# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	) Chapter 11
AUTO PLUS AUTO SALES LLC,	) Case No. 23-90055 (CML)
Wind-Down Debtor. <sup>1</sup>	) (Formerly Jointly Administered under Lead Case IEH Auto Parts
	) Holding LLC, Case No. 23-90054

GUC TRUSTEE'S <u>SIXTEENTH</u> OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS (Discharged Claims of Non-Responding Claimants)

This is an objection to your claim. This objection asks the Court to disallow the claim that you filed in this bankruptcy case. If you do not file a response on or before <u>September 12, 2025</u>, which is at least <u>30 days</u> after the date this objection was served, your claim may be disallowed without a hearing.

A hearing has been set for this matter on <u>September 16, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.</u> (prevailing Central Time) in Courtroom 401, 4th floor, 515 Rusk Street, Houston, Texas 77002. Participation at the hearing will only be permitted by an audio and video connection.

Audio communication will be by use of the Court's dial-in facility. You may access the facility at (832) 917-1510. Once connected, you will be asked to enter the conference room number. Judge Lopez's conference room number is 590153. Video communication will be by use of the GoToMeeting platform. Connect via the free GoToMeeting application or click the link on Judge Lopez's home page. The meeting code is "JudgeLopez". Click the settings icon in the upper right corner and enter your name under the personal information setting.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On January 16, 2024, the Court entered a *Final Decree Closing Certain of the Chapter 11 Cases* [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 1043] closing each Debtor's chapter 11 case except the case of Auto Plus Auto Sales LLC. The following is a complete list of the Debtor entities in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each entity's federal tax identification number: IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC (6529); AP Acquisition Company Clark LLC (4531); AP Acquisition Company Gordon LLC (5666); AP Acquisition Company Massachusetts LLC (7581); AP Acquisition Company Missouri LLC (7840); AP Acquisition Company New York LLC (7361); AP Acquisition Company North Carolina LLC (N/A); AP Acquisition Company Washington LLC (2773); Auto Plus Auto Sales LLC (6921); IEH AIM LLC (2233); IEH Auto Parts LLC (2066); IEH Auto Parts Puerto Rico, Inc. (4539); and IEH BA LLC (1428). The Wind-Down Debtors' service address is: 5330 Caramel Crest Lane, Charlotte, NC 28226.

Hearing appearances must be made electronically in advance of both electronic and in-person hearings. To make your appearance, click the "Electronic Appearance" link on Judge Lopez's home page. Select the case name, complete the required fields and click "Submit" to complete your appearance.

This Objection seeks to disallow certain proofs of claim. Claimants receiving this Objection should locate their names and claims on <u>Schedule 1</u> to the Proposed Order attached to this Objection. Claimants should also review the information set forth in the Notice of Objection to Claim attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u>.

Michael D. Warner, solely in his capacity as trustee (the "GUC Trustee") of the Auto Parts GUC Trust (the "GUC Trust"), files this omnibus objection (this "Objection") and respectfully requests entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit B** (the "Proposed Order"), disallowing the General Unsecured Claims<sup>2</sup> of parties that have not submitted tax withholding and reporting information to the GUC Trust in accordance with the Plan. In support of this Objection, the GUC Trustee submits the *Declaration of Jason Rae* attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the "Declaration") and respectfully states as follows:

### PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. The GUC Trust is preparing for an eventual distribution to holders of Allowed Class 2 General Unsecured Claims under the Plan. While the timing of such distributions remains uncertain, the GUC Trust believes it is moving into the final stages of reconciling and objecting to General Unsecured Claims (or "GUC Claims") in accordance with the Plan. To date, the GUC Trust has filed thirteen omnibus claim objections and resolved more than 650 disputed claims,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Objection shall have the meanings provided in the Plan (as defined herein).

The Plan defines "General Unsecured Claim" as "any Claim against the Debtors that is (a) unpaid as of the Effective Date, and (b) is not an Administrative Expense Claim, DIP Facility Claim, Intercompany Claim, Priority Claim, Priority Tax Claim, Secured Claim, or Cure Amount." *Plan* at 9.

thereby reducing the aggregate pool of GUC Claims by more than \$185 million and substantially increasing potential recoveries for holders of Allowed GUC Claims. Additionally, the Wind-Down Debtors are still reconciling the 503(b)(9) Claims, which reconciliation has a continuing direct effect on general unsecured creditors, and thus the GUC Trust is awaiting the completion of such efforts by the Wind-Down Debtors.

- 2. In preparation for an eventual distribution, the GUC Trust filed and served a notice to all known GUC claimants requesting certain tax withholding and reporting information, as contemplated and required by the Plan and the GUC Trust Agreement. Pursuant to the Plan, claimants that fail to provide such tax information waive their right to any distribution from the GUC Trust, and those parties' claims are deemed forever barred without further order of the Court. See Plan at 35, Art. VI.H; see also GUC Trust Agreement at 13, § 5.1. The GUC Trust has received tax withholding and reporting information from the holders of the majority of Class 2 General Unsecured Claims that are potentially entitled to a Distribution under the Plan.
- 3. Attached as <u>Schedule 1</u> to the Proposed Order is a non-exhaustive list of claimants that have not submitted tax withholding and reporting information requested by the GUC Trustee. Pursuant to Article VI.H of the Plan, each of these claimants is deemed to have waived and forfeited its right to receive any distributions from the GUC Trust, and each and all of their claims are forever barred and discharged. Accordingly, the GUC Trustee files this Objection to disallow the GUC Claims identified on <u>Schedule 1</u> to the Proposed Order.
- 4. <u>However, to the extent that any Holders of Discharged Claims (defined below)</u> provide appropriate Tax Forms (defined below) to the GUC Trust so as to be *actually* received no later than September 12, 2025 (the "Response Deadline"), the GUC Trustee will

remove such Claims from the Proposed Order.<sup>3</sup> Such Tax Forms must be actually received by the GUC Trust on or before the Response Deadline. If a Holder's Tax Form is received after the Response Deadline, the Holder's GUC Claim will nonetheless be disallowed and discharged by way of this Objection.

5. Certain proofs of claim identified on <u>Schedule 1</u> to the Proposed Order may consist of both a General Unsecured Claim and one or more claims other than a General Unsecured Claim (collectively, as defined in the Plan, "<u>Non-GUC Claims</u>").<sup>4</sup> For the avoidance of doubt, this Objection does not affect any Non-GUC Claims asserted in the proofs of claim identified on <u>Schedule 1</u>. This Objection relates only to the general unsecured portions of the claims identified on <u>Schedule 1</u>, and <u>any component of the proof of claim other than the general unsecured non-priority claim is not affected by this Objection</u>.

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 6. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division (the "Court"), has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2).
  - 7. Venue before this Court is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
  - 8. The GUC Trustee consents to the Court's entry of a final order on this matter.
- 9. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are sections 105 and 502 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), rule 3007 of the Federal Rules of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Tax Forms can be provided electronically to <u>AutoPartsGUC@krcl.com</u> or via U.S. Mail to Auto Parts GUC Trust, c/o Lain, Faulkner & Co., PC, 400 N. St. Paul, Suite 600, Dallas, TX 75201, and must be <u>actually received</u> no later than the deadline to respond to this Objection.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Plan defines "Non-GUC Claims" as "all Claims other than General Unsecured Claims." *Plan* at 11.

Bankruptcy Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>"), and rules 3007-1 and 9013-1 of the Bankruptcy Local Rules for the Southern District of Texas (the "Local Rules").

10. This is a procedural Objection only, which is filed in compliance with the Plan and the GUC Trust Agreement.

### **BACKGROUND**

### A. General Background

- 11. On January 31, 2023 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC and its debtor affiliates (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") each filed voluntary petitions for relief in this Court under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 12. On February 1, 2023, the Court entered an Order [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 28] authorizing the employment and retention of Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC as the claims, noticing, and solicitation agent in these bankruptcy cases (the "Claims Agent"). The Claims Agent maintains the claims register in these chapter 11 cases (the "Claims Register"), among other things.
- On March 13, 2023, the Court entered its *Order (I) Setting Bar Dates for Filing Proofs of Claim, Including Requests for Payment under Section 503(b)(9), (II) Establishing Amended Schedules Bar Date and Rejection Damages Bar Date, (III) Approving the Form of and Manner for Filing Proofs of Claim, Including Section 503(b)(9) Requests, and (IV) Approving Notice of Bar Dates [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 222] (the "Bar Date Order"), establishing the following deadlines: (i) May 1, 2023, as the deadline for filing proofs of claim (the "General Bar Date"); and (ii) July 31, 2023, as the deadline for claims asserted by governmental units (the "Government Bar Date" and together with the General Bar Date, the "Bar Dates").*
- 14. The Claims Agent mailed written notice of the Bar Dates to, among others, (i) all creditors and other known holders of claims against the Debtors, (ii) all parties requesting notice in these bankruptcy cases, and (iii) all entities that had filed a proof of claim in these bankruptcy

cases as of the date of the Bar Date Order. *See Certificates of Service* [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. Nos. 257, 284, and 384]. Additionally, the Claims Agent published written notice of the Bar Dates in *The New York Times* – National Edition on March 17, 2023. *See Affidavit of Publication* [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 251].

- 15. On March 31, 2023, each of the Debtors filed its respective Schedule of Assets and Liabilities and Statement of Financial Affairs [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. Nos. 292–318] (respectively, as each may have been amended from time to time, the "Schedules" and "SOFA").
- 16. On June 16, 2023, the Court entered its Order Confirming the Third Amended Combined Disclosure Statement and Joint Plan of Liquidation of IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 749] (the "Confirmation Order"), thereby, among other things, (i) confirming the Third Amended Combined Disclosure Statement and Joint Plan of Liquidation of IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC and its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 738] (including all exhibits, supplements, and schedules thereto, the "Plan"), (ii) approving the form of GUC Trust Agreement, and (iii) approving the GUC Trustee's appointment in accordance with the Plan.
- 17. The Plan became effective on October 6, 2023 (the "<u>Effective Date</u>"). See Notice of (I) Entry of Confirmation Order, (II) Occurrence of Effective Date, and (III) Related Bar Dates [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 922].
- 18. The GUC Trust was created and settled as of the Effective Date, pursuant to the Plan and the *GUC Trust Agreement* dated October 6, 2023, executed by and among the Debtors and the GUC Trustee [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 923-1] (the "GUC Trust Agreement").

- 19. The Plan provides for the substantive consolidation of the Debtors for purposes of reconciling claims and making distributions to claimants. *See Plan* at 2 ("each Claim filed against one Debtor shall be deemed filed against the consolidated Debtors for the purposes of this Plan, and shall be deemed a single Claim against the consolidated Debtors' Estates for Plan purposes.").
- 20. On January 16, 2024, the Court entered a *Final Decree Closing Certain of the Chapter 11 Cases* [Case No. 23-90054, Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 1043] (the "<u>Final Decree</u>") closing each of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases except the above-captioned case of Auto Plus Auto Sales LLC, Case No. 23-90055 (defined as the "<u>Remaining Case</u>"). The Final Decree provides in relevant part that:

Any actions with regard to the Remaining Matters, including with respect to the Claims Reconciliation Process..., whether currently pending in an Affiliate Case or not, shall be filed, administered, and adjudicated in the Remaining Case without the need to reopen any Affiliate Case. Any failure of the Wind-Down Debtors, or any entity authorized pursuant to the Plan, as applicable, to file an objection to any claim against or interest in any Wind-Down Debtor on or prior to entry of this Final Decree shall not constitute allowance of the claim or interest and shall not result in such claim or interest being deemed allowed against or in any Wind-Down Debtor. Any objections to claims against or interests in the Wind-Down Debtors may be filed, administered, and adjudicated in the Remaining Case.

*Final Decree*, ¶ 5. The Final Decree further states that "the GUC Trust may undertake all actions and discharge all duties in accordance with the Plan and Confirmation Order in the Remaining Case to the same extent it could have undertaken or performed such actions or duties in the closed cases, notwithstanding entry of this Order." *Final Decree*, ¶ 9.

### **B.** GUC Claims Reconciliation

21. On August 10, 2023, the Court entered an Order (I) Approving Omnibus Claim Objection Procedures and (II) Authorizing the Debtors to File Substantive Omnibus Objections to Claims Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3007 [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 850] (the "Omnibus

Objection Procedures Order") authorizing the Debtors and their successors, including the GUC Trustee, to file substantive omnibus objections to claims in accordance with the terms thereof and the Procedures for Filing Omnibus Claims Objections attached thereto as Exhibit 1 (the "Omnibus Objection Procedures"). The Omnibus Objection Procedures Order authorizes the filing of omnibus claim objections for both scheduled claims and filed proofs of claim in these cases.

22. The GUC Trustee has sole authority to object to and reconcile General Unsecured Claims under the Plan, among other things. Article VII of the Plan provides, in relevant part, as follows:

The GUC Trustee shall have the sole authority to: (a) File, withdraw or litigate to judgment, objections to General Unsecured Claims; (b) settle or compromise any Disputed General Unsecured Claim without any further notice to or action, order or approval by the Bankruptcy Court; and (c) direct the Claims and Noticing Agent to adjust the claims register to reflect any such resolutions without any further notice to or action, order or approval by the Bankruptcy Court. To the extent that the Debtors and/or the Committee Filed objections to General Unsecured Claims that remain pending as of the Effective Date, the GUC Trustee shall be substituted as the objecting party without further action of the parties or order of the Bankruptcy Court.

See Plan at 37, Art. VII.B.1.

23. Accordingly, the GUC Trustee has standing and authority to file this Objection.

# C. GUC Trustee's Request for Tax Withholding and Reporting Information

24. The Plan and GUC Trust Agreement provide that all creditors are required to provide an IRS Form W-9 or Form W-8, as applicable, or other appropriate documentation (a "<u>Tax Form</u>") as a condition precedent to receiving a Distribution under the Plan. Article VI.H of the Plan states in relevant part as follows:

In connection with this Plan, to the extent applicable, the Debtors, Plan Agent, and the GUC Trust, as applicable, shall comply with all Tax withholding and reporting requirements imposed on

them by any Governmental Unit, and all Distributions shall be subject to such withholding and reporting requirements. ...

The Disbursing Agent<sup>[5]</sup> shall be authorized to require each Holder of a Claim to provide it with a complete, accurate, and executed Form W-9, Form W-8 or other appropriate tax form or documentation as a condition precedent to being sent a Distribution. ... The GUC Trust shall require Holders of General Unsecured Claims to return complete, accurate, and executed Form W-9 or Form W-8, as the case may be, not later than ninety (90) days after such a request. If a Holder of an Allowed Claim does not provide the Disbursing Agent with a complete, accurate, and executed Form W-9, Form W-8 or other tax form or documentation within the time period specified in such notice, or such later time period agreed to by the Disbursing Agent in writing in its discretion, then the Disbursing Agent, in its sole discretion, may (a) make a Distribution net of any applicable maximum withholding or (b) determine that such Holder shall be deemed to have forfeited the right to receive any Distribution, in which case, any such Distribution shall revert to the Estates or GUC Pool, as the case may be, for Distribution on account of other Allowed Claims and the Claim of the Holder originally entitled to such Distribution shall be waived and forever barred without further order of the **Bankruptcy Court....** 

*Plan*, Art. VI.H (emphasis added). Similarly, the GUC Trust Agreement provides in relevant part as follows:

4.8 <u>Compliance with Laws.</u> ... [T]he GUC Trustee, in his business judgment, may cause the GUC Trust to withhold and/or pay to the appropriate tax authority from amounts distributable from the GUC Trust to any GUC Trust Beneficiary any and all amounts as may be sufficient to pay the maximum amount of any tax or other charge that has been or might be assessed or imposed by any law, regulation, rule, ruling, directive, or other governmental requirement on such GUC Trust Beneficiary or the GUC Trust with respect to the amount to be distributed to such GUC Trust Beneficiary. The GUC Trustee shall determine such maximum amount to be withheld by the GUC Trust using his business judgment and shall cause the GUC Trust to distribute to the GUC Trust Beneficiary any excess amount withheld. ...

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The term "Disbursing Agent," as defined in the Plan, includes the GUC Trustee. *Plan* at 8, Art. I.A.43.

- 4.9 <u>Tax Withholdings</u>. The GUC Trust shall comply with all tax withholding and reporting requirements as set forth in the Plan and the Confirmation Order.
- 5.1 <u>Identification and Addresses of GUC Trust Beneficiaries</u>. In order to determine the actual names and addresses of the GUC Trust Beneficiaries, the GUC Trust may, but shall not be required, deliver a notice to the GUC Trust Beneficiaries at their last known address indicated in the Claims Register or the books and records of the Debtors. Such notice may include a form for each GUC Trust Beneficiary to complete in order to be properly registered as a GUC Trust Beneficiary and be eligible for distributions under the Plan and this GUC Trust Agreement. Such form may request the GUC Trust Beneficiary's federal taxpayer identification number or social security number if the GUC Trust determines that such information is necessary to fulfill the GUC Trust's tax reporting and withholding obligations. ...

*GUC Trust Agreement*, §§ 4.8, 4.9, and 5.1.

- 25. On December 23, 2024, in connection with its tax withholding and reporting requirements under the Plan, the GUC Trust filed and served its *Notice of GUC Trustee's Request for Tax Reporting and Withholding Information* [Case No. 23-90055, Dkt. No. 258] (the "<u>Tax Request Notice</u>").
- 26. The GUC Trustee served the Tax Request Notice that same day to all parties known to hold or assert a Class 2 General Unsecured Claim under the Plan ("GUC Claimants"), as evidenced by the *Certificate of Service* filed by the GUC Trustee [Case No. 23-90055, Dkt. No. 259].
- 27. By way of the Tax Request Notice, the GUC Trustee requested that all GUC Claimants provide the appropriate Tax Form to the GUC Trust within ninety (90) days of the date of the Tax Request Notice (*i.e.*, on or before March 24, 2025).
- 28. The Tax Request Notice informed GUC Claimants that the requested Tax Forms could be submitted by either regular mail or e-mail at the applicable addresses set forth therein.

29. At the direction of the GUC Trustee, the GUC Trust's professionals have collected, tracked, and recorded all Tax Forms received in response to the Tax Request Notice, as further detailed in the attached Declaration.

## **RELIEF REQUESTED**

- 30. The GUC Trustee respectfully requests entry of the Proposed Order disallowing all General Unsecured Claims of the GUC Claimants identified on Schedule 1 to the Proposed Order (the "Non-Responding Claimants"). The GUC Trustee seeks to disallow the General Unsecured Claims of the Non-Responding Claimants (the "Discharged Claims"), including any portions of such claims that are subsequently reclassified as General Unsecured Claims (if any), for the reason that the Non-Responding Claimants have not provided the requested Tax Forms in accordance with the Plan and the Tax Request Notice, as further set forth herein.
- 31. For the avoidance of doubt, as noted above, this Objection does not affect any Non-GUC Claims asserted in the proofs of claim identified on <u>Schedule 1</u>. This Objection relates only to the General Unsecured portions of the claims identified on <u>Schedule 1</u>, and <u>any component of such claims other than the general unsecured non-priority claim is not affected by this Objection</u>.

### **BASIS FOR RELIEF**

- 32. A filed proof of claim is deemed allowed, unless a party in interest objects. 11 U.S.C. § 502(a). Section 502(b) lists nine separate grounds for disallowing a claim, including that "such claim is unenforceable against the debtor and property of the debtor...." 11 U.S.C. § 502(b)(1)-(9). Section 502(b) also provides that "if such objection is made, the court...shall determine the amount of such claim...and shall allow such claim in such amount...." 11 U.S.C. § 502(b).
- 33. A properly executed and filed proof of claim constitutes prima facie evidence of the validity and the amount of the claim under section 502(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. FED. R.

BANKR. P. 3001(f). To receive the benefit of prima facie validity, however, a proof of claim must assert factual allegations that would entitle the claimant to a recovery. *In re Heritage Org., LLC*, 04-35574 (BJH), 206 WL 6508477, at \*8 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Jan. 27, 2006). A claim that is based on a writing must attach the underlying writing or provide an explanation of the loss or destruction or such writing. *See* FED. R. BANKR. P. 3001(c). Without complying with the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c), if applicable, a claim is not entitled to prima facie validity. *See*, *e.g.*, *eCast Settlement Corp. v. Tran (In re Tran)*, 369 B.R. 312, 317 (S.D. Tex. 2007).

- 34. A claimant's proof of claim is entitled to the presumption of *prima facie* validity under Bankruptcy Rule 3001(f) only until an objecting party refutes at least one of the allegations that is essential to the claim's legal sufficiency. *In re Starnes*, 231 B.R. 903, 912 (N.D. Tex. 1998). Once an allegation is refuted, "the burden shifts to the claimant to prove by a preponderance of the evidence." *In re Congress, LLC*, 529 B.R. 213, 219 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. 2015); *see also Cavu/Rock Props. Project I, LLC v. Gold Star Constr., Inc. (In re Cavu/Rock Props. Project I, LLC)*, 516 B.R. 414, 422 (Bankr. W.D. Tex. 2014). Despite this shifting burden during the claim objection process, "the ultimate burden of proof always lies with the claimant." *In re Armstrong*, 347 B.R. 581, 583 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2006) (citing *Raleigh v. Ill. Dep't of Rev.*, 530 U.S. 15 (2000)).
- 35. An objection to a proof of claim must be made in writing, and the claimant must be provided with not less than thirty days' notice of the hearing to be held in respect of such objection.

  See FED. R. BANKR. P. 3007(a).
- 36. Objections to multiple claims may be joined in an omnibus objection if such objections are based on the grounds that the claims should be disallowed, in whole or in part, for any of eight enumerated reasons. *See* FED. R. BANKR. P. 3007(d). In addition to the enumerated reasons in Bankruptcy Rule 3007(d), the Omnibus Objection Procedures Order authorizes omnibus

claim objections based on any of the "Additional Grounds" set forth in the Omnibus Objection Procedures, including that the claims "seek recovery of amounts for which the Debtors are not liable." *See Omnibus Objection Procedures* ¶ 1.

### **OBJECTION TO CLAIMS**

- 37. The Plan requires the GUC Trust to "comply with all tax withholding and reporting requirements" and further mandates that "all distributions pursuant to the Plan shall be subject to such withholding and reporting requirements." *Plan*, Art. VI.H.
- 38. Accordingly, to enable the GUC Trust to comply with the tax withholding and reporting requirements, GUC Claimants are required by the Plan to provide the GUC Trust with the appropriate Tax Form within ninety (90) days of written request by the GUC Trustee. Failure to comply will cause such Holder's Distribution to revert to the GUC Trust, and "the Claim of the Holder originally entitled to such Distribution shall be waived and forever barred without further order of the Bankruptcy Court." *Id*.
- 39. As more fully described above, more than six (6) months before the filing of this Objection, the GUC Trustee served the Tax Request Notice to all known GUC Claimants. The GUC Trustee has complied with the Plan and GUC Trust Agreement in all respects in requesting the Tax Forms and has made every reasonable effort to obtain such information.
- 40. The GUC Trust's professionals have tracked all responses and Tax Forms received in response to the Tax Request Notice. As of the date of this Objection, the GUC Trustee has not received any Tax Forms or other response to the Tax Request Notice from any of the GUC Claimants identified on Schedule 1 to the Proposed Order. For the avoidance of doubt, if the GUC Trust received any correspondence from a GUC Claimant in response to the Tax Request Notice, even if the appropriate Tax Form has not been received, the GUC Claimant is not listed on Schedule 1 to the Proposed Order.

- 41. Since each of the GUC Claimants listed on Schedule 1 to the Proposed Order failed to timely provide the requested Tax Forms or otherwise respond to the GUC Trustee's Tax Request Notice, pursuant to Article VI.H of the Plan, they will not receive any Distribution on account of their GUC Claims, and such GUC Claims are discharged and forever barred from assertion against the GUC Trust. Disallowing the Non-Responding Claimants' GUC Claims at this juncture will provide increased certainty to GUC Claimants who provided the requested Tax Forms, will provide greater certainty as to the potential Distributions in these cases, and will proactively and efficiently resolve potential issues related to the GUC Trust's future distribution to Allowed Class 2 General Unsecured Claims.
- 42. Moreover, the filing of this Objection provides an additional opportunity for the Non-Responding Claimants to provide the appropriate Tax Forms to the GUC Trust, provided that such Tax Forms are received no later than September 12, 2025, which is the deadline to respond to this Objection. While the GUC Trust seeks to make Distributions to all Allowed Class 2 General Unsecured Claims, the GUC Trust cannot ignore its reporting obligations required under the Plan and appliable law, and the Non-Responding Claimants should not add further uncertainty or delay to the GUC Claim reconciliation process due to their lack of diligence and delay.
- 43. In accordance with Local Rule 3007-1(a), <u>Schedule 1</u> identifies for each claimant: (a) the Proof of Claim or Schedule number; (b) the date the Proofs of Claim were filed; (c) the name of the claimant; (d) the entity against which the claim was asserted; and (e) the current amount of the general unsecured portion of the claim.

### **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

44. This Objection is limited to the grounds stated herein and accordingly is without prejudice to the rights of the GUC Trustee, the Plan Agent, the Wind-Down Debtors, or any other

party in interest to object to any claim on any grounds whatsoever, and the GUC Trustee expressly reserves all other substantive or procedural objections that it may have. Additionally, the GUC Trustee expressly reserves (i) the right to amend, modify, or supplement the objections asserted herein, (ii) the right to file additional objections to the Discharged Claims, and (iii) the right to object any other claims on any grounds whatsoever.

A5. Nothing contained herein or any actions taken pursuant to such relief is intended or should be construed as: (a) an admission as to the validity of any claim against a Debtor entity or such Debtor entity's estate; (b) a waiver of any party's right to dispute any claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any claim; (d) an implication or admission that any particular claim is of a type specified or defined in this Objection or any order granting the relief requested by this Objection; (e) a request or authorization to assume any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; or (f) a waiver of the GUC Trustee's rights under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law

### **SEPARATE CONTESTED MATTER**

46. To the extent that a response is filed regarding any Discharged Claim and the GUC Trustee is unable to resolve any such response, each such Discharged Claim, and this Objection as it pertains to such claim, will constitute a separate contested matter as contemplated by Bankruptcy Rule 9014. Further, the GUC Trustee requests that any order entered by the Court regarding an objection or other reply asserted in response to this Objection be deemed a separate order with respect to each proof of claim.

### **NOTICE**

47. The GUC Trustee will provide notice of this Objection, in accordance with the Omnibus Objection Procedures Order, to the following parties: (a) the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Texas; (b) counsel to the Wind-Down Debtors and Plan Agent; (c) any

party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002; and (d) all claimants affected by this Objection (and their counsel, if known). The GUC Trustee respectfully submits that such notice is sufficient and proper under the circumstances and that no other or further notice is required.

### **CONCLUSION**

WHEREFORE, based upon the foregoing, the GUC Trustee respectfully requests that the Court (a) sustain this Objection; (b) enter the attached Proposed Order disallowing the Discharged Claims as requested herein; and (c) grant such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

DATED: August 11, 2025 Respectfully submitted,

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# **Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that on August 11, 2025, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Objection, including all attachments and exhibits hereto, was filed with the Court and served via the Court's CM/ECF system upon all parties receiving such electronic service in this case.

<u>/s/ Kyle Woodard</u> Kyle Woodard

# Exhibit A

**Declaration of Jason Rae** 

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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In re:	)	Chapter 11
ALITO DI LIGALITO GALEGIA C	)	C N 22 00055 (CML)
AUTO PLUS AUTO SALES LLC,	)	Case No. 23-90055 (CML)
Wind-Down Debtor.	)	(Formerly Jointly Administered
.,	)	under Lead Case IEH Auto Parts
		Holding LLC, Case No. 23-90054)

# DECLARATION OF JASON RAE IN SUPPORT OF GUC TRUSTEE'S SIXTEENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS (Discharged Claims of Non-Responding Claimants)

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Jason Rae, hereby declare that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief:

- 1. I am over twenty-one years of age and competent in all respects to make this Declaration. I am a Director with Lain, Faulkner and Co., P.C. ("LainFaulkner"), the financial advisor to the GUC Trust.<sup>1</sup> I am generally knowledgeable about and familiar with the tax and financial affairs of the GUC Trust.
- 2. Except as otherwise indicated, the facts set forth in this Declaration are based upon my personal knowledge, work performed by others on the LainFaulkner team in consultation with counsel, my discussions with former employees of the Wind-Down Debtors and the Claims Agent and/or their advisors, my general experience and knowledge related to the Debtors' and Wind-Down Debtors' liabilities and information from its books and records, and information contained in the Claims Register. If called to testify, I would testify competently to the facts set forth herein.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined in herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Objection (as defined herein) or, if not defined in the Objection, in the *Third Amended Combined Disclosure Statement and Joint Plan of Liquidation of IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC and its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 738] (the "<u>Plan</u>").

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3. I am authorized to, and do hereby, make this Declaration on behalf of the GUC

Trust is made in support of the GUC Trustee's Sixteenth Omnibus Objection to Claims (the

"Objection") filed contemporaneously herewith and incorporated herein by reference.

4. I am familiar with the Objection and the facts stated therein. To the best of my

knowledge, information, and belief, the assertions made in the Objection are accurate.

5. I have reviewed the Objection and can confirm that LainFaulkner, in evaluating the

Discharged Claims, has reviewed all the information, including the Tax Forms, received from

GUC Claimants in response to the GUC Trustee's Tax Request Notice, and has determined that

each of the Non-Responding Claimants, as the Holders of the Discharged Claims listed on

Schedule 1 to the Proposed Order, have failed to provide the requested Tax Forms to the GUC

Trust as of the date of this Declaration.

6. Failure to disallow the Discharged Claims would impair the GUC Trust's ability to

comply with the applicable tax reporting and any withholding requirements with respect to those

Discharged Claims.

7. Moreover, disallowance of the Discharged Claims will enable the Claims Agent to

maintain a Claims Register that more accurately reflects the claims that exist against the Debtors.

8. Accordingly, I believe that disallowance of the Discharged Claims is appropriate.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the facts set forth in

the foregoing Declaration are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

DATED: August 11, 2025

Dallas County, Texas

/s/ Jason A. Rae

Jason A. Rae

Director

Lain, Faulkner and Co., P.C.

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# Exhibit B

**Proposed Order** 

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS **HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:	)	Chapter 11
AUTO PLUS AUTO SALES LLC,	)	Case No. 23-90055 (CML)
Wind-Down Debtor. <sup>1</sup>	)	(Formerly Jointly Administered
	)	under Lead Case IEH Auto Parts
	)	Holding LLC, Case No. 23-90054)

# ORDER SUSTAINING GUC TRUSTEE'S SIXTEENTH OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS

(Discharged Claims of Non-Responding Claimants)

Upon the GUC Trustee's Sixteenth Omnibus Objection to Claims (Discharged Claims of Non-Responding Claimants) [Dkt. No. \_\_\_\_] (the "Objection")<sup>2</sup> filed by Michael D. Warner, in his capacity as trustee (the "GUC Trustee") of the Auto Parts GUC Trust (the "GUC Trust"); and this Court having found (i) that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334; (ii) that this matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2) in which this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; (iii) that venue in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; (iv) that the relief sought in the Objection is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On January 16, 2024, the Court entered a Final Decree Closing Certain of the Chapter 11 Cases [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 1043] closing each Debtor's chapter 11 case except the case of Auto Plus Auto Sales LLC. The following is a complete list of the Debtor entities in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each entity's federal tax identification number: IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC (6529); AP Acquisition Company Clark LLC (4531); AP Acquisition Company Gordon LLC (5666); AP Acquisition Company Massachusetts LLC (7581); AP Acquisition Company Missouri LLC (7840); AP Acquisition Company New York LLC (7361); AP Acquisition Company North Carolina LLC (N/A); AP Acquisition Company Washington LLC (2773); Auto Plus Auto Sales LLC (6921); IEH AIM LLC (2233); IEH Auto Parts LLC (2066); IEH Auto Parts Puerto Rico, Inc. (4539); and IEH BA LLC (1428). The Wind-Down Debtors' service address is: 5330 Caramel Crest Lane, Charlotte, NC 28226.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Objection or, if not defined in the Objection, in the Third Amended Combined Disclosure Statement and Joint Plan of Liquidation of IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC and its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 738] (the "Plan").

(v) that notice of the Objection and the opportunity for a hearing on the Objection were appropriate under the circumstances, such that no other or further notice is necessary; and (vi) that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Objection establish just cause for the relief granted in the following order (this "Order"),

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. All General Unsecured Claims of each Non-Responding Claimant identified on Schedule 1 attached to this Order (such claims, collectively, the "Discharged GUC Claims") are hereby disallowed in their entirety and shall be expunged from the Claim Register, including any portions of the Non-Responding Claimants' claims that are subsequently reclassified as General Unsecured Claims (if any). The Non-Responding Claimants shall not have any Allowed Class 2 General Unsecured Claims under the Plan and are not entitled to Distributions from the GUC Trust.
- 2. This Order does not affect any Non-GUC Claims (as defined in the Plan) of the Non-Responding Claimants.
- 3. Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC, as claims, noticing, and solicitation agent (the "<u>Claims Agent</u>"), is authorized and directed to update the Claims Register maintained in these chapter 11 cases to reflect the relief granted in this Order.
- 4. This Order shall be, and hereby is, deemed a separate order with respect to each Discharged GUC Claim. Each Discharged GUC Claim identified in Schedule 1 and the GUC Trustee's objections to such claim constitutes a separate contested matter as contemplated by Bankruptcy Rule 9014.
- 5. Notwithstanding the relief granted in this Order and any actions taken pursuant to such relief, nothing in this Order shall be deemed: (a) an admission as to the validity of any prepetition claim against a Debtor entity; (b) a waiver of the rights of the GUC Trustee, the Wind-

Down Debtors, or the Plan Agent, as applicable, to dispute any prepetition claim on any grounds;

(c) a promise or requirement to pay any prepetition claim; (d) an implication or admission that any

particular claim is of a type specified in the Objection or this Order; (e) a request or authorization

to assume any prepetition agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy

Code; or (f) a waiver of any rights of the GUC Trustee, the Wind-Down Debtors, or the Plan Agent

under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law.

6. The GUC Trustee, the Claims Agent, and the Clerk of the Court are authorized to

take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Order in accordance with

the Objection.

7. Notwithstanding the relief granted in this Order and any actions taken pursuant to

such relief, nothing in this Order shall prejudice to the rights of the GUC Trustee, the Wind-Down

Debtors, or the Plan Agent to object to any claims on any grounds whatsoever, including any Non-

GUC Claims. The GUC Trustee reserves the right to object to any remaining General Unsecured

Claims asserted against the Debtors or their bankruptcy estates on any grounds whatsoever.

8. This Order and all relief granted herein shall be effective immediately upon entry.

9. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction to resolve any dispute arising from or

related to this Order.

Signed:

CHRISTOPHER LOPEZ

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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Ref#	Claim No. / ScheduleID	Date Filed	Claimant	Debtor Name	General Unsecured
	Scheduleid	Filed			Claim
1	3275916	n/a	ACCUSOURCE INC.	IEH Auto Parts LLC	11,739.69
2	3275919	n/a	Ace-Tex	IEH Auto Parts LLC	9,026.35
3	46	02/22/23	Ace-Tex Enterprises, Inc	IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC	9,026.35
4	3275922	n/a	ADT COMMERCIAL LLC	IEH Auto Parts LLC	8,891.67
5	29	02/16/23	Allegiance Staffing	IEH Auto Parts LLC	11,797.96
6	3275952	n/a	AMERICAN ALARM AND	IEH Auto Parts LLC	6,276.27
7	3275956	n/a	AMERICAN FIBERTECH	IEH Auto Parts LLC	9,307.36
8	110	03/08/23	Appriss Holdings Inc.	IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC	5,700.00
9	3275981	n/a	AT&T	IEH Auto Parts LLC	11,332.49
10	30	02/16/23	Battery-Biz, Inc.	IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC	11,301.06
11	3276024	n/a	BERKSHIRE GAS COMPANY	IEH Auto Parts LLC	5,537.77
12	3276028	n/a	BGE	IEH Auto Parts LLC	9,277.55
13	3276031	n/a	BLUEWAVE TECHNOLOGY GROUP LLC	IEH Auto Parts LLC	14,647.50
14	476	04/26/23	Brooklyn Union Gas Company DBA National Grid	IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC	5,751.54
15	3276057	n/a	BUYERS PRODUCTS COMPANY	IEH Auto Parts LLC	6,539.02
16	373	04/17/23	CAP Properties Southbridge LLC	AP Acquisition Company	8,775.00
17	3276075	n/a	CARTER BROS. INC.	IEH Auto Parts LLC	6,009.03
18	392	04/11/23	CDW	IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC	10,274.88
19	3276085	n/a	CELLCO PARTNERSHIP	IEH Auto Parts LLC	9,438.74
20	574	05/01/23	Champion Laboratories, Inc.	IEH Auto Parts LLC	9,474.85
21	47	02/22/23	Chemical Dynamics, Inc.	IEH Auto Parts LLC	8,971.65
22	657	06/13/23	Cintas	IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC	7,894.13
23	333	04/11/23	CITICOURIERS INTERNATIONAL INC	IEH Auto Parts LLC	12,316.59
24	484	04/27/23	Cogency Global Inc.	IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC	7,068.00

