#### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

	§	Chapter 11
In re:	§	
	§	Case No. 20-43597-399
<b>BRIGGS &amp; STRATTON</b>	§	
CORPORATION, et al.,	§	(Joint Administration Requested)
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<b>Debtors.</b> <sup>1</sup>	§	Hearing Date: July 21, 2020
	§	Hearing Time: 10:00 a.m. (Central Time)
	§	Hearing Location: Courtroom 5 North,
	§	111 S. 10th St., St. Louis, MO 63102

# APPLICATION OF DEBTORS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 327(a), FED R. BANKR. P. 2014(a) AND 2016, AND LOCAL RULES 2014 AND 2016-1 FOR AUTHORITY TO RETAIN AND EMPLOY WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE DEBTORS EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE

Briggs & Stratton Corporation and its debtor affiliates in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "**Debtors**"), respectfully represent as follows in support of this application (the "**Application**"):

# **Background**

1. On the date hereof (the "Petition Date"), the Debtors each commenced with

this Court a voluntary case under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "**Bankruptcy Code**"). The Debtors are authorized to continue to operate their business and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee, examiner, or statutory committee of creditors has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases. The Debtors have also filed a motion requesting joint administration of their

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number are: Briggs & Stratton Corporation (2330), Billy Goat Industries, Inc. (4442), Allmand Bros., Inc. (4710), Briggs & Stratton International, Inc. (9957), and Briggs & Stratton Tech, LLC (2102). The address of the Debtors' corporate headquarters is 12301 West Wirth Street, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53222.



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chapter 11 cases pursuant to Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "**Bankruptcy Rules**") and Rule 1015(b) of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure for the Eastern District of Missouri (the "**Local Rules**").

2. The Debtors, combined with their non-Debtor affiliates (collectively, the "**Company**"), are the world's largest producer of gasoline engines for outdoor power equipment and a leading designer, manufacturer and marketer of power generation, pressure washer, lawn and garden, turf care and job site products. The Company's products are marketed and serviced in more than 100 countries on six continents through 40,000 authorized dealers and service organizations. Additional information regarding the Debtors' business and capital structure and the circumstances leading to the commencement of these chapter 11 cases is set forth in the *Declaration of Jeffrey Ficks, Financial Advisor of Briggs & Stratton Corporation, in Support of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Relief*, sworn to on the date hereof (the "**Ficks Declaration**"),<sup>2</sup> which has been filed with the Court contemporaneously herewith and is incorporated by reference herein.

### **Jurisdiction**

The Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157,
1334, and Local Rule 1001 (D). This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before the Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

#### **Relief Requested**

4. By this Application, pursuant to section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code,

Bankruptcy Rules 2014(a) and 2016, and Local Rules 2014 and 2016-1, the Debtors request

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Ficks Declaration. All dollar (\$) references in this Motion are to the U.S. dollar, unless stated otherwise.

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authority to retain and employ Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP ("**Weil**" or the "**Firm**") as attorneys for the Debtors effective as of the Petition Date.

5. The Debtors request that the Court approve the retention of Weil, under a general retainer, as their attorneys to perform the extensive legal services that will be required during these chapter 11 cases in accordance with Weil's normal hourly rates in effect when services are rendered and Weil's normal reimbursement policies. In support of this Application, the Debtors submit the declaration of Ronit J. Berkovich, a partner of Weil, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the "**Berkovich Declaration**"), and the declaration of Kathryn M. Buono, the Debtors' Vice President, Corporate Counsel & Secretary, (the "**Buono Declaration**") which is attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

#### **Weil's Qualifications**

6. In April, 2020, Weil began advising the Debtors in connection with exploring and implementing various strategic alternatives to deleverage the Debtors' balance sheet as well as preserve and maximize the Debtors' enterprise value. Since that time, Weil has extensively involved in prepetition negotiations with the Stalking Horse Bidder and the Debtors' prepetition creditors, which resulted in the execution of the Stalking Horse Agreement and the DIP Credit Agreement.

7. As a result of its prepetition representation of the Debtors, Weil acquired an in-depth knowledge of the Debtors' capital structure and has extensive additional insight into the current condition of the Debtors' business operations. In addition, Weil was extensively involved in prepetition negotiations with many of the Debtors' key economic stakeholders and in analyzing strategic alternatives with respect to the Debtors' capital structure and restructuring alternatives, including the commencement of this chapter 11 case. Accordingly, Weil possesses the necessary

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background to address the potential legal issues that may arise in the context of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases.

8. In addition to Weil's knowledge of the Debtors' business and financial affairs, the Debtors selected Weil as their attorneys because of the Firm's extensive, diversified experience and expertise, including Weil's recognized expertise in the field of debtors' protections, creditors' rights, and the administration of cases under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. For example, Weil currently represents or has represented, among others, the following debtors and their affiliates: Brooks Brothers Group, Inc.; Vivus, Inc.; NPC International, Inc.; Speedcast International Limited; Skillsoft Corporation; Chinos Holdings, Inc.; Chisholm Oil & Gas Operating, LLC; 24 Hour Fitness Worldwide, Inc.; Fairway Group Holdings Corp.; Gavilan Resources Holdings, Inc.; Exide Holdings, Inc.; Kingfisher Midstream LLC; EP Energy Corporation; Halcon Resources Corporation; Fusion Connect, Inc.; Insys Therapeutics, Inc.; CTI Foods, LLC; Ditech Holding Corporation; PG&E Corporation and Pacific Gas and Electric Company; Checkout Holding Corp.; Waypoint Leasing Holdings Ltd.; LBI Media, Inc.; Sears Holdings Corporation; Tops Holding Company LLC; Southeastern Grocers, LLC; Claire's Inc.; Walter Inv. Mgmt. Corp.; Fieldwood Energy LLC; Westinghouse Electric Company LLC; TK Holdings Inc.; Angelica Corp.; Azure Midstream Partners, LP; Memorial Production Partners LP; CHC Group Ltd.; Breitburn Energy Partners LP; Basic Energy Services, Inc.; American Gilsonite Company; and Aéropostale, Inc. Accordingly, the Debtors believe that Weil is both well qualified and uniquely able to represent the Debtors in their chapter 11 cases in an efficient and timely manner. The Debtors have been informed that Ronit J. Berkovich, Partner at Weil and Debora A. Hoehne, counsel to Weil, as well as other partners at, counsel to, and associates of Weil who will be employed in these chapter 11 cases, are members in good standing of, among others, the Bar of the State of New York and the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Applications for pro hac vice for Ronit J. Berkovich and

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Debora A. Hoehne to practice before this Court are being filed simultaneously with this Application.

# **Scope of Services**

9. The services to be performed by Weil are appropriate and necessary to enable the Debtors to execute faithfully their duties as debtors and debtors in possession and to prosecute their chapter 11 cases. Subject to further order of this Court, it is proposed that Weil be employed to render the professional services listed below, on the terms of this Application and the parties' engagement letter, dated April 8, 2020 (the "<u>Engagement Letter</u>"), a copy of which is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u>.<sup>3</sup>

- a. prepare on behalf of the Debtors, as debtors in possession, all necessary motions, applications, answers, orders, reports and other papers in connection with the administration of the Debtors' estates;
- b. take all necessary actions in connection with any chapter 11 plan and related disclosure statement and all related documents, and such further actions as may be required in connection with the administration of the Debtors' estates;
- c. take all necessary action to protect and preserve the Debtors' estates, including the prosecution of actions on the Debtors' behalf, the defense of any actions commenced against the Debtors, the negotiation of disputes in which the Debtors are involved, and the preparation of objections to claims filed against the Debtors' estates;
- d. perform all other necessary legal services in connection with the prosecution of these chapter 11 cases; provided, however, that to the extent Weil determines that such services fall outside of the scope of services historically or generally performed by Weil as lead debtors' counsel in a bankruptcy case, Weil will file a supplemental declaration.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Any references to, or descriptions of, the Engagement Letter are qualified by the express terms of the Engagement Letter, which shall govern if there is any conflict between the Engagement Letter and the descriptions provided herein.

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10. It is necessary for the Debtors to employ attorneys to render the foregoing professional services. Weil has stated its desire and willingness to act in these cases and render the necessary professional services as attorneys for the Debtors.

