UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

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In re:	:	
	:	Case No. 06-61796
CEP HOLDINGS, LLC, <u>et al</u> ., ¹	:	(Jointly Administered)
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Debtors.	:	Chapter 11
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	:	Honorable Russ Kendig
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MOTION OF DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO (A) PREPARE A CONSOLIDATED LIST OF CREDITORS IN LIEU OF A MATRIX AND (B) MAIL INITIAL NOTICES, AND (II) APPROVING FORM OF INITIAL NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF CASES

CEP Holdings, LLC and its affiliated debtors and debtors-in-possession (each a "**Debtor**" and collectively, the "**Debtors**" or "**CEP**") in the above-captioned Chapter 11 cases (the "**Cases**"), hereby move (the "**Motion**"), pursuant to sections 105(a) and 521(a)(1) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "**Bankruptcy Code**") and Rule 1007(a)(1) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "**Bankruptcy Rules**"), for entry of an order (i) authorizing the Debtors to (a) prepare a consolidated list of creditors in lieu of a matrix, and (b) mail initial notices, and (ii) approving the form of initial notice in relation to the Cases, attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the "**Initial Notice**"). In support of the Motion, the Debtors refer to and rely upon the Affidavit of Joseph Mallak in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions (the "**Mallak Affidavit**"), filed contemporaneously herewith, and respectfully represent as follows:

¹ The Debtors include: CEP Holdings, LLC, Creative Engineered Polymer Products, LLC and Thermoplastics Acquisition, LLC.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

The Court has jurisdiction over this Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and
1334. Consideration of the Motion is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).

2. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

3. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a) and 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 1007(a)(1) and Local Bankruptcy Rule 1007-2.

BACKGROUND

4. On the date hereof (the "**Petition Date**"), each Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors have requested that the Cases be jointly administered for procedural purposes only.

5. The Debtors are operating their businesses as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee, examiner or official committee of unsecured creditors has been appointed.

A. <u>Summary of Capital Structure and Current Business Operations</u>

6. Creative Engineered Polymer Products, LLC, ("**CEPP**") is a limited liability company formed under the laws of the State of Ohio. CEPP is wholly owned by CEP Holdings, LLC ("**Holdings**"), a privately-held limited liability company formed under the laws of the State of Ohio. Holdings is a holding company whose sole asset is its membership interests in CEPP. CEPP has three subsidiaries: (i) Composite Parts Mexico S.A. de C.V. (the "**CEP Mexico**"), a Mexican corporation which is 99.9% owned by CEPP and .01% owned by non-debtor Reserve Capital Group, Ltd; (ii) Thermoplastics Acquisition, LLC ("**Thermoplastics**"), an Ohio limited liability company which is wholly owned by CEPP and is a debtor in these cases; and (iii) CEP Latin America, LLC ("**CEP LA**"), a non-debtor Ohio limited liability company which is wholly

owned by CEPP. CEP LA was never funded and has no operations or debt. The principal place of business of the Debtors is 3560 West Market Street, Suite 340, Akron, Ohio 44333.

7. The Debtors operate 10 manufacturing plants in Ohio, Michigan, Alabama, South Carolina and Mexico, including a plant in Canton, Ohio. CEPP operates six plants in Ohio, Michigan and Alabama. Non-debtor CEP Mexico operates two plants in Mexico. Thermoplastics operates one plant in Ohio and one in South Carolina.

8. CEP and its debtor subsidiaries are custom molders and extruders of rubber and plastic products, primarily for the OEM automotive market. The Debtors have achieved a unique position as preferred suppliers of high quality products to major customers, including General Motors, Delphi Corporation, Visteon, Nissan, Daimler-Chrysler, Honda and GKN Automotive. CEP has maintained this position as a leader in the marketplace through innovative manufacturing techniques and by continuously improving its broad base of material and process technology.

9. Gross sales for the Debtors' businesses are projected to be approximately \$190 million for fiscal 2006. The Debtors' nearly 1,106 employees manufacture the Debtors' products at ten strategically located manufacturing facilities in Ohio, Michigan, South Carolina, Alabama and Mexico.² The Debtors also maintain a Technical Center in Livonia, Michigan which offers design assistance and program management services for the Debtors' businesses.

