EXHIBIT B

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

	_)	Chapter 11
In re:)	
)	Case No. 03-12676 (MFW)
MET-COIL SYSTEMS CORPORATION,)	
)	
Debtor.)	

[PROPOSED] FINDINGS OF FACT, <u>CONCLUSIONS OF LAW</u> AND ORDER CONFIRMING THE FOURTH AMENDED CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF REORGANIZATION FOR MET-COIL SYSTEMS CORPORATION [DOCKET NO. ——]967]

This matter having come on for a hearing on confirmation, pursuant to Section 1128 of the Bankruptcy Code, of the Fourth Amended Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization proposed by Met-Coil Systems Corporation and Mestek, Inc., as Co-Proponents, dated June 22, 2004 (including all amendments and modifications thereof and exhibits thereto, the "Plan")+¹ (Docket No. _____|Nos. 967 and 980), filed with this Bankruptcy Court by Met-Coil Systems Corporation ("Met-Coil" or the "Debtor") and Mestek, Inc. ("Mestek") (collectively, the "Proponents"); the Court having considered the Declaration Declarations of Tinamarie A. Feil, Vice President and co-founder of The BMC Group, Inc., f/k/a Bankruptcy Management Corporation, regarding, among other things, the solicitation of votes from holders of Claims¹

¹ Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Fourth Amended Glossary of Terms attached as Exhibit 1 to the Plan (the "Glossary"), unless otherwise indicated herein. Any capitalized term used but not defined herein, or in the Glossary, but that is defined in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules. Such meanings shall be equally applicable to both the singular and the plural forms of such terms.

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entitled to vote on the Plan within the time and in the manner required by the Solicitation Procedures Order, as supplemented ("Feil Decl.") {(Docket No. _____| Nos. 1137 and 1148), and the Declarations or Affidavits of Charles F. Kuoni, III, President and Chief Executive Officer of Met-Coil, as supplemented ("Kuoni Decl.") {(Docket No. | Nos. 1122 and 1154), Stephen Shea, Chief Financial Officer of Mestek ("Shea Decl.") [(Docket No. ___]1146], Eric D. Green, the Future Claimants' Representative, as supplemented ("Green Aff.") (Docket No. Nos. 1132 and 1208), Z. Eric Stephens, director of the Southwest Region of CBIZ Valuation Group, Inc. ("CBIZ") (Docket No. ____1124), Jill B. Berkeley, partner in the law firm of Schiff Hardin LLP ("Berkeley Decl.") {(Docket No. ____1123), Robert B. Stobaugh, Charles E. Wilson Professor of Business Administration, Emeritus, at the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration (the "Stobaugh Aff.") [(Docket No. ___], Nos. 1142 and 1147), Paul Shafir, authorized by the OneBeacon Insurance Group to enter a Declaration on its behalf ("Shafir Decl.") {(Docket No. ____1125), James White, authorized by the American International Group to enter a Declaration on its behalf ("White Decl.") (Docket No. 1131), and Constance O'Mara, authorized by Westchester Fire Insurance Company and Pacific Employers Insurance Company to enter a Declaration on their behalf ("O'Mara Decl.") (Docket No. 1143), all of which were filed in support of the Plan; and the other statements, evidence, and argument presented at the hearing held on July 28, 2004; and upon the entire record of the Chapter 11 Case; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor;

IT IS HEREBY FOUND, CONCLUDED AND ORDERED THAT:

shall have the meaning ascribed to such term in the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules. Such meanings shall be equally applicable to both the singular and the plural forms of such terms.

FINDINGS OF FACT² AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW²

These Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are those of the Bankruptcy

Court under Fed. R. Civ. P. 52, as made applicable by Bankruptcy Rules 7052 and 9014.

Because the Plan that relates to these Findings and Conclusions includes an injunction and certain releases relating to the potential liabilities of certain third parties, the Bankruptcy Court's jurisdiction to enter a Final Order with respect to certain Findings and Conclusions may be limited. Where relevant, accordingly, this Confirmation Order contains proposed and recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law for review by the District Court. The proposed and recommended Findings and Conclusions are indicated below.

BACKGROUND

- 1. On August 26, 2003 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtor filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Bankruptcy Court") a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Thereafter, the Debtor continued to operate its business and manage its properties pursuant to sections Sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code as a debtor-in-possession.
- 2. On September 11, 2003, the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, pursuant to section Section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code, appointed the Committee to represent the interests of all unsecured creditors in the Chapter 11 Case.
- 3. Met-Coil, as it currently exists, is a manufacturer of metal forming equipment through its two separate operating divisions: The Lockformer Company

² This Order constitutes the Bankruptcy Court's findings of fact under Fed. R. Civ. P. 52, as made applicable by Bankruptcy Rule 7052 and Bankruptcy Rule 9014. Any finding of fact shall constitute a finding of fact even if it is stated as a conclusion of law, and any conclusion of law shall constitute a conclusion of law even if it is stated as <u>a finding</u> of fact.

("Lockformer") located in Lisle, Illinois, and Iowa Precision Industries ("IPI") located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Through its two divisions, Met-Coil manufactures advanced sheet-metal forming equipment, fabricating equipment, and computer-controlled fabrication systems for HVAC sheet metal contractors, steel service centers, and manufacturers of various metal products in the global market. Met-Coil's two divisions, which are Met-Coil's corporate predecessors, have been in the industry for over sixty years and have strong industry reputations throughout the world. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 5.)

- 4. On June 3, 2000, Met-Coil became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Formtek, Inc. ("Formtek"), which, in turn, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Mestek, Inc. ("Mestek"). (Kuoni Decl. ¶¶ 6-7.)
- 5. Mestek is comprised of two operating segments: A segment that manufactures HVAC equipment, and a "Metal Forming Segment" that manufactures metal forming equipment. Met-Coil is one of the subsidiaries comprising the Metal Forming Segment. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 6.)
- 6. As part of a larger family of Mestek corporate affiliates, the Debtor enjoys a variety of benefits including a high level of specialized industry expertise and an enhanced competitive position through the creation of collaborative joint ventures among Met-Coil and other Formtek subsidiaries within the United States and abroad. The most significant synergy is the existing and potential common customer base. To a large degree, any historical customer of one of the companies is a potential customer for any of the others. In addition, Met-Coil benefits from, among other things, centralized accounting systems, purchasing synergies, shared technologies and engineering skills, and common marketing efforts. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 11.)

TCE-RELATED CLAIMS

- 7. Like many companies in the late 1970s and early 1980s, Lockformer used trichloroethylene ("TCE") as a degreasing agent to clean certain of its manufactured metal products. At Lockformer, TCE was stored in a rooftop tank. Honeywell International Inc. ("Honeywell"), and its corporate predecessors—Baron Blakeslee, Inc. and AlliedSignal, Inc. ("AlliedSignal")—supplied the TCE to Lockformer. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 12.)
- 8. Prior to 1985, TCE was allegedly spilled onto the soil at the Lockformer Site as AlliedSignal's employees transferred TCE from AlliedSignal tanker trucks to the then-existing rooftop storage tank. In response to increased awareness of potential health risks of accidental releases associated with TCE solvents in the 1980s, Lockformer took steps to mitigate the risk of spilling TCE in the transfer from tanker trucks to the rooftop storage tank. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 13.)
- 9. In or about 1991, while conducting excavations to repair a sewer line, Lockformer discovered that a concentration of TCE existed in the soil near the fill pipe for the rooftop storage tank. Lockformer retained an environmental consulting firm to investigate the TCE concentration and recommend a remediation process. Lockformer thereafter began to remediate the Lockformer Site. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 14.)
- 10. After the acquisition of Met-Coil by Formtek in June 2000, it was alleged that TCE had migrated beyond the Lockformer Site to the soil or groundwater in certain nearby neighborhoods. Since that time, Lockformer has been subjected to more than 10 lawsuits, including two class actions, commenced by individuals and governmental agencies relating to the alleged discharge of TCE. The plaintiffs in these lawsuits allege, among other things,

property damage and personal injury claims against Lockformer, Met-Coil, and Honeywell, and, in some cases, assert claims against Mestek, including as the indirect corporate parent of Met-Coil or as the purported operator of the Lockformer Site. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 15.)