11. In addition to this Application, the Debtors have filed, or expect to file shortly, applications to employ: (i) Carmody MacDonald P.C. ("**Carmody**"), as co-counsel, (ii) Foley & Lardner LLP ("**Foley**"), as special corporate counsel (iii) Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC, as claims and noticing agent; (iv) Houlihan Lokey Capital, Inc. as investment banker; (v) Deloitte & Touche LLP, as independent auditors, and (vi) Ernst & Young LLP as financial advisor. The Debtors may also file applications to employ additional professionals. Rather than resulting in any extra expense to the Debtors' estates, it is anticipated that the efficient coordination of efforts of the Debtors' attorneys and other professionals will greatly add to the progress and effective administration of these chapter 11 cases.

#### **No Duplication of Services**

12. As described in the Berkovich Declaration, Weil will work with Carmody and the Debtors' other professionals to ensure a clear delineation of each firm's respective roles in connection with representation of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases to prevent duplication of services and ensure the case is administered in the most efficient fashion possible. In that regard, Weil and Carmody have informed the Debtors that Weil will take the lead on, among other tasks: (i) preparing on behalf of the Debtors, as debtors in possession, necessary motions, applications, answers, orders, reports, and other papers in connection with the administration of the Debtors' estates; (ii) taking necessary actions in connection with any chapter 11 plan and related disclosure statement and all related documents, and such further actions as may be required in connection with the administration of the Debtors' estates; (iii) taking all necessary action to protect and preserve the Debtors' estates, including the prosecution of actions on the Debtors' behalf, the

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defense of any actions commenced against the Debtors, the negotiation of disputes in which the Debtors are involved, and the preparation of objections to claims filed against the Debtors' estates; and (iv) performing other necessary legal services in connection with the prosecution of these chapter 11 cases. Carmody's duties will include, among other tasks: (a) providing Missouri law expertise, including advising the Debtors and Weil on issues of local practice and the Local Rules; (b) communicating with the Court and the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Missouri (the "**U.S. Trustee**") with respect to the Debtors' filings and the chapter 11 cases; (c) reviewing, commenting on, and coordinating the filing of various pleadings; and (d) serving as lead counsel to the Debtors with respect to matters or parties as to which Weil has a conflict and determines that it cannot (or should not) represent the Debtors (where Carmody does not similarly have a conflict).

#### Weil's Disinterestedness

13. To the best of the Debtors' knowledge, the partners of, counsel to, and associates of Weil do not have any connection with or any interest adverse to the Debtors, their creditors, or any other party in interest, or their respective attorneys and accountants, except may be set forth in the Berkovich Declaration.

14. Based upon the Berkovich Declaration, Weil is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code as modified by section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors have been informed that Weil will conduct an ongoing review of its files to ensure that no disqualifying circumstances arise. If any new material relevant facts or relationships are discovered, Weil will supplement its disclosure to the Court accordingly.

#### **Professional Compensation**

15. As set forth in the Berkovich Declaration, for the 90 days prior to the Petition Date, Weil received payments and advances in the aggregate amount of \$8,962,940.50 for

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professional services performed and to be performed, and expenses incurred and to be incurred, including the commencement and prosecution of these chapter 11 cases. Weil has a remaining credit balance in favor of the Debtors for professional services performed and to be performed, and expenses incurred and to be incurred, in connection with these chapter 11 cases in the amount of \$1,127,475.76 (the "Fee Advance"). An accounting summary of payments invoiced and received by Weil in the 90 days before the Petition Date is set forth in <u>Exhibit 4</u> attached to the Berkovich Declaration. As of the Petition Date, the Debtors did not owe Weil any fees for professional services performed or expenses incurred. Weil intends to apply the Fee Advance to any outstanding amounts relating to the period prior to the Petition Date that were not processed through Weil's billing system as of the Petition Date. Weil intends to also retain any remaining balance of the Fee Advance on account of services rendered and expenses incurred subsequent to the Petition Date.

16. The Debtors understand and have agreed that Weil hereafter will apply to the Court for allowances of compensation and reimbursement of expenses in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, the U.S. *Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases*, effective November 1, 2013 (collectively, the "**Fee Guidelines**"), and any further orders of the Court (the "**Orders**") for all professional services performed and expenses incurred after the Petition Date.

17. Subject to the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, the Fee Guidelines, and the Orders, the Debtors propose to compensate Weil for services rendered at Weil's customary hourly rates that are in effect from time to time, as set forth in the Berkovich Declaration, and to reimburse Weil according to its customary reimbursement

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policies. The Debtors respectfully submit that Weil's rates and policies stated in the Berkovich Declaration are reasonable.

#### **Notice**

18. Notice of this Application will be provided to (i) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Missouri; (ii) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors on a consolidated basis; (iii) Latham & Watkins LLP (Attn: Peter P. Knight, Esq. and Jonathan C. Gordon, Esq.), as counsel to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as the administrative agent and collateral agent under the ABL Credit Facility and DIP Facility; (iv) Pryor Cashman LLP (Attn: Seth H. Lieberman, Esq. and David W. Smith, Esq.), as counsel to Wilmington Trust, N.A., as successor indenture trustee under the Unsecured Notes, and (v) any other party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002 (collectively, the "**Notice Parties**"). Notice of this Motion and any order entered hereon will be served in accordance with Local Rule 9013-3(A)(1).

19. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made by the Debtors to this or any other court.

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WHEREFORE the Debtors respectfully request entry of the Proposed Order

granting the relief requested herein and such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and appropriate.

Dated: July 20, 2020 Wauwatosa, Wisconsin Respectfully submitted,

Briggs & Stratton Corporation (for itself and on behalf of each of its affiliated debtors as Debtors and Debtors in Possession)

/s/ Kathryn M. Buono

Name: Kathryn M. Buono Title: Vice President, Corporate Counsel & Secretary Case 20-43597 Doc 27 Filed 07/20/20 Entered 07/20/20 07:22:16 Main Document Pg 11 of 51

# Exhibit A

**Berkovich Declaration** 

#### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

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In re:

BRIGGS & STRATTON, CORPORATION, *et al.*,

**Debtors**.<sup>1</sup>

Chapter 11

Case No. 20-43597-399

(Joint Administration Requested)

# DECLARATION OF RONIT J. BERKOVICH IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION OF DEBTORS FOR AUTHORITY TO RETAIN AND EMPLOY WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE DEBTORS EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §§ 327, 329, AND 504 AND FED. R. BANKR. 2014(a) AND 2016(b)

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

1. I am a partner of the firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP ("Weil" or the

"**Firm**"), an international law firm with principal offices at 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153; regional offices in Washington, D.C.; Houston and Dallas, Texas; Miami, Florida; Boston, Massachusetts; Princeton, New Jersey; Redwood Shores, California; and foreign offices in London, United Kingdom; Frankfurt and Munich, Germany; Paris, France; and Beijing, Hong Kong, and Shanghai, China.

2. I submit this declaration (this "**Declaration**") in connection with the Application, submitted on the date hereof (the "**Application**"), of Briggs & Stratton Corporation and its affiliated debtors, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11

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cases (collectively, the "**Debtors**"), for authority to employ and retain Weil as their attorneys in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases, effective as of July 20, 2020 (the "**Petition Date**"), at its normal hourly rate in effect from time to time and in accordance with its normal reimbursement policies, in compliance with sections 327(a), 328(a), 329, and 504 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "**Bankruptcy Code**"), and to provide the disclosure required under rules 2014(a) and 2016(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "**Bankruptcy Rules**") and rules 2014 and 2016-1 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (the "**Local Rules**"). Unless otherwise stated in this Declaration, I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein. To the extent any information disclosed herein requires amendment or modification upon Weil's completion of further review, or as additional information regarding parties in interest becomes available, a supplemental declaration will be submitted to the Court reflecting such amended, supplemented or otherwise modified information.

3. Neither I, Weil, nor any partner of, counsel to, or associate of the Firm represents any entity other than the Debtors in connection with these chapter 11 cases. In addition, except as set forth herein, to the best of my knowledge, after due inquiry, neither I, Weil, nor any partner of, counsel to, or associate of the Firm represents any party in interest in these chapter 11 cases in matters related to these chapter 11 cases.