B. <u>Prepetition Debt Structure</u>

10. The Debtors were formed as part of two separate purchase transactions on August 16, 2005 and December 20, 2005, respectively. As part of the August 16, 2005 transaction, the CEPP and CEP Mexico businesses were purchased from the Carlisle Companies. In conjunction

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CEP Mexico, a non-debtor, produces high quality plastic products at two factories in Mexico.

with the transaction, CEP Acquisition LLC n/k/a CEPP entered into a Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of August 16, 2005 (the "**Prepetition CEPP Credit Agreement**") with Wachovia Capital Finance Corporation (Central) ("**WCFC**"), as both Agent and Lenders thereunder. The Prepetition CEPP Credit Agreement provided two term loans and a revolving credit facility to CEPP in the maximum amount of \$45 million (collectively, the "**CEPP Prepetition Loan**"). The CEPP Prepetition Loan is secured by substantially all the assets of CEPP, including, without limitation, all accounts, general intangibles, goods, inventory, equipment, real property, accounts receivable, other personal property and proceeds thereof (collectively, the "**Prepetition CEPP Collateral**"). As of the Petition Date, the amount outstanding under the CEPP Prepetition Loan was not less than \$21,693,507.60 (not taking into account pre-petition and post-petition interest, fees and expenses to which Agent may be entitled under the Prepetition CEPP Credit Agreement and applicable law).

11. As part of the December 20, 2005 transaction, CEPP purchased the Thermoplastics business from Parker Hannifan Corporation. In conjunction with the transaction, Thermoplastics entered into a Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of December 21, 2005 (the "**Prepetition Thermoplastics Credit Agreement**" and together with the Prepetition CEPP Credit Agreement, the "**Prepetition Thermoplastics Credit Agreements**") with WCFC, as both Agent and Lenders. The Prepetition Thermoplastics in the maximum amount of \$5 million (collectively, the "**Thermoplastics Prepetition Loan**" and together with the CEPP Prepetition Loan, the "**Prepetition Loans**"). The Thermoplastics Prepetition Loan is secured by substantially all the assets of Thermoplastics, including, without limitation, all accounts, general intangibles, goods, inventory, equipment, accounts receivable, other personal property and proceeds thereof

(collectively, the "**Prepetition Thermoplastics Collateral**" and together with the Prepetition CEPP Collateral, the "**Prepetition Collateral**"). As of the Petition Date, the amount outstanding under the Thermoplastics Prepetition Loan was not less than \$4,219,688.58 (not taking into account pre-petition and post-petition interest, fees and expenses to which Agent may be entitled under the Prepetition Thermoplastics Credit Agreement and applicable law). The Prepetition Credit Agreements are cross-defaulted and cross-collateralized.

12. Prior to the Petition Date, Visteon Corporation, General Motors Corporation and Delphi Corporation (collectively, the "**Customers**") and WCFC entered into a Subordinated Participation Agreement dated June 30, 2006 and a First Amendment to Subordination Participation Agreement dated August 18, 2006 pursuant to which the Customers purchased subordinated, last out participation interests (the "**Participation Interests**") in the Prepetition Loan Facilities. The Customers purchased \$2.9 million of Participation Interests, the proceeds of which were used by the Debtors to fund their operations and the building of the Customers' parts.

C. Events Leading To The Filing Of These Chapter 11 Cases

13. The Debtors and other automotive suppliers and manufacturers have faced a series of unanticipated operational and market challenges that have adversely affected their operations and cash flows. These challenges have impaired both the Debtors' suppliers and customers which in turn have severely affected the Debtors' operations and businesses.

14. With respect to suppliers, the September 2005 hurricanes in the Gulf Coast region have disproportionately damaged manufacturers who rely on plastic resins. Shortly after the hurricanes, the Debtors began experiencing sharp increases in their principal raw materials (plastic resins) which increases were attributable to interrupted refining capacity. With prices already high due to increased global demand, insecurity and supply constraint issues, the

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hurricanes magnified the rise in the price of crude oil and natural gas. The Debtors have continued to experience significantly higher costs for raw materials.

