UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In Re:)	Chapter 11
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SEA CONTAINERS LTD. <u>et</u> <u>al</u> .,)	Case No. 06-11156 (KJC)
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Debtors.)	Jointly Administered

FEE AUDITOR'S FINAL REPORT REGARDING INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF YOUNG CONAWAY STARGATT & TAYLOR, LLP FOR THE EIGHTH INTERIM PERIOD

This is the final report of Warren H. Smith & Associates, P.C., acting in its capacity as fee auditor in the above-captioned bankruptcy proceedings, regarding the <u>Fee Application of Young</u> Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP for the Eighth Interim Period (the "Application").

BACKGROUND

- 1. Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, ("Young Conaway") was retained as counsel to the debtors and debtors in possession. In the Application, Young Conaway seeks approval of fees totaling \$90,535.00 and costs totaling \$37,432.83 for its services from July 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008 (the "Application Period").
- 2. In conducting this audit and reaching the conclusions and recommendations contained herein, we reviewed in detail the Application in its entirety, including each of the time and expense entries included in the exhibits to the Application, for compliance with Local Rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Amended Effective February 1, 2009, and the United States Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. 330, Issued January 30, 1996 (the "Guidelines"), as well as for consistency with precedent established in the United States

Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, and the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. We served on Young Conaway an initial report based on our review, and received a response from Young Conaway, portions of which response are quoted herein.

DISCUSSION

3. We noted that in the following time entries, the sub-parts do not equal the amount of time that was billed to the estate, causing an over-billing of 0.40 hours and \$122.00 in fees:

8/25/08	Review Caiafa claim objection (.1); work with A. Joseck re: filing/service (.1)	SGREE	0.30
9/30/08	Calls/emails with S. Seewer re: non-debtor subsidiary disposition declaration (.3)	SGREE	0.60

We asked Young Conaway to provide further explanation regarding these time entries and it responded as follows:

With respect to the time entries listed in paragraph 3 of the Initial Report, YCST agrees to a reduction in fees of \$122.00.

We appreciate Young Conaway's response and thus, recommend a reduction of \$122.00 in fees.

4. We noted the following photocopy and courier charges which, without further explanation, appear excessive:

08/25/08	2668959	AJOSE Photocopy Charges	\$1,033.30
8/25/08	2668961	AJOSE Photocopy Charges	\$590.00
8/25/08	2668962	AJOSE Photocopy Charges	\$844.00
09/17/08	2690814	AJOSE Photocopy Charges	\$1,772.40
09/17/08	2690815	AJOSE Photocopy Charges	\$1,826.00
09/17/08	2716611 VENDOR N.	AJOSE Delivery /Courier AME: Parcels, Inc D.D.R.	\$1,338.40

09/18/08	2692704	CCATH Photocopy Charges	\$933.60

09/29/08	2702361	AJOSE Photocopy Charges	\$512.00
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The U.S. Trustee Guidelines, Paragraph I.E., states ". . . [i]n evaluating fees for professional services, it is relevant to consider . . .[w]hether the expense is reasonable and economical." We asked Young Conaway to provide further explanation regarding each of these expenses and it responded as follows:

08/25/08 AJOSE Photocopy Charges in the amounts of \$1,033.30; \$590.00, and \$844.00: These charges relate to the copying of the Debtors' objection to proof of claim number 116 [Docket No. 2087], which was 249pages in length, plus four additional certifications and notices [Docket Nos. 2092, 2095, 2096, and the notice related to Docket No. 2097], which were 32 pages in length. These documents were served on all parties on the Rule 2002 service list (59 parties). In addition, the charges relate to the copying of Kirkland & Ellis LLP's 21st monthly fee application, which was 281 pages. This fee application was served on the core service group (13 parties).

09/17/08 AJOSE Photocopy Charges in the amounts of \$1,772.40 and \$1,826.00; 09/17/08 AJOSE Delivery /Courier in the amount of \$1,338.40: These charges relate to the copying of the Debtors' First Amended Joint Plan [Docket No. 2068], Disclosure Statement for the Debtors' First Amended Joint Plan [Docket No. 2069], and Blacklined versions of the First Amended Plan, Disclosure Statement, and Proposed Solicitation Materials [Docket No. 2070]. Because of the size and time-sensitive nature of the copying and service of these documents, the services were completed in part in-house by YCST's copying service, Parcels, Inc., and partially at Parcels, Inc.'s home office. The documents were 938 pages in length, and were served on all parties on the Rule 2002 service list (67 parties).

09/18/08 CCATH Photocopy Charges in the amount of \$933.60: This charge relates to the copying of the agenda for the September 19 hearing [Docket No. 2178], Exhibit B to the Debtors' First Amended Joint Plan [Docket No. 2179] and the proposed Bermuda Scheme of Arrangement [Docket

No. 2181] These documents were 124 pages in length, and was served on all parties on the Rule 2002 service list (67 parties).

09/29/08 AJOSE Photocopy Charges in the amount of \$512.00: This charge relates to the copying of the exhibit to the Debtors' motion authorizing release of an intercompany receivable in connection with the sale of Charleston Marine Containers Inc. This document was 58 pages in length, and was served on all parties on the Rule 2002 service list (68 parties).

We appreciate Young Conaway's response and thus, have no objection to these expenses.

CONCLUSION

5. Thus we recommend approval of fees totaling \$90,413.00 (\$90,535.00 minus \$122.00) and expenses totaling \$37,432.83 for Young Conaway's services from July 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document has been served via First-Class United States mail to the attached service list on this 9th day of March, 2009.

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