connection with the matters set forth in the Discovery Referee Order. Her services as a research assistant shall include providing analysis and review of documents subject to claims of privilege, as well as applicable case law, and such other services consistent with the Discovery Referee Order that may be requested by the Discovery Referee. Due to the extent of the ongoing *in camera* review of voluminous documents and related activities, Ms. Carter will work concurrently with Mr. Steele to assist the Discovery Referee.

#### **Compensation**

9. Pursuant to the Discovery Referee Order, Ms. Carter's services shall be billed to the Debtor by the Discovery Referee as an expense. *See* Discovery Referee Order ¶¶ 4 5. Her hourly rate shall be \$150 and she shall provide an accounting of her hours to the Discovery Referee (to provide in turn to the Notice Parties).

10. Ms. Carter understands that the fees for her services shall be subject to the reasonableness requirements of section 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code as set forth in the Discovery Referee Order.

#### **Disclosure Concerning Disinterestedness**

11. The Declaration, incorporated herein by reference, discloses Ms. Carter's connections to the Debtor and parties in interest in the above-captioned chapter 11 case and the Adversary Proceedings. In reliance on the Declaration and upon Ms. Carter's reasonable inquiry, and except as set forth therein and in this Application, the Discovery Referee believes that Ms. Carter: (a) has no connection with the Debtor, its affiliates, its creditors, the Bankruptcy Administrator for the Western District of North Carolina (the "<u>Bankruptcy Administrator</u>"), the judges for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of North Carolina, any

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person employed in the office of the Bankruptcy Administrator or any other party with an actual or potential interest in the above-captioned chapter 11 case and the Adversary Proceedings or their respective attorneys or accountants; (b) is not a creditor, equity security holder, or insider of the Debtor; (c) is not, nor has been within two years of the commencement of the chapter 11 case, a director, officer, or employee of the Debtor; and (d) neither holds nor represents an interest materially adverse to the Debtor or its estate.

#### Legal Basis for Relief Requested

12. Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that the Court may "issue any order, process, or judgment that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of [the Bankruptcy Code]." 11 U.S.C. § 105(a). This section thus grants bankruptcy courts broad authority and discretion to enforce the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code either under specific statutes or under equitable common law principles. Relief here is appropriate to implement the terms of the Discovery Referee Order, which states at paragraph 4:

> If the Discovery Referee retains professional staff and/or firm(s) to assist him, (a) such retention shall be subject to court approval under the standards applicable to estate [professionals] under section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, including the disclosures contemplated by Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a); and (b) and the fees of such staff and/or firm(s) shall be subject to the reasonableness requirements of section 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

13. Under section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, a debtor in possession is authorized to employ professional persons "that do not hold or represent an interest adverse to the estate, and that are disinterested persons, to represent or assist the [debtor in possession] in carrying out [its] duties under this title." 11 U.S.C. § 327(a).<sup>2</sup>

Section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code defines the phrase "disinterested person" as: a person that —

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<sup>(</sup>A) is not a creditor, an equity security holder, or an insider;

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14. Consistent with Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a),<sup>3</sup> the above-described facts in this Application and the Declaration set forth: (a) the specific facts showing the necessity for Ms. Carter's employment; (b) the reasons for the Discovery Referee's selection of Ms. Carter; (c) the professional services proposed to be provided by Ms. Carter; (d) the arrangement between the Discovery Referee and Ms. Carter with respect to Ms. Carter's compensation; and (e) to the best of the Discovery Referee's knowledge, the extent of Ms. Carter's connections, if any, to certain parties in interest in these matters. Accordingly, Ms. Carter's retention by the Discovery Referee should be approved.

15. Each of the Parties has indicated that it has no objection to the relief requested herein.

#### <u>Notice</u>

16. Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(f), the Discovery Referee seeks

approval of this Application on an *ex parte* basis. Nevertheless, the Discovery Referee has caused a copy of this Application to be served on: (a) the Bankruptcy Administrator; (b) counsel to the

11 U.S.C. § 101(14).

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Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014(a).