15. With respect to the Debtors' customers, the Debtors have been unsuccessful in recovering much of these increases in raw material costs from their customers through price increases. The structure of the American automotive industry is such that it is difficult for manufacturers such as the Debtors to pass rising material costs on to customers. Faced with rising costs, the Debtors have expended substantial effort in attempting to source cheaper alternatives (such as recycled materials and alternative formulations) for substitution of higher cost materials. Despite these efforts, most of the Debtors' customers have delayed approving these material substitutions. Although the Debtors are now starting to experience success in receiving approvals of the material substitutions, the damage to the Debtors' liquidity is irreversible outside the protections of the Bankruptcy Code.

16. In addition to increased material costs, the general instability of the industry has directly harmed the Debtors' liquidity. For example, the Debtors have been impaired by the bankruptcy filing of several large OEM's, including Delphi Corporation, the Debtors' second largest customer. The bankruptcy filing of Delphi in October 2005 alone resulted in a cash loss to the Debtors of nearly \$1.7 million based on the Debtors' unpaid prepetition claim in that case.

17. In addition to bankruptcy filings in the industry, the general credit downgrade has led to delays and increasingly delinquent customer payments for approved tooling programs. These programs are typically managed and paid for by the Debtors for the benefit of a particular customer which subsequently reimburses the Debtors. The increased delays and failure of customers to pay for these programs have decreased the portion of accounts receivable against

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which Wachovia will lend under the Prepetition Credit Agreements. This, in turn, has further impaired the Debtors' liquidity.

18. The Debtors have further experienced excess capacity at their plants due to decisions by their customers. For example, GM's transfer from the GMT800 platform to the GMT900 platform has led to substantial idling of capacity. In late 2005, GM started phasing out the GMT800 platform, a manufacturing platform in which the Debtors were heavily involved. The Debtors have been harmed by this action because (i) the Debtors have significant up front costs invested in the GMT800 platform and (ii) GM has not provided the Debtors with replacement work in the new GMT900 platform. Thus, the Debtors have not recovered their costs associated with the GMT800 platform and are operating at significantly lower capacity at several manufacturing plants due to a failure to receive work under the GMT900 platform.

D. <u>Prepetition Activities</u>

19. In an attempt to create maximum value for the Debtors' creditors, the Debtors worked with the Customers and WCFC to allow the Debtors to formulate a restructuring plan which would reorganize the Debtors outside of a chapter 11 proceeding. As part of this plan, in May 2006 the Debtors entered into a series of forbearance, accommodation and access and security agreements with WCFC and the Customers, which agreements provided a 120-day window for the Debtors to effectuate an out-of-court restructuring plan. This window expired September 6, 2006.

20. Given the size and complexity of the Debtors' operations and the continuation of the market circumstances described above, the Customers, WCFC and the Debtors ultimately determined that an out-of-court restructuring was not feasible. Thus, after exploring all options and faced with a severe liquidity crisis, the Debtors have no choice but to commence these cases

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as the only means of preserving the Debtors as going concerns, and, thus, maximize the value of the Debtors' assets for their creditors.

21. With the aide of this Court and the support of WCFC and the Customers, the Debtors' goal is to stabilize their business operations and financial situation and sell their assets in a manner to maximize value for the Debtors' Creditors. As detailed in the Debtors' DIP Financing Motion,³ filed contemporaneously herewith, WCFC and the Customers have agreed to provide post-petition financing and cash infusions to the Debtors which financing and cash infusions will fund the Debtors' costs of operations, wind down, restructuring and liquidation until such time that the Debtors' assets are sold pursuant to section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors believe that this course of action will maximize the value of their assets for all creditors.

RELIEF REQUESTED

I. <u>Request for Authority to Prepare a Consolidated List of Creditors</u>

22. By this Motion, the Debtors request authority to prepare a consolidated list of creditors and a list of equity security holders in electronic format only, identifying their creditors in the format or formats currently maintained in the ordinary course of business in lieu of any required creditor matrix. The Debtors further seek authority <u>not</u> to file either list with the Court concurrently with the filing of their bankruptcy petitions, but instead to make such lists available only upon request.