11. Met-Coil has faced a substantial financial burden to defend these lawsuits, which have disrupted its business operations. In 2002 alone, Met-Coil recorded expenses of more than \$18 million related to remediation efforts and litigation defense and settlement costs. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 16.)

THE ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

- On January 19, 2001, the AG Plaintiffs filed the AG Action in the DuPage County Court seeking (a) recovery of the State of Illinois' response and investigatory costs; (b) remediation of the Lockformer Site; (c) an order requiring Met-Coil to pay the cost of connecting certain households to municipal water supplies; (d) injunctive relief; and (e) civil penalties. On August 23, 2001, the Village of Lisle intervened in the AG action and filed a complaint seekingto seek reimbursement of costs to connect certain households to municipal water supplies. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 14.)
- On October 4, 2001, the USEPA filed an administrative order under CERCLA that required Lockformer and Met-Coil to conduct remediation at the Lockformer Site. As a result of these actions, both the USEPA and IEPA began overseeing the investigation and remediation at the Lockformer Site. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 18.)

THE PROPERTY DAMAGE ACTIONS

14. In 2000, the LeClercq Class Action was commenced in the Illinois DistrictCourt on behalf of 187 homeowners in neighborhoods around the Lockformer Site. The class

sought damages under both federal environmental statutes for remediation of their property and under Illinois common law for diminution of value of their property and punitive damages. The LeClercq Class Action proceeded to trial in May 2002, and during the trial's pendency, the parties reached a settlement. Without any admission of liability, class members were paid approximately \$10 million to resolve the matter. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 19.)

- 15. In the DeVane action, eleven plaintiffs alleged property damage and nuisance relating to the alleged contamination of their properties and drinking water wells. The action proceeded to trial in June 2003 against Met-Coil and Honeywell (Mestek was dismissed as a defendant), and the jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiffs on July 11, 2003 for \$368,500.00 in compensatory damages against Met-Coil and Honeywell for diminution of value to plaintiffs' properties and \$2,000,000.00 in punitive damages against Met-Coil. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 20.)
- 16. The Mejdrech Litigation mirrors the allegations and claims of the LeClercq Class Action except that they are on behalf of approximately 1,400 homeowners whose properties are located farther from the Lockformer Site. The Mejdrech Class was certified on August 12, 2002, and the trial was scheduled to commence on September 8, 2003. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 21.)

THE PERSONAL INJURY ACTIONS

17. Since 2001, Met-Coil has been named as a defendant in six personal injury actions in which plaintiffs, Anne Schreiber, Daniel Pelzer, Sally Pepping, <u>Deborah Meyer</u>, <u>individually and as executrix of</u> the Estate of Nicholas Meyer, <u>deceased</u>, and as mother and next <u>friend of Derek Meyer</u>, a minor, and Danielle Meyer, a minor, Laura Wroble, Virginia Hallmer and Denise Ehrhart, allege that they were injured from TCE emanating from the Lockformer Site. Specifically, the plaintiffs allege that the exposure to TCE caused their diseases which include non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, kidney disease, cervical cancer, infertility problems, and autoimmune disorders. The Debtor has denied liability. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 22.)

THE HONEYWELL CLAIMS

18. The claims asserted against the Debtor and Mestek also included indemnity claims by Honeywell. The Honeywell Claims relate to the Honeywell Indemnity Agreement—a settlement reached in December 1994 between the DebtorLockformer and AlliedSignal, Honeywell's predecessor, in which Lockformer agreed to indemnify AlliedSignal for losses relating to TCE the alleged TCE contamination at the Lockformer Site in exchange for payments relating to the TCE investigation and remediation costs. Met-Coil has since indemnified Honeywell in excess of \$1.9 million on demands of approximately \$2.6 million for Honeywell's separate liability and defense costs relating to the various TCE-related litigation. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 76-78.)

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business. The legal costs associated with, and resources dedicated to defending, TCE lawsuits alone threatened the Debtor's survival. The Debtor filed its Chapter 11 Case to stem the flood of TCE litigation and to preserve itself as a viable business, buying from its vendors, selling products to its customers, and providing good jobs to its employees. In addition, the Debtor intends to complete the remediation of TCE at the Lockformer Site, connect certain homes to municipal water supplies, and compensate its tort and contract Claimholders, all of which would have been unlikely had the Debtor liquidated instead of filing for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. (Kuoni Decl. ¶¶ 25-77)77.)

THE PROPOSED PLAN

- 20. The Plan provides the means for resolution of the demands of the governmental authorities, the settlement of all pending TCE-related litigation claims, the settlement of Future TCE Demands, and the satisfaction of Claims against the Debtor, all of which will enable the Debtor to emerge from the Chapter 11 Case as a viable business. (Kuoni Decl. ¶¶ 25-27.) The Plan provides for adequate means for its implementation, and therefore satisfies the requirements of Section 1123(a)(5) of the Bankruptey Code.
- 21. The majority of Debtor will fund the funding for distributions under the Plan arises primarily from the proceeds of (a) the Debtor's sale of 100% of the Reorganized Debtor's New Common Stock; (b) assignments of (i) the proceeds of unsettled Claims arising under the Insurance Policies for TCE Claims after the Effective Date and (ii) the Contribution Actions; and (c) anythe settlement of the Recovery Actions and obtaining TCE PI Trust Claims resulting from the issuance of the TCE Channeling Injunction and Releases the approval of the releases of Protected Parties and Recovery Actions (collectively, the "Sale Assets"). (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 30.)
- 22. To ensure that the Debtor is receiving fair and reasonably equivalent value under the Plan, the Debtor filed a Motion for Entry of an Order (A) Approving Procedures for the Consideration of Alternative Plan Proposals and the Selection of a Winning Plan Sponsor and (B) Approving Form and Manner of Notice of Alternative Plan Procedures. The Sale Procedures Order was entered on June 22, 2004. {(Docket No. ——1956)
- 23. Mestek, on behalf of itself and the Mestek Affiliates, made an "opening bid", namely the Restructuring Transaction Consideration, for the Sale Assets. The

Restructuring Transaction Consideration is at least \$54 million and includes, in addition to the proceeds of the settlements with the Post-Petition Settling Insurers (as defined herein) (a) funding of all amounts necessary under the Plan, including the Unsecured Claims Distribution Fund, the TCE PI Trust Claims Distribution Fund, the Mejdrech Settlement Amount, the Schreiber Settlement Amount and, to the extent necessary, any additional amount necessary to adequately capitalize the Reorganized Debtor or otherwise fund the Plan; (b) a guaranty of up to \$3,000,000.00 of the environmental remediation of the Lockformer Site; (c) approximately \$2,000,000.00 to pay to connect several homeowners to municipal water; and (d) the contribution of Mestek's secured Class 3.2 Claims and unsecured Class 4.2 Claims. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 32; Shea Decl. ¶ 18.)

- 24. In accordance with the Sale Procedures Order, the Debtor has engaged in efforts to market the Sale Assets. The Debtor made reasonable efforts to identify potential buyers itself, and received a list of potential buyers from the financial advisor to the Committee. The Debtor also received inquiries from business brokers. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 33.)
- 25. On or about January 5, 2004, the Debtor sent letters to the companies that it had identified as being potential buyers of the New Common Stock of the Reorganized Debtor, among other assets Sale Assets. None of the recipients of the letter expressed any interest in submitting a bid for the Sale Assets. (Kuoni Decl. ¶33.)
- 26. On June 29, 2004, the Debtor served a notice of the sale of the equity of Met-Coilthe Reorganized Debtor on all parties receiving a package of solicitation materials in accordance with the Sale Procedures Order and prospective purchasers identified by the Debtor and the Committee. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 36.)

