

EXHIBIT A

BAR DATE NOTICE

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

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In re: : Case No. 06-51848
: (Jointly Administered)
CEP HOLDINGS, LLC, et al.,¹ :
: Chapter 11
Debtors. :
: Honorable Marilyn Shea-Stonum
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NOTICE OF BAR DATES FOR FILING OF PROOFS OF CLAIM

TO ALL KNOWN CREDITORS AND INTEREST HOLDERS:

On September 20, 2006, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Ohio (the “**Court**”) entered an order in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (the “**Bar Date Order**”) establishing certain claims bar dates in the chapter 11 cases of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “**Debtors**”). By the Bar Date Order, the Court authorized the Debtors to fix **March 1, 2007** as the general claims bar date (the “**General Bar Date**”). Except as described below, the Bar Date Order requires all Entities, other than Governmental Units, that have or assert any prepetition Claims against the Debtors to file proofs of claim with BMC Group, Inc. (“**BMC**”), the claims and noticing agent in these cases, so that their proofs of claim are received by BMC on or before 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the General Bar Date. As described below, the Bar Date Order also establishes different bar dates for other categories of claims. Please note that the terms “Entity,” “Governmental Unit” and “Claim” are defined below.

For your convenience, enclosed with this Notice is a proof of claim form, which identifies on its face the amount, nature and classification of your Claim(s), if any, listed in the Debtors’ schedules of assets and liabilities and statements of financial affairs filed in these cases (collectively, the “**Schedules**”).

KEY DEFINITIONS

As used in this Notice, the term “**Entity**” has the meaning given to it in section 101(15) of title 11 of the United States Code (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”), and includes all persons, estates, trusts, Governmental Units and the United States Trustee.

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

As used in this Notice, the term “**Governmental Unit**” has the meaning given to it in section 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code and includes the United States; states; commonwealths; districts; territories; municipalities; foreign states; or departments; agencies or instrumentalities of the foregoing (but not including the United States trustee while serving as a trustee under the Bankruptcy Code).

As used in this Notice, the term “**Claim**” shall mean, as to or against any of the Debtors and in accordance with section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code: (a) any right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured or unsecured; or (b) any right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured.

WHO MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM AND THE APPLICABLE BAR DATES

The Bar Dates

The Bar Date Order establishes the following bar dates for filing proofs of claim in these cases (collectively, the “**Bar Dates**”):

- a. The General Bar Date. Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, all Entities, other than Governmental Units, holding Claims against the Debtors (whether secured, unsecured priority or unsecured nonpriority) that arose prior to September 20, 2006 are required to file proofs of claim by **March 1, 2007**, including, without limitation, claims entitled to administrative priority status under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- b. The Government Bar Date. In accordance with section 502(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, all Governmental Units holding Claims against the Debtors (whether secured, unsecured priority or unsecured nonpriority) that arose prior to September 20, 2006 are required to file proofs of claim by **March 19, 2007** (the “**Government Bar Date**”), including Governmental Units with Claims against a Debtor for unpaid taxes, whether such Claims arise from prepetition tax years or periods or prepetition transactions to which the Debtor was a party.
- c. The Rejection Bar Date. Any Entity whose Claims arise out of the Court-approved rejection or an executory contract or unexpired lease must file a proof of claim on or before the earlier of: (i) the date that is 30 days after the effective date of rejection identified in the notice of rejection or order authorizing rejection with respect to such executory contract or unexpired lease; or (b) the date that is 30 days following the effective date of any plan of reorganization confirmed by the Court in these cases. The earlier of these dates is referred to in this Notice as the “**Rejection Bar Date.**”