23. In these Cases, permitting the Debtors to maintain a consolidated list of their creditors in electronic format only in lieu of filing a creditor matrix is warranted under the

³ The full title of the DIP Financing Motion is CEP Holdings, LLC's Motion for Emergency Order Authorizing Debtors to: (A) Use Cash Collateral on an Emergency Basis; (B) Incur Postpetition Debt on an Emergency Basis; (C) Grant Adequate Protection and Provide Security and Other Relief to Wachovia Capital Finance Corporation (Central); and (D) Grant Certain Related Relief.

circumstances. Indeed, converting the Debtors' computerized information to a format compatible with the matrix requirements would be an exceptionally burdensome task and would greatly increase the risk and recurrence of error with respect to information already intact on computer systems maintained by the Debtors or their agents.

24. Moreover, concurrently with this Motion, the Debtors have filed an application (the "**Notice and Claims Agent Application**") seeking the appointment of BMC Group, Inc. ("**Agent**") as claims, noticing and balloting agent in these Cases. Prepetition, Agent assisted with the consolidation of the Debtors' computer records into a creditor database which is maintained by Agent. If the Notice and Claims Agent Application is granted, Agent will, among other things, complete the mailing of the Notices to the parties in such database and perform all noticing and solicitation of parties in the database.

25. After consultation with Agent, the Debtors believe preparing the consolidated list in the format or formats currently maintained by Agent will be sufficient to permit Agent to notice promptly all applicable parties. Accordingly, it is in the best interest of the Debtors' estates to avoid the cost and risks associated with preparing and filing a separate matrix with this Court.

26. Relief similar to that requested in this Motion has been granted in comparable Chapter 11 cases in this District and elsewhere. *See, e.g., In re Nexpak Corp.*, No. 04-63816 (RK) (Bankr. N.D. Ohio July 19, 2004); *In re WCI Steel, Inc.*, No. 03-44662 (WTB) (Bankr. N.D. Ohio Sept. 17, 2003); *In re LTV Steel Co.*, No. 00-43866 (WTB) (Bankr. N.D. Ohio Dec. 29, 2000); *accord In re Dana Corp.*, No. 06-10354 (BRL) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Mar. 3, 2006).⁴

⁴ Because of the voluminous nature of these unreported orders, they are not attached to this Motion. Copies of these orders will be made available to parties upon request from the Debtors' counsel.

II. <u>Request for Authority to Mail Initial Notices to Creditors</u>

27. Local Bankruptcy Rule 1007-2 also requires that "all petitions must be accompanied by a mailing matrix listing creditors and parties in interest," which matrix "must be formatted to conform to automated scanning equipment used by the Clerk." The Debtors, by separate application, are contemporaneously seeking authority to retain Agent as their notice and claims agent. The Debtors propose that Agent undertake all mailings directed by the Court, the United States Trustee or as required by the Bankruptcy Code. Additionally, Agent will assist the Debtors in preparing creditor lists and mailing required notices.

28. With such assistance, the Debtors will be prepared to file a computer readable consolidated list of creditors and a list of equity security holders upon request, and will be capable of undertaking all necessary mailings.

29. The noticing procedures proposed herein are beneficial to the Debtors' estates and creditors because they provide actual notice to all of the Debtors' creditors in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

III. Approval of Form of Initial Notice of Commencement

30. The Debtors seek approval of the Initial Notice of the commencement of the Cases and the meeting of creditors pursuant to section 341 of the Bankruptcy Code. A form of the Initial Notice is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. The Initial Notice complies with the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a) and (f) and is beneficial to the Debtors' estates and creditors because it provides actual notice to all of the Debtors' creditors in an efficient and cost-effective manner.

NOTICE

31. Notice of the Motion has been given to (a) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Northern District of Ohio, (b) the Debtors' secured lenders, and (c) the Debtors' fifty (50) largest unsecured creditors on a consolidated basis. The Debtors submit that, under the circumstances, no other or further notice need be given.

32. Because this Motion presents no novel issues of law and the authorities relied upon are stated herein, the Debtors respectfully request that this Court waive the requirement contained in Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(a) that the Debtors file a separate memorandum of law in support of this Motion.

33. Notwithstanding the possible applicability of Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h), 7062, 9014 or otherwise, the Debtors request the relief sought by this Motion be immediately effective and enforceable upon entry of the order requested hereby.