<sup>(</sup>B) is not and was not, within 2 years before the date of the filing of the petition, a director, officer, or employee of the debtor; and

<sup>(</sup>C) does not have an interest materially adverse to the interest of the estate or of any class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with, or interest in, the debtor, or for any other reason.

Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a) provides that an application seeking the employment of professional persons pursuant to section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code:

shall state the specific facts showing the necessity for the employment, the name of the person to be employed, the reasons for the selection, the professional services to be rendered, any proposed arrangement for compensation, and, to the best of the applicant's knowledge, all of the person's connections with the debtor, creditors, any other party in interest, their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States trustee, or any person employed in the office of the United States trustee. The application shall be accompanied by a verified statement of the person to be employed setting forth the person's connections with the debtor, creditors, any other party in interest, their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States trustee attorneys and accountants, the United States trustee.

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Official Committee of Personal Injury Claimants of DBMP LLC; (c) counsel to the Future Claimants' Representative; and (d) counsel to the Defendants. The Discovery Referee submits that, in light of the *ex parte* nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be provided.

#### <u>No Prior Request</u>

17. No prior request for the relief sought in this Application has been made to this or any other Court in connection with this case.

WHEREFORE, the Discovery Referee respectfully requests that the Court: (a) enter an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, granting the relief requested herein; and (b) grant such other and further relief to the Discovery Referee as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: August 23, 2023 Shelby, North Carolina Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ FD Bridges

Forrest D. Bridges Suite 200, Mason Square 201 South Washington Street Shelby, North Carolina 28150 Case 22-03000 Doc 182 Filed 08/23/23 Entered 08/23/23 21:12:03 Desc Main Document Page 9 of 29

# EXHIBIT A

Proposed Order

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## ORDER AUTHORIZING DISCOVERY REFEREE TO RETAIN AND EMPLOY AMANDA MELTON CARTER AS RESEARCH ASSISTANT

This matter coming before the Court on the <u>Ex Parte</u> Application of the Discovery Referee for an Order Authorizing Him to Retain and Employ Amanda Melton Carter as Research Assistant (the "<u>Application</u>"),<sup>1</sup> filed by the Discovery Referee; the Court having reviewed the Application and the Declaration; the Court finding that (a) the Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, (b) venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409, (c) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(d)(2), (d) notice of the Application was sufficient under the circumstances, (e) Ms. Carter does not hold or represent any interest materially adverse to the Debtor's estate and is a "disinterested person," as defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code and as required by the terms of the Discovery Referee Order incorporating the standards of section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (f) the Application and all related exhibits fully comply with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local Bankruptcy Rules; and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application and the Declaration establish just case for the relief granted herein;

#### **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Application is GRANTED;

2. The Discovery Referee is authorized to retain and employ Amanda Melton Carter as his research assistant in connection with the matters set forth in the Discovery Referee Order.

3. Ms. Carter is authorized to render the professional services to the Discovery Referee, as set forth in the Application and the Declaration.

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4. Ms. Carter shall be compensated for her services as set forth in the Application and the Declaration, and in accordance with applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Bankruptcy Rules, the Discovery Referee Order, and any other applicable orders or procedures of this Court. Consistent with the Discovery Referee Order, the Discovery Referee may seek compensation for Ms. Carter's services by the presentment of an invoice, with reasonable supporting detail, to the Notice Parties.

5. This Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

6. Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(f), any party shall be entitled to a hearing or request that the Court reconsider the entry of this Order by filing a motion for reconsideration within 14 days of service of this Order.

7. The Discovery Referee is authorized and empowered to take all actions necessary to implement the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Application.

8. This Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction over any and all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Order.

This Order has been signed electronically. The Judge's signature and Court's seal appear at the top of the Order. United States Bankruptcy Court

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## EXHIBIT B

Declaration of Disinterestedness Amanda Melton Carter

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Defendants.