#### Weil's Disclosure Procedures

4. Weil has in the past, represented, currently represents, and may in the future represent, entities that are claimants or interest holders of the Debtors in matters unrelated to the Debtors' pending chapter 11 cases. Weil, which employs approximately 1,100 attorneys, has a large and diversified legal practice that encompasses the representation of many financial institutions and commercial corporations. Weil has in the past represented, currently represents,

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and may in the future represent, entities that are claimants or interest holders of the Debtors in matters unrelated to these chapter 11 cases. Some of those entities are, or may consider themselves to be, creditors or parties in interest in these chapter 11 cases or otherwise have interests in these cases.

5. In preparing this Declaration, Weil used its customary procedures to ensure

compliance with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the Local

Rules regarding the retention of professionals by a debtor under the Bankruptcy Code (the "Firm

Disclosure Procedures"). Pursuant to the Firm Disclosure Procedures, Weil performed, or caused

to be performed, the following actions to identify the parties relevant to this Declaration and to

ascertain Weil's connection to such parties:

- a. A comprehensive list of the types of entities that may have contacts with the Debtors was developed through discussions with the Weil attorneys who have provided services to the Debtors and in consultation with the advisors to and senior management of the Debtors (the "**Retention Checklist**"). A copy of the Retention Checklist is attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.
- b. Weil obtained information responsive to the Retention Checklist through several inquiries of the Debtors' senior management and advisors and review of documents provided by the Debtors to Weil. Weil then used that information, together with other information identified by Weil, to compile a list of the names of entities that may be parties in interest in these chapter 11 cases (the "**Potential Parties in Interest**"). A copy of the Potential Parties in Interest list is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 2</u>.
- c. Weil maintains a master client database as part of its conflict clearance and billing records. The master client database includes the names of the entities for which any attorney time charges have been billed since the database was first created (the "Client Database"). The Client Database includes the name of all current and former clients, the name of the parties who are or were related or adverse to such current and former clients, and the names of the Weil personnel who are or were responsible for current or former matters for such clients. Weil's policy is that no new matter may be accepted or opened within the Firm without completing and submitting to those charged with maintaining the conflict clearance system the information necessary to check each such matter for conflicts, including the identity of the prospective client, the name of the matter, adverse parties, and, in some cases, parties related to the client or to an adverse party.

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Accordingly, the database is updated for every new matter undertaken by Weil. The accuracy of the system is a function of the completeness and accuracy of the information submitted by the attorney opening a new matter.

- d. Weil compared the names of each of the Potential Parties in Interest to client matters in the Client Database for which professional time was recorded during the two years prior to the comparison.<sup>2</sup> Any matches to names in the Client Database generated by the comparison were compiled, together with the names of the respective Weil personnel responsible for the identified client matters (the "Client Match List").
- e. A Weil attorney then reviewed the Client Match List and deleted obvious name coincidences and individuals or entities that were adverse to Weil's clients in both this matter and the matter referenced on the Client Match List.
- f. Using information in the Client Database concerning entities on the Client Match List and making general and, if applicable, specific inquires of Weil personnel, Weil verified that it does not represent and has not represented any entity on the Client Match List in connection with these chapter 11 cases.
- g. In addition, a general inquiry was sent by electronic mail to all Weil personnel (attorneys and staff) to determine whether any such individuals or any members of their households (i) own any debt or equity securities of the Debtors; (ii) hold a claim against or interest adverse to the Debtors; (iii) are or were officers, directors, or employees of the Debtors or any of the affiliates or subsidiaries; (iv) are related to or have any connections to Bankruptcy Judges in the Eastern District of Missouri; or (v) are related to or have any connections to anyone working in the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Missouri (the "U.S. Trustee").

# Weil's Connections with the Debtors

6. Weil compiled responses to the foregoing inquiries for the purpose of

preparing this Declaration. Responses to the inquiry described in paragraph 5(g) above reflect that, as of the Petition Date, no Weil personnel or member of the household of any Weil personnel

For purposes of the Firm Disclosure Procedures, Weil considers an entity a "former client" if professional time was recorded within the past two years, but all matters for such client have since been closed. Because the Firm Disclosure Procedures only reflect client activity during the past two years, matches to client matters outside that timeframe are not reflected in this Declaration.

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holds any claims against, stock of, or other interests in the Debtors and that no such individuals held significant employment with the Debtors.<sup>3</sup>

7. Weil has rendered, among other services, refinancing and restructuringrelated legal services to the Debtors since April, 2020. Since that time, Weil has advised the Debtors concerning their corporate affairs, debt obligations, and strategic restructuring alternatives. Most recently, Weil has provided the necessary services to enable the Debtors to commence the above-captioned chapter 11 cases. Weil, working together with Carmody MacDonald P.C. ("**Carmody**"), primarily was responsible for the preparation of the chapter 11 petitions, initial motions, and applications relating to these chapters 11 cases.

# Weil's Connections with Parties in Interest in Matters Unrelated to These Chapter 11 Cases

8. Either I, or an attorney working under my supervision, reviewed the connections between Weil and the clients identified on the Client Match List, and the connections between those entities and the Debtors. After such review, either I, or an attorney working under my supervision, determined, in each case, that Weil does not hold or represent an interest that is adverse to the Debtors' estates and that Weil is a "disinterested person" as such term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for the reasons discussed below.

9. Weil previously represented, currently represents, and may in the future represent the entities (or their affiliates) described below in matters unrelated to the Debtors. These disclosures, attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 3</u>, are the product of implementing the Firm Disclosure Procedures (the "Disclosure Schedule"). An entity is listed as a "Current Client" on the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Certain Weil personnel or members of the households of Weil personnel may unknowingly hold stock or other interests in the Debtors in blind, discretionary accounts, or mutual funds.

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Disclosure Schedule if Weil has any open matters for such entity or a known affiliate of such entity and attorney time charges have been recorded on any such matters within the past two (2) years. An entity is listed as a "Former Client" on the Disclosure Schedule if Weil represented such entity or a known affiliate of such entity within the past two (2) years based on recorded attorney time charges on a matter, but all matters for such entity or any known affiliate of such entity have been formally closed. Weil has not represented, does not represent, and will not represent any entities listed on the Disclosure Schedule in matters directly related to the Debtors or these chapter 11 cases.

10. To the best of my knowledge and information, the annual fees for each of the last two (2) years<sup>4</sup> paid to Weil by any entity listed on the Disclosure List or its affiliates did not exceed 1% of the Firm's annual gross revenue except Sears Holding Corporation accounted for 2.2% of Weil's last twelve (12) months' revenue and 2.4% of Weil's last twenty-four (24) months' revenue.<sup>5</sup> Weil will not represent the Debtors in any matter adverse to Sears Holding Corporation.<sup>6</sup> Any and all such matters will be handled by separate conflicts counsel.

11. In addition to the foregoing, through diligent inquiry, I have ascertained no connection, as such term is used in section 101(14)(C) of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by section 1107(b), and Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a), between Weil and (i) the U.S. Trustee or any person employed by the U.S. Trustee, (ii) any attorneys, accountants, or financial consultants in these chapter 11 cases, or (iii) any investment bankers who represent or may represent the Debtors,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> According to Weil's records as of July 17, 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The Board of Directors of Sears Holdings Corporation accounted for 0% of the firm's revenue in the past twelve (12) months and .3% of the firm's revenue in the past twenty-four (24) months.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The chapter 11 petition lists Sears, Roebuck & Co. as a top 30 creditor with a contingent, unliquidated, and disputed litigation claim against Briggs & Stratton Corporation.

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claimants, or other parties in interest in these chapter 11 cases, except as set forth herein and on the Disclosure Schedule.<sup>7</sup> As part of its practice, Weil appears in cases, proceedings, and transactions involving many different attorneys, accountants, financial consultants, and investment bankers, some of whom now, or may in the future, represent claimants and other parties in interest in these cases. Weil has not represented, and will not represent, any such parties in relation to the Debtors or their chapter 11 cases. Weil does not have any relationship with any such attorneys, accountants, financial consultants, or investment bankers that would be adverse to the Debtors or their estates.

12. Additionally, Weil has represented, and may currently represent, entities that hold, or may, in the future, hold certain of the Debtors' debt in beneficial accounts on behalf of unidentified parties. Because distressed debt is actively traded in commercial markets, Weil may be unaware of the actual holder of such debt at any given moment. Weil also represents numerous entities in unrelated matters that may buy and/or sell distressed debt, claims, or equity interests of chapter 11 debtors. Moreover, from time to time, Weil is engaged by various entities that buy and/or sell distressed debt to analyze the capital structure of a distressed company based on a review of publicly available information. The Firm does not undertake such reviews after it has been engaged to represent any such company, including the Debtors, and does not view any public debt review as an adverse representation to the Debtors. Similarly, as a large firm, Weil may represent creditors/investors of or parties interested in investing in one or more parties in interest in these cases. Weil does not believe these relationships represent interests adverse to the estate.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Certain Weil partners have family members who are affiliated with investment banking firms. Should such investment banking firms become parties in interest in these chapter 11 cases, such a *de minimis* connection would not affect Weil's disinterestedness in these chapter 11 cases.

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13. Certain of the parties in interest in these chapter 11 cases are or were, from time to time, members of ad hoc or official creditors' committees represented by Weil in matters unrelated to these chapter 11 cases. In such instances, Weil only represented the committee or group, and did not represent the creditors in their individual capacities. Weil does not and will not represent any of these parties in connection with these chapter 11 cases.

14. Despite the efforts described herein to identify and disclose Weil's connections with the parties in interest in these chapter 11 cases, and because the Debtors have numerous relationships, Weil is unable to state with certainty that every client relationship or other connection has been disclosed. In this regard, Weil will continue to apply the Firm Disclosure Procedures. If any new material, relevant facts, or relationships are discovered or arise, Weil will promptly file a supplemental disclosure with the Court.

#### Weil Is Disinterested

15. Based on the foregoing, insofar as I have been able to ascertain after diligent inquiry, I believe Weil does not hold or represent an interest adverse to the Debtors' estates in the matters upon which Weil is to be employed, and that Weil is "disinterested" as such term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

### Weil's Retainer, Rates, and Billing Practices

16. Weil is not a creditor of the Debtors. During the 90-day period prior to the Petition Date, Weil received payments and advances in the aggregate amount of \$8,962,940.50<sup>8</sup> for services performed and expenses incurred, and also to be performed and incurred, including in preparation for the commencement of these Chapter 11 Cases. A summary of payments invoiced

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> All dollar (\$) references in this Declaration are to the U.S. dollar, unless stated otherwise.

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and received by Weil in the 90 days prior to the Petition Date is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit 4</u>. As of the Petition Date, Weil held a remaining credit balance in favor of the Debtors for professional services performed and to be performed, and expenses incurred and to be incurred, in connection with these chapter 11 cases in the amount of \$1,127,475.76 (the "Fee Advance"), subject to any amount Weil intends to apply against the Retainer as set forth in paragraph 15 of the Application.

17. Weil intends to charge the Debtors for services rendered in these Chapter 11 Cases at Weil's normal hourly rates in effect at the time the services are rendered. Weil's current customary hourly rates, subject to change from time to time, are \$1,100 to \$1,695 for partners and counsel, \$595 to \$1,050 for associates, and \$250 to \$435 for paraprofessionals.

18. Weil also intends to seek reimbursement for expenses incurred in connection with its representation of the Debtors in accordance with Weil's normal reimbursement policies, subject to any modifications to such policies that Weil may be required to make to comply with orders of this Court, the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules and the U.S. Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases, effective November 1, 2013 (collectively, the "Fee Guidelines"). Weil's disbursement policies pass through all out-of-pocket expenses at actual cost or an estimated actual cost when the actual cost is difficult to determine. For example, with respect to duplication charges, Weil will charge \$.10 per page for black and white copies and \$.50 per page for color copies. Similarly, as it relates to computerized research, Weil believes that it does not make a profit on that service as a whole, although the cost of any particular search is difficult to ascertain. Other reimbursable expenses (whether the service is performed by Weil in-house or through a third-party vendor) include, but

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are not limited to, facsimiles, overtime, overtime meals, deliveries, court costs, cost of food at meetings, transcript fees, travel fees, and clerk fees.

19. No promises have been received by Weil, or any partner, counsel, or associate of Weil, as to payment or compensation in connection with these chapter 11 cases other than in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and the Fee Guidelines. Furthermore, Weil has no agreement with any other entity to share compensation received by Weil or by such entity.

20. The Application requests approval of Weil's retention on rates, terms, and conditions consistent with what Weil charges non-chapter 11 debtors, namely, prompt payment of Weil's hourly rates, as adjusted from time to time, and reimbursement of out-of-pocket disbursements at cost or based on formulas that approximate the actual cost where the actual cost is not easily ascertainable. Subject to these terms and conditions, Weil intends to apply for allowance of compensation for professional services rendered in these chapter 11 cases and for reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses relating thereto, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and the Fee Guidelines.

#### **Coordination with Other Professionals for the Debtors**

21. Weil is aware that the Debtors have submitted, or intend to submit, separate applications to retain, among others, Carmody, as co-counsel to the Debtors, Foley & Lardner LLP as corporate counsel, Houlihan Lokey Capital, Inc. as investment banker, Ernst & Young LLP, as financial advisor to the Debtors, and Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC, as claims, noticing, and voting agent and administrative advisor. Weil, in conjunction with the Debtors' management, intends to carefully monitor and coordinate the efforts of all professionals retained by the Debtors

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in these chapter 11 cases and will delineate their respective duties so as to prevent duplication of services whenever possible.

22. The foregoing constitutes the statement of Weil pursuant to sections 327(a),

328(a), 329, and 504 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2014(a) and 2016(b).

# **Attorney Statement Pursuant to U.S. Trustee Guidelines**

23. The following is provided in response to the request for additional

information set forth in Paragraph D.1 of the Fee Guidelines.

Question:	Did you agree to any variations from, or alternatives to, your standard or customary billing arrangements for this engagement?
Response:	No.
Question:	Do any of the professionals included in this engagement vary their rate based on the geographic location of the bankruptcy case?
Response:	No.
Question:	If you represented the client in the twelve (12) months prepetition, disclose your billing rates and material financial terms for the prepetition engagement, including any adjustments during the twelve (12) months prepetition. If your billing rates and material

**<u>Response</u>**: Weil's billing rates and material financial terms with respect to this matter have not changed since the Debtors engaged Weil in April, 2020.

and the reasons for the difference.

financial terms have changed postpetition, explain the difference

- **<u>Question</u>**: Has your client approved your prospective budget and staffing plan, and, if so, for what budget period?
- **<u>Response</u>**: Weil is developing a prospective budget and staffing plan for these chapter 11 cases. Weil and the Debtors will review such budget following the close of the budget period to determine a budget for the following period.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge and after

reasonable inquiry, the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: July 20, 2020 New York, New York

/s/ Ronit J. Berkovich

Ronit J. Berkovich Partner, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP Case 20-43597 Doc 27 Filed 07/20/20 Entered 07/20/20 07:22:16 Main Document Pg 24 of 51

# <u>Exhibit 1</u>

**Retention Checklist** 

# **BRIGGS & STRATTON CORPORATION Retention Checklist Category**

- Debtors
- Debtors' Trade Names and Aliases (a/k/a, f/k/a, d/b/a) •
- Debtor Affiliates and Subsidiaries
- Debtor Affiliates and Subsidiaries' Trade Names and Aliases (a/k/a, f/k/a, d/b/a)
- **Bank Accounts**
- Bankruptcy Judges and Staff
- Contract Counterparties (Includes Patents and IP)
- Debtors' Professionals (Law Firms, Accountants, and Other Professionals)
- Holder of Bank Debt
- **PIK Noteholders**
- Five (5) Largest Secured Claim Holders
- Insurance/Insurance Provider
- Litigation Counterparties/Litigation Pending Lawsuits (Includes Threatened Litigation)
- Landlords and Parties to Leases
- Non-Debtors' Professionals
- Office of the United States Trustee
- Officers, Managers, and Directors and Affiliations (Current and Former)
- **Ordinary Course Professionals** •
- Other Secured Parties (Letters of Credit/ Issuers of Letters of Credit)
- Partnerships/Joint Venture Partnerships/Counterparties
- Significant Competitors
- Significant Shareholders (More Than 5% of Equity) •
- Taxing Authorities
- Top Forty (40) Unsecured Creditors UCC Lien Holders
- Utility Providers
- Vendors