34. No previous motion for the relief sought herein has been made to this or any other court.

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CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that this Court enter an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit B**, granting the relief requested herein and such other or further relief as is just and proper under the circumstances.

Dated: September 20, 2006 Cleveland, OH

> CEP HOLDINGS, LLC, <u>et al.</u>, Debtors and Debtors-in-possession

By: <u>/s/ Joseph F. Hutchinson, Jr.</u> One of Their Attorneys

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Proposed Counsel for the Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession

EXHIBIT A

PROPOSED FORM OF NOTICE

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

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In re:	:	
	:	Case No. 06-61796
CEP HOLDINGS, LLC, <u>et al</u> ., ¹	:	(Jointly Administered)
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Debtors.	:	Chapter 11
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	:	Honorable Russ Kendig
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NOTICE OF (A) COMMENCEMENT OF CHAPTER 11 CASES; (B) MEETING OF CREDITORS PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTION 341; AND (C) APPLICABILITY OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

COMMENCEMENT OF CASES: On September 20, 2006, CEP Holdings, LLC and its affiliated debtors and debtors in possession (each a "**Debtor**" and collectively, the "**Debtors**" or "**CEP**") in the above-captioned Chapter 11 cases (the "**Cases**") filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "**Bankruptcy Code**") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio (the "**Court**"). The Debtors' addresses and federal tax identification number are listed below.

CEP Holdings, LLC			Creative Engineered Polymer Products, LLC		
Address:	3650 West Market Street, Suite 340 Akron Ohio 44333	Address:	3650 West Market Street, Suite 340 Akron Ohio 44333		

Federal Tax ID Number: 20-330088

Federal Tax ID Number: 20-3210816

Thermoplastics Acquisition, LLC

Address: 3650 West Market Street, Suite 340 Akron Ohio 44333

Federal Tax ID Number: 20-3851291

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AUTOMATIC STAY: A creditor is anyone to whom the Debtor owes money or property or who has a claim against property of the Debtor's estate. Under the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtor is granted certain protection against creditors. UNDER BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTION 362(a), ENTITLED "AUTOMATIC STAY," THE FILING OF A BANKRUPTCY PETITION OPERATES AS STAY THAT PROTECTS THE DEBTOR AND PROPERTY OF THE DEBTOR'S ESTATE. COMMON EXAMPLES OF PROHIBITED ACTIONS BY CREDITORS, ARE CONTACTING THE DEBTOR TO DEMAND REPAYMENT, TAKING ACTION AGAINST THE DEBTOR TO COLLECT MONEY OWED TO CREDITORS OR TO TAKE PROPERTY OF THE DEBTOR, AND STARTING OR CONTINUING COLLECTION ACTIONS, FORECLOSURE ACTIONS, OR REPOSSESSIONS. IF A CREDITOR VIOLATES THE AUTOMATIC STAY, THE COURT MAY HOLD THE CREDITOR IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND ASSESS COMPENSATORY AND PUNITIVE DAMAGES WITH ATTENDANT POSSIBILITY OF COSTS AND OTHER EXPENSES. A creditor who is considering taking action against the Debtor or property of the Debtor's estates should review Bankruptcy Code Section 362 and may wish to seek legal advice.

MEETING OF CREDITORS: A representative of the Debtor, as specified in Rule 9001(5) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "**Bankruptcy Rules**"), is required to appear at the Bankruptcy Code Section 341 meeting of creditors on the date and at the place set forth below to be examined under oath. Attendance by creditors at the meeting is welcomed, but not required. At the meeting, creditors may examine the Debtor and transact other business as may properly come before the meeting. The meeting may be continued or adjourned from time to time by notice at the meeting, without further written notice to creditors.

MEETING OF CREDITORS

Date: [___], 2006

Location: [____]

Time: _________.m. (prevailing Eastern Time)

PROOF OF CLAIM: The Debtors will file schedules of creditors pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1007. Any creditor holding a scheduled claim not listed as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated as to amount may, but is not required to, file a proof of claim in these cases. Creditors whose claims are not scheduled or whose claims are listed as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated as to amount and who desire to participate in these cases or share in any distribution must file their proofs of claim. A creditor who desires to rely on the schedules of creditors has the responsibility for determining that the claim is listed accurately. A proof of claim form and the deadline notice will be sent to you later. A deadline for the last day for filing proofs of claim has not yet been established.