- Alternative Plan Proposals on or before the Alternative Plan Proposals on or before the Plan Proposal Deadline, namely July 12, 2004. Because no Alternative Plan Proposals, qualified or otherwise, were submitted by the Alternative Plan Proposal Deadline, the Debtor did not conduct the Auction, and the Debtor named Mestek the Winning Plan Sponsor. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 37.) Other than the Plan, no plan has been filed in this Chapter 11 Case.

 Accordingly, the requirements of Section 1129(c) of the Bankruptey Code have been satisfied.
- 28. The Plan satisfies the requirements of a "new value" plan. <u>Under the Plan</u>, Mestek, or its assignee, will acquire under the Plan the equity of the Reorganized Debtor because of its substantial contribution to the Plan, and its Winning Bid. Mestek's bid in the amount of the Restructuring Transaction Consideration to consummate and fund the Plan represents the highest and best offer received in accordance with the Sale Procedures Order. The Debtor's marketing efforts were adequate and appropriate, and the Sale Assets were fairly and fully exposed to the market in order to determine whether anyone was interested in bidding an amount in excess of the Restructuring Transaction Consideration offered by Mestek. No Alternative Plan Proposal was offered or filed. The Restructuring Transaction Consideration therefore equals or exceeds the market value of the Sale Assets. (See Kuoni Decl. ¶ 38.)

VALUE OF THE REORGANIZED MET-COIL NEW COMMON STOCK

29. On November 20, 2003, the Bankruptcy Court authorized the Debtor to employ CBIZ, effective as of October 31, 2003, as the Debtor's valuation consultant. CBIZ is one of the largest and well-regarded full-service valuation firms in the United States, with experience providing valuations of both tangible and intangible assets in a wide range of industries, including Met-Coil's. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 40.)

to arrive at a valuation of 100% of the common equity of the Reorganized Debtor, essentially its enterprise value, as of September 30, 2003. In calculating such valuation, CBIZ assumed that the Reorganized Debtor will have no outstanding liabilities for personal injuries or property damage resulting from the alleged TCE contamination, but would have a continuing obligation to remediate the alleged contamination of the Lockformer Site. Based upon CBIZ's valuation, the fair market value of 100% of the common equity of the Reorganized Debtor as of September 30, 2003, is approximately \$13,900,000.00, excluding the estimated costs of remediation, and \$10,200,000.00 if the estimated costs of remediation remain an obligation of Met-Coil. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 41.) VALUE OF THE INSURANCE

RECOVERIES41; Stephens Decl. ¶ 10.)

<u>VALUE OF THE INSURANCE RECOVERIES</u>

31. Under the Plan, as the Winning Plan Sponsor, Mestek is entitled to an assignment of the proceeds of all TCE <u>related Insurance Policies insurance policies</u> to the extent settlements have not been reached with the insurance companies as of the Effective Date. As of the Confirmation Date, the Debtor has settled its disputes with all such insurance companies and will use the \$16,900,000 in settlement monies as additional monies to fund the Plan. As a result, Mestek will receive no assignments of the policies or proceeds of such Insurance Policies.

Furthermore, Mestek and Formtek have agreed to waive their rights to the proceeds of such insurance settlements provided that the Plan is confirmed. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 42.)

VALUE OF THE CONTRIBUTION ACTIONS

32. Under the Plan, as the Winning Plan Sponsor, Mestek is entitled to an

assignment of the Contribution Actions. In the LeClercq Contribution Action and the Mejdrech Contribution Action, Met-Coil alleges that the Contribution Third-Party Defendants allowed TCE and other hazardous substances to be released, and that those releases contributed to the alleged contamination in the groundwater in the vicinity of the Lockformer Site.

33. Based on the current posture of the Contribution Actions, the significant amount of discovery that has yet to be completed, the uncertainties associated with the litigation process, and the extremely expensive and burdensome nature of litigating the Contribution Actions to judgment, an accurate valuation of the Contribution Actions cannot be made with any reasonable degree of certainty other than to indicate that the value is speculative at best. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 46.)

RELEASE OF RECOVERY ACTIONS

<u>34.</u> Mestek and the Mestek Affiliates will also receive a release under the Plan for Recovery Actions. Recovery Actions include the Alter Ego Claims (claims under alter ego, corporate veil, vicarious liability, unity of interest, de facto merger, substantive consolidation, and similar theories), breach of fiduciary claims, and other causes of action for any debt of MetCoil, or relating to MetCoil.

a consideration of the other Recovery Actions, the Debtor determined that the Recovery Actions have limited value to the Estate. Likewise, after conducting extensive discovery concerning the Recovery Actions, the Committee agreed to support the Plan as proposed. Finally, the Future Claimants' Representative, after analysis of the value and likelihood of success of the Recovery Actions against Mestek, concluded that the holders of Future TCE Demands were best served by resolving such Recovery Actions in exchange for the funding of the TCE PI Trust.

36. While the Estate could prevail on one or more of the Recovery Actions, Mestek has substantial defenses. Therefore, the outcome of such litigation is highly uncertain, such litigation would be very expensive and burdensome to the Debtor, with the total cost of

alter ego claims alone likely to range between \$1,100,000.00 to \$1,500,000.00, and it would take many months to litigate such claims, perhaps as long as two years or more. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 51.)

37. Because the Restructuring Transaction Consideration equals or exceeds the value of all the Sale Assets, including the Recovery Actions, Mestek and the Mestek Affiliates are entitled to a release by all Persons from the Recovery Actions.

THE SETTLEMENTS INCORPORATED INTO THE PLAN -

The Enforcement Actions

- 34. 38. On or about July 21, 2004, the Debtor and Mestek agreed to the entry of a Consent Decree in the AG Action with the Attorney General of Illinois, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the DuPage County State's Attorney, and the Village of Lisle with respect to the remediation of the Lockformer Site, the Hook-Ups, and their respective prepetition Claims and post-petition Claims. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 62.) The DuPage County Court entered the Consent Decree on July 26, 2004.
- 35. 39.-With respect to the pre-petition Claims of the Illinois AG, the Debtor agreed to provide, and the Illinois AG agreed to accept, \$24,953.53, in full and final settlement of its pre-petition claim if the Plan is confirmed and such payment is made a part of the first distribution to holders of Allowed Class 4.3 Claims under the Plan. The pre-petition Claims of the DuPage County State's Attorney and the Village of Lisle will be allowed in the respective amounts of \$28,620.65 and \$146,488.45, and the DuPage County State's Attorney and the Village of Lisle have agreed to waive their respective rights to a distribution if the Plan is confirmed. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 63.)
 - 36. 40. As part of the settlement, the Illinois AG, DuPage County State's

Attorney and the Village of Lisle also shall hold an Allowed Administrative Claim for the reasonable costs they incurred on or after August 26, 2003, in direct relation to their oversight of the remediation of the Lockformer Site, which the Debtor will pay in accordance with the Plan, subject to the Debtor's or the Reorganized Debtor's reasonableness review. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 64.)

37. 41. In addition, the Debtor and Mestek entered into an agreement with the Village of Woodridge regarding certain Hook-Ups to the Village of Woodridge's municipal water supply. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 65.)

38. 42. The negotiations of the settlement agreements were arms' length and conducted in good faith. Given the Debtor's potential liability, the circumstances surrounding the AG Action and the substantial attorneys' fees and expenses incurred and to be incurred in the AG Action, the resolution of the AG Action is <u>reasonable and</u> in the best interests of the Estate and Creditors.

