

**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.)	(Jointly Administered)
)	

**DECLARATION OF DISINTERESTEDNESS OF SAITAS AND SEALES INC.
PURSUANT TO THE ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION
AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN PROFESSIONALS UTILIZED IN
THE ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

I, Jeffrey A Saitas, make this declaration (this “Declaration”) under penalty of perjury:

1. I am President of Saitas and Seales Inc. located at 6100 Carry Back Lane, Austin, Texas 78746 (the “Company”).

1. Ascend Performance Materials Holdings Inc. and certain of its affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), have requested that the Company provide environmental consulting services to the Debtors, namely Ascend Performance Materials Texas Inc., and the Company has consented to provide such services.

2. The Company may have performed services in the past, may currently perform services and may perform services in the future, in matters unrelated to these chapter 11 cases, for persons that are parties in interest in the Debtors’ chapter 11 cases. The Company does not perform services for any such person in connection with these chapter 11 cases or have any relationship

¹ A complete list of each of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained on the website of the Debtors’ 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.

with any such person, their attorneys, or accountants that would be adverse to the Debtors or their estates with respect to the matter on which the Company is proposed to be employed.

3. As part of its customary practice, the Company is retained in cases, proceedings, and transactions involving many different parties, some of whom may represent or be employed by the Debtors, claimants, and parties in interest in these chapter 11 cases.

4. Neither I nor any principal, partner, director, officer of, or professional employed by, the Company has agreed to share or will share any portion of the compensation to be received from the Debtors with any other person other than the principal and regular employees of the Company.

5. Neither I nor any principal, partner, director, officer of, or professional employed by, the Company, insofar as I have been able to ascertain, holds or represents any interest adverse to the Debtors or their estates with respect to the matter(s) upon which this Company is to be employed.

6. The Debtors owe the Company \$0.00 for prepetition services, the payment of which is subject to limitations contained in the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532.

7. I understand that the amount owed by any of the Debtors to the Company for prepetition services will be treated as a general unsecured claim, and, as such, the Company may file a proof of claim.

8. I further understand that this Declaration will not suffice as the Company's proof of claim.

9. As of April 21, 2025, which was the date on which the Debtors commenced these chapter 11 cases, the Company was not party to an agreement for indemnification with certain of the Debtors.

10. The Company is conducting further inquiries regarding its retention by any creditors of the Debtors, and upon conclusion of that inquiry, or at any time during the period of its employment, if the Company should discover any facts bearing on the matters described herein, the Company will supplement the information contained in this Declaration.

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

Date: June 2, 2025

/s/ Jeffrey Anthony Saitas

Jeffrey Anthony Saitas