#### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

Chapter 11

AgFeed USA, LLC, et al.,<sup>1</sup>

Case No. 13-11761 (BLS)

Debtors.

Jointly Administered

## NOTICE OF BAR DATES FOR FILING OF PROOFS OF CLAIM

# TO ALL CREDITORS AND INTEREST HOLDERS WITH CLAIMS AGAINST THE ENTITIES LISTED BELOW:

On July 15, 2013 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), AgFeed USA, LLC ("<u>AgFeed USA</u>") and its above-captioned affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") filed voluntary petitions for relief (the "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>") under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532 (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"). The Debtors, their addresses, case numbers, and EIN, and other names used by the Debtors within the last eight years are as follows:

DEBTORS	ADDRESS	OTHER NAMES (Used by the Debtors in the last 8 years)	CASE NO.	EIN NO.
AgFeed USA, LLC	510 South 17th Street Suite 104 Ames, Iowa 50010	M2 P2, LLC	13-11761	xx-xxx-8748
AgFeed Industries, Inc.	100 Bluegrass Commons Blvd Suite 310 Hendersonville, Tennessee 37075		13-11762	xx-xxx-7168
Genetics Land, LLC	510 South 17th Street Suite 104 Ames, Iowa 50010	First BTS, LLC	13-11776	xx-xxx-1921
Genetics Operating, LLC	510 South 17th Street Suite 104 Ames, Iowa 50010	BMI Group, LLC	13-11769	xx-xxx-1921
Heritage Farms, LLC	510 South 17th Street Suite 104 Ames, Iowa 50010	SBT Production, LLC	13-11767	xx-xxx-8141
Heritage Land, LLC	510 South 17th Street Suite 104 Ames, Iowa 50010	SBT Land, LLC	13-11768	xx-xxx-8129
M2P2 AF JV, LLC	510 South 17th Street Suite 104 Ames, Iowa 50010		13-11774	xx-xxx-8748
M2P2 Facilities, LLC	510 South 17th Street Suite 104 Ames, Iowa 50010		13-11770	xx-xxx-8748
M2P2 General Operations, LLC	510 South 17th Street Suite 104 Ames, Iowa 50010		13-11772	xx-xxx-8748
MGM, LLC	510 South 17th Street Suite 104 Ames, Iowa 50010		13-11771	xx-xxx-8748

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors and the last four digits of their federal tax identification number are: AgFeed USA, LLC (8748), AgFeed Industries, Inc. (7168); TS Finishing, LLC (8748); New York Finishing, LLC (8748); Pork Technologies, LC (2076); New Colony Farms, LLC (9246); Heritage Farms, LLC (8141); Heritage Land, LLC (8129); Genetics Operating, LLC (1921); M2P2 Facilities, LLC (8748); MGM, LLC (8748); M2P2 General Operations, LLC (8748); New Colony Land Company, LLC(5834); M2P2 AF JV, LLC (8748); Midwest Finishing, LLC (8748); and Genetics Land, LLC (1921). The location of the corporate headquarters for AgFeed Industries, Inc. is 100 Bluegrass Commons Blvd., Suite 310, Hendersonville, Tennessee 37075. The location of the corporate headquarters for the remaining Debtors is 510 South 17th Street, Suite 104, Ames, Iowa 50010.

DEBTORS	ADDRESS	OTHER NAMES (Used by the Debtors in the last 8 years)	CASE NO.	EIN NO.
Midwest Finishing, LLC	510 South 17th Street Suite 104 Ames, Iowa 50010		13-11775	xx-xxx-8748
New Colony Farms, LLC	510 South 17th Street Suite 104 Ames, Iowa 50010		13-11766	xx-xxx-9246
New Colony Land Company, LLC	510 South 17th Street Suite 104 Ames, Iowa 50010		13-11773	xx-xxx-5834
New York Finishing, LLC	510 South 17th Street Suite 104 Ames, Iowa 50010		13-11764	xx-xxx-8748
Pork Technologies, LC	510 South 17th Street Suite 104 Ames, Iowa 50010		13-11765	xx-xxx-2076
TS Finishing, LLC	510 South 17th Street Suite 104 Ames, Iowa 50010		13-11763	xx-xxx-8748