The Mejdrech Class Action

<u>"August 29, 2003 Letter Agreement")</u>, the Debtor, Mestek and counsel for the Mejdrech Class reached a settlement in principle that requires, *inter alia*, Met-Coil and Mestek to pay \$12,500,000.00 to the Mejdrech Class in full and complete satisfaction of all claims, including claims for attorneys' fees and expenses, that the Mejdrech Class has asserted against the Debtor and Mestek, exclusive of the Hook-Ups and the costs of remediation of the Lockformer Site.

The settlement is contingent upon, *inter alia*, confirmation of the Plan. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 67.)

<u>40.</u> 44.

On July 14, 2004, the Debtor, Mestek, Honeywell, and the Mejdrech Class entered into the Settlement Agreement and Limited Release, which was preliminarily approved by the Illinois District Court on July 15, 2004. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 68.)

41. 45. The settlement negotiations were arms' length and conducted in good faith. Based on the circumstances surrounding the Mejdrech Litigation, the Debtor's potential exposure to significant compensatory and punitive damages and the substantial attorneys' fees and expenses incurred and to be incurred, and given that the settlement was negotiated in good faith and at arms length, the settlement of the Mejdrech Litigation is reasonable and in the best interests of the Estate and Creditors.

The Personal Injury Cases

- 42. 46. The Illinois District Court consolidated the personal injury cases involving plaintiffs Pelzer and Pepping, the Meyer family, Wroble, Hallmer, and Ehrhart for purposes of discovery. Although the Debtor and Mestek believe that the plaintiffs in these cases face an uphill battle in establishing that their alleged injuries resulted from TCE exposure emanating from the Lockformer Site, the plaintiffs are seeking large jury awards, including punitive damages. The Debtor and Mestek have entered into settlement agreements with each of these plaintiffs ranging from \$30,000 to \$200,000. Generally, the settlement amounts correspond to the dollar amounts such plaintiffs would be entitled to under the TCE PI Trust. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 70.)
- 43. 47. Discovery in the Schreiber Litigation was set to close on October 1, 2003, with a jury trial scheduled to begin on March 1, 2004. On As set forth in the August 29, 2003, 2003 Letter Agreement, the Debtor, Mestek and counsel for Schreiber reached a settlement

in principle that requires, *inter alia*, Met-Coil and Mestek to pay \$6,000,0006,000,000.00 to Schreiber in full and complete satisfaction of all claims, including claims for attorneys' fees and expenses, that Schreiber has asserted against the Debtor and Mestek. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 71.)

44. 48. The negotiations of the <u>above</u> settlement agreements were arms' length and conducted in good faith. Based on the circumstances surrounding the personal injury litigation, the Debtor's potential exposure to significant compensatory and punitive damages and the substantial attorneys' fees and expenses incurred and to be incurred, the settlement of <u>all of</u> the <u>foregoing</u> personal injury litigation is reasonable and in the best interests of the Estate and Creditors.

The Insurance Settlements

45. 49-Prior to and after the Petition Date, the Debtor, Lockformer, and Mestek were embroiled in litigation with Travelers, insurance companies affiliated with American International Group including New Hampshire Insurance Company, and National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA (collectively, "AIG"), those companies making up OneBeacon Insurance Group, including but not limited to Potomac Insurance Company, now known as Pennsylvania General Insurance Company (collectively, "OneBeacon") and Westchester Fire Insurance Company and Pacific Employers Insurance Company (collectively, "ACE" and together with Travelers, AIG and OneBeacon, the "Post-Petition Settling Insurers") relating to coverage disputes under insurance policies involving the Lockformer Site. Over the course of two and one-half years, the Debtor has incurred over \$1 million in attorneys' fees and costs to defend and prosecute the insurance-related litigation. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 73.)

<u>46.</u> 50.

The Insurance Policies issued by the Post-Petition Settling Insurers provided for \$10,600,000 in primary policy limits, subject to varying retained limits and self-insured retentions, and \$100,000,000 in excess or umbrella policy limits. To date, the Post-Petition Settling Insurers have each asserted that there was no coverage with respect to the Debtor's alleged liability for the TCE Claims, under the primary or umbrella policies, due to including, without limitation, one or more of the following factors: (a) application of a "horizontal allocation" of the estimated potential liability for all underlying actions spread over at least 30 years limited possible insurance recoveries for each particular policy year to less than \$2 million per year (in other words, the Debtor could not obtain more than \$2 million per policy year per policy); (b) certain policies, both primary and umbrella, had absolute pollution exclusions enforceable against all claims, bodily injury and property damage claims or bodily injury or property damage claims; (c) depending upon whether Illinois or Iowa law would apply to enforcement of the pollution exclusion to trespass and nuisance claims, certain policies would exclude all trespass and nuisance claims; (d) no umbrella policies issued by any insurer would apply unless all primary insurance issued by all insurers had been exhausted; (e) the existence of certain policies could not be proven based on a complete lack of documentary or extrinsic evidence; (f) certain policy's per occurrence limits would limit "stacking of per occurrence limits to access the aggregate limits"; and (g) certain defense costs were incurred without consent and for amounts beyond insurers' regularly reimbursed rates. (Berkeley Decl. ¶ 4.)

47. 51. On January 28, 2004, the Debtor filed motions to approve separate settlement agreements with Travelers and AIG [(Docket Nos. —526 and —,529, respectively]).

On July —,14, 2004 and July —,21, 2004, the Debtor also filed motions to approve settlement

agreements with OneBeacon and ACE relating to coverage under their policies {(Docket Nos. —1075 and —,1105, respectively}). The aggregate amount of the settlements with the Post-Petition Settling Insurers is \$16,900,000.00, which the Debtor will use to fund the Plan. Through the settlements with the Post-Petition Settling Insurers, the Debtor will obtain recovery of 100% of available primary coverage and approximately 67% of the outstanding defense costs.

(Berkeley Decl. ¶ 6.)

48. 52. The negotiations of the settlement agreements were arms' length and conducted in good faith. Based on the circumstances surrounding the insurance litigation, the and the substantial attorneys' fees and expenses incurred and to be incurred, the settlements with the Post-Petition Settling Insurers are reasonable and in the best interests of the Estate and Creditors.

The Honeywell Settlement

- 49. 53. In March 1993, Lockformer commenced an action against

 AlliedSignal seeking recovery of investigation and remediation costs related to TCE

 contamination at the Lockformer Site. On or about December 6, 1994, Lockformer, Met-Coil,

 and AlliedSignal, on behalf of itself and its successors such as Honeywell, entered into the

 Honeywell Indemnity Agreement. Lockformer agreed to "defend, hold harmless, and indemnify

 AlliedSignal from all claims, demands, damages, expenses, costs, attorneys' fees, actions and

 liabilities of any kind and nature" including those "brought by any person or entity, private,

 governmental or otherwise" for any "act or omission on the part of AlliedSignal."
- <u>50.</u> 54. Since the Petition Date, Mestek, Formtek and the Debtor have filed an action against Honeywell in the Bankruptcy Court for, among other things, a declaratory

judgment that neither Mestek nor Formtek are liable under the Honeywell Indemnity Agreement. Honeywell filed an action against Mestek and Formtek in the Illinois District Court seeking a declaratory judgment that they are liable under the Honeywell Indemnity Agreement. Upon Mestek's and Formtek's summary judgment motion, the Bankruptcy Court held that neither Mestek nor Formtek is liable under the Honeywell Indemnity agreement Agreement. Honeywell has filed an objection. If Honeywell is successful in its actions against Mestek and Formtek, Mestek likely would not contribute to the Plan. (Shea Decl. ¶ 23.)