PURPOSE OF CHAPTER 11 FILING: Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code enables a debtor to reorganize pursuant to a plan. A plan of reorganization is not effective unless confirmed by the Court after a confirmation hearing. Creditors will be given notice concerning any plan, or if these cases are dismissed or converted to another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor will remain in possession of its properties and will continue to operate its business

unless a trustee is appointed.

NOTICE PROCEDURES: On Septmber ____, 2006, the Court entered an Order Establishing Certain Notice, Case Management, And Administrative Procedures (the "Notice Procedures Order"). The Notice Procedures Order describes the notice procedures that apply in this chapter 11 case. All parties who desire to participate in these chapter 11 cases must follow the procedures set forth in the Notice Procedures Order. Parties can obtain a copy of the Notice Procedures Order and all other documents filed electronically with the Court in this case by: (i) accessing the Debtors' bankruptcy website www.bmcgroup.com/cep, or (ii) contacting the Clerk of the Court at the Frank T. Bow Building, 201 Cleveland Ave SW, Canton, OH 44702.

Dated: September __, 2006 Cleveland, OH

> CEP HOLDINGS, LLC, <u>et al</u>., Debtors and Debtors-in-possession

By: <u>/s/ Joseph F. Hutchinson, Jr.</u> One of Their Attorneys

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Proposed Counsel for the Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession

EXHIBIT B

PROPOSED ORDER

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO EASTERN DIVISION

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In re:	:	
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Debtors.	:	Chapter 11
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ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO (A) PREPARE A CONSOLIDATED LIST OF CREDITORS IN LIEU OF A MATRIX AND (B) MAIL INITIAL NOTICES, AND (II) APPROVING FORM OF INITIAL NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF CASES

Upon the motion (the "**Motion**")² of CEP Holdings, LLC and its affiliated debtors and debtors-in-possession (each a "**Debtor**" and collectively, the "**Debtors**" or "**CEP**") in the abovecaptioned Chapter 11 cases (the "**Cases**"), for entry of an order (i) authorizing the Debtors to (a) prepare a consolidated list of creditors in lieu of a matrix and (b) mail initial notices, and (ii) approving the form of initial notice in relation to the Cases, attached to the Motion as **Exhibit A** (the "**Initial Notice**"); the Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements of counsel in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before the Court (the "**Hearing**"); and upon the Mallak Affidavit; and the Court having found and concluded that (i) it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, (ii) this is a core proceeding, (iii) notice of the Motion was sufficient under the circumstances, and (iv) the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion, the Mallak Affidavit, and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief requested herein; and this Court having determined that granting the relief requested in the

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² Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to them in the Motion.

Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates and their creditors; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefore;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is GRANTED to the extent provided herein.

2. The requirement under section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 1007(a)(1), Local Bankruptcy Rules 1007-2, and any standing order to file a list of creditors with the Court as of the Petition Date is waived.

3. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 1007(d) and Local Bankruptcy Rules 1007-2, the Debtors are authorized to prepare a consolidated list of creditors and a list of equity security holders in a computer readable format that is acceptable to the Clerk of the Court and to make such list available only upon request.

4. The Debtors, with the assistance of BMC Group, Inc. ("**Agent**") (upon this Court's authorization to engage Agent as the Debtors' notice and claims agent) are authorized, but not directed, to mail initial notices, such as (a) a notice of filing of the Chapter 11 Cases; (b) a notice of a meeting of creditors under section 341 of the Bankruptcy Code; and (c) any correspondence the Debtors may wish to send to creditors as part of the Debtors' communication efforts to keep their creditors informed with respect to the status of the Chapter 11 Cases.

5. The form of the Initial Notice attached to the Motion as **Exhibit A** is approved.

6. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or relating to the implementation of this Order.

7. The requirement pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(a) that the Debtors file a memorandum of law in support of the Motion is hereby waived.

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8. Notwithstanding the possible applicability of Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h), 7062, 9014 or otherwise, the terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

Dated: September __, 2006 Canton, OH

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE