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Western District of North Carolina



*Lena Mansay James*  
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United States Bankruptcy Judge

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
CHARLOTTE DIVISION**

In re  
ALDRICH PUMP LLC, *et al.*,<sup>1</sup>  
Debtors.

Chapter 11  
Case No. 20-30608 (LMJ)  
(Jointly Administered)

**ORDER GRANTING THE SEVENTEENTH INTERIM  
APPLICATION OF EVERT WEATHERSBY HOUFF FOR ALLOWANCE  
OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED  
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS SPECIAL  
ASBESTOS LITIGATION COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS  
FOR THE PERIOD FROM OCTOBER 1, 2025 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2026**

This matter coming before the Court on the *Seventeenth Interim Application of Evert Weathersby Houff for Allowance of Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses as Special Asbestos Litigation Counsel to the Debtors for the Period From October 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026* (the "Interim Fee Application")<sup>2</sup> filed by Evert Weathersby Houff as Special Asbestos Litigation Counsel to

<sup>1</sup> The Debtors are the following entities (the last four digits of their respective taxpayer identification numbers follow in parentheses): Aldrich Pump LLC (2290) and Murray Boiler LLC (0679). The Debtors' address is 800-E Beaty Street, Davidson, North Carolina 28036.

<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Interim Fee Application.

the above-captioned debtors and debtor in possession (the "Debtors"); the Court having reviewed the Interim Fee Application; the Court having found that (i) the Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, (ii) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), (iii) notice of the Interim Fee Application and the notice of an opportunity for hearing were served upon the parties required by Local Rule 2002-1(g) and the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Retained Professionals* [Dkt. 171], as amended on January 13, 2026 [Dkt. 3008] (the "Interim Compensation Order") and no other or further notice is required, (iv) the compensation requested in the Interim Fee Application is reasonable and for actual and necessary services rendered by Evert Weathersby Houff on behalf of the Debtors during the period from October 1, 2025 through January 31, 2026 (the "Compensation Period"), (v) the expenses for which reimbursement is sought in the Interim Fee Application are actual and necessary expenses incurred by Evert Weathersby Houff during the Compensation Period on behalf of the Debtors, and (vi) the Interim Fee Application fully complies with the Interim Compensation Order, the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and the Compensation Guidelines; and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Interim Fee Application establish just cause for the relief granted herein;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Interim Fee Application is GRANTED.
2. Evert Weathersby Houff is awarded, on an interim basis, compensation for professional services rendered during the Compensation Period in the amount of \$955,441.50 and reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses incurred by Evert Weathersby Houff during the Compensation Period in the amount of \$27,237.45.

3. The Debtors are authorized and directed to pay promptly to Evert Weathersby Houff the amount of fees and expenses approved by this Order, to the extent that such amounts have not previously been paid by the Debtors or satisfied by application of the Retainer.

4. The Debtors and Evert Weathersby Houff are authorized and empowered to take all actions necessary to implement the relief granted in this Order.

5. This Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction over any and all matters arising from or related to the implementation, enforcement, or interpretation of this Order.

This Order has been signed electronically.  
The Judge's signature and court's seal appear  
at the top of the Order.

United States Bankruptcy Court