- 51. 55. Honeywell, Mestek and the Debtor have reached a settlement agreement, whereby (a) Honeywell shall have an Allowed Claim in the aggregate amount of \$5,600,000.00 and receive a distribution of \$2,500,000.00 on account of such claims; (b) Mestek and Honeywell will enter into a supply agreement for certain products; (c) Honeywell will not object to the Plan; (d) the parties will execute comprehensive mutual releases; and (e) the Honeywell Indemnity Agreement will be deemed null and void.
- 52. 56. During the course of these negotiations, Honeywell and the Future Claimants' Representative, on behalf of the TCE PI Trust, requested releases from each other. In order to accommodate this request, the parties agreed to request that the Confirmation Order contain such a provision.
- 53. 57. The negotiation of the settlement agreement was arms' length and conducted in good faith. Based upon the pending litigation, the potential ongoing exposure under the Honeywell Indemnity Agreement and the substantial attorneys' fees and expenses incurred and to be incurred, the settlement with Honeywell is reasonable and in the best interests of the Estate and Creditors.

The Pre-Petition Settling Insurers

- 54. 58. After the Petition Date, the Debtor also entered into settlement discussions with Wausau, Columbia, Unigard and Hartford (collectively One Beacon, Wausau Underwriters Insurance Co./Employers Insurance Co. of Wausau ("Wausau"), Columbia Casualty Company ("Columbia"), Unigard Insurance Co. ("Unigard") and Hartford Accident and <u>Indemnity Company and Twin City Fire Insurance</u> (as more fully defined in the settlement agreement executed before the Petition Date by and among Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company, Twin City Fire Insurance, the Debtor, Mestek and other Affiliates, "Hartford," collectively with One Beacon, Columbia, Unigard and Wausau, the "Pre-Petition Settling Insurers"). The Debtor, Mestek and other related entities had entered into settlement agreements with these insurance companies prepetition that required the Debtor to indemnify them under certain circumstances. Post-bankruptcy, the Debtor and each of these insurance companies entered into agreements whereby the insurance companies will receive the benefits of the TCE Channeling Injunction in exchange for waivers of any indemnification claims against the Debtor or Mestek, under certain circumstances. These settlements allow the Debtor to avoid ongoing costs under the indemnification agreements and disputing any such indemnification agreements and claims.
- 55. 59. The negotiations of the settlement agreements were arms' length and conducted in good faith. Based upon the potential ongoing exposure under the pre-petition settlement agreements with the <u>Pre-Petition</u> Settling Insurers, such settlements are reasonable and in the best interests of the Estate and Creditors.

NOTICE AND SOLICITATION OF VOTES

Plan, and the Confirmation Hearing, together with the deadlines for voting on, and filing objections to, the Plan has been provided to all holders of Claims and other interested parties, including those Persons in the Designated Area. in accordance with the orders of this Bankruptey Court and the procedures established by the Solicitation Procedures Order, Section 1128 of the Bankruptey Code, Bankruptey Rules 2002(b) and 3017(d) of the Bankruptey Rules, the Local Rules of the Bankruptey Court, and all other applicable laws, rules, and regulations, and in satisfaction of due process considerations.

61. Solicitation by the Debtor, Mestek, and each of their Representatives of votes on acceptance or rejection of the Plan was conducted in good faith and complied with Sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptey Code, Bankruptey Rules 3017 and 3018, the procedures established by the Solicitation Procedures Order, and all other applicable provisions of the Bankruptey Code and all other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

distributed to holders of Claims against the Debtor and tabulated were fair and properly conducted and in accordance with the Solicitation Procedures Order, the Bankruptey Code, the Bankruptey Rules, the Local Rules of the Bankruptey Court and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations. The solicitation and tabulation of votes was consistent with Bankruptey Rule 3018.

63. Creditors have overwhelmingly voted in favor of the Plan with in excess of 98% of voting creditors voting in favor of the Plan. (See Feil Decl., Exh. 3.) Only three objections have been received. One objection has been resolved, and the other two objections

are reservation objections to apply only should the Bankruptcy Court deny confirmation.

The Recovery Actions

- The Mestek Affiliates will receive a release under the Plan of the Recovery Actions. Recovery Actions include the Alter-Ego Claims (claims under alter-ego, corporate veil, vicarious liability, unity of interest, de facto merger, substantive consolidation, and similar theories), breach of fiduciary claims, and other causes of action for any debt of Met-Coil, or relating to Met-Coil.
- <u>a consideration of the other Recovery Actions, the Debtor determined that the Recovery Actions</u> have limited value to the Estate. Likewise, after conducting extensive discovery concerning the Recovery Actions, the Committee agreed to support the Plan as proposed. Finally, the Future Claimants' Representative, after analysis of the value and likelihood of success of the Recovery Actions against Mestek, concluded that the holders of Future TCE Demands were best served by resolving such Recovery Actions in exchange for Mestek's contribution to the funding of the TCE PI Trust.
- <u>Mestek has substantial defenses.</u> Therefore, the outcome of such litigation is highly uncertain, such litigation would be very expensive and burdensome to the Debtor, with the total cost of <u>Alter Ego Claims</u> alone likely to range between \$1,100,000.00 to \$1,500,000.00, and it would take many months to litigate such claims, perhaps as long as two years or more. (Kuoni Decl. ¶ 51.)

The negotiations surrounding the settlement of the Recovery Actions were arms' length and conducted in good faith. Based on the circumstances surrounding the litigation of the Recovery Actions, including the costs of litigation, the delay in recovery and the significant consideration to be paid by the Mestek Affiliates under the Plan, the settlement and release of the Recovery Actions is in the best interests of the Estate and Creditors.

ADDITIONAL FACTUAL FINDINGS REGARDING TCE CHANNELING INJUNCTION, THE PROTECTED PARTY RELEASE, AND THE RELEASE OF RECOVERY ACTIONS

The Future Claims Representative

- 60. 64. On October 20, 2003, the Bankruptcy Court appointed a Future Claimants' Representative, Professor Eric D. Green, to represent and protect the rights of future Future TCE PI Claimants Demands. [Docket No. 205]. (Docket No. 205). On July 28, 2004, the Bankruptcy Court entered a supplemental Order clarifying the scope of the appointment of the Future Claimants' Representative to represent and protect the interests of the holders of Future TCE Demands. (Docket No. 1161.)
- 61. 65. Professor Green has years of experience in the area of mass tort litigation, complex litigation, negotiation and mediation on behalf of future claimants in the context of Chapter 11 cases. To assist Professor Green in his representation of futureholders of Future TCE PI Claimants Demands, the Bankruptcy Court approved the retention of Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP to act as his counsel, Analysis, Research & Planning Corporation ("ARPC") to analyze and quantify the TCE PI Trust Claims, Exponent, Inc. ("Exponent"), as toxicologists and epidemiologists, to analyze and produce studies and estimates of potential health problems and accompanying damages allegedly resulting from TCE exposure,

and Dr. Jonathan F. Sykes ("Dr. Sykes"), as a hydrology expert and consultant, to create a model of the footprint of the TCE contamination allegedly released from the Lockformer Site, analyze the levels of the alleged TCE contamination detected in well samples previously obtained, and model the historic and anticipated future progression of TCE. (Green Decl. ¶¶ 5-35.)

- 62. 66. The Futures Future Claimants' Representative has concluded that there are 365 properties that may be affected by TCE in the future. Based upon census data, the Futures Future Claimants' Representative projected an approximate number of persons that may be exposed to TCE relating to allegedly originating from the Lockformer Site, estimated the number of expected diagnoses for the exposed, surviving population, and quantified the range of TCE PI Trust Claims over time. Professor Green's estimated range is based upon the projection of potential recoveries that claimants might expect to receive in the court system, considering the risks and costs, if claimants were to assert claims against the Debtor for alleged personal injuries caused by exposure to TCE allegedly originating from the Lockformer Site. Professor Green's conclusions are fair and based upon a complete and reasonable analysis. (Green Decl. ¶¶ 27-35.)
- 63. 67. The Future Claimants' Representative also negotiated with the Debtor and Mestek the terms of the TCE PI Trust and the TCE PI Trust Distribution Procedures described below. The terms of the TCE PI Trust and TCE PI Trust Distribution Procedures as negotiated by the Future Claimants' Representative provide fair and adequate means and mechanisms for the protection of the rights and interests of holders of Future TCE Demands. In all respects, the Future Claimants' Representative fully, fairly, and adequately represented the interests of the holders of Future TCE Demands in the Chapter 11 Case. (Green Decl. ¶¶ 36-42.)

<u>64.</u> 68.

The Debtor is likely to be subject to TCE PI Trust Claims that are the subject of the TCE PI Trust and the TCE Channeling Injunction. The numbers and timing of such TCE PI Trust Claims, however, cannot be determined. The pursuit of TCE PI Trust Claims outside the procedures prescribed by the Plan is likely to threaten the Plan's purpose to deal equitably with the TCE PI Trust Claims. (Green Decl. ¶¶ 43-46.)

- Mestek and the Post-Petition Settling Insurers will be used to fund the TCE PI Trust. The purpose of the TCE PI Trust is to (a) assume all liabilities of the Protected Parties for a 45 year period with respect to the TCE PI Trust Claims and (b) use its assets and income to pay the Trust Expenses and the holders of TCE PI Trust Claims in accordance with the TCE PI Trust Distribution Procedures TDP in such a way that such holders are treated fairly, equitably and reasonably in light of the limited assets available to satisfy such Claims.
- Trust Distribution Procedures TDP are fair, reasonable and adequate and based upon armslength negotiations among the parties. Pursuant to the TCE PI Trust Distribution

 Procedures TDP, the TCE PI Trust will operate through a structured determination and distribution system designed to ensure the TCE PI Trust will provide fair compensation with regard to TCE PI Trust Claims, while at the same time retaining sufficient assets to satisfy future claims.
- 67. 71. In consideration for funding and other consideration provided to the Plan and the TCE PI Trust, the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, Mestek, the Mestek Affiliates, the Future Claimants' Representative, the Settling Insurers, and all other Protected Parties and

<u>each of</u> their respective Representatives are entitled, under the Plan, to <u>final</u>-relief from TCE PI Trust Claims through a<u>the</u> TCE Channeling Injunction, a release of Protected Parties and a release of Recovery Actions. This Court has authority to approve the <u>TCE</u> Channeling Injunction and releases under Sections 105(a) and 1123(b)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code.

- the following events: (i) the later of (a) the 45th anniversary after the Effective Date of the Plan or (b) such later date as may be determined by the Trustee; provided, however, that in the event that the Trustee elects to continue the TCE PI Trust after the 45th anniversary of the Effective Date, the Protected Parties shall continue to have the benefits of the TCE Channeling Injunction but shall have no further funding obligations; or (ii) if the Reorganized Debtor or Mestek fail to make a payment required under the TCE PI Trust Funding Agreement and fail to cure the payment default in thirty (30) days, the Reorganized Debtor and Mestek shall be in default and the TCE PI Trust shall be entitled to immediately liquidate all of the collateral and demand immediate payment of remaining amounts, if any, due to the TCE PI Trust pursuant to the TCE PI Trust Funding Agreement. If the Reorganized Debtor and Mestek fail to pay any remaining amount due after liquidation of the collateral within thirty (30) days after receiving written notice of such amount from the Trustee, the TCE Channeling Injunction shall terminate solely as to the Reorganized Debtor and the Mestek Affiliates.
- Expresentative, Mestek, and the Reorganized Debtor, may terminate the TCE PI Trust because

 (i) the Trustee deems it unlikely that new TCE PI Trust Claims will be filed against the TCE PI

 Trust, (ii) all TCE PI Trust Claims duly filed with the TCE PI Trust have been liquidated and

paid to the extent provided in the TCE PI Trust Agreement and the TDP, and (iii) more than twelve (12) consecutive months have elapsed during which no new TCE PI Trust Claim has been filed with the TCE PI Trust. In the event of such a termination, the TCE Channeling Injunction shall terminate solely as to the Reorganized Debtor and the Mestek Affiliates.

- TCE PI Trust (including, but not limited to, claim liquidation, claim rejection, decisions by the Claims Resolution Panel, and arbitration decisions) and the releases delivered by claimants to the TCE PI Trust shall continue to apply to the Reorganized Debtor and the Mestek Affiliates.
- 71. Provided the Reorganized Debtor and Mestek are not in default of their respective obligations to the TCE PI Trust, upon termination of the TCE PI Trust, any funds remaining in the TCE PI Trust will revert to Mestek.
- The Bankruptcy Court proposes and recommends the following findings of fact and conclusion of law:
- a. 72. Because the Plan was proposed in good faith, the The consideration paid for the TCE Channeling Injunction and releases is substantial and fair, and the. The TCE Channeling Injunction and releases are necessary to the reorganization of the Debtor. The TCE Channeling Injunction, the release of Protected Parties, and the release of Recovery Actions as to Mestek and the Mestek Affiliates, as set forth in the Plan, are appropriate and are authorized by Sections 1123(b)(6) and 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- <u>b.</u> 73. Moreover, the <u>The</u> TCE Channeling Injunction, the release of Protected Parties, and the release of Recovery Actions as to <u>Mestek and</u> the Mestek Affiliates are

appropriate because there exists an identity of interest among the Mestek Affiliates, the Settling Insurers, and the Debtor. Mestek and Formtek are the Debtor's indirect and direct parents, and the Settling Insurers are the Debtor's direct liability insurers and Mestek's <u>and Formtek's</u> indirect insurers. The personal injury and property damage claims asserted against Mestek, and indirectly against the Settling Insurers, arise from the same alleged TCE contamination as those asserted against the Debtor. Because the principal basis for liability asserted against Mestek (and the Settling Insurers) is based upon the identical set of <u>factfacts</u> relating to the plaintiffs' alleged TCE exposure; and claims against the Debtor there is an identity of interest among Mestek, the Settling Insurers, and the Debtor.

- <u>c.</u> 74. There is a further identity of interest among the Debtor, Mestek, and the Settling Insurers because the insurance policies that are the subject of each settlement with a Settling Insurer provide shared primary coverage to both the Debtor and secondarily to its shareholders, including Formtek and Mestek.
- d. 75. Mestek (on behalf of itself and its affiliates Affiliates) and the Settling Insurers have also contributed substantial assets to the Debtor's reorganization. Under the Plan, Mestek will contribute in excess of \$54,000,000 in cash and non-cash consideration and the Post-Petition Settling Insurers will contribute \$16,900,000 of insurance proceeds—constituting 100% of available primary insurance. The Pre-Petition Settling Insurers will also release any indemnification claims against the Debtor. Mestek's and the Settling Insurers' contributions to the Debtor's reorganization are well in excess of the Debtor's entire enterprise value of approximately \$13,900,000, excluding the estimated costs of remediation, and \$10,200,000 if the estimated costs of remediation remain an obligation of Met-Coil. Moreover, by entering into

settlements with the Pre _Petition Settling Insurers, the Debtor's estate has been substantially preserved because the settlements provide for the waiver of indemnification claims against the Debtor.

<u>e.</u> 76.

The TCE Channeling Injunction, the release of Protected Parties, and the release of Recovery Actions as to Mestek and the Mestek Affiliates are also essential to the Debtor's reorganization. Without the TCE Channeling Injunction and releases, there is little likelihood that the Debtor's reorganization would succeed. Both Mestek and the Settling Insurers have made it clear that without the assurances of the TCE Channeling Injunction, the release of Protected Parties and the release of Recovery Actions as to the Mestek Affiliates, they will not provide the substantial funding under the Plan.