#### **DECLARATION OF DISINTERESTEDNESS OF AMANDA MELTON CARTER**

Amanda Melton Carter, pursuant to the Order Appointing Discovery Referee and Establishing Protocol for Resolution of Crime-Fraud/Waiver Motion [Dkt. 2290; Adv. Pro. No. 21-3023, Dkt. 200; Adv. Pro. No. 22-3000, Dkt. 171; Adv. Pro. No. 22-3001, Dkt. 145] (the "Discovery Referee Order"),<sup>2</sup> declares as follows:

1. My name is Amanda Melton Carter, and I have been retained by the

Discovery Referee as an additional research assistant pursuant to the Discovery Referee Order.

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See Discovery Referee Order ¶4. My address is 200 Mason Square, 201 South Washington Street, Shelby, North Carolina 28150. I am a lawyer and a member in good standing of the Bar for the State of North Carolina. I have been licensed to practice law in North Carolina since 2006. I have practiced transactional law in private firms and have served in legal education as a professor since 2010. My course topics include legal research and writing, and I currently serve as an adjunct for the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

2. I make this Declaration in support of the <u>Ex Parte</u> Application of the Discovery Referee for an Order Authorizing Him to Retain and Employ Amanda Melton Carter as Research Assistant.

3. My services as an additional research assistant to the Discovery Referee will include providing analysis and review of documents subject to claims of privilege, as well as applicable case law, and such other services consistent with the Discovery Referee Order that may be requested by the Discovery Referee. Pursuant to the Discovery Referee Order, my services will be billed to the Debtor by the Discovery Referee as an expense. *See id.* at ¶¶ 4-5. My hourly rate will be \$150, and I will provide an accounting of my hours to the Discovery Referee (to provide in turn to the Notice Parties). Due to the extent of the ongoing *in camera* review of voluminous documents and related activities, I will work concurrently with Mr. Adam Steele who was previously retained by the Discovery Referee as a research assistant.

4. On June 12, 2023, I was provided two lists of potentially interested parties (the "<u>Interested Parties</u>") in the above-captioned chapter 11 case, the Adversary Proceedings, and other related matters in United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware that were previously provided to the Discovery Referee on January 13, 2023 by the Parties. These lists of the Interested Parties are attached hereto collectively as <u>Annex 1</u>. I also have reviewed various

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documents from these matters regarding the procedural context. To the extent that information was available, I undertook a detailed, good faith search to determine and to disclose, as set forth herein, whether I have any connections with any of the Interested Parties, including by reviewing my personal financial holdings, my employment history, and my history of representations.

5. I have no connections with any of the Interested Parties that would pose any actual conflict of interest. Further, I (a) have no connection with the Debtor, its affiliates, its creditors, the Bankruptcy Administrator for the Western District of North Carolina (the "<u>Bankruptcy Administrator</u>"), the judges for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of North Carolina, any person employed in the office of the Bankruptcy Administrator or any other party with an actual or potential interest in the above-captioned chapter 11 case and the Adversary Proceedings or their respective attorneys or accountants; (b) am not a creditor, equity security holder, or insider of the Debtor; (c) am not, nor have been within two years of the commencement of the chapter 11 case, a director, officer, or employee of the Debtor; and (d) neither hold nor represent an interest materially adverse to the Debtor or its estate.

6. Accordingly, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, I am a "disinterested person" as such term is defined by section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: August 23 2023 Harrisburg, North Carolina <u>/s/ Amanda Melton Carter</u> Amanda Melton Carter Suite 200, Mason Square 201 South Washington Street Shelby, N.C. 28150 Case 22-03000 Doc 182 Filed 08/23/23 Entered 08/23/23 21:12:03 Desc Main Document Page 19 of 29