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# Exhibit 2

**Potential Parties in Interest List** 

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#### ABL

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA U.S. NATIONAL BANK ASSOCIATION BANK OF AMERICA, NA BANK OF MONTREAL WELLS FARGO BANK, NA CIBC BANK USA KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FIRST MIDWEST BANK

#### **INDENTURE TRUSTEE**

WILMINGTON TRUST COMPANY WELLS FARGO BANK, NA

#### THE DEBTORS

BRIGGS & STRATTON CORPORATION BILLY GOAT INDUSTRIES, INC ALLMAND BROS., INC BRIGGS & STRATTON TECH LLC BRIGGS & STRATTON INTERNATIONAL, INC

#### AFFILIATES OF THE DEBTOR

**BRIGGS & STRATTON AG (SWITZERLAND) BRIGGS & STRATTON AUSTRALIA PTY. LIMITED BRIGGS & STRATTON INTERNATIONAL AG** (SWITZERLAND) VICTA LIMITED **B&S SWITZERLAND (DENMARK)** B&S SWITZERLAND L.R.O. (DUBAI, UAE) **B&S SWITZERLAND L.R.O. (INDIA)** B&S SWITZERLAND L.R.O. (RUSSIA) **BRANCO MOTORES LTDA BRIGGS & STRATTON (CHONGQING) ENGINE** CO, LTD BRIGGS & STRATTON (MALAYSIA) SDN. BHD. **BRIGGS & STRATTON (SHANGHAI)** INTERNATIONAL TRADING CO, LTD **BRIGGS & STRATTON AG (NORWAY) BRIGGS & STRATTON AG MERKEZI ISVICRE** ISTANBUL MERKEZ SUBESI (TURKEY) **BRIGGS & STRATTON AG TURKIYE IRTIBAT BUROSU (TURKEY) BRIGGS & STRATTON AUSTRIA GESELLSCHAFT** M.B.H. **BRIGGS & STRATTON CANADA, INC BRIGGS & STRATTON CORPORATION** FOUNDATION, INC BRIGGS & STRATTON CZ, S.R.O. (CZECH)

**BRIGGS & STRATTON FRANCE BRIGGS & STRATTON GERMANY GMBH** BRIGGS & STRATTON IBERICA, S.L. (SPAIN) **BRIGGS & STRATTON INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED BRIGGS & STRATTON INTERNATIONAL HOLDING B.V. (NETHERLANDS) BRIGGS & STRATTON INTERNATIONAL, INC BRIGGS & STRATTON ITALY S.R.L. BRIGGS & STRATTON JAPAN K.K. BRIGGS & STRATTON LIMITED LIABILITY** COMPANY **BRIGGS & STRATTON MANAGEMENT** (SHANGHAI) CO, LTD BRIGGS & STRATTON MEXICO SRL DE C.V. **BRIGGS & STRATTON NETHERLANDS B.V. BRIGGS & STRATTON NEW ZEALAND LIMITED** BRIGGS & STRATTON RSA (PROPRIETARY) LIMITED **BRIGGS & STRATTON SWEDEN AKTIELBOLAG BRIGGS & STRATTON U.K. LIMITED** BUSINESS HEALTH CARE GROUP OF WISCONSIN LLC DAIHATSU - BRIGGS CO LTD **GURU VENTURES, INC** NIKKI AMERICA FUEL SYSTEMS LLC PICOSPRAY, INC POWER DISTRIBUTORS LLC STARTING USA CORPORATION VICTA LAWNCARE PTY. LTD

#### JOINT VENTURE PARTNERS

DAIHATSU MOTOR CO NIKKI AMERICA

#### **6.875% SENIOR NOTE HOLDERS**

AMERICAN BUSINESS & PERSONAL INSUR BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON CORP/THE BARINGS LLC BITCO GENERAL INSURANCE CORP BITCO NATIONAL INSURANCE CO BNY MELLON GLOBAL MANAGEMENT LTD BRINKER CAPITAL INC CANAL INSURANCE CO CANDRIAM INVESTORS GROUP CANDRIAM LUXEMBOURG CATALYST CAPITAL ADVISORS LLC CLARK CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GROUP INC CROSSINGBRIDGE ADVISORS LLC

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FIRST WESTERN CAPITAL MANAGEMENT GREAT WEST CASUALTY CO **GREAT-WEST CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC GREAT-WEST LIFE ASSURANCE CO/THE** INVESCO LTD INVESCO POWERSHARES CAPITAL MANAGE **KRANE FUNDS ADVISORS LLC** L&S ADVISORS INC LGT CAPITAL PARTNERS FL AG/LIECHTE LGT CAPITAL PARTNERS LTD/SWITZERLAND LYSANDER FUNDS LTD MACKAY SHIELDS LLC MACKENZIE FINANCIAL CORP MANUFACTURERS ALLIANCE INSURANCE C NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE CO NEW YORK LIFE INVESTMENT MGT OLD REPUBLIC GENERAL INSURANCE COR OLD REPUBLIC INSURANCE CO OLD REPUBLIC LIFE INSURANCE CO OLD REPUBLIC NATIONAL TITLE INSURA OLD REPUBLIC SECURITY ASSURANCE CO OLD REPUBLIC SURETY CO PENNSYLVANIA MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION PENNSYLVANIA MANUFACTURERS INDEMNITY POWER CORP OF CANADA PUTNAM INVESTMENTS LLC **RELIASTAR LIFE INSURANCE CO RIVERPARK ADVISORS LLC VOYA INSURANCE & ANNUITY CO VOYA RETIREMENT INSURANCE & ANNUIT** WELLS FARGO & CO WELLS FARGO BANK, NA WELLS FARGO CLEARING SERVICES LLC ALTRIUS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT COHANZICK MANAGEMENT EWING ASSET MANAGEMENT FIRST BALLANTYNE FULCRA ASSET MANAGEMENT GALLIARD CAPITAL MANAGEMENT **GOLDHILL INVESTMENTS GSO CAPITAL PARTNERS** HOLBROOK HOLDINGS LOOMIS SAYLES & COMPANY MANAGED ASSET PORTFOLIOS MURCHINSON LTD NEW GENERATION ADVISORS NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF INVESTMENT

OLD REPUBLIC ASSET MANAGEMENT PENDERFUND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE SKYLANDS CAPITAL MANAGEMENT SKYROCK INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT WHITEBOX ADVISORS AMALGAMATED BANK AMERICAN ENTERPRISE INVESTMENT SERVICES INC APEX CLEARING CORPORATION AXOS CLEARING LLC **BB&T SECURITIES LLC BMO HARRIS BANK NA/TRUST** BMO NESBITT BURNS INC/CDS\*\* BNP PARIBAS, NEW YORK BRANCH/BNP PARIBAS PRIME BROKERAGE CUSTODIAN **BOFA SECURITIES, INC BROWN BROTHERS HARRIMAN & CO** CHARLES SCHWAB & CO, INC COMERICA BANK D. A. DAVIDSON & CO E\*TRADE SECURITIES LLC EDWARD D. JONES & CO EUROCLEAR BANK SA/NV **GOLDMAN SACHS & CO LLC** HILLTOP SECURITIES INC INTERACTIVE BROKERS RETAIL EQUITY CLEARING INTL FCSTONE FINANCIAL INC J.P. MORGAN SECURITIES LLC/JPMC JANNEY MONTGOMERY SCOTT LLC JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION **KEYBANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION** LPL FINANCIAL CORPORATION MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INCORPORATED/8862 MLPF&S TS SUB MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY LLC MUFG UNION BANK, NA NATIONAL FINANCIAL SERVICES LLC **OPPENHEIMER & CO INC** PERSHING LLC **RAYMOND JAMES & ASSOCIATES, INC RBC CAPITAL MARKETS LLC RELIANCE TRUST COMPANY/FIS GLOBAL PLUS** RELIANCE TRUST COMPANY/FIS TRUSTDESK MKE **RELIANCE TRUST COMPANY/SWMS1** 

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#### **DEBTOR PROFESSIONALS**

ERNST & YOUNG LLP FOLEY & LARDNER LLP HOULIHAN LOKEY CAPITAL, INC ALPHA IR REPUTATION PARTNERS WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP CARMONDY MACDONALD P.C. KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS LLC

**CREDITOR PROFESSIONALS - ABL** 

FTI CONSULTING LATHAM & WATKINS LLP

CREDITOR PROFESSIONALS – 6.875% SENIOR NOTES

GIBSON DUNN & CRUTCHER LLP IMPERIAL CAPITAL LLC

CREDITOR PROFESSIONALS – INDENTURE TRUSTEE PRYOR CASHMAN LLP

CREDITOR PROFESSIONALS – UNSECURED CREDITORS NONE KNOWN AT THIS TIME

#### DIRECTORS

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#### **TOP CUSTOMERS – OVERALL**

HUSQVARNA OUTDOOR POWER JOHN DEERE POWER PRODUCTS LOWE'S CORPORATION MTD PRODUCTS INC NINGBO DAYE GARDEN THE TORO COMPANY WELLS FARGO COMMERCIAL DIST FINANCE

#### **TOP CUSTOMERS – PRODUCTS**

PACE DISTRIBUTION MENARDS

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COSTCO CADCO DISTRIBUTION CANADIAN TIRE CORP AMAZON US LOWES CANADA **LEPCO** GOLDEN EAGLE DIST. CORP. SABRE FRANCE FIABA SRL **O'CONNOR'S LAWN & GARDEN** MASKINHANDLER INDKOBSRINGEN A/S T2 CO-OP ACE HARDWARE US AMAZON EUROPE ECOMM1 HILAIRE VAN DER HAEGHE **ISEKI FRANCE SAS ISEKI-MASCHINEN-GMBH BUNNINGS** SEARS AHERN RENTAL CATERPILLAR CORPORATION **OSCAR WILSON ENGINE & PARTS INC** SUNSTATE EQUIPMENT UNITED RENTAL

#### **TOP CUSTOMERS – ENGINES**

HUSQVARNA OUTDOOR **TORO CONSUMER** NINGBO DAYE GARDEN STIGA S.P.A **STIGA SLOVAKIA** HUSQVARNA POLAND SP AL-KO PRODUCTION MTD HUNGARIA KFT STIHL METALCRAFT OF MAYVIL GENERAC POWER SUMEC HARDWARE & TOO POWER DISTRIBUTORS **EXCEL INDUSTRIES INC** INTIMIDATOR INC MASPORT LIMITED MORIDGE MANUFACTURIN GATOR TAIL LLC YURAH CORP BSAS BAD BOY INC FOGO SP. Z O.O.

JSC KRASNY OCTIABR

#### **FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

BANK OF AMERICA BMO WEALTH MANAGEMENT JPMORGAN CHASE SUN TRUST U.S. BANK WELLS FARGO BANK NA

#### **INSURANCE PROVIDERS**

AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP, INC (AIG) AXIS INSURANCE COMPANY CHUBB CHUBB SPECIALTY INSURANCE CNA SPECIALTY LINES ENDURANCE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY **GREAT AMERICAN INSURANCE GROUP** MARSH USA INC MARSH JLT SPECIALTY TRAVELERS CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY OF AMERICA ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY/ ZURICH SURETY WILLIS TOWERS WATSON MIDWEST, INC PREMIUM FUNDING ASSOCIATES, INC ACE AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY AIG INTERNATIONAL AXA XL AMERICA, INC AXIS EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY BERKLEY INSURANCE COMPANY CONTINENTAL CASUALTY CORPORATION FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY MAGNA CARTA INSURANCE, LTD NATIONAL UNION FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PITTSBURGH, PA SAFETY NATIONAL CASUALTY CORPORATION SOMPO INTERNATIONAL STOCK INSURANCE COMPANY TRANSPORTATION INSURANCE COMPANY TRAVELERS PROPERTY CASUALTY COMPANY OF AMERICA WILLIS (BERMUDA) LIMITED WILLIS LIMITED WNA LONDON XL INSURANCE AMERICA. INC WESTPAC BANKING CORPORATION **QBE INSURANCE CORPORATION** 

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GEMINI INSURANCE COMPANY EVANSTON INSURANCE COMPANY

#### INTERCOMPANY LENDERS

BRIGGS & STRATTON (CHONGQING) ENGINE CO, LTD BRIGGS & STRATTON (SHANGHAI) INTERNATIONAL TRADING CO, LTD BRIGGS & STRATTON INTERNATIONAL AG

#### LANDLORDS

BURKE BUSINESS PARK LLC FORT MOTTE LLC FR GEORGIA LLC HUNCH FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP LEEDS INDUSTRIAL PARK, INC LEWIS LOGISTICS **MID-SOUTH INVESTMENTS, INC** ONX3 LLC ROTH INVESTMENT HOLDINGS LLC TI INVESTORS OF GERMANTOWN I LLC BURLEIGH PARTNERS LLC SMI SNP INC / SIMPLICITY MANUFACTURING HAROLD H LUIKEN & SONS NIKKI AMERICA FUEL SYSTEMS LLC LINCOLN PROPERTY COMPANY SWIFT RENTAL PROPERTIES **REILLY LOGISTICS LLC** ROGER AND TAMA SUNDQUIST ONE STONE LLC KRS PROPERTY LLC MURRAY LUMBER INC FERRIS INDUSTRIES, INC AJ&V FRANKLIN TRUSTEES **GOODMAN GROUP** 

#### LESSORS (OTHER THAN LANDLORDS)

YES EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES, INC BNP PARIBAS WEAVER BUSINESS MACHINES PITNEY BOWES PENSKE TRUCK LEASING CO TOYOTA FINANCIAL SERVICES BADGER INDUSTRIAL TRUCKS, INC YALE EQUIPMENT SERVICES INC RICOH AMERICAS CORPORATION

# LC COUNTERPARTIES

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA WELLS FARGO COMMERCIAL DISTRIBUTION FINANCE LLC WELLS FARGO CAPITAL FINANCE CORPORATION CANADA (SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO GE COMMERCIAL DISTRIBUTION FINANCE CANADA) BANK OF AMERICA SCRANTON STANDBY TRADE **OPERATIONS** SENTRY INSURANCE A MUTUAL COMPANY BANK OF AMERICA, NA WASHINGTON COUNTY ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY AMERICAN ALTERNATIVE INSURANCE CORPORATION **US BANK NA** ELAVON FINANCIAL SERVICES DAC

#### MAJOR COMPETITORS

HONDA MOTOR CO, LTD KAWASAKI HEAVY INDUSTRIES, LTD KOHLER CO GENERAC POWER SYSTEMS, INC ALFRED KARCHER GMBH & CO TECHTRONIC INDUSTRIES DEERE & COMPANY MTD CONSUMER LAWN MOWERS THE TORO COMPANY SCAG POWER EQUIPMENT METALCRAFT OF MAYVILLE, INC HOP

#### **TAXING AUTHORITIES**

ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SALES, USE & BUSINESS TAX DIVISION ARIZONA TRANSACTION PRIVILEGE & USE TAX ARKANSAS DPARTMENT OF FINANCE/ADMIN BULLOCH COUNTY BUTLER COUNTY COLLECTOR CADDC-SHREVEPORT SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION CALLOWAY COUNTY SHERIFF CANADA REVENUE AGENCY CITY OF MURRAY CITY CLERKS OFFICE CITY OF SHERRILL CITY OF WAUWATOSA COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

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COMPTROLLER OF MARYLAND **DESOTO PARISH** DIVISION OF TAXATION KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE HENRY COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE JACKSON COUNTY COLLECTOR JEFFERSON PARISH SHERIFF KENTUCKY STATE TREASURER LEE CL OF AUBURN. OPELIK & PHENIX CITY LEE COUNTY REVENUE COMMISSIONER LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MAINE REVENUE SERVICES MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE DIVISION OF TAXATION AND COLLECTION MN DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE NC DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE SALES AND USE TAX DIVISION NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE NJ DIVISION OF TAXATION OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION OKLAHOMA TAX COMMISSION BUSINESS TAX DIVISION PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF REV PHELPS COUNTY TREASURER RHODE ISLAND DIVISION OF TAXATION SABINE PARISH SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION SALES/USE TAX PROCESSING IOWA DEPT OF **REVENUE AND FINA** SC DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ST LUCIE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF **REVENUE SERVICES** STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF STATE TAX COMMISSIONER STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE STOCKBRIDGE TAX COLLECTOR