- f. 77. The Creditors have overwhelmingly voted in favor of the Plan. In particular, 100% of the members of Class 6, the class affected by the TCE Channeling Injunction, voted to accept the Plan. More than 9998% of all elass members eligible to voteCreditors who voted on the Plan, voted in favor of the Plan. (See Feil Decl., Exh. 3.) Only three objections to the Plan were filed. One ereditorCreditor filed an objection to the Plan, which has been resolved and withdrawn. The other two "objections" were reservations filed by Settling Insurers affirming that their support of the Plan was contingent on approval of their respective settlements and confirmation of the Plan, with the TCE Channeling Injunction.
- g. 78. The Plan also provides a mechanism to pay for all or substantially all of the classes means for the payment of all Claims affected by the TCE Channeling Injunction, the release of Protected Parties and the release of Recovery Actions in full or in substantial part.

 The Plan provides a mechanism whereby the TCE PI Trust pays TCE PI Trust Claims. The evidence demonstrates that the TCE PI Trust is adequate to satisfy all anticipated TCE PI Trust Claims over athe 45-year periodlifetime of the TCE PI Trust. All other ereditors (other than holders of claims for non-compensatory damages Non-Compensatory Damages) are getting

paid their negotiated amounts or 70% of their allowed claims at least 70% of their Allowed

Claims. The majority of Creditors hold Claims in Class 4.1 and will be paid 100% of their

Allowed Claims. Moreover, holders of Future TCE Demands retain the right to sue the TCE PI

Trust in the courts if they are dissatisfied with the amounts proposed to be paid.

- h. 79. The potential costs to the estate Estate of litigating the Recovery

 Actions and their questionable likelihood of success further weigh in favor of approval of the

 TCE Channeling Injunction, the release of Protected Parties, and the release of Recovery Actions
 as to Mestek and the Mestek Affiliates. The Recovery Actions are complex, and the Debtor
 estimates that it would take many months, if not years, to resolve the Recovery Actions, and if
 successful, to collect a related judgment, with an estimated cost of at least \$1,100,000 to
 \$1,500,000. Settling these claims for Mestek's and the Settling Insurers'-substantial
 eontributions contribution will save the Debtor the substantial cost of resolving the Recovery

 Actions, while at the same time providing the Creditors immediate substantial cash benefits.
- <u>i.</u> 80. Approval of the TCE Channeling Injunction, the release of Protected Parties, and the release of Recovery Actions as to Mestek and the Mestek Affiliates is also in the public interest. The lynchpin of the Plan is the substantial contributions by Mestek and the Settling Insurers, which will only be provided if the TCE Channeling Injunction, the release of Protected Parties, and the release of Recovery Actions as to Mestek and the Mestek Affiliates are approved. The Plan is designed to resolve all Creditor claims in full or substantial part, in an efficient manner, and without protracted litigation, wasted resources, or lost jobs. Moreover, the Plan provides the needed moneys and resources to complete the remediation of the TCE contamination at the Lockformer Site, and to connect <u>certain</u> surrounding households to

municipal water supplies. Ensuring the safety of surrounding residents and providing compensation to those allegedly injured has been the focus of this Chapter 11 ease Case, and the Plan is designed to accomplish those important public policy considerations.

<u>i.</u> 81.—Accordingly, the TCE Channeling Injunction, the release of Protected Parties, and the release of Recovery Actions as to Mestek and the Mestek Affiliates have been proposed in good faith, the consideration paid for the TCE Channeling Injunction and releases is substantial and fair, and the TCE Channeling Injunction and releases are fair and necessary to the reorganization of the Debtor. The establishment of the TCE PI Trust is in the best interests of the Estate and the Creditors because it provides an appropriate, fair and necessary mechanism for resolving the TCE PI Trust Claims that would otherwise burden the Debtor and make its reorganization unlikely, if not impossible.

NOTICE AND SOLICITATION OF VOTES

- The best practicable notice of the pendency of the Chapter 11 Case, the Plan, and the Confirmation Hearing, together with the deadlines for voting on, and filing objections to, the Plan has been provided to all holders of Claims and other interested parties, including those Persons in the Designated Area, in accordance with the orders of this Bankruptcy Court and the procedures established by the Solicitation Procedures Order, Section 1128 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 2002(b) and 3017(d) of the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court, and all other applicable laws, rules, and regulations, and in satisfaction of due process considerations.
- 74. Solicitation by the Debtor, Mestek, and each of their Representatives of votes on acceptance or rejection of the Plan was conducted in good faith and complied with

Sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 3017 and 3018, the procedures established by the Solicitation Procedures Order, all other applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and all other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

The procedures by which the ballots to accept or reject the Plan were distributed to holders of Claims against the Debtor and tabulated were fair and properly conducted and in accordance with the Solicitation Procedures Order, the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court and all other applicable laws, rules and regulations. The solicitation and tabulation of votes was consistent with Bankruptcy Rule 3018.

<u>ADDITIONAL</u> FINDINGS <u>AND CONCLUSION OF LAW</u> UNDER SECTION 1129 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

- 76. 82. The Plan complies with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, including, without limitation, Sections 1122 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code. Therefore, the Plan satisfies the requirements of Section 1129(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 83. The Debtor and Mestek, as co-proponents of the Plan, have complied with each of the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code including, without limitation, Sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code, and therefore have satisfied the requirements of Section 1129(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, as follows: (a) the Debtor is a proper debtor under Section 109 of the Bankruptcy Code, (b) the Debtor and Mestek are proper proponents of the Plan under Section 1121 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) the Debtor has complied with each of the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, except as otherwise provided or permitted by orders of the Bankruptcy Code; (d) the Debtor and Mestek have complied with each of the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules and the Solicitation Procedures Order

in transmitting notices and solicitation materials and in soliciting and tabulating votes on the Plan; and the classification of Claims and Interests under the Plan is reasonable, and (e) Claims and Interests in each Class are substantially similar to other Claims and Interests in such Class.

- 84. The Proponents, each of their respective Representatives, and their officers, directors, employees, agents, advisors, legal and financial advisors, attorneys, professionals, principals and agents, have acted and proposed the Plan in good faith and not by any means forbidden by the Bankruptey Code or the law, thereby satisfying Section 1129(a)(3) of the Bankruptey Code.
- 85. Payments made or to be made by the Debtor for services or for costs and expenses in, or in connection with, the Debtor's Chapter 11 Case have, to the extent required by the Bankruptey Code, the Bankruptey Rules and the Orders of this Bankruptey Court, been approved by, or are subject to the approval of, this Bankruptey Court as reasonable.

 Accordingly, the Plan satisfies the requirements of Section 1129(a)(4) of the Bankruptey Code.
- 86. The Debtor has complied with Section 1129(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code by disclosing the identity of its officers and directors who will continue to be employed by the Reorganized Debtor, and the nature of their compensation, in the Disclosure Statement. The continuance in office of such persons is consistent with the interests of the Creditors, the equity security holders, and with public policy.
- 87. Section 1129(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code is inapplicable because the Plan does not provide for any change in rates over which a governmental regulatory commission has jurisdiction.
 - 77. 88. The classification of Claims and Interests under the Plan is reasonable.