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Ref#	Claim No. / ScheduleID	Date Filed	Claimant	Debtor Name	Unsecured Claim
25	3276196	n/a	COLUMBIA GAS	IEH Auto Parts	10,204.77
				LLC	•
26	3276198	n/a	COLUMBIA GAS OF MASSACHUSETTS	IEH Auto Parts	10,587.21
			2011722 1112	LLC	44.055.00
27	3276203	n/a	COMDOC, INC.	IEH Auto Parts LLC	11,355.36
28	729	09/08/23	Conestoga Ceramic Tile Distributors, Inc.	IEH Auto Parts	6,840.00
			<b>5 3</b> - <b>-</b>	LLC	2,2 1212
29	211	03/27/23	CRP Industries Inc.	IEH Auto Parts	10,950.12
				Holding LLC	
30	3276244	n/a	DEALER SERVICE WAREHOUSE	IEH Auto Parts LLC	5,602.12
31	25	02/15/23	Delmarva Power & Light Company	IEH Auto Parts	9,860.69
	20	02/10/20	Dominar va r ower a Light Company	Holding LLC	0,000.00
32	3276263	n/a	DIXIE ELECTRIC INC.	IEH Auto Parts	5,392.12
				LLC	
33	3276268	n/a	DOMINION ENERGY VIRGINIA	IEH Auto Parts	8,787.35
34	3276298	n/a	EMHART TEKNOLOGIES LLC	LLC IEH Auto Parts	6,844.62
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35	578	05/01/23	ENERSYS ENERGY PRODUCTS	IEH Auto Parts	13,481.21
				LLC	
36	3276302	n/a	ENTERGY	IEH Auto Parts	6,519.47
37	177	03/22/23	Equinix, Inc	LLC IEH Auto Parts	7,941.05
37	177	03/22/23	Equility, IIIO	LLC	7,341.03
38	403	04/14/23	Essity Professional Hygiene North America	IEH Auto Parts	8,639.26
			LLC	LLC	
39	3276319	n/a	EXPRESS SERVICES INC	IEH Auto Parts	5,355.26
40	3276321	n/a	EXTREMELY CLEAN FLOOR SERVICES,	LLC IEH Auto Parts	6,862.86
40	3270321	II/a	INC	LLC	0,002.00
41	3276327	n/a	FAMILY FORD, INC.	IEH Auto Parts	5,267.61
				LLC	
42	147	03/20/23	Federal Signal	IEH Auto Parts	6,118.86
43	3276345	n/a	FMSI AUTOMOTIVE HARDWARE INC	LLC IEH Auto Parts	8,093.77
43	3270343	II/a	FINST AUTOMOTIVE HARDWARE INC	LLC	0,093.77
44	328	04/11/23	GARDNER INC	IEH Auto Parts	10,614.77
				Holding LLC	•
45	3276365	n/a	GAS SOUTH	IEH Auto Parts	5,422.58
40	2076270	/	CEODOIA DOMED	LLC	40.700.00
46	3276373	n/a	GEORGIA POWER	IEH Auto Parts LLC	12,706.88
47	505	04/28/23	Gibson, McAskill, Crosby, LLP	IEH Auto Parts	6,490.00
			.,, 2.227, 22.	LLC	3, .23.30
48	3276380	n/a	GO-JO INDUSTRIES, INC.	IEH Auto Parts	7,853.28
				LLC	

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Kei #	ScheduleID	Filed	Ciaiiliant	Deptor Name	Claim
49	3276405	n/a	HALL BOOTH SMITH PC	IEH Auto Parts LLC	11,330.00
50	3276409	n/a	HAYNES MANUALS, INC.	IEH Auto Parts LLC	8,748.09
51	3276412	n/a	HENDERSON PRODUCTS INC	IEH Auto Parts LLC	10,736.62
52	3276424	n/a	HOLLAND AND KNIGHT	IEH Auto Parts LLC	7,604.50
53	243	03/30/23	HUGHES ENTERPRISES	Auto Plus Auto Sales LLC	11,267.69
54	362	04/14/23	Hyland Software, Inc.	IEH Auto Parts LLC	13,934.16
55	3276484	n/a	JOBBERS WAREHOUSE SUPPLY	IEH Auto Parts LLC	6,729.23
56	3276485	n/a	JOHN B HULL INC.	IEH Auto Parts LLC	6,134.88
57	302	03/28/23	KEYSTONE PLASTICS INC	IEH Auto Parts LLC	6,717.00
58	126	03/13/23	Lesco Paper & Box Company	IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC	11,548.05
59	3276545	n/a	LINCOLN INDUSTRIAL CORP	IEH Auto Parts LLC	7,994.75
60	3276547	n/a	LITTELFUSE, INC.	IEH Auto Parts LLC	8,321.49
61	540	05/01/23	Littleton Park Joyce Ughetta Kelly LLP	IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC	12,396.42
62	436	04/25/23	Marlin Leasing Corporation	IEH Auto Parts LLC	13,397.09
63	3276594	n/a	MERCHANDISING SOLUTIONS GROUP, INC	IEH Auto Parts LLC	7,040.00
64	3276599	n/a	MHS LIFT INC	IEH Auto Parts LLC	5,622.67
65	3276607	n/a	MIDWEST TRUCK & AUTO PARTS INC	IEH Auto Parts LLC	11,210.79
66	314	04/07/23	Moonstone Holdings, LLC	IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC	8,051.91
67	3276645	n/a	NATIONAL GRID	IEH Auto Parts LLC	9,328.97
68	3276648	n/a	NATIONAL GRID MA GAS	IEH Auto Parts LLC	9,995.54
69	3276650	n/a	NATIONAL RETAIL CENTER DBA NATIONAL	IEH Auto Parts LLC	7,268.14
70	283	04/03/23	New York State Department of Taxation & Finance	AP Acquisition Company New	10,360.20
71	50	02/21/23	New York State Department of Taxation & Finance	IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC	7,000.00
72	473	04/26/23	Niagara Mohawk Power Corp DBA National Grid	IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC	13,262.66

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73	3276662	n/a	NIELSEN CONSUMER LLC	IEH Auto Parts	7,090.00
				LLC	,
74	3276672	n/a	Northeast Sweepers and Rentals, Inc	IEH Auto Parts	6,096.19
7.5	2070070	1	NODTHEAST TOOL DIST, LLC	LLC	0.044.00
75	3276673	n/a	NORTHEAST TOOL DIST. LLC	IEH Auto Parts LLC	8,214.80
76	134	03/16/23	Ohio Power Company d/b/a AEP Ohio	IEH Auto Parts	8,879.77
			, ,	Holding LLC	,
77	367	04/18/23	Oklahoma Natural Gas	IEH Auto Parts	8,506.49
70	2276704	-1-	DADEDI ECC CTAFFING	Holding LLC	11 721 50
78	3276704	n/a	PAPERLESS STAFFING	IEH Auto Parts LLC	11,731.50
79	3276723	n/a	PEOPLE READY, INC	IEH Auto Parts	7,491.25
				LLC	,,,,,,,,,
80	64	02/28/23	Phelps Security, Inc.	IEH Auto Parts	13,870.17
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81	3276779	n/a	PROFORM PRODUCTS LTD	IEH Auto Parts LLC	5,362.79
82	38	02/21/23	RACING POWER COMPANY	IEH Auto Parts	6,700.22
		02/21/20		Holding LLC	0,7 00.22
83	240	03/29/23	RMH Systems Inc	IEH Auto Parts	14,696.14
				Holding LLC	
84	341	04/12/23	Schroeder and Tremayne, Inc.	IEH Auto Parts LLC	7,155.04
85	3276865	n/a	SKF USA INC	IEH Auto Parts	13,987.20
	027 0000	11/4		LLC	10,001.20
86	3276867	n/a	SMART LLC DBA CHEMICAL GUYS	IEH Auto Parts	6,472.00
				LLC	
87	92	03/06/23	Staples Technology Solutions	IEH Auto Parts	5,265.48
88	78	03/02/23	Stewart & Stevenson Power Products LLC	Holding LLC IEH Auto Parts	10,085.20
	70	00/02/20	Stewart & Stevenson Fewer Froducts E20	Holding LLC	10,000.20
89	241	03/30/23	SUPERCLEAN BRANDS LLC	IEH Auto Parts	9,951.82
				Holding LLC	
90	3276931	n/a	THE EAGLE LEASING COMPANY	IEH Auto Parts	9,661.03
91	327	04/11/23	The Sound Press, LLC	LLC IEH Auto Parts	10,500.00
	021	04/11/20	The Gound Freed, EEG	Holding LLC	10,000.00
92	3276964	n/a	TRANSOURCE	IEH Auto Parts	5,487.44
				LLC	
93	353	04/12/23	Transportation Services Unlimited of Shell	IEH Auto Parts	14,848.75
94	371	04/17/23	Lake, INC Tri State Truck Center LLC	LLC Auto Plus Auto	12,878.04
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95	242	03/30/23	Trius, Inc.	IEH Auto Parts	5,740.40
				LLC	
96	3276979	n/a	TUTHILL TRANSFER SYSTEMS	IEH Auto Parts	14,115.83
				LLC	

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Ref#	Claim No. / ScheduleID	Date Filed	Claimant	Debtor Name	General Unsecured Claim
97	3276998	n/a	USPS	IEH Auto Parts LLC	13,993.34
98	3277005	n/a	VACO LLC	IEH Auto Parts LLC	14,413.75
99	3277061	n/a	WOOD BROTHERS RACING	IEH Auto Parts LLC	6,000.00
100	3277069	n/a	ZEP SALES & SERVICE/ZEP INC	IEH Auto Parts LLC	6,529.32
					905,891.48

# **Exhibit C**

**Notice of Objection to Claim** 

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

	)	
In re:	)	Chapter 11
AUTO PLUS AUTO SALES LLC,	)	Case No. 23-90055 (CML)
Wind-Down Debtor.	) ) )	(Formerly Jointly Administered under Lead Case IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC, Case No. 23-90054)

### NOTICE OF OBJECTION TO CLAIM

Your Claim may be reduced, modified, or eliminated. You should read these papers carefully and discuss them with your attorney, if you have one.

