

EXHIBIT A

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
WESTERN DIVISION - DAYTON**

In re:) Chapter 11
)
DT INDUSTRIES, INC., et al.¹) Case No. 04-_____
) (Jointly Administered)
Debtors.)
) Honorable _____

**AFFIDAVIT OF PAUL MEADE IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION FOR ORDER
GRANTING THE EMPLOYMENT OF POORMAN-DOUGLAS CORPORATION AS
NOTICE AND CLAIMS AGENT FOR THE DEBTORS**

STATE OF OREGON)
) ss.
COUNTY WASHINGTON)

PAUL MEADE, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I am the Senior Vice President of Poorman-Douglas Corporation, a data processing company specializing in the administration of large bankruptcy cases, with offices located at 10300 Southwest Allen Blvd., Beaverton, Oregon 97005, and I make this affidavit on behalf of Poorman (the "Affidavit"). I submit this Affidavit in support of the Application of the above captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (the "Debtors"), for an order authorizing the employment and retention of Poorman as notice agent and claims agent for the Debtors pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the agreement attached to the application as Exhibit B (the "Poorman Agreement"). Except as otherwise noted, I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.

¹ The other debtors and debtors-in-possession include the following: Vanguard Technical Solutions, Inc., Mid-West Automation Enterprises, Inc., Mid-West Automation Systems, Inc., Assembly Technology and Test, Inc., Detroit Tool and Engineering Company, Advanced Assembly Automation, Inc., Assembly Machines, Inc., Hansford Manufacturing Corporation, DTI Leominster Subsidiary, Inc., DTI Pennsylvania Subsidiary, Inc., DTI Massachusetts Subsidiary, Inc., DTI Lebanon Subsidiary, Inc., and DT Resources, Inc

2. Poorman is one of the country's leading chapter 11 administrators with expertise in noticing, claims processing, claims reconciliation and distribution. Poorman is well qualified to provide the Debtors experienced services as notice agent and claims agent in connection with these chapter 11 cases. Among some of the large chapter 11 cases in which Poorman has acted, or currently is acting, as notice agent to the debtors, are: United Airlines Corporation, Consolidated Freightways, Integrated Health Systems, Allegheny Health, Education and Research Foundation, Bennett Funding Group, and Pittsburgh Canfield Corporation (Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel).

3. The compensation arrangement provided in the Poorman Agreement is consistent with and typical of arrangements entered into by Poorman and other such firms with respect to rendering similar services for clients such as the Debtors.

4. The Debtors will pay Poorman's fees and expenses upon the submission of monthly invoices by Poorman summarizing, in reasonable detail, the services for which compensation is sought.

5. To the best of my knowledge and belief, neither I nor Poorman holds or represents any interest adverse to the Debtors' estates and Poorman will not represent any other entity in connection with these chapter 11 cases.

6. Based on the information available to me, I believe that Poorman is a "disinterested person" within the meaning of section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code and holds no interest adverse to the Debtors and their estates for the matters for which Poorman is to be employed.

7. I am not related or connected to and, to the best of my knowledge, no other professional of Poorman is related or connected to any United States Bankruptcy Judge or

District Judge for the Southern District of Ohio or the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Ohio or to any employee in the offices thereof.

8. To the best of my knowledge and belief, and except as described herein, neither I nor Poorman nor any officer or director of Poorman has any connection or relationship with the Debtors, their creditors, or any other parties-in-interest in these cases (or their attorneys or accountants) that would conflict with the scope of Poorman's retention or would create any interest adverse to the Debtors' estates, the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (if appointed) or any other party-in-interest. Poorman has and will continue to represent clients in matters unrelated to this case and has had and will continue to have relationships in the ordinary course of its business with certain professionals in connection with matters unrelated to this case.

9. There is no agreement or understanding between Poorman and any other person or entity for sharing compensation received or to be received for services rendered by Poorman in connection with these chapter 11 cases.

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

s/ Paul Meade

Affiant

Subscribed and Sworn to before me
this 7th day of May, 2004

s/ Patricia M. Evans

Notary Public
My Commission expires: August 1, 2004