

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:)	
)	Chapter 11
)	
ASCEND PERFORMANCE MATERIALS)	Case No. 25-90127 (CML)
HOLDINGS INC., <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	
)	
Debtors.)	(Joint Administration Requested)
)	

**NOTICE OF TELEPHONIC AND VIDEO CONFERENCE
HEARING ON EMERGENCY FIRST DAY MOTIONS**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the below matters are set for emergency virtual hearing on **April 22, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. (prevailing Central Time)** before the Honorable Judge Christopher M. Lopez, United States Bankruptcy Judge, Courtroom 401, 4th Floor, 515 Rusk Street, Houston, Texas 77002 (the “Hearing”).

In Accordance with Sections A and I of the *Procedures for Complex Cases in the Southern District of Texas* (the “Complex Case Procedures”), the Hearing shall be held ***virtually only***. The Court will use both audio and video communication. If you want to see the documents as presented to the Court and hear the proceeding you should be (i) dialed in through the audio system and (ii) logged into the Court’s video GoTo platform.

Audio Participation

Audio communication will be by use of the Court’s regular dial-in number. The dial-in number is 832-917-1510. You will be responsible for your own long-distance charges.

¹ A complete list of each of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained on the website of the Debtors’ proposed claims and noticing agent at <https://dm.epiq11.com/Ascend>. The location of Debtor Ascend Performance Materials Holdings Inc.’s principal place of business is 1010 Travis St., Suite 900, Houston, Texas 77002.

Judge Lopez's conference room number is **590153**. Parties are encouraged to review the Court's procedures for telephonic appearances located at: <https://www.txs.uscourts.gov/page/united-states-bankruptcy-judge-christopher-m-lopez>. Each person who speaks at the electronic hearing should be prepared to restate that person's name each time the person speaks in order to assist any transcriber of the audio recording.

Video Participation

Any evidence and demonstrative exhibits will be offered by the Debtors from a remote location. Parties may participate in electronic hearings by use of an internet connection. The internet site is www.gotomeeting.com. A GoTo app is available for download to computers. It is recommended that you download the free GoTo app on each device that will be used to connect to a hearing. Connecting via web browser only may limit the availability of some GoTo features. Persons connecting by mobile device will need to download the free GoTo app.

Once connected to GoTo, a participant should enter the meeting code "JudgeLopez". A participant can also connect using the link on Judge Lopez's homepage on the Southern District of Texas website. Once connected to GoTo, click the settings icon in the upper right corner and enter your name under the person information setting.

Any witness presented by the Debtors will appear via audio and video connection. Any person wishing to cross examine the witness will be permitted to do so during the Hearing. All documents filed in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained by visiting the Court's website at <https://ecf.txs.uscourts.gov> in accordance with the procedures and fees set forth therein or on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent, Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC at <https://dm.epiq11.com/Ascend>.

A. Motions

1. **Joint Administration Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Directing Joint Administration of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 3].
2. **Complex Case Notice.** Notice of Designation as Complex Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case [Docket No. 2].
3. **DIP Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Obtain Postpetition Financing, (II) Granting Liens and Providing Claims with Superpriority Administrative Expense Status, (III) Authorizing the Use of Cash Collateral, (IV) Modifying the Automatic Stay, (V) Scheduling a Final Hearing, and (VI) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 36].
4. **Wages Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Pay Prepetition Wages, Salaries, Other Compensation, and Reimbursable Expenses and (B) Continue Employee Benefits Programs and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 11].
5. **Customer Programs Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Maintain and Administer Their Customer and Partner Programs and (B) Honor Certain Prepetition Business Practices Related Thereto and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 6].
6. **Insurance and Surety Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Maintain Insurance and Surety Coverage Entered into Prepetition and Satisfy Prepetition Obligations Related Thereto, (B) Honor and Renew the Premium Financing Agreements Entered into Prepetition, (C) Continue to Pay Certain Brokerage Fees, (D) Renew, Amend, Supplement, Extend, Purchase, and Enter into New Insurance Policies and Surety Bonds, and (E) Maintain the Surety Bond Program, and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 9].
7. **Claims Agent Retention Application.** Debtors' Emergency Ex Parte Application for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Employment and Retention of Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC as Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent [Docket No. 4].
8. **Critical Vendors Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Pay Certain Prepetition Claims of (A) 503(b)(9) Claimants, (B) Lien Claimants, (C) Critical Vendors, and (D) Foreign Claimants; (II) Confirming Administrative Expense Priority of Outstanding Orders; and (III) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 12].