Michael D. Warner, solely in his capacity as trustee (the "GUC Trustee") of the Auto Parts GUC Trust (the "GUC Trust") established pursuant to the *Third Amended Combined Disclosure Statement and Joint Plan of Liquidation of IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC and its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 738] (the "Plan"), has filed an objection to your claim in these bankruptcy cases (your "Claim"), as identified on Schedule 1 to the GUC Trustee's Sixteenth Omnibus Objection to Claims (Discharged Claims of Non-Responding Claimants) (the "Objection") enclosed herewith, on the basis that you have not responded to the GUC Trustee's request for tax withholding and reporting information. See Notice of GUC Trustee's Request for Tax Reporting and Withholding Information [Case No. 23-90055, Dkt. No. 258] (the "Tax Request Notice"). A copy of the Tax Request Notice is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

Pursuant to the Plan and GUC Trust Agreement, <sup>1</sup> all creditors are required to provide an IRS Form W-9 or Form W-8, as applicable, or other appropriate documentation (a "<u>Tax Form</u>") as a condition precedent to receiving a Distribution under the Plan. *See Plan* at 35, Art. VI.H; *GUC Trust Agreement*, §§ 4.8, 4.9, and 5.1. On December 23, 2024, the GUC Trust filed and served the Tax Request Notice to all parties known to hold or assert a Class 2 General Unsecured Claim under the Plan (*see Certificate of Service* [Case No. 23-90055, Dkt. No. 259]) requesting that all Holders of General Unsecured Claims provide the appropriate Tax Form to the GUC Trust within ninety (90) days of the date of the Tax Request Notice (*i.e.*, on or before March 24, 2025).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Notice shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Objection or, if not defined in the Objection, in Plan.

The GUC Trustee has objected to your Claim because you have not provided the requested Tax Form(s) to the GUC Trust or otherwise responded to the Tax Request Notice, as further set forth in the Objection. A preliminary hearing on the Objection is scheduled for <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 16</u>, <u>2025</u>, <u>at 10:00 a.m.</u>, prevailing central time (the "<u>Hearing</u>"), before the Honorable Christopher Lopez, United States Bankruptcy Judge, Courtroom 401, 515 Rusk Street, Houston, Texas 77002. The deadline for you to respond to the Objection is <u>September 12</u>, <u>2025</u> (the "<u>Response Deadline</u>").

If you provide the appropriate Tax Form(s) to the GUC Trust so that it is actually received on or before the Response Deadline, the GUC Trustee will remove your Claim from the Proposed Order and will not seek to disallow your Claim.<sup>2</sup> Your Tax Form must be actually received by the GUC Trust on or before the Response Deadline. If your Tax Form is received after the Response Deadline, your Claim will nonetheless be disallowed and discharged by way of this Objection.

Otherwise, if you do not want the Bankruptcy Court to eliminate your Claim, you or your attorney must file a written response to the Objection with the Bankruptcy Court (a "Response") on or before on or before the Response Deadline, in accordance with the Procedures for Filing Omnibus Objection to Claims attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit 2">Exhibit 2</a> (the "Omnibus Objection Procedures"), and you must participate in the Hearing. Please review the Omnibus Objection Procedures carefully and follow the instructions for filing Responses to Omnibus Objections to ensure that your Response is timely and correctly filed and served. If you mail your Response to the Bankruptcy Court for filing, you must ensure that the Response is actually received by the Bankruptcy Court on or before the Response Deadline. For the avoidance of doubt, all Responses must be filed in the above-captioned case of Auto Plus Auto Sales, LLC, Case No. 23-90055.

If you or your attorney do not file a Response to the Objection and participate in the Hearing, the Bankruptcy Court may decide that you do not oppose the objection to your Claim.

Parties may participate in the Hearing either in person or by an audio and video connection. Audio communication will be by use of the Court's dial-in facility. Video communication will be by use of the GoToMeeting platform. Connect via the free GoToMeeting application or click the link on Judge Lopez's home page.<sup>3</sup> The meeting code is "JudgeLopez". Click the settings icon in the upper right corner and enter your name under the personal information setting.

# **Telephonic Participation**

Dial-in Telephone No: 832-917-1510 Conference Code: 590153

### **Video Participation**

<u>https://www.gotomeet.me/JudgeLopez</u> *Audio connections by phone are required for all video participants* 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Tax Forms can be provided electronically to <u>AutoPartsGUC@krcl.com</u> or via U.S. Mail to Auto Parts GUC Trust, c/o Lain, Faulkner & Co., PC, 400 N. St. Paul, Suite 600, Dallas, TX 75201, and must be <u>actually received</u> by the GUC Trust no later than the Response Deadline.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://www.txs.uscourts.gov/page/united-states-bankruptcy-judge-christopher-m-lopez.

Hearing appearances must be made electronically in advance of both electronic and inperson hearings. To make your appearance, click the "Electronic Appearance" link on Judge Lopez's home page. Select the case name, complete the required fields and click "submit" to complete your appearance.

Attached hereto as **Exhibit 3** is a form to complete and deliver to the Claims and Noticing Agent should you wish to withdraw your Claim.

Copies of the Objection, proofs of claim, and other related pleadings in these bankruptcy cases are available for free at <a href="https://www.veritaglobal.net/autoplus">https://www.veritaglobal.net/autoplus</a>. You may also obtain copies of any pleadings filed in these bankruptcy cases for a fee at <a href="https://ecf.txsb.uscourts.gov/">https://ecf.txsb.uscourts.gov/</a>. A login identification and password to the Public Access to Court Electronic Records (PACER) are required to access this information and can be obtained through the PACER Service Center at <a href="http://www.pacer.gov">http://www.pacer.gov</a>.

DATED: August 11, 2025

### KANE RUSSELL COLEMAN LOGAN PC

/s/ Kyle Woodard

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Notice of Objection to Claim

# Exhibit 1

**Tax Request Notice** 

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:	) Chapter 11
AUTO PLUS AUTO SALES LLC,	) Case No. 23-90055 (CML)
Wind-Down Debtor. <sup>1</sup>	<ul> <li>(Formerly Jointly Administered</li> <li>under Lead Case IEH Auto Parts</li> <li>Holding LLC, Case No. 23-90054)</li> </ul>

# NOTICE OF GUC TRUSTEE'S REQUEST FOR TAX REPORTING AND WITHHOLDING INFORMATION

### **December 23, 2024**

**TO:** All parties holding or asserting Class 2 General Unsecured Claims ("GUC Claimants")

YOU MUST COMPLY WITH THIS REQUEST IN ORDER TO RECEIVE ANY DISTRIBUTION FROM THE AUTO PARTS GUC TRUST

#### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

On June 16, 2023, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division (the "Bankruptcy Court"), entered an Order [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. #749] confirming the *Third Amended Combined Disclosure Statement and Joint Plan of Liquidation* [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. #738] (the "Plan")<sup>2</sup> for IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC and its debtor affiliates (collectively, the "Debtors").<sup>3</sup> The Plan became effective on October 6, 2023 (the "Effective Date"). *See* Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. #922.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On January 16, 2024, the Court entered a *Final Decree Closing Certain of the Chapter 11 Cases* [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 1043] closing each Debtor's chapter 11 case except the case of Auto Plus Auto Sales LLC. The Wind-Down Debtor's service address is 5330 Caramel Crest Lane, Charlotte, NC 28226.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings provided in the Plan unless otherwise noted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Debtors, and the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are as follows: IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC (6529); AP Acquisition Company Clark LLC (4531); AP Acquisition Company Gordon LLC (5666); AP Acquisition Company Massachusetts LLC (7581); AP Acquisition Company Missouri LLC (7840); AP Acquisition Company North Carolina LLC (N/A); AP Acquisition Company Washington LLC (2773); Auto Plus Auto Sales LLC (6921); IEH AIM LLC (2233); IEH Auto Parts LLC (2066); IEH Auto Parts Puerto Rico, Inc. (4539); and IEH BA LLC (1428).

The Plan created the Auto Parts GUC Trust (the "GUC Trust") for the purpose of, *inter alia*, administering the GUC Trust Assets (as defined in the GUC Trust Agreement) and making distributions to the holders of Allowed General Unsecured Claims, <sup>4</sup> as the beneficiaries of the GUC Trust, in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Each holder of an Allowed Class 2 General Unsecured Claim is entitled to receive its pro rata share of the GUC Pool established for the benefit of GUC Claimants. *See Plan* at 24, Art. III.C.2. The GUC Trust was established on the Effective Date and is governed by the terms of the Plan and that certain GUC Trust Agreement (hereinafter so called) dated October 6, 2023 [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. No. 923-1]. Michael D. Warner is the trustee of the GUC Trust (in such capacity, the "GUC Trustee").