STOCKBRIDGE VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TEXAS COMPTROLLER PUBLIC ACCOUNTS TOWN AND COUNTY OF ONEIDA TOWN OF VERNON TOWN OF PORT WASHINGTON VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION VVS CENTRAL SCHOOL WAUKESHA COUNTY TREASURER WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE **REGULATORY AUTHORITIES** 

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CITY OF POPLAR BLUFF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MILWAUKEE METROPOLITAN SEWERAGE DISTRICT: MMSD ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

#### UTILITY SERVICE PROVIDERS

ALABAMA POWER - BIRMINGHAM WE ENERGIES DIRECT ENERGY BUSINESS PA NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY NATIONAL GRID MURRAY ELECTRIC SYSTEM **GEORGIA POWER CITY OF SHERRILL** ORANGEBERG DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES CITY OF HOLDREGE DIXIE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE (AL) CITY OF WAUWATOSA WATER MURRAY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES MUNICIPAL UTIL AND CITY CABLE CITY OF STATESBORO VILLAGE OF GERMANTOWN LOACHAPOKA WATER AUTHORITY FORT PIERCE UTILITIES AUTH

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AUBURN WATER WORKS BOARD SPIRE/ALAGASCO **CONSTELLATION GAS BOX 5473** SPRAGUE OPERATING RESOURCES MURRAY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES MURRAY NATURAL GAS SPIRE MARKETING INC SPIRE **BLACK HILLS ENERGY** WALTON EMC AT&T AT&T LONG DISTANCE BULLOCH TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE CENTURYLINK CHARLES RIVER COMMUNICATIONS INC CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS WINDSTREAM NUVOX, INC MUNICIPAL UTILITY & CITY CABLE POPLAR BLUFF, MO MURRAY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES MURRAY, KY MUNICIPAL UTILITY AND CITY CABLE POPLAR **BLUFF WEST, MO** VILLAGE OF MENOMONEE FALLS

#### SIGNIFICANT SHAREHOLDERS

BLACKROCK, INC BRANDES INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LP DIMENSIONAL FUND ADVISORS, LP GMT CAPITAL CORP. THE VANGUARD GROUP, INC

#### **TOP VENDORS**

A R NORTH AMERICA ACCENTURE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED ACCORD MANUFACTURING INC ACCURATE FABRICATION LLC ACHIEVEMENT CENTER EASTER SEALS ADVANTAGE COMPONENTS INC AISLE LOGIC INC ALLIED METAL COMPANY ALPHA SINTERED METALS INC AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR COMPANY INC ANDERSON INDUSTRIAL ENGINES ARGUS INTERNATIONAL LLC AT&T BOSSARD NORTH AMERICA INC BRIGGS & STRATTON CORP OFFICE BUILD

BURKE BUSINESS PARK LLC CANASTOTA N/C CORP CDW LLC CHANGZHOU GLOBE CO LTD CHANGZHOU TCOSTAR TOOLS CO LTD CHONGQING YUXIN PINGRUI ELECTRONIC COILPLUS, INC CRIVELLO CARLSON SC CUMBERLAND PLASTIC SOLUTIONS CUTTING TOOLS INC **D & H INDUSTRIES** DBS COMPANY LTD DE AMERTEK CORP **DEVRIES INTERNATIONAL** DIEMASTERS MANUFACTURING INC DONALDSON COMPANY INC DUTCHLAND PLASTICS LLC EAST PENN MANUFACTURING CO INC ELOFIC INDUSTRIES LIMITED ENGINEERED EXHAUST SYSTEM/B-T EQUITY INDUSTRIAL SHERRILL LP ESMARK STEEL GROUP MIDWEST ESSEX GROUP INC EUROL B.V. FEDERAL MOGUL CORPORATION FEDERAL MOGUL SEVIERVILLE INC FEMCO INC FISHER BARTON BLADES INC FLAMBEAU CORPORATION FONG CHEN PLASTICS TECH IND FREUDENBERG-NOK FUTURA VORSORGESTIFTUNG G H TOOL & MOLD INC **GKN SINTER METALS** GREAT CENTRAL TURF INC **GREEN BAY PACKAGING INC GVS FILTRATION INC** HOFFER PLASTICS CORPORATION HOME DEPOT INC HYDRO-GEAR LP **IHI AGRI-TECH CORPORATION** IMPERIAL ZINC CORPORATION JIANGSU JIANGHUAI ENGINE CO LTD JOHNSON ELECTRIC NORTH AMERICA INC JONCO INDUSTRIES JONES PLASTIC & ENGINEERING CO LLC KANTONALE FINANZVERWALTUNG **KING & SPALDING** 

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# PROJECT RETURN STEPHEN A. WYNN INSTITUTE FOR VISION RESEARCH (UNIVERSITY OF IOWA) DAVENPORT UNIVERSITY

# FORMER OWNERS AND AFFILIATES OF FORMER DIRECTORS AND OWNERS

HUNCH FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIPS BILLY GOAT PROPERTIES DREW COATES VIKTOR COATES

### **US TRUSTEE**

DANIEL J. CASAMATTA, ACTING UNITED STATES TRUSTEE PAUL RANDOLPH, ASSISTANT U.S. TRUSTEE ADAM MILLER, TRIAL ATTORNEY LLOYD MUELLER, TRIAL ATTORNEY SHERRI L. WATTENBARGER, TRIAL ATTORNEY CAROLE RYCZEK, TRIAL ATTORNEY JOSEPH SCHLOTZHAUER, TRIAL ATTORNEY

### JUDGES PRESIDING OVER THE US BANKRUPTCY COURT, EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

CHIEF JUDGE KATHY A. SURRAT-STATES JUDGE BARRY S. SCHERMER JOHN HOWLEY, JR. JAMES MOELLER SHONTELLE MCCOY LINDA TRUCCANO MATTHEW PARKE

# PARTIES WITH UCC FILINGS AGAINST DEBTORS (US)

HYG FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC CISCO SYSTEMS CAPITAL CORPORATION CITIBANK NA HAGEMEYER NORTH AMERICA INC SALEM TOOLS INC DIE-TECH AND ENGINEERING INC HARTWIG INC CITIBANK NA ITS BRANCHES SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA TRISTATE MACHINERY INC MORRIS SOUTH LLC TCF EQUIPMENT FINANCE A DIVISION OF TCF NATIONAL BANK JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA AS COLLATERAL AGENT THOMPSON TRACTOR CO INC DE LAGE LANDEN FINANCIAL SERVICES INC MITSUBISHI TURBOCHARGER AND ENGINE AMERICA, INC

### FORMER DIRECTORS

BENJAMIN D. DUKE MAURIZIO STELLA MARKUS BERNI JAMES HUMPHREY

#### FORMER OFFICERS

WILLIAM W. COATES, IV ANTHONY COLIN DODDS DAVID G DEBEATS

#### **HEDGE COUNTERPARTIES**

BANK OF MONTREAL JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA PNC BANK BANK OF AMERICA MERRILL LYNCH US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

# PARTIES TO POTENTIAL LITIGATION

RUSSELL, CLARENCE

#### ORDINARY COURSE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

VERTEX CORPTAX **DUCHARME MCMILLEN & ASSOCIATES INC** AVALARA INC DELOITTE TAX LLP **DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP** BLACKLINE GRANT THORNTON LLP MERCER HUMAN RESOURCE CONSULTING **RED FLAG GROUP INC** RSM US LLP PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP AON CONSULTING INC KPMG LLP **GOOSSEN & SCHULTZ CPAS LLP** PWC INTERNATIONAL ASSIGNMENT SERVICES BAKER TILLY VIRCHOW KRAUSE LLP KPMG
TAX RESOURCE GROUP INC