9. **Cash Management Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Continue Using the Cash Management System, (B) Maintain Existing Bank Accounts, Business Forms, and Books and Records, and (C) Continue Intercompany Transactions, (II) Granting Administrative Expense Status to Postpetition Intercompany Transactions, and (III) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 23].
10. **Hedging Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) Continue to Perform Under Existing Derivatives Contracts, (B) Enter into New Derivates Contracts, (C) Grant Superpriority Claims, Provide Other Credit Support, and Honor Obligations Under Derivates Contracts, (II) Modifying the Automatic Stay, and (III) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 7].
11. **NOL Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Approving Notification and Hearing Procedures for Certain Transfers of and Declarations of Worthlessness with Respect to Common Stock and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 10].
12. **Creditor Matrix Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Debtors to (A) File a Consolidated Creditor Matrix and (B) Redact Certain Personally Identifiable Information of Natural Persons, (II) Approving the Form and Manner of Notifying Creditors of the Commencement of the Chapter 11 Cases and Other Information, and (III) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 5].
13. **SOFAs-Schedules Extension Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Extending Time to File (A) Schedules and Statements and (B) Rule 2015.3 Financial Reports, (II) Modifying the Requirements of Bankruptcy Local Rule 2015-3, and (III) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 8].
14. **Taxes Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing the Payment of Certain Taxes and Fees and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 13].
15. **Receivables Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Continuation of Certain Receivables Arrangements and (II) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 19].
16. **Motion to Seal.** Debtors' Emergency Motion Seeking Entry of an Order Authorizing the Debtors to File the Confidential Receivables Agreement Under Seal [Docket No. 21].
17. **Utilities Motion.** Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Approving the Debtors' Proposed Adequate Assurance of Payment for Future Utility Services, (II) Prohibiting Utility Providers from Altering, Refusing, or Discontinuing Services, (III) Approving the Debtors' Proposed Procedures for Resolving Adequate Assurance Requests, and (IV) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 14].

B. General Related Documents

1. ***First Day Declaration.*** Declaration of Robert Del Genio, Chief Restructuring Officer of Each of the Debtors, in Support of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions [Docket No. 24].
2. ***DIP Declaration (PJT).*** Declaration of Matthew O'Connell in Support of the Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Obtain Postpetition Financing, (II) Granting Liens and Providing Claims with Superpriority Administrative Expense Status, (III) Authorizing the Use of Cash Collateral, (IV) Modifying the Automatic Stay, (V) Scheduling a Final Hearing, and (VI) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 38].
3. ***DIP Declaration.*** Declaration of Robert Del Genio in Support of the Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing the Debtors to Obtain Postpetition Financing, (II) Granting Liens and Providing Claims with Superpriority Administrative Expense Status, (III) Authorizing the Use of Cash Collateral, (IV) Modifying the Automatic Stay, (V) Scheduling a Final Hearing, and (VI) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 37].
4. ***Claims Agent Declaration.*** Declaration of Alex Warso in Support of Debtors' Emergency Ex Parte Application for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Employment and Retention of Epiq Corporate Restructuring, LLC as Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent [Docket No. 4-2].
5. ***Witness and Exhibit List.*** Debtors' Witness and Exhibit List for Hearing Scheduled for April 22, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. (Prevailing Central Time) [Docket No. 57].

Houston, Texas
Dated: April 22, 2025

/s/ Jason G. Cohen

BRACEWELL LLP

Jason G. Cohen (TX Bar No. 24050435)
Jonathan L. Lozano (TX Bar No. 24121570)
711 Louisiana Street, Suite 2300
Houston, Texas 77002
Telephone: (713) 223-2300
Facsimile: (800) 404-3970
Email: jason.cohen@bracewell.com
jonathan.lozano@bracewell.com

KIRKLAND & ELLIS LLP

KIRKLAND & ELLIS INTERNATIONAL LLP

Christopher Marcus, P.C. (*pro hac vice* pending)
Derek I. Hunter (*pro hac vice* pending)
601 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York 10022
Telephone: (212) 446-4800
Facsimile: (212) 446-4900
Email: cmarcus@kirkland.com
derek.hunter@kirkland.com

*Proposed Co-Counsel for the Debtors
and Debtors in Possession*

*Proposed Co-Counsel for the Debtors
and Debtors in Possession*

Certificate of Service

I certify that on April 22, 2025, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

/s/ Jason G. Cohen

Jason G. Cohen