The Plan and GUC Trust Agreement provide that the GUC Trustee may require GUC Claimants to provide an IRS Form W-9 or IRS Form W-8, as applicable, as a condition precedent to receiving any distributions under the Plan. Article VI.H of the Plan provides in relevant part as follows:

The Disbursing Agent<sup>5</sup> shall be authorized to require each Holder of a Claim to provide it with a complete, accurate, and executed Form W-9, Form W-8 or other appropriate tax form or documentation as a condition precedent to being sent a Distribution. ... The GUC Trust shall require Holders of General Unsecured Claims to return complete, accurate, and executed Form W-9 or Form W-8, as the case may be, not later than ninety (90) days after such a request. If a Holder of an Allowed Claim does not provide the Disbursing Agent with a complete, accurate, and executed Form W-9, Form W-8 or other tax form or documentation within the time period specified in such notice, or such later time period agreed to by the Disbursing Agent in writing in its discretion, then the Disbursing Agent, in its sole discretion, may (a) make a Distribution net of any applicable maximum withholding or (b) determine that such Holder shall be deemed to have forfeited the right to receive any Distribution, in which case, any such Distribution shall revert to the Estates or GUC Pool, as the case may be, for Distribution on account of other Allowed Claims and the Claim of the Holder originally entitled to such Distribution shall be waived and forever barred without further order of the Bankruptcy Court. ...

Plan at 35, Art. VI.H (emphasis added); see also GUC Trust Agreement at 13, § 5.1.

Copies of the Plan, the GUC Trust Agreement, and related pleadings may be obtained free of charge from the Claims Agent's website: <a href="https://veritaglobal.net/autoplus/document/list/5788">https://veritaglobal.net/autoplus/document/list/5788</a>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Plan defines "<u>General Unsecured Claim</u>" as "any Claim against the Debtors that is (a) unpaid as of the Effective Date, and (b) is not an Administrative Expense Claim, DIP Facility Claim, Intercompany Claim, Priority Claim, Priority Tax Claim, Secured Claim, or Cure Amount." *Plan* at 9, Art. I.A.63.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The term "Disbursing Agent," as defined in the Plan, includes the GUC Trustee. *Plan* at 8, Art. I.A.43.

#### **REQUEST FOR IRS FORM**

In accordance with Article VI.H of the Plan, the GUC Trustee hereby requests all GUC Claimants provide an IRS Form W-9 or Form W-8, as applicable, (an "IRS Form") so that such forms are actually received by the GUC Trust no later than ninety (90) days from the date of this Notice. GUC Claimants that fail to timely provide a complete, accurate, signed and dated IRS Form as requested in this Notice will forfeit their right to receive any distributions from the GUC Trust and their General Unsecured Claims will be waived and forever barred.

IRS Form must be submitted to the GUC Trust via e-mail or U.S. mail as follows:

Via e-mail to:
AutoPartsGUC@krcl.com

Via U.S. mail to:
Auto Parts GUC Trust
c/o Lain, Faulkner & Co., PC
400 N. St. Paul, Suite 600
Dallas, TX 75201

The deadline to comply with this request is <u>Monday, March 24, 2025</u>. If your IRS Form is not *actually received* by the GUC Trust on or before this date, you will not receive a distribution from the GUC Trust, and your General Unsecured Claim will be waived and forever barred (i.e., your Claim will be disallowed under the Plan).

Your IRS Form must be complete, accurate, signed and dated. Copies of IRS Form W-9 and instructions for the form may be obtained at: <a href="https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-w9">https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-w9</a>. Parties needing assistance to complete their IRS Form should consult a tax advisor.

Be advised that the address listed on your IRS Form does not determine where your distributions from the GUC Trust (if any) will be delivered. All distributions from the GUC Trust will be addressed in accordance with Article VI.E.1 of the Plan and other applicable provisions of the Plan and GUC Trust Agreement. You must comply with the applicable provisions of the Plan and GUC Trust Agreement in order to update your address for distribution purposes. *See, e.g., Plan* at 34, Art. VI.E; *GUC Trust Agreement* at 13, § 5.1. Be further advised that the GUC Trustee is not required to recognize any transfers of Claims made after the Distribution Record Date, which was June 16, 2023. *See Plan* at 34, Art. VI.F.

#### **RESERVATION OF RIGHTS**

Your receipt of this Notice does <u>not</u> mean that you are entitled to a distribution from the GUC Trust or that your Claim is Allowed under the Plan. The GUC Claims Reconciliation is ongoing, and the GUC Trustee reserves the right to object to any General Unsecured Claim in accordance with the Plan.

Nothing contained herein is intended to be or shall be deemed as (i) an admission as to the validity of any claim against the GUC Trust, Wind-Down Debtors, or Debtors, as applicable; (ii) an admission that any claim is an Allowed Claim; (iii) a waiver of the rights of the GUC Trustee, Wind-Down Debtors, Plan Agent, or any other appropriate party-in-interest to dispute the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim; (iv) a waiver of the rights of the GUC Trustee, Wind-Down Debtors, Plan Agent, or any other appropriate party-in-interest under the Bankruptcy Code or any

other applicable non-bankruptcy law; or (v) an approval, adoption, assumption, or rejection of any agreement, contract, program, policy, or lease under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.

DATED: December 23, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

#### KANE RUSSELL COLEMAN LOGAN PC

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on December 23, 2024, a true and correct copy of the foregoing notice was filed with the Court and served via the Court's CM/ECF system upon all parties registered to receive such electronic service in this bankruptcy case.

/s/ Kyle Woodard

Kyle Woodard

Notice of Objection to Claim

# Exhibit 2

**Omnibus Objection Procedures** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

	)	
In re:	)	Chapter 11
	)	
IEH AUTO PARTS HOLDING LLC, et al., 1	)	Case No. 23-90054 (CML)
	)	
Debtors.	)	(Jointly Administered)
	)	•

#### PROCEDURES FOR FILING OMNIBUS CLAIMS OBJECTIONS

- 1. <u>Grounds for Omnibus Objections</u>. In addition to those grounds expressly set forth in Bankruptcy Rule 3007(d), the Debtors<sup>2</sup> may file omnibus objections (each, an "<u>Omnibus Objection</u>") to Claims on the grounds (the "<u>Additional Grounds</u>") that such Claims, in part or in whole:
  - a. fail to specify the asserted Claim amount (or only list the Claim amount as "unliquidated");
  - b. seek recovery of amounts for which the Debtors are not liable;
  - c. are satisfied by payment in full or in part on account of such Claim from a party that is not a debtor, including one or more of the Debtors' insurers;
  - d. are incorrectly or improperly classified;
  - e. are filed against non-Debtors, the incorrect Debtor, or multiple Debtors;
  - f. fail to specify a Debtor against which the Claim is asserted;
  - g. are disallowed or subordinated to all Claims senior to or equal to the asserted Claim arising out of the purchase or sale of a security of the Debtor or affiliate pursuant to section 510(b) of the Bankruptcy Code;

The Debtor entities in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor entity's federal tax identification number, are: IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC (6529); AP Acquisition Company Clark LLC (4531); AP Acquisition Company Gordon LLC (5666); AP Acquisition Company Massachusetts LLC (7581); AP Acquisition Company Missouri LLC (7840); AP Acquisition Company New York LLC (7361); AP Acquisition Company North Carolina LLC (N/A); AP Acquisition Company Washington LLC (2773); Auto Plus Auto Sales LLC (6921); IEH AIM LLC (2233); IEH Auto Parts LLC (2066); IEH Auto Parts Puerto Rico, Inc. (4539); and IEH BA LLC (1428). The Debtors' service address is: 112 Townpark Drive NW, Suite 300, Kennesaw, GA 30144.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

- h. are disallowed pursuant to, or asserted in an amount, priority, or on terms that are otherwise inconsistent with, the Plan; or
- i. have not been timely filed by parties to prepetition litigation with the Debtors.
- 2. <u>Form of Omnibus Objection</u>. Each Omnibus Objection will be numbered consecutively, regardless of basis. The Claims subject to the Omnibus Objection will be listed alphabetically by claimant on the schedules attached to each Omnibus Objection.
- 3. <u>Supporting Documentation</u>. In accordance with Local Bankruptcy Rule 3007-1, Omnibus Objections must include an affidavit or declaration signed by a person with personal knowledge supporting the objection.
- 4. <u>Claims Exhibits</u>. An exhibit listing the Claims that are subject to the particular Omnibus Objection will be attached thereto. Each exhibit will include only the Claims to which there is a common basis for the objection. Claims for which there is more than one basis for the objection will be referenced on each exhibit applicable thereto. Including a Claim on one exhibit will not constitute a waiver of the Debtors' right to object to the Claim on an additional basis or bases. The exhibits will include, without limitation, the following information:
  - a. the Claims that are the subject of the Omnibus Objection and, if applicable, the Proof of Claim number(s) related thereto from the claims register;
  - b. the asserted amount of the Claim;
  - c. the grounds for the objection; and
  - d. other information, as applicable, including: (i) the proposed classification of Claims the Debtors seek to reclassify; (ii) the proposed allowed Claim amounts of claims the Debtors seek to reduce; and/or (iii) the surviving Claims, if any, of claimants affected by the Omnibus Objection.
- 5. <u>Objection Notice</u>. Each Omnibus Objection will be accompanied by an objection notice, substantially in the form annexed to the Order as **Exhibit 2** (the "Objection Notice"), which will:
  - a. describe the basic nature of the objection;
  - b. inform creditors how to file a written response (each, a "Response") to the objection;
  - c. identify the hearing date, if applicable, and information on how to participate; and
  - d. describe how copies of proofs of claim, the Omnibus Objection, and other pleadings filed in the chapter 11 cases may be obtained.