- d. The Amended Schedule Bar Date. If, subsequent to the mailing and publication of this Notice, the Debtors amend their Schedules to reduce the undisputed, noncontingent and liquidated amount or to change the nature or classification of a Claim against a Debtor reflected therein, the affected claimant is required to file a proof of claim or amend any previously filed proof of claim in respect of the amended scheduled claim on or before the later of: (i) the General Bar Date or the Government Bar Date, as applicable; and (ii) 30 days after the date that notice of the applicable amendment to the Schedules is served on the claimant. The later of these dates is referred to in this Notice as the “**Amended Schedule Bar Date.**”

Entities That Must File Proofs of Claim by the General Bar Date or the Government Bar Date

Subject to the terms described above for holders of Claims subject to the Rejection Bar Date and the Amended Schedule Bar Date, the following Entities must file proofs of claim on or before the General Bar Date or, with respect to Claims of Governmental Units, on or before the Government Bar Date:

- a. Any Entity (i) whose prepetition Claim against a Debtor is not listed in the applicable Debtor’s Schedules or is listed as “disputed,” “contingent” or “unliquidated” and (ii) that desires to participate in any of these chapter 11 cases or share in any distribution in any of these chapter 11 cases;
- b. Any Entity that believes its prepetition Claim is improperly classified in the Schedules or is listed in an incorrect amount and that desires to have its Claim allowed in a classification or amount other than that identified in the Schedules; and
- c. Any Entity holding a claim allowable under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Entities Not Required to File Proofs of Claim by the General Bar Date or the Government Bar Date

The Bar Date Order further provides that the following Entities need not file proofs of claim by the General Bar Date or the Government Bar Date:

- a. Any Entity that already has properly filed a proof of claim against one or more of the Debtors in accordance with the procedures described in this Notice;
- b. Any Entity (i) whose Claim against a Debtor is not listed as “disputed,” “contingent” or “unliquidated” in the Schedules and (ii) that agrees with the nature, classification and amount of its Claim as identified in the Schedules;

- c. Any Entity whose Claim against a Debtor previously has been allowed by, or paid pursuant to, an order of the Court;
- d. Any Debtor having a claim against another Debtor, or any of the direct or indirect nondebtor subsidiaries of the Debtors having a claim against any of the Debtors;
- e. Any Entity holding a claim allowable under sections 503(b) and 507(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code as an expense of administration (other than any claim allowable under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code); and
- f. Any Entity whose claim is limited exclusively to a claim for “Prepetition Debt” as such term is defined and identified in paragraph I of the Final DIP Order (Docket No. 192) as constituting a legal, valid and binding obligation of the Debtors.

No Requirement to File Proofs of Interest

Any Entity holding an interest in any Debtor (an “**Interest Holder**”), which interest is based exclusively upon the ownership of a membership interest in a limited liability company (an “**Interest**”), need not file a proof of interest on or before the General Bar Date; provided, however, that Interest Holders that wish to assert Claims against any of the Debtors that arise out of or relate to the ownership or purchase of an Interest must file proofs of claim on or before the General Bar Date, unless another exception identified in this Notice applies. The Debtors have reserved the right to establish at a later date a bar date requiring Interest Holders to file proofs of interest. If such a bar date is established, Interest Holders will be notified of the Interest bar date at the appropriate time.

FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM AGAINST MULTIPLE DEBTORS; REQUIREMENT TO IDENTIFY DEBTOR

Any Entity asserting Claims against more than one Debtor must file a separate proof of claim with respect to each such Debtor. In addition, any Entity filing a proof of claim must identify on its proof of claim form the particular Debtor against which its Claim is asserted. A list of Debtors, together with their respective case numbers, is found on the reverse side of the proof of claim form. Any Claim filed in the joint administration case number (CEP Holdings, LLC, Case No. 06-51848) or that otherwise fails to identify a Debtor shall be deemed as filed only against Creative Engineered Polymer Products, LLC. Any claim improperly filed against CEP Holdings, LLC will be treated as filed against Creative Engineered Polymer Products, LLC or Thermoplastics Acquisition, LLC if the Debtors’ books and records clearly indicate that the claim should have been filed against Creative Engineered Polymer Products, LLC or Thermoplastics Acquisition, LLC. If more than one Debtor is listed on the form, the Debtors will treat such claim as filed only against the first listed Debtor.

CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO FILE PROOF OF CLAIM

Any Entity that is required to file a proof of claim, but that fails to do so by the applicable Bar Date described in this Notice, shall be forever barred, estopped and enjoined from the following:

- a. Asserting any Claim against the Debtors that the Entity has that (i) is in an amount that exceeds the amount, if any, that is identified in the Schedules on behalf of such Entity as undisputed, noncontingent and liquidated or (ii) is of a different nature or a different classification than any Claim identified in the Schedules on behalf of such Entity (any such Claim being referred to in this Notice as an “**Unscheduled Claim**”); or
- b. Voting upon, or receiving distributions under, any plan or plans of reorganization in these chapter 11 cases in respect of an Unscheduled Claim.

If it is unclear from the Schedules whether your Claim is disputed, contingent or unliquidated as to amount or is otherwise properly listed and classified, you must file a proof of claim on or before the applicable Bar Date. Any Entity that relies on the information in the Schedules bears responsibility for determining that its Claim is accurately listed therein.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The Debtors reserve the right to: (a) dispute, or to assert offsets or defenses against, any filed Claim or any Claim listed or reflected in the Schedules as to nature, amount, liability, classification or otherwise; (b) subsequently designate any Claim as disputed, contingent or unliquidated; and (c) otherwise amend their Schedules. Nothing contained in this Notice shall preclude the Debtors from objecting to any Claim, whether scheduled or filed, on any grounds.

PROCEDURE FOR FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM

A signed original of a completed proof of claim, together with any accompanying or supporting documentation, must be delivered to BMC so as to be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the applicable Bar Date at the following addresses:

By regular U.S. mail:
CEP HOLDINGS, LLC, et al.
c/o BMC Group
PO Box 903
El Segundo, CA 90245-0903

By messenger or overnight courier:
CEP HOLDINGS, LLC, et al.
c/o BMC Group
1330 E. Franklin Ave.
El Segundo, CA 90245

Any proof of claim submitted by facsimile or e-mail will not be accepted and will not be deemed filed until the proof of claim is submitted by one of the methods described above. Proofs of claim will be deemed filed only when actually received by BMC. If you wish to receive acknowledgement of BMC’s receipt of your proof of claim, you must also submit by the

applicable Bar Date and concurrently with submitting your original proof of claim (a) a copy of your original proof of claim and (b) a self-addressed, stamped return envelope.

Proofs of claim must include all documentation required by Bankruptcy Rules 3001(c) and 3001(d), including an original or copy of any written documents that forms the basis of the Claim or, for secured Claims, evidence that the alleged security interest has been perfected.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Copies of the Debtors' Schedules, the Bar Date Order and other information regarding the Debtors' chapter 11 cases are available for inspection free of charge on BMC's website at <http://www.bmcgroup.com/cep>. The Schedules and other filings in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases also are available for a fee at the Court's website at <http://www.ohnb.uscourts.gov>. A login identification and password to the Court's Public Access to Court Electronic Records ("PACER") are required to access this information and can be obtained through the PACER Service Center at <http://www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov>. Copies of the Schedules and other documents may also be examined between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, at the Office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, US Federal Building, 455 U.S. Courthouse, 2 South Main Street, Akron, OH 44308.

If you require additional information regarding the filing of a proof of claim, you may contact the CEP Claims Hotline at **(888) 909-0100**. You also may contact BMC directly by writing to CEP HOLDINGS, LLC, *et al.*, c/o BMC Group, 1330 E. Franklin Ave., El Segundo, CA 90245.

A HOLDER OF A POSSIBLE CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY REGARDING ANY MATTERS NOT COVERED BY THIS NOTICE, SUCH AS WHETHER THE HOLDER SHOULD FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM

Dated: Akron, Ohio
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BY ORDER OF THE COURT

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