# ANNEX 1

## CUMULATIVE LIST OF INTERESTED PARTIES

#### **Debtor**

DBMP LLC

## **Direct Equity Owner of Debtor**

CertainTeed Holding Corporation

#### **Debtor's Direct Non-Debtor Subsidiary**

Millwork & Panel LLC

#### **Other Non-Debtor Affiliates**

Bayside Port Corporation, Inc. Bird Incorporated Carborundum Ceramic Holdings, Inc. Carborundum Ventures, Inc. CertainTeed Canada, Inc. CertainTeed Ceilings Corporation CertainTeed Gypsum and Ceiling Mfg., Inc. CertainTeed Gypsum Mfg, Inc. CertainTeed Gypsum NC, Inc. CertainTeed Gypsum West Virginia, Inc. CertainTeed Gypsum, Inc. CertainTeed Holding Corporation CertainTeed LLC CertainTeed Gypsum and Ceilings USA, Inc. Compagnie de Saint-Gobain CT Solar Fund I LLC **CTKC** Corporation Fluorocarbon Components, Inc. Grindwell Norton Ltd. GS II, Inc. **HCS** Corporation Level Solar Fund IV LLC MAG-ISOVER K.K. New West Gypsum Recycling, Inc. Norton Foreign Affiliates Holding Corporation OFI GP Inc.

OFI L.P.

Ottawa Fibre GP Inc Ottawa Fibre L.P. P.T. Saint-Gobain Abrasives Indonesia Phoenix Coating Resources, Inc. Redcliff Fibre L.P. Sage Electrochromics, Inc. Saint-Gobain (SEA) PTE, Ltd Saint-Gobain Abrasives, Inc. Saint-Gobain Abrasives. Ltd. Saint-Gobain Abrasivos S.A. de C.V. Saint-Gobain Adfors America, Inc. Saint-Gobain Advanced Ceramics, LLC Saint-Gobain Building Distribution Ltd. Saint-Gobain Canada, Inc. Saint-Gobain Ceramic Materials Pvt. Ltd. Saint-Gobain Ceramics & Plastics, Inc. Saint-Gobain Corporation Saint-Gobain Corporation Foundation Saint-Gobain Delaware Corporation Saint-Gobain Finance Corporation Saint-Gobain Glass Corporation Saint-Gobain HyComp LLC Saint-Gobain India Foundation Saint-Gobain India Pvt. Ltd. Saint-Gobain Insurance Ltd. Saint-Gobain Interior Building Distribution Company Saint-Gobain KK Saint-Gobain Materiaux de Construction S.A.S. Saint-Gobain Merit, S.De R.L. De C.V. Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics (Hangzhou) Co., Ltd. Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Corporation Saint-Gobain Receivables Corporation Saint-Gobain Research India Pvt. Ltd. Saint-Gobain Shared Services Corporation Saint-Gobain Solar Gard Australia Pty. Ltd. Saint-Gobain Solar Gard, LLC

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Saint-Gobain TM KK Sepco Corporation Societe de Participations Financieres et Industrielles The Grid Company GP, Inc. The Grid Company Limited Partnership The Grid Company, LLC Tillsonburg Fibre L.P. Vertec SAS Vetrotech Saint-Gobain North America, Inc. VIB L.P. Western Mining and Minerals, Inc. Zenpure Americas, Inc. Zenpure Corporation Z-Tech, LLC

#### **Managers and Officers of the Debtor**

D. Lawrence Rayburn Donald J. Melroy Joseph N. Bondi Michael T. Starczewski Robert J. Panaro Sean R. Knapp Vincent F. DiNenna, III

## <u>Major Current Business Affiliations of</u> <u>Debtor's Managers</u>

Millwork & Panel LLC Pennsylvania Association of Notaries Royersford Outreach (d/b/a Open Door Ministries) Tampa Chapter of the American Constitution Society Vinyl Siding Institute

#### **Depository and Disbursement Banks**

Bank of America, N.A. J.P. Morgan Chase

## Parties to Material Contracts, Unexpired Leases and License Agreements with the Debtor

CertainTeed LLC CT Corp. PACE Claim Services PrincetonClaims Services Saint-Gobain Corporation Saint-Gobain Shared Services Corporation

# Significant Co-Defendants in Asbestos-Related Litigation

3M Company A.O. Smith Corporation Carborundum Company CBS Corporation Crane Company Foster Wheeler Energy Corporation General Electric Company Honeywell International Inc. Industrial Holdings Inc. Industrial Holdings Inc. Ingersoll Rand Company JM Manufacturing Company Inc. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company Union Carbide Corporation Westinghouse Electric Corporation

## <u>Debtor's Retained Professionals and</u> <u>Claims Agent</u>

Bates White LLC Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC Jones Day Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, P.A. Schiff Hardin LLP

## Debtor's Significant Ordinary Course Professionals, Consultants and Service Providers

Caruso Smith Edell Picini P.C. Cetrulo LLP Darger Errante Yavitz & Blau LLP DeHay & Elliston LLP Dentons LLP Deutsch Kerrigan LLP Foley & Lardner LLP Gordon Thomas Honeywell LLP Harvey Kruse Hawkins & Parnell Heyl Royster Kalinoski & Chaplinsky Maron & Marvel Miles & Stockbridge Paine Tarwater Bickers & Tillman LLP Polsinelli LLP Swartz Campbell LLC Vorys Sater Seymour & Pease LLP Wilbraham Lawler & Buba Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP

## Known Professionals for Certain Non-Debtor Parties in Interest

Goodwin Procter LLP

#### **Major Suppliers of Goods and Services**

CertainTeed LLC Saint-Gobain Corporation Saint-Gobain Shared Services Corporation

## Law Firms with the Most Significant Representation of Asbestos Claimants

Baron & Budd, PC Belluck & Fox, LLP Brookman, Rosenberg, Brown & Sandler Cooney & Conway, LLC Early Lucarelli Sweeney Flint Law Firm George & Farinas, LLP Goldberg, Persky & White, P.C. Goldenberg Heller Antognoli & Rowland, PC The Gori Law Firm James F. Humphreys & Associates L.C. Kazan, Mcclain, Satterley & Greenwood PLC Kelley & Ferraro, LLP Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos, PC

Maune Raichle Hartley French & Mudd, LLC Motley Rice, LLC O'Brien Law Firm, PC Richardson, Patrick, Westbrook & Brickman, LLC Shrader & Associates, L.P. Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC SWMW Law, LLC The Ferraro Law Firm The Law Offices of Peter T. Nicholl Weitz & Luxenberg, PC Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer

## <u>Ad Hoc Committee of Asbestos Personal</u> <u>Injury Claimants</u>

Cooney & Conway, LLC George & Farinas, LLP Goldberg, Persky & White, P.C. The Gori Law Firm Kazan, McClain, Satterley & Greenwood Kelley & Ferraro, LLP Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos, PC Motley Rice, LLC O'Brien Law Firm, PC Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC Weitz & Luxenberg, PC

## **Major Sureties**

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America

## <u>Employees of the Bankruptcy</u> <u>Administrator's Office for the Western</u> <u>District of North Carolina</u>

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**Bankruptcy Judges for the Western** 

District of North Carolina Judge George Hodges (Charlotte) Judge J. Craig Whitley (Charlotte) Judge Laura T. Beyer (Charlotte)

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#### **DBMP LLC**

#### New Parties in Interest as of September 14, 2020

## <u>Debtor's Retained Professionals and</u> <u>Claims Agent</u>

Berkeley Research Group LLC

#### <u>Committee of Asbestos Personal</u> <u>Injury Claimants</u>

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#### <u>Professionals to the Committee of</u> <u>Asbestos Personal Injury Claimants</u>

Caplin & Drysdale, Chartered FTI Consulting, Inc. Hamilton Stephens Steels + Martin PLLC Legal Analysis Systems, Inc. Robinson & Cole LLP Winstron & Strawn LLP

## **Future Claimants' Representative**

Sander L. Esserman

## <u>Professionals to the Future Claimants'</u> <u>Representative</u>

Ankura Consulting Group LLC FTI Consulting, Inc. Hull & Chandler, P.A. Stutzman, Bromberg, Esserman & Plifka Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor LLP

