

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

In re) Chapter 11
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OXFORD SUSPENSION, INC ,) Case No 04-74390
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Debtor)

**STATEMENT OF THE PENSION BENEFIT GUARANTY CORPORATION
IN SUPPORT OF ITS CLAIM FOR UNFUNDED BENEFIT LIABILITIES**

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (“PBGC”) hereby submits this Statement in Support of its claim against the above-captioned debtor (“Debtor”) for unfunded benefit liabilities pursuant to 29 U S C § 1362, 1368, stating

1 PBGC is a wholly-owned United States government corporation, and an agency of the United States, that administers the defined benefit pension plan termination insurance program under Title IV of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), 29 U S C §§ 1301-1461 (2000 & Supp I 2001) PBGC guarantees the payment of certain pension benefits upon the termination of a single-employer pension plan covered by Title IV of ERISA When an underfunded plan terminates, PBGC generally becomes trustee of the plan and, subject to certain statutory limitations, pays the plan's unfunded benefits with its insurance funds See 29 U S C §§ 1321-1322, 1342, 1361

2 Lobdell Emery Corporation is the contributing sponsor, 29 U S C § 1301(a)(13), of seven single-employer defined benefit pension plans that are covered by Title IV of ERISA See 29 U S C § 1321 These pension plans (collectively, the “Pension Plans”) are

a) The Lobdell Emery Argos Hourly Quality Control/Technical Employees Retirement Income Plan,

b) The Lobdell Emery Croydon Hourly Retirement Income Plan,

- c) The Lobdell Emery Argos Hourly Employees Retirement Income Plan,
- d) The Lobdell Emery Winchester Hourly Employees Retirement Plan,
- e) The Lobdell Emery Greencastle Retirement Income Plan,
- f) The Lobdell Emery Alma Hourly Employees Retirement Income Plan,
- g) The Lobdell Emery Corporation Salaried Employees Retirement Income Plan

3 The Debtor is a member of the contributing sponsor's controlled group,

29 U S C § 1301(a)(14)

4 On December 7, 2004, the Debtor filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code

5 This claim is contingent on termination of one or more of the Pension Plans *See* 29 U S C §§ 1341-1342 If and when one or more of the Pension Plans terminate, PBGC will amend this claim as necessary

6 In the event of a termination of one or more of the Pension Plans, the assets of each terminating pension plan may be insufficient to cover the respective benefit liabilities This insufficiency is the amount of the unfunded benefit liabilities of each of the Pension Plans *See* 29 U S C § 1362(b)

7 Upon termination of one or more of the Pension Plans, the contributing sponsor and each member of the contributing sponsor's controlled group become jointly and severally liable to PBGC for the amount of the unfunded benefit liabilities of each terminating pension plan 29 U S C § 1362(a), (b), *see* 29 U S C § 1301(a)(18)

8 The estimated total amount of the Pension Plans' unfunded benefit liabilities is \$34,403,400. The total amount of this claim will depend upon which of the Pension Plans, if any, are terminated. The estimated unfunded benefit liabilities of each of the Pension Plans is as follows:

- a) The Lobdell Emery Argos Hourly Quality Control/Technical Employees Retirement Income Plan \$28,600
- b) The Lobdell Emery Croydon Hourly Retirement Income Plan \$1,291,100
- c) The Lobdell Emery Argos Hourly Employees Retirement Income Plan \$1,299,700
- d) The Lobdell Emery Winchester Hourly Employees Retirement Plan \$1,294,400
- e) The Lobdell Emery Greencastle Retirement Income Plan \$3,828,700
- f) The Lobdell Emery Alma Hourly Employees Retirement Income Plan \$14,513,600
- g) The Lobdell Emery Corporation Salaried Employees Retirement Income Plan \$12,147,600

9 If any person liable to PBGC under 29 U.S.C. § 1362 fails to pay the liability after demand, a lien arises in favor of PBGC as of the termination date of the plan. The amount of the lien is limited to 30% of the collective net worth of all the liable parties. 29 U.S.C. § 1368(a). For purposes of the Bankruptcy Code, the lien is "treated in the same manner as a tax due and owing to the United States." 29 U.S.C. § 1368(c)(2).

10 This claim is an administrative expense entitled to priority as a tax incurred by the estate, in an amount up to 30% of the controlled group's collective net worth. 11 U.S.C. §§ 503(b)(1)(B), 507(a)(1), 29 U.S.C. § 1368(a), (c)(2). Independently, it also meets the

definition of a “tax” for bankruptcy purposes because it is an involuntary pecuniary burden imposed on individuals or their property for public purposes, including to defray the government’s expenses

11 Alternatively, this claim is entitled to tax priority under 11 U S C § 507(a)(8), in an amount up to 30% of the controlled group’s collective net worth

12 Any amount not entitled to priority is asserted as a general unsecured claim

13 By filing this claim, PBGC asserts its contingent claim and demands payment of the unfunded benefit liabilities of the Pension Plans.

14 Documents supporting this claim include the plan document for each of the Pension Plans, with applicable amendments, relevant collateral agreements, if any, United States Internal Revenue Service Form 5500s, and annual actuarial valuation reports for the Pension Plans On information and belief, the Debtor, the contributing sponsor or a member of its controlled group has in its possession and control copies or originals of these documents

15 PBGC's investigation of this matter is continuing. The agency reserves the right to amend, modify and supplement this proof of claim and/or to file additional proofs of claim. This claim may be subject to a right of setoff by PBGC as an agency of the United States government, and the right of the United States to withhold subject to offset amounts due from other federal entities. The filing of this proof of claim is not intended to be and shall not be construed as (1) an election of remedy or (2) a waiver or limitation of any rights of PBGC, the Pension Plans or any of their beneficiaries or participants.

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Re Oxford Automotive, Inc *et al*
Case Nos 04-74733 *et al*

Dear Sir/Madam

Enclosed are one-hundred and sixty eight (168) proofs of claim and supporting statements for filing in the above- captioned cases Please note that there are fourteen (14) separate claims being filed against each of the twelve (12) debtors

Also enclosed is one copy of each proof of claim form Please file-stamp these copies and return them to me in the enclosed, pre-paid envelope

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (202) 326-4020, ext 3754

Very truly yours,

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Kenneth J Cooper
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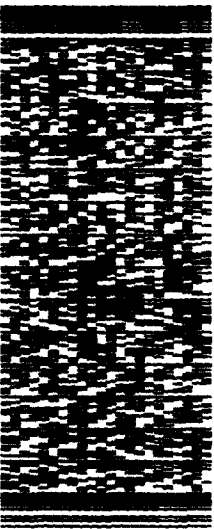
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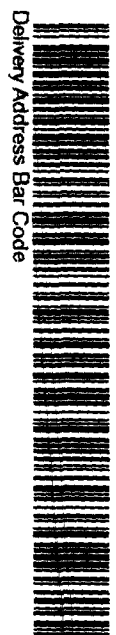
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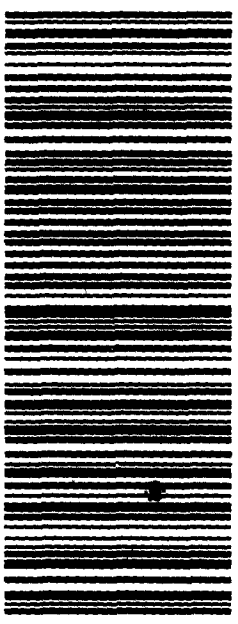
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