On September 27, 2013, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "<u>Court</u>") entered an order in the Chapter 11 Cases (the "<u>Bar Date Order</u>") establishing certain claims bar dates in the Chapter 11 Cases . By the Bar Date Order, the Court established **November 12, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time)**, as the claims bar date (the "<u>General Bar Date</u>") and **January 13, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time)** as the Governmental Units claims bar date (the "<u>Governmental Bar Date</u>"). Except as described below, the Bar Date Order requires all Entities, other than Governmental Units, that have or assert any Pre-Petition Claims and/or AgFeed USA Post-Petition Claims arising prior to September 12, 2013 (the "<u>Closing Date</u>") against the Debtors (including claims arising under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code) to file proofs of claim (each a "<u>Proof of Claim</u>," or collectively, "<u>Proofs of Claim</u>") with BMC Group, Inc. ("<u>BMC</u>"), the claims, noticing, and balloting agent in these cases, so that their Proofs of Claim are received by BMC **on or before 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time) on the General Bar Date**. In addition, the Bar Date Order requires that all Governmental Units file Proofs of Claim with BMC so that their Proofs of Claim are received by BMC **on or before 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time) on the Governmental Bar Date**.

For your convenience, enclosed with this notice is a proof of claim form (the "<u>Proof of Claim Form</u>") that identifies on its face the amount, nature, and classification of your Claim(s), if any, listed in the Debtors' schedules of assets and liabilities or statements of financial affairs filed in these cases (collectively, the "<u>Schedules</u>").

## **KEY DEFINITIONS**

As used in this notice, the term "Entity" has the meaning given to it in section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code, and includes all persons (individuals, partnerships, and corporations), estates, trusts, and the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware.

As used in this notice, the term "Governmental Unit" has the meaning given to it in section 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code and includes the United States, states, commonwealths, districts, territories, municipalities, foreign states, or departments, agencies, or instrumentalities of the foregoing.

As used in this notice, the term "Claim" shall mean, as to or against the Debtors and in accordance with section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code: (a) any right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, or unsecured or (b) any right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured, or unsecured. Moreover, "Claim," as used herein, shall also refer to any administrative expense claims arising prior to the Closing Date filed pursuant to section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

As used in this notice, the term "Pre-Petition Claim" shall mean any alleged claim against the Debtors arising prior to July 15, 2013, including any alleged administrative priority claim arising under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code for goods provided prior to the Petition Date.

As used in this notice, the term "Post-Petition Claim" shall mean any alleged administrative expense claim accruing against AgFeed USA or any other Debtor (excluding Debtor AgFeed Industries, Inc.) post-petition through and including the Closing Date.

## WHO MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM AND THE APPLICABLE BAR DATES

## The Bar Dates

The Bar Date Order establishes the following bar dates for filing Proofs of Claim in these cases (collectively, the "<u>Bar Dates</u>"):

<u>The General Bar Date</u>. Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, all Entities, other than Governmental Units, holding Claims against any of the Debtors (whether secured, administrative expense, unsecured priority, or unsecured nonpriority) that arose prior to or on July 15, 2013, are required to file Proofs of Claim by the General Bar Date, November 12, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time). Moreover, all Entities, other than Governmental Units, holding Claims against AgFeed USA or any other Debtor (excluding Debtor AgFeed Industries, Inc.) that arose subsequent to July 15, 2013, but prior to the Closing Date are required to file Proofs of Claim pursuant to section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code by the General Bar Date.

<u>The Governmental Bar Date</u>. Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, Governmental Units holding Claims against the Debtors that arose prior to or on July 15, 2013, are required to file Proofs of Claim by the Governmental Bar Date, January 13, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time).