- 6. <u>Notice and Service</u>. Each Omnibus Objection will be filed with the Court and served electronically using the Court's electronic filing system. Each Omnibus Objection (along with a copy of the Objection Notice and these Procedures) will be mailed to each claimholder that is subject to such objection.
- 7. Omnibus Claims Objection Hearings. Each Omnibus Objection shall be set for hearing no less than 30 days after service of the Omnibus Objection (each, a "Hearing"), unless otherwise ordered by the Court. For all Hearings:
  - a. Unless agreed to by the Debtors and the claimant, or otherwise ordered by the Court, the first hearing on any Omnibus Objection shall be a non-evidentiary status conference.
  - b. Upon no less than 10 days' notice, the Debtors, or any claimant that has filed a timely response, may file a motion to continue any Hearing.
  - c. By agreement (email being sufficient), the Debtors and claimants may agree to reset any Hearing with respect to any Claim.
- 8. <u>Hearing Participation</u>. The first Hearing on an Omnibus Objection shall be a status conference and shall be a virtual hearing consistent with section I of the Complex Procedures (i.e., no in-person participation will be permitted). Unless otherwise ordered by the Court, all subsequent Hearings on an Omnibus Objection will be remote hearings consistent with section H of the Complex Procedures (i.e., all parties may elect to appear either in person or virtually). Instructions for appearing at the Hearing shall be included on the first page of each Omnibus Objection.
- 9. <u>Contested Matter</u>. Each Claim subject to an Omnibus Objection and the Response thereto shall constitute a separate contested matter as contemplated by Bankruptcy Rule 9014, and any order entered by the Court will be deemed a separate order with respect to such Claim.

#### **Responses to Omnibus Objections**

- 10. Parties Required to File a Response. Any party who disagrees with an Omnibus Objection is required to file a Response in accordance with the procedures set forth herein and to appear at the Hearing(s) with respect to their Claim. If a claimant whose Claim is subject to an Omnibus Objection does not file and serve a Response in compliance with the procedures below or fails to appear at the Hearing(s), the Court may grant the relief requested in the Omnibus Objection with respect to such Claim without further notice to the claimant.
- 11. <u>Failure to Respond</u>. A Response that is not filed and served in accordance with the procedures set forth herein may not be considered by the Court at the Hearing. **Absent reaching an agreement with the Debtors resolving the objection to a Claim, failure to timely file and serve a Response as set forth herein or to appear at the Hearing(s) may result in the Court**

**granting the Omnibus Objection without further notice or hearing.** Upon entry of an order sustaining an Omnibus Objection, affected creditors will be served with such order.

- 12. <u>Response Contents</u>. Each Response must contain the following (at a minimum):
  - a. This case caption:<sup>3</sup>

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In re:	)	Chapter 11
AUTO PLUS AUTO SALES LLC,	)	Case No. 23-90055 (CML)
Wind-Down Debtor. <sup>1</sup>	) ) )	(Formerly Jointly Administered under Lead Case IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC, Case No. 23-90054)

- b. The responding party's name and the number of the Omnibus Objection to which the Response is directed,
- c. The factual basis and specific reasons for disagreement with the Omnibus Objection;
- d. If applicable, the Proof of Claim number(s) from the Claims Register to which the Response relates; and
- e. The following contact information for the responding party:
  - (i) the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the responding claimant or the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the claimant's attorney or designated representative to whom the attorneys for the Debtors should serve a reply to the Response, if any; or
  - (ii) the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the party with authority to reconcile, settle, or otherwise resolve the objection on the claimant's behalf.
- 13. <u>Filing and Service of the Response</u>. A Response will be deemed timely only if it is filed with the Court and served electronically using the Court's electronic filing system and

Chapter 11 Cases [Case No. 23-90054, Dkt. #1043]. All Responses should be filed in Case No. 23-90055 styled In re: Auto Plus Auto Sales, LLC.

The Debtors may revise these procedures for service purposes to include the case caption of a remaining case in the event that Case No. 22-90054 is closed in the future.

Case No. 22-90054 was closed on January 16, 2024, pursuant to the Court's *Final Decree Closing Certain of the* 

actually received on the response date specified in the Objection Notice (the "Response Deadline") by the following parties (the "Notice Parties"):

#### 1) Debtors' counsel:

Jackson Walker LLP

1401 McKinney Street, Suite 1900

Houston, TX 77010

Attention: Matthew Cavenaugh

Veronica A. Polnick Zachary McKay Vienna F. Anaya Emily Flynn Meraia

E-mail: mcavenaugh@jw.com

vpolnick@jw.com zmckay@jw.com vanaya@jw.com emeraia@jw.com

- and -

Law Office of Liz Freeman

PO Box 61209

Houston, TX 77208

Attention: Elizabeth C. Freeman

Email: liz@lizfreemanlaw.com

#### 2) The U.S. Trustee:

**Hector Duran** 

Stephen Statham

Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Texas

515 Rusk St, Ste. 3516

Houston, Texas 77002

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#### 3) Counsel to the Unsecured Creditors' Committee GUC Trustee:

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If you do not have electronic filing privileges, you must also mail your Response to the Court, such that it is received by the Response Deadline, at:

Nathan Oschner Clerk of Court 515 Rusk Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Houston, Texas 77002

- 14. <u>Informal Resolution</u>. Parties to an Omnibus Objection may engage in settlement discussions to resolve the matter without the need for a hearing. The Debtors may utilize Rule 68 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure with respect to Omnibus Objections, as modified by this paragraph 14. Rule 68 provides, in pertinent part:
  - (a) MAKING AN OFFER; JUDGMENT ON AN ACCEPTED OFFER. At least 14 days before the date set for trial, a party objecting to a claim may serve on an opposing party an offer to allow judgment on specified terms, with the costs then accrued. If, within 14 days after being served, the opposing party serves written notice accepting the offer, either party may then file the offer and notice of acceptance, plus proof of service. The clerk must then enter judgment.
  - (b) UNACCEPTED OFFER. An unaccepted offer is considered withdrawn, but it does not preclude a later offer. Evidence of an unaccepted offer is not admissible except in a proceeding to determine costs.

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(d) PAYING COSTS AFTER AN UNACCEPTED OFFER. If the judgment that the offeree finally obtains is not more favorable than the unaccepted offer, the offeree must pay the costs incurred after the offer was made.

The Debtors will not utilize Rule 68 against unrepresented parties. Rule 68(d) is further modified such that if the ruling finally obtained is not more favorable to the offeree than the unaccepted offer, the Debtors may seek reimbursement of costs incurred after the offer was made.

#### **Miscellaneous**

- 15. Additional Information. Copies of these procedures, the Motion, the Order or any other pleadings (the "Pleadings") filed in these chapter 11 cases are available at no cost at the Debtors' restructuring website <a href="https://www.kccllc.net/autoplus">https://www.kccllc.net/autoplus</a>. You may also obtain copies of any of the Pleadings filed in these chapter 11 cases for a fee at the Court's website at <a href="https://ecf.txsb.uscourts.gov/">https://ecf.txsb.uscourts.gov/</a>. 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 <a href="http://www.pacer.gov">http://www.pacer.gov</a>.
- Reservation of Rights. NOTHING IN ANY OMNIBUS OBJECTION OR OBJECTION NOTICE IS INTENDED OR SHALL BE DEEMED TO CONSTITUTE (A) AN ADMISSION AS TO THE VALIDITY OF ANY PREPETITION CLAIM AGAINST A DEBTOR ENTITY; (B) A WAIVER OF ANY RIGHT OF ANY DEBTOR TO DISPUTE ANY PREPETITION CLAIM ON ANY GROUNDS, ASSERT COUNTERCLAIMS, RIGHTS OF OFFSET OR RECOUPMENT, DEFENSES, OBJECT TO CLAIMS (OR OTHER CLAIMS OR CAUSES OF ACTION OF A CLAIMANT) ON ANY GROUNDS NOT PREVIOUSLY RAISED IN AN OBJECTION, UNLESS THE COURT HAS ALLOWED A CLAIM OR ORDERED OTHERWISE, OR SEEK TO ESTIMATE ANY CLAIM AT A LATER DATE; (C) A PROMISE OR REQUIREMENT TO PAY ANY PREPETITION CLAIM; (D) AN IMPLICATION OR ADMISSION THAT ANY PARTICULAR CLAIM IS OF A TYPE SPECIFIED OR DEFINED IN THIS MOTION OR ANY ORDER GRANTING THE RELIEF REQUESTED BY THIS MOTION; (E) A REQUEST OR AUTHORIZATION TO ASSUME ANY PREPETITION AGREEMENT, CONTRACT, OR LEASE PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTION 365; OR (F) A WAIVER OF ANY RIGHT OF ANY DEBTOR UNDER THE BANKRUPTCY CODE OR ANY OTHER APPLICABLE LAW.

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# Exhibit 3

**Claim Withdrawal Form** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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In re:	) Chapter 11
IEH AUTO PARTS HOLDING LLC, et al.,1	) Case No. 23-90054 (CML)
Debtors.	) (Jointly Administered)
WITHDRAWAL OF PROC	OF OF CLAIM NO
Claimant,	[Claimant Name(s)],
hereby withdraws with prejudice its proof of clair	m No[Claim Number(s)].
Signed:	
Print Name	o:
Title:	
Claimant Name:	
Address:	Please mail this form via U.S. Mail to:  IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC
Address:	Claims Processing Contor
City, State, Zip:	222 N Pacific Coast Highway Suite 300
Phone:	01, 3 00 11103 0111011 0
Email:	autoplusinfo@kccllc.com 

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