# Significant Co-Defendants in Asbestos-Related Litigation

Aldrich Pump LLC Murray Boiler LLC

#### **Bankruptcy Rule 2002 Appearances**

Bergman Draper Oslund Udo Cheryl L. Bergrud, Individually and as Personal Representative for the Estate of Peter L. Bergrud Bestwall LLC Brickman, LLC Dean Omar Branham + Shirley, LLP Delaware Claims Processing Facility Essex Richards, P.A. Estate of Ignacio Galaviz Honeywell International, Inc. Manville Personal Injury Settlement Trust Maune Raichle Hartley French & Mudd LLC Ron Maxum Brenda Reimel Richardson, Patrick, Westbrook & Brickman, LLC Bryan K. Swiger, Administrator of the Estate of Lyle E. Swiger The Jaques Admiralty Law Firm, P.C Wallace and Graham, P.A.

## New Parties in Interest as of July 26, 2021

#### **Debtor's Retained Professionals**

Donlin, Recano and Company, Inc.

## <u>Debtor's Significant Ordinary Course</u> <u>Professionals, Consultants and Service</u> <u>Providers</u>

Hunter & Cole Kean Miller LLP

## <u>Professionals to the Future Claimants'</u> <u>Representative</u>

Alexander Ricks PLLC

#### **Other Interested Parties**

United States

#### **Bankruptcy Rule 2002 Appearances**

Bailey Cowan Heckaman PLLC Bevan and Associates LPA, Inc. Brayton Purcell LLP Flint Law Firm, LLC Francisco Galaviz Keller, Fishback and Jackson LLP Motley Rice LLC Nass Cancelliere Nemeroff Law Firm, PC Rebecca S. Vinocur, P.A Reynolds Frizzell LLP Simmons Hanly Conroy The Lanier Law Firm Thornton Law Firm, LLP Wallace & Graham, P.A. Waters & Kraus, LLP

## New Parties in Interest as of April 11, 2022

## <u>Debtor's Significant Ordinary Course</u> <u>Professionals, Consultants and Service</u> <u>Providers</u>

Husch Blackwell LLP Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.

#### Asbestos-Related Trusts

Armstrong World Industries Asbestos Personal Injury Settlement Trust; Babcock & Wilcox Company Asbestos Personal Injury Settlement Trust Celotex Asbestos Settlement Trust DII Industries, LLC Asbestos PI Trust Federal Mogul U.S. Asbestos Personal Injury Trust Flintkote Asbestos Trust Owens Corning Fibreboard Asbestos Personal Injury Trust Pittsburgh Corning Corporation Asbestos PI Trust United States Gypsum Asbestos Personal Injury Settlement Trust WRG Asbestos PI Trust

#### **Bankruptcy Rule 2002 Appearances**

Coalition for Litigation Justice, Inc. Joseph W. Grier, III

#### **Defendants in Adversary Proceedings**

Antoine Vignial Benoit Bazin Carol Gray Daniel Biarneix Eric Placidet Guillaume Texier Hubert Reichardt John Sweeney Keith Campbell Mark Rayfield Pierre-André de Chalendar Sreedhar Natarajan Thomas Kinisky

#### New Parties in Interest as of January 10, 2023

## <u>Debtor's Significant Ordinary Course</u> <u>Professionals, Consultants and Service</u> <u>Providers</u>

Cordes Law, PLLC Germer PLLC Haynsworth Sinkler Boyd, P.A. Paine Tarwater Bickers, LLP

#### **Counsel to Manville Trust and Delaware Matching Claimants**

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Williams Hart Boundas Easterby, LLP Worthington & Caron, PC

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#### **Bankruptcy Judges for the District of Delaware and Employees of the Office of the United States Trustee**

Ashely M. Chan Benjamin Hackman Brendan L. Shannon Christine Green Craig T. Goldblatt Denis Cooke Diane Giordano Dion Wynn Edith A. Serrano Hannah M. McCollum Holly Dice J. Kate Stickles James R. O'Malley Jane Leamy John T. Dorsey Joseph Cudia Joseph McMahon Juliet Sarkessian Karen B. Owens Lauren Attix Laurie Selber Silverstein Linda Casey Linda Richenderfer Mary F. Walrath Michael Panacio

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## **Counsel to Defendants in Adversary Proceedings**

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