<u>The Rejection Bar Date</u>. Any Entity whose Claims arise out of the Court-approved rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease, in accordance with section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and pursuant to an order entered prior to the confirmation of a chapter 11 plan in the Chapter 11 Cases (a "<u>Rejection Damages Claim</u>"), must file a Proof of Claim on or before the later of: (i) the General Bar Date, (ii) 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time) on the date that is thirty (30) days after entry of an order approving the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease pursuant to which the Entity asserting the Rejection Damages Claim is a party, or (iii) such other date as the Court may fix. The later of these dates is referred to in this notice as the "Rejection Bar Date."

#### Entities That Must File Proofs of Claims by the General Bar Date

Subject to terms described above for holders of Claims subject to the Rejection Bar Date, the following Entities must file Proofs of Claim on or before the General Bar Date:

- (a) any Entity whose Pre-Petition Claim against the Debtors is not listed in the Debtors' Schedules or whose Pre-Petition Claim is listed in the Schedules but is listed as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated and that desires to participate in these Chapter 11 Cases or share in any distribution in these Chapter 11 Cases;
- (b) any Entity that believes that its Pre-Petition Claim is improperly classified in the Schedules or is listed in an incorrect amount and that desires to have its Claim allowed in a classification or amount other than that identified in the Schedules;
- (c) any Entity, other than a Governmental Unit, that asserts an administrative expense claim against the Debtors (excluding Debtor AgFeed Indstries, Inc.) pursuant to section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code for goods or services provided after the Petition Date but prior to the Closing Date; and
- (d) any Entity that believes it has a Pre-Petition Claim arising under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code for goods provided prior to the Petition Date.

#### Entities Not Required to File Proofs of Claim by the General Bar Date

The Bar Date Order further provides that the following Entities need not file Proofs of Claim by the General Bar Date:

- (a) any Entity that has already properly filed a Proof of Claim against one or more of the Debtors with either BMC or the Clerk of the Court for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware;
- (b) any Entity (i) whose Claim is listed in the Schedules or any amendments thereto; (ii) whose Claim is not described therein as "disputed," "contingent," or "unliquidated;" <u>and</u> (iii) who does not dispute the amount or classification of its Claim as set forth in the Schedules;

- (c) professionals retained by the Debtors, the official committee of unsecured creditors, or the official committee of equity security holders pursuant to orders of this Court, including BMC, who assert administrative Claims for payment of fees and expenses subject to the Court's approval pursuant to sections 330, 331(a), and 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code;
- (d) current officers and directors of the Debtors who assert Claims for indemnification and/or contribution arising as a result of such officers' or directors' pre-petition or post-petition services to the Debtors;
- (e) any Debtor asserting a Claim against another Debtor;
- (f) any Entity whose Claim against the Debtors has been allowed by an order of the Court entered on or before the applicable Bar Date;
- (g) any Entity whose Claim has been paid by the Debtors;
- (h) any Entity holding a Claim payable to the Court or the United States Trustee Program pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1930;
- (i) any direct or indirect non-debtor subsidiary or affiliate of the Debtors;
- (j) any Entity that holds an interest in the Debtors, whose interest is based exclusively upon the ownership of common or preferred stock, membership interests, partnership interests, or warrants or rights to purchase, sell or subscribe to such a security or interest; provided, however, that interest holders that wish to assert Claims (as opposed to ownership interests) against the Debtors that arise out of or relate to the ownership or purchase of an interest, including Claims arising out of or relating to the sale, issuance, or distribution of the interest, must file Proofs of Claim on or before the applicable Bar Date, unless another exception identified herein applies; and
- (k) Farm Credit Services of America, FLCA and Farm Credit Services of America, PCA (collectively, "<u>Farm Credit</u>") as lenders under that certain Credit Agreement of AgFeed USA and the other borrowers party thereto, dated as of June 6, 2006, as amended, supplemented, or otherwise modified (the "<u>Credit Agreement</u>"), but only to the extent that the Claims of Farm Credit arise under the Credit Agreement.

