

THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In Re:)	Chapter 11
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MET-COIL SYSTEMS CORPORATION,)	Case No. 03-12676 (MFW)
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Debtor.)	
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)	Objections Due December 10, 2003 at 4:00 p.m.
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**FIRST INTERIM APPLICATION OF MORRIS, NICHOLS,
ARSHT & TUNNELL, AS CO-COUNSEL FOR DEBTOR AND
DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION, FOR ALLOWANCE OF INTERIM
COMPENSATION AND FOR INTERIM REIMBURSEMENT OF ALL
ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES INCURRED FOR
THE PERIOD AUGUST 26, 2003 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2003**

Name of Applicant:	MORRIS, NICHOLS, ARSHT & TUNNELL
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	Debtor
Date of Retention:	Nunc Pro Tunc to August 26, 2003
Period for which Compensation and reimbursement is sought:	August 26, 2003 through September 30, 2003
Amount of compensation sought as actual, reasonable and necessary:	\$56,754.50
Amount of reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable and necessary:	\$14,293.01
This is an <u> x </u> interim	<u> </u> final application

Allowance for compensation for the total time expended for fee application preparation is not requested in this fee application but may be sought in a subsequent fee application.

If this is not the first application filed, disclose the following for each prior application:

DATE FILED	PERIOD COVERED	REQUESTED FEES/EXPENSES	APPROVED FEES/EXPENSES
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MET-COIL
(Case No. 03-12676 (MFW))

August 26, 2003 through September 30, 2003

Name of Professional Person	Position of the Applicant, Year of Obtaining License to Practice, Area of Expertise	Hourly Billing Rate (including changes)	Total Billed Hours	Total Compensation
Robert J. Dehney	Partner/1990/Bankruptcy	475	7.10	3,372.50
Eric D. Schwartz	Partner/1992/Bankruptcy	400	43.00	17,200.00
Michael G. Busenkell	Associate/1995/Bankruptcy	330	0.60	198.00
Donna L. Harris	Associate/1998/Bankruptcy	280	0.80	224.00
Jason W. Harbour	Associate/2001/Bankruptcy	240	79.10	18,984.00
Daniel B. Butz	Associate/2002/Bankruptcy	220	.10	22.00
James C. Carignan	Associate/2002/Bankruptcy	220	18.90	4,158.00
Angela R. Conway	Paralegal	155	73.40	11,377.00
Thomas D. Bielli	Paralegal	155	2.60	403.00
Lisa M. Bate	Case Clerk	80	10.20	816.00
Total			235.80	\$56,754.50
GRAND TOTAL:		\$56,754.50		
BLENDED RATE:		\$240.69		

COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY

MET-COIL SYSTEMS CORPORATION
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August 26, 2003 through September 30, 2003

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
Case Administration	107.00	\$28,683.50
Asset Analysis And Recovery	2.20	537.00
Asset Disposition	2.80	612.50
Relief from Stay/Adequate Protection	1.60	384.00
Meetings of & Communications with Creditors	2.50	730.50
Fee/Employment Applications	29.20	5,389.50
Avoidance Action Analysis	15.00	3,802.50
Assumption/Rejection of Leases/Contracts	5.40	1,194.00
Other Contested Matters	2.20	451.50
Business Operations	12.00	2,072.50
Financing/Cash Collections	10.60	2,544.00
Claims Administration and Objections	10.00	2,306.50
Plan and Disclosure Statement	.30	81.00
General Bankruptcy	35.00	7,965.50
TOTAL	235.80	\$56,754.50

EXPENSE SUMMARY

MET-COIL SYSTEMS CORPORATION
(Case No. 03-12676 (MFW))

August 26, 2003 through September 30, 2003

Expense Category	Service Provider (if applicable)	Total Expenses
Court Costs		7.50
Photos/Art/Spec'l Dupl.	IKON Office Solutions, Inc. & Reliable Copy Service	7,233.22
Out-Of-Town Travel		77.44
Business Meals		285.74
Courier Service	Tri-State Courier ,Carriage & Federal Express	1,682.80
In House Messenger Service		60.00
Computer Research – Westlaw		53.31
Computer Research – Other		116.83
Secretarial OT/Expense		416.10
Duplicating		2,164.20
Postage		22.85
Telephone		24.12
Telecopy		1,943.27
Paraletal OT		205.63
Grand Total Expenses		\$14,293.01

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Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell (“Morris Nichols”), co-counsel for Met-Coil Systems Corporation, debtor and debtor-in-possession (the “Debtor”) in the above-captioned case, submits this application (the “Application”) seeking allowance of interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses under Sections 330 and 331 of chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules Of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), Rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedures of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Local Bankruptcy Rules”) and the United States Trustee’s Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses filed under 11 U.S.C. §330 effective January 30, 1996 (the “U.S. Trustee Guidelines”), for (a) allowance of reasonable compensation for professional services rendered by Morris Nichols to the Debtor and (b) reimbursement of actual and necessary charges and disbursements incurred by Morris Nichols during the period August 26, 2003 through and including September 30, 2003 in the rendition of required professional services on behalf of the

Debtor (the “Application Period”). In support of this Application, Morris Nichols represents as follows:

BACKGROUND

1. On August 26, 2003 (the “Petition Date”), the Debtor commenced a reorganization case by filing a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. The Debtor continues to operate its business and manage its properties as a debtor in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. To date, no trustee or examiner has been appointed in this case.

