

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:) Chapter 11
)
DESA Holdings Corporation, *et al.*,¹) Case No. 02-11672 (PJW)
) (Jointly Administered)
Debtors.)

**NOTICE OF DEADLINE FOR THE
FILING OF PROOFS OF CLAIM**

TO: ALL CREDITORS OF THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 8, 2002 (the "Petition Date"), the debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") filed their voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (as amended, the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court"). The Debtors are operating their businesses and managing their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Pursuant to order of the Court, all persons and entities, including, without limitation, individuals, partnerships, corporations, governmental units, estates and trusts (each a "Creditor" and, collectively, the "Creditors"), holding or wishing to assert pre-petition "claims" (as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code) (each a "Claim" and, collectively, the "Claims") arising on and before the Petition Date against the Debtors are required to file an original, signed, completed, written proof of claim form (either the proof of claim form enclosed herewith or a proof of claim form conforming substantially to Official Bankruptcy Form No. 10) on account of each Claim such Creditors hold or wish to assert against the Debtors at or before 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern time, on December 18, 2002 (the "Bar Date").

Proofs of claim are not required to be filed by creditors holding or wishing to assert claims against the Debtors of the types set forth in clauses (a) through (d) below:

- (a) Claims listed in the Debtors' Schedules of Assets and Liabilities filed with the Court, pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 1007, or any amendments thereto (collectively, the "Schedules"), which are not therein listed as "contingent," "unliquidated" or "disputed," and which are not disputed by the creditor holding such claim as to amount or classification;
- (b) Claims on account of which a proof of claim has already been properly filed with the Court;
- (c) Claims previously allowed by order of the Court; and
- (d) Claims that arose after the Petition Date, including claims allowable under 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a)(1) as expenses of administration.

Each proof of claim form must substantially conform to the enclosed proof of claim form or Official Bankruptcy Form No. 10, be duly executed, written in English, and set forth the Debtors' names, chapter 11 case numbers, and all amounts claimed therein in United States dollars. Facsimile proofs of claim will not be accepted.

¹ The Debtors consist of the following two entities: DESA Holdings Corporation and DESA International, Inc.

A proof of claim is enclosed with this notice and may be used to file your Claim.

Each proof of claim form must be (i) filed with the Court prior to the expiration of the Bar Date or (ii) actually received by Bankruptcy Management Corporation, with original signatures and not by facsimile, prior to the expiration of the Bar Date at the following addresses:

If by U.S. Mail:

Bankruptcy Management Corporation
Attn. DESA Claims Agent
P.O. Box 926
El Segundo, CA 90245-0926

If by hand or courier other than U.S. Mail:

Bankruptcy Management Corporation
Attn. DESA Claims Agent
1330 East Franklin Avenue
El Segundo, CA 90245

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT ANY CLAIM OF A CREDITOR FILED AFTER 4:00 P.M., PREVAILING EASTERN TIME, ON THE BAR DATE SHALL BE SUBJECT TO (I) OBJECTION BY THE DEBTORS AND (II) SUBORDINATION PURSUANT TO THE BANKRUPTCY CODE.

The Debtors' Schedules may be examined and inspected by interested parties during regular business hours at the office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, United States Bankruptcy Court, District of Delaware, 824 Market Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. Creditors wishing to rely on the Schedules are responsible for determining whether their claims are accurately listed therein.

THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS NOTICE DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS. YOU SHOULD CONSULT WITH YOUR OWN PROFESSIONALS TO DETERMINE WHETHER YOU HOLD A CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS. YOU SHOULD NOT FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS.

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