#### <u>Filing Proofs of Claim Against Multiple Debtors; Requirement to Identify Debtor; and Entitlement to</u> <u>Administrative Expense Status</u>

Any Entity asserting Claims against more than one Debtor must file a separate Proof of Claim with respect to each such Debtor. In addition, any Entity filing a Proof of Claim must identify on its Proof of Claim Form the particular Debtor against which its Claim is asserted, and whether all or a portion of such claim is entitled to administrative expense status pursuant to section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

## **CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO FILE PROOF OF CLAIM**

Any Entity that is required to file a Proof of Claim, but fails to do so by the applicable Bar Date described in this notice, absent a subsequent order of the Court, shall not be treated as a creditor with respect to such Claim for the purposes of voting on or distribution under any chapter 11 plan proposed and/or confirmed in these Chapter 11 Cases.

If it is unclear from the Schedules whether your Claim is disputed, contingent, or unliquidated as to amount or your Claim is improperly listed or classified, you must file a Proof of Claim on or before the applicable Bar Date. Any Entity that relies on the information in the Schedules bears responsibility for determining that its Claim is accurately listed therein.

#### **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

The Debtors reserve the right to (a) dispute, or to assert offsets or defenses against, any filed Claim or any Claim listed or reflected in the Schedules as to nature, amount, liability, classification, or otherwise; and (b) subsequently designate any Claim as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated. Nothing contained in this notice shall preclude the Debtors from objecting to any Claim, whether scheduled or filed, on any grounds.

## PROCEDURE FOR FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM

Original Proofs of Claim must be sent by mail, overnight courier, or messenger so as to be received no later than 4:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time) on the applicable Bar Date. If a Proof of Claim is sent by first class

mail, the mailing address is: BMC Group, Inc., Attn: AgFeed USA, LLC Claims Processing, PO Box 3020, Chanhassen, MN 55317-3020. If a Proof of Claim is sent by overnight mail, overnight courier, or hand delivery, the address is: BMC Group, Inc., Attn: AgFeed USA, LLC Claims Processing, 18675 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen, MN 55317. *Any Proof of Claim submitted by facsimile or e-mail will not be accepted and will not be deemed filed until the Proof of Claim is submitted by one of the methods described in the foregoing sentence*. Proofs of Claim will be deemed filed only when actually received by BMC. If you wish to receive acknowledgement of BMC's receipt of your Proof of Claim, you must also submit by the applicable Bar Date and concurrently with submitting your original Proof of Claim, (a) a copy of your original Proof of Claim and (b) a self-addressed, stamped return envelope.

Proofs of Claim must include all documentation required by Bankruptcy Rules 3001(c) and 3001(d), including an original or a copy of any written document that forms the basis of the Claim or, for secured Claims, evidence that the alleged security interest has been perfected. However, upon the advance express written consent of the Debtors, a claimant's Proof of Claim may be filed without the documents required by Bankruptcy Rules 3001(c) and 3001(d); <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that any claimant that receives such a written consent will be required to transmit these documents in support of its Claim to BMC, the Debtors or other parties in interest within ten (10) days after the date of a written request for such documents.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

You may be listed as the holder of a Claim against the Debtors in the Schedules. If you hold or assert a Claim that is not listed in the Schedules, if you disagree with the amount or priority of your Claim as listed in the Schedules, or if your Claim is listed in the Schedules as contingent, unliquidated, or disputed, you **must** file a Proof of Claim. Copies of the Schedules and the Bar Date Order are available for inspection during regular business hours at the office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, 824 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. In addition, copies of the Debtors' Schedules and Bar Date Order may be obtained for free on BMC's website (<u>http://bmcgroup.com/restructuring/geninfo.aspx?ClientID=323</u>); for a fee at the Bankruptcy Court's website (<u>http://www.deb.uscourts.gov/</u>) by following the directions for accessing the ECF system on such website; or for a charge through Delaware Document Retrieval, 2 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

Questions concerning the contents of this notice and requests for Proofs of Claim should be directed to BMC at (888) 909-0100 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (Prevailing Eastern Time), Monday through Friday. Please note that BMC's staff is not permitted to give legal advice. You should consult your own attorney for assistance regarding any other inquiries, such as questions concerning the completion or filing of a Proof of Claim.

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