Claims and Interests in each Class are substantially similar to other Claims and Interests in such Class, and the Plan therefore satisfies the requirements of SectionSections 1122(a) and 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 78. Class 4.1 is a class of Convenience Claims established pursuant to Section 1122(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Convenience Class is "reasonable and necessary" under Section 1122(b). The Debtor paid its bills until shortly before bankruptcy, notwithstanding the burden of the Claims relating to the TCE litigation and other issues. The separate classification of those Claims allows the Debtor to deal fairly and efficiently with a large number of its creditors.
- therefore, are deemed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to sectionSection 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code. Classes 3.1, 3.2, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5, and 6 (the "Voting Classes") are Impaired and were entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. Class 7 and 8-Claims and Class 8 Interests are Impaired, but were not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan because such Claimholders and Interestholders are not entitled to any distributions in respect of their Claims or Interests, and therefore are deemed to have rejected the Plan pursuant to sectionSection 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, the Plan satisfies the requirements of Sections 1123(a)(2) and 1123(a)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- <u>80.</u> 90. The Plan provides for the same treatment of each Claim of a particular Class, unless the holder a particular Claim agrees to less favorable treatment, thus satisfying the requirements of Section 1123(a)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code.
 - 91. Based upon the liquidation analysis attached as Exhibit C to the

Disclosure Statement, the Claimholders and Interestholders that are Impaired under the Plan: (a) have accepted the Plan; or (b) will receive or retain under the Plan, on account of such Claim, property of a value, as of the Effective Date of the Plan, that is not less than the amount that such holder would so receive or retain if such Debtor were to be liquidated under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code on such date. Accordingly, the Plan is in the best interests of the creditors and satisfies the requirements of Section 1129(a)(7) of the Bankruptcy Code.

92. With respect to each Class of Claims and Interests designated by the Plan, other than Classes 7 and 8, either: (a) such Class has accepted the Plan; or (b) such Class is not Impaired under the Plan. Accordingly, the requirements of Section 1129(a)(8) of the Bankruptey Code have been satisfied with respect to all Claims and Interests other than those in Classes 7 and 8.

93. The treatment of Allowed Administrative Claims, Allowed Tax Claims and Allowed Priority Claims Plan satisfies the applicable requirements of Section 1129(a)(9)(A), (B) and (C) of the Bankruptcy Code.

94. The Plan has been accepted by Classes 4.1, 4.3, 5, and 6, without counting the acceptances of insiders, and, therefore, has been accepted by at least one Impaired Class of Claims, without including any acceptances of the Plan by any insider holding a Claim in such Class. Accordingly, the requirements of Section 1129(a)(10) of the Bankruptcy Code are satisfied with respect to the Plan.

95. The Plan satisfies Section 1129(a)(11) of the Bankruptcy Code because confirmation of the Plan is not likely to be followed by liquidation or the need for further financial reorganization of the Reorganized Debtor.

- 96. The fees payable by the Debtor to the United States Trustee or the Clerk of this Bankruptcy Court, as provided under 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(6), constitute administrative expenses entitled to priority under Section 507(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code and the treatment of such fees in the Plan satisfies the requirements of Section 1129(a)(12) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 97. To the extent the Debtor is required to continue to provide any retiree benefits (as that term is defined under Section 1114 of the Bankruptcy Code), such benefits shall be continued under the Plan, and the Plan satisfies the requirements of Section 1129(a)(13) of the Bankruptcy Code, with the exception of the Reush retiree benefits.
- 98. No party in interest that is a governmental unit has requested that the Bankruptcy Court not confirm the Plan on the grounds that the principal purpose of the Plan is the avoidance of taxes or the avoidance of the application of Section 5 of the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. § 77e, and the principal purpose of the Plan is not such avoidance. Accordingly, the Plan satisfies the requirements of Section 1129(d) of the Bankruptcy Code.

ADDITIONAL FINDINGS

- 81. The Plan provides for adequate means for its implementation, and therefore satisfies the requirements of Section 1123(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 82. 99. The Plan complies with Section 1123(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code given that on the Confirmation Date, the Debtor shall make the appropriate election to convert to a Delaware limited liability company. On the Effective Date, Mestek or its assignee shall acquire all of the membership interests in the Reorganized Debtor.
 - 83. 100. The Plan complies with Section 1123(a)(7) because it contains only

provisions that are consistent with the interests of creditors and equity security holders and with public policy with respect to the manner of selecting the Trustee for the TCE PI Trust and any successors to such Trustee. The Plan does not contain any provisions with respect to the selection of any officers or directors of the Debtor or any successors to such officers and directors.

- <u>84.</u> <u>The Plan provides for the treatment under Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, of all executory contracts and unexpired leases not previously assumed or rejected or the subject of a motion either to assume or reject pursuant to such <u>sectionSection</u>, and the Plan therefore complies with the provisions of Section 1123(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code.</u>
- 85. 101. The provisions of the Plan constitute a good faith compromise and settlement of all Claims, and all controversies respecting Claims resolved pursuant to the Plan. This Confirmation Order constitutes the Bankruptcy Court's approval of all such compromises and settlements which, based upon the representations by the Debtor, all other testimony proffered and evidence introduced at the Confirmation Hearing and the full record of the Debtor's Chapter 11 ease Case, the Bankruptcy Court finds to be fair, equitable, within the range of reasonableness and in the best interests of the Debtor, the Estate, Creditors and other parties in interest. Accordingly, the Plan satisfies Section 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 86. 102. With respect to the Debtor's Representatives, the releases of certain of the Debtor's present officers, directors, employees and other third parties contained in Section 12.02 of the Plan are necessary and appropriate, among other things, to avoid the assertion of indemnification claims of such officers, directors and employees against the Debtor for liabilities arising prior to the Effective Date, thereby circumventing the discharge of the Debtor in

accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and the Confirmation Order. The Debtor's Representatives have made substantial contributions to the Debtor's reorganization efforts, and the releases to be provided to the Debtor's Representatives are essential to the success of the Reorganized Debtor in order to ensure that such Representatives are not distracted by litigation and will be able to focus their full attention on implementing a successful reorganization.

- 87. The Debtor and Mestek, as co-proponents of the Plan, have complied with each of the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code including, without limitation, Sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code, and therefore have satisfied the requirements of Section 1129(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, as follows: (a) the Debtor is a proper debtor under Section 109 of the Bankruptcy Code, (b) the Debtor and Mestek are proper proponents of the Plan under Section 1121 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) the Debtor has complied with each of the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, except as otherwise provided or permitted by orders of the Bankruptcy Court; and (d) the Debtor and Mestek have complied with each of the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules and the Solicitation Procedures Order in transmitting notices and solicitation materials and in soliciting and tabulating votes on the Plan.
- <u>88.</u> The Proponents and each of their respective Representatives have acted and proposed the Plan in good faith and not by any means forbidden by the Bankruptcy Code or the law, thereby satisfying Section 1129(a)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 89. Payments made or to be made by the Debtor for services or for costs and expenses in, or in connection with, the Debtor's Chapter 11 Case have, to the extent required by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules and the Orders of this Bankruptcy Court, been

approved by, or are subject to the approval of, this Bankruptcy Court as reasonable.

Accordingly, the Plan satisfies the requirements of Section 1129(a)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 90. The Debtor has complied with Section 1129(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code by disclosing the identity of its officers and directors who will continue to be employed by the Reorganized Debtor, and the nature of their compensation, in the Disclosure Statement. The continuance in office of such persons is consistent with the interests of the Creditors, the equity security holders, and public policy.
- 91. Section 1129(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code is inapplicable because the Plan does not provide for any change in rates over which a governmental regulatory commission has jurisdiction.
- 92. The Claimholders and Interestholders that are Impaired under the Plan:

 (a) have accepted the Plan; or (b) will receive or retain under the Plan, on account of such Claim, property of a value, as of the Effective Date of the Plan, that is not less than the amount that such holder would so receive or retain if such Debtor were to be liquidated under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code on such date. Accordingly, the Plan is in the best interests of the Creditors and satisfies the requirements of Section 1129(a)(7) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 93. With respect to each Class of Claims and Interests designated by the Plan, other than Classes 7 and 8, either: (a) such Class has accepted the Plan; or (b) such Class is not Impaired under the Plan. Accordingly, the requirements of Section 1129(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code have been satisfied with respect to all Claims and Interests other than those in Classes 7 and 8.
 - 94. The treatment of Allowed Administrative Claims, Allowed Priority Tax