2. On September 11, 2003, the United States Trustee appointed an official committee of unsecured creditors (the “Committee”) in this case.

3. Prior to the petition date, the Debtor engaged Morris, Nichols and Goldberg, Kohn, Bell, Black, Rosenbloom & Moritz, Ltd. as co-counsel in connection with this bankruptcy case.

4. By application filed on or about September 24, 2003, the Debtor requested authority to retain Morris Nichols (D.I. 124) (the “Morris Nichols Application”) as co-counsel in connection with its bankruptcy case, pursuant to section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, nunc pro tunc to August 26, 2003.

5. On October 20, 2003, this Court entered the order approving the retention of Morris, Nichols, Arsht and Tunnell as counsel for debtor, nunc pro tunc to August 26, 2003 (D.I. 207) (the “Retention Order”).

FEE PROCEDURES ORDER

6. On September 23, 2003, this Court signed an administrative order, pursuant to sections 331 and 105 of the Bankruptcy Code, establishing procedures for interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses of professionals (D.I. 116) (the “Fee Procedures Order”).

RELIEF REQUESTED

8. Morris Nichols respectfully requests: (a) that Morris Nichols be allowed (i) interim compensation in the amount of \$56,754.50 for reasonable, actual and necessary services rendered by it to the Debtor and its estate during the Application Period and (ii) interim reimbursement of \$14,293.01 for reasonable, actual and necessary expenses incurred during the Application Period; and (b) that the Debtor be authorized and directed to pay to Morris Nichols the amount of \$59,696.61, which is equal to the sum of 80% of Morris Nichols’s allowed interim compensation and 100% of Morris Nichols’s allowed expense reimbursement for the Application Period. With respect to these amounts, as of the date of this Application, Morris Nichols has received no payments. This Application is made pursuant to the provisions of sections 327, 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2016, the Fee Procedures Order and the Morris Nichols Retention Order.

9. Morris Nichols maintained daily records of the time spent rendering professional services during the Application Period. Exhibit A attached hereto contains logs, sorted by task, which show how much time was recorded by each professional and descriptions of the services provided.

10. Exhibit B hereto contains a breakdown of disbursements incurred by Morris Nichols during the Application Period. The disbursements for which Morris Nichols seeks reimbursement include the following:

- Duplicating. Morris Nichols charges \$0.15 per page for internal copying. When copying has been performed by an outside copying service, Morris Nichols seeks reimbursement for the amount Morris Nichols was charged.
- Telecommunications. Long distance calls are billed at actual cost. Outgoing domestic facsimile transmittals are billed at \$1.00 per page. There is no charge for incoming facsimiles.
- Computer Research Charges. Morris Nichols's practice is to bill clients for LEXIS and Westlaw research at the actual cost, which does not include amortization for maintenance and equipment.
- Working Meals. Morris Nichols's practice is to allow any attorney, paraprofessional or legal assistant working outside of normal business hours to charge a working meal to the appropriate client.
- Delivery Services. Morris Nichols's practice is to charge postal, overnight delivery and courier services at actual cost.

11. Morris Nichols has endeavored to represent the Debtor in the most expeditious and economical manner possible. Tasks have been assigned to attorneys, paralegals, and secretaries at Morris Nichols so that work has been performed by those most familiar with the particular matter or task and, where attorney or paralegal involvement was required, by the lowest hourly rate professional appropriate for a particular matter. Moreover, Morris Nichols has sought to coordinate with other professionals involved in this case so as to minimize any duplication of effort and to minimize attorneys' fees and expenses to the debtor. Morris Nichols believes it has been successful in this regard.

12. No agreement or understanding exists between Morris Nichols and any other person for the sharing of compensation received or to be received for services rendered in connection with this case.

13. The undersigned has reviewed the requirements of Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-2 and certifies to the best of his information, knowledge and belief that this application complies with Local Bankruptcy Rule 2016-2.

WHEREFORE, Morris Nichols respectfully requests: (a) that Morris Nichols be allowed (i) interim compensation in the amount of \$56,754.50 for reasonable, actual and necessary services rendered by it to the Debtor and its estate during the Application Period and (ii) interim reimbursement of \$14,293.01 for reasonable, actual and necessary expenses incurred during the Application Period; and (b) that the Debtor be authorized and directed to pay to Morris Nichols the amount of \$59,696.61, which is equal to the sum of 80% of Morris Nichols's allowed interim compensation and 100% of Morris Nichols's allowed expense reimbursement for the Application Period.

Dated: November 20, 2003
Wilmington, Delaware

MORRIS, NICHOLS, ARSHT & TUNNELL

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