## SIGNIFICANT LITIGATION INVOLVING THE DEBTORS

WORKERS' COMPENSATION RETALIATION CLAIM RELATED TO DION HARPER. PLAINTIFF IS DION HARPER AND THE CASE IS PENDING IN LEE COUNTY, ALABAMA CIRCUIT COURT ALABAMA FEDERAL COURT LITIGATION RELATED TO DISCRIMINATION CLAIMS OF LEWIS ALEXANDER

PENDING APPEAL TO THE WISCONSIN LABOR & INDUSTRY REVIEW COMMISSION RELATED TO DISMISSAL OF A DISCRIMINATION CHARGE ALLEGED BY JOHN FORD

MISSOURI COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS / EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION CHARGE RELATED TO SANDY DEERING

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION CHARGE RELATED TO JURLINE BAKER

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION CHARGE RELATED TO BETHANY BOHMANN

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION CHARGE RELATED TO MAGGIE MARTINEZ

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION CHARGE RELATED TO RONNIE PATTERSON

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION CHARGE RELATED TO SANDRA STEVENS

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION CHARGE RELATED TO RHONDA TRIPLETT

WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, EQUAL RIGHTS DIVISION, COMPLAINT RELATED TO ZELIKO DJVKIC WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, EQUAL RIGHTS DIVISION, COMPLAINT RELATED TO MICHAEL MARTY THE EXMARK LITIGATION

CLAUDIA HARTKE V. ANDRE Y. SEGAL ET AL. ESTATE OF VISAKAY, WILLIAM V. BRIGGS & STRATTON CORPORATION.

### OTHER NAMES USED BY DEBTOR, LAST 8 YEARS

BRIGGS & STRATTON POWER PRODUCTS GROUP

## FORMER AFFILIATES AND ENTITIES, LAST 3 YEARS

PICOSPRAY, INC BSH GENERATORS LLC BRIGGS & STRATTON MEXICO S.A. DE C.V.

### OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONTRACT COUNTERPARTIES

FIDELITY STOCK PLAN SERVICES, LLC FIDELITY WORKPLACE SERVICES LLC FIDELITY MANAGEMENT TRUST COMPANY FIDELITY INVESTMENTS/FIDELITY WORKPLACE SERVICES LLC NORTHPOINT COMMERCIAL FINANCE LLC NORTHPOINT COMMERCIAL FINANCE CANADA INC SHEFFIELD FINANCIAL SYNCHRONY BANK (FORMERLY GE CAPITAL RETAIL BANK) FLEXITI FINANCIAL INC OCTANE LENDING, INC WESTERN EQUIPMENT FINANCE, INC

### EQUIPMENT LEASE CONTRACT COUNTERPARTIES

TBD

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO AFFILIATES NONE KNOWN AT THIS TIME

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO DIRECTORS NONE KNOWN AT THIS TIME

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO OFFICERS NONE KNOWN AT THIS TIME

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO SHAREHOLDERS NONE KNOWN AT THIS TIME

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STATUTORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS, GENERAL COUNSEL, BANKRUPTCY COUNSEL, OTHER PROFESSIONALS

NONE KNOWN AT THIS TIME

### Exhibit 3

**Disclosure Schedule** 

#### Schedule 2

#### **Briggs Disclosure Schedule**

An entity is listed as a "Current Client" on the Disclosure Schedule if Weil has any open matters for such entity or a known affiliate of such entity attorney time charges have been recorded on any such matters within the past two years.

An entity is listed as a "Former Client" on the Disclosure Schedule if Weil represented such entity or a known affiliate of such entity within the past two years based on recorded attorney time charges on a matter, but all matters for such entity or any known affiliate of such entity have been formally closed. Weil has not represented, does not represent, and will not represent any of such entities in matters directly related to the Debtors or these chapter 11 cases

Client related means just not adverse.

Matched Entity	Relationship to Debtors	<b>Relationship to Weil</b>
American Alternative Insurance Corporation	LC Counterparties	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Former Client
American International Group, Inc. (AIG)	Insurance Providers	Current Client
AON Consulting Inc.	Ordinary Course Professional Service Providers	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
AT&T	Top Vendors	Related to Current Client
	Utility Service Providers	
Bank of America Merrill Lynch	Hedge Counterparties	Current Client
		Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
		Related to Current Client
Bank of America Scranton Standby Trade Operations	LC Counterparties	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Bank of America, NA	ABL	Affiliate or Subsidiary
	Financial Institutions	of Current Client
	LC Counterparties	Related to Current Client
Bank of Montreal	ABL	Current Client
	Hedge Counterparties	
Barings LLC	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Blackrock, Inc.	Significant Shareholders	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client

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Matched Entity	Relationship to Debtors	<b>Relationship to Weil</b>
		Former Client
BMO Harris Bank NA/Trust	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
BMO Nesbitt Burns Inc./CDS	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
BMO Wealth Management	Financial Institutions	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
BNP Paribas	Lessors (Other Than Landlords)	Current Client
BNP Paribas, New York Branch / BNP Paribas Prime Brokerage Custodian	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
BofA Securities, Inc.	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
		Related to Current Client
Campbell Soup Company	Entities Affiliated with Officers and Directors	Current Client
Carlyle Investment Management LLC	Entities Affiliated with Officers and Directors	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Centurylink	Utility Service Providers	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Cisco Systems Capital Corporation	Parties Who Have UCC Filings Against Debtors (US)	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Former Client
Citibank NA	Parties who Have UCC Filings Against Debtors (US)	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Deloitte & Touche LLP Deloitte Tax	Ordinary Course Professional Service Providers	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Ernst & Young LLP	Debtor Professionals	Related to Current Client
FTI Consulting	Creditor Professionals – ABL	Current Client
Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Current Client
		Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
GSO Capital Partners	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Current Client
		Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Home Depot Inc.	Top Vendors	Current Client
INVESCO Ltd.	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Current Client

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Matched Entity	Relationship to Debtors	Relationship to Weil
INVESCO Powershares Capital Management	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
J.P. Morgan Securities LLC/JPMC	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Current Client
		Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA	ABL	Current Client
	6.875% Senior Note Holders	
	Financial Institutions	
	LC Counterparties	
	Hedge Counterparties	
	Parties who Have UCC Filings Against Debtors (US)	
Keith R. McLoughlin	Directors	Related to Current Client
	Other Affiliated Parties	
KPMG LLP	Ordinary Course Professional Service Providers	Related to Former Client
LGT Capital Partners FL AG/Liechte	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
LGT Capital Partners Ltd/Switzerland	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Loomis Sayles & Company	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Marsh USA Inc.	Insurance Providers	Affiliate or Subsidiary
Marsh JLT Specialty		of Current Client
Mercer Human Resource Consulting	Ordinary Course Professional Service Providers	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated/8862 MLPF&S TS Sub	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
		Related to Current Client
Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
MUFG Union Bank, NA	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Former Client
National Association of Corporate Directors	Entities Affiliated with Officers and Directors	Current Client

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Matched Entity	Relationship to Debtors	<b>Relationship to Weil</b>
National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA	Insurance Providers	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP	Ordinary Course Professional Service Providers	Related to Former Client
PWC International Assignment Servicest		
Purestar	Entities Affiliated with Officers and Directors	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
QBE Insurance Corporation	Insurance Providers	Related to Current Client
RBC Capital Markets LLC	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Former Client
Ricoh Americas Corporation	Lessors (Other Than Landlords)	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
		Related to Current Client
Sears	Top Customers - Products	Current Client
		Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Synchrony Bank	Top Vendors	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Turning Store Casino	Top Vendors	Current Client
UBS Financial Services Inc.	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
		Related to Current Client
Wells Fargo & Co.	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Wells Fargo Bank, NA	Financial Institutions	Current Client
	ABL	
	6.875% Senior Note Holders	
	Indenture Trustee	
Wells Fargo Capital Finance Corporation Canada	LC Counterparties	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Wells Fargo Clearing Services LLC	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Wells Fargo Commercial Distribution Finance, LLC	Top Customers – Overall LC Counterparties	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Wells Fargo Securities LLC	6.875% Senior Note Holders	Former Client

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Matched Entity	Relationship to Debtors	Relationship to Weil
		Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Willis (Bermuda) Limited	Insurance Providers	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Willis Limited	Insurance Providers	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Willis of Wisconsin Inc.	Top Vendors	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Willis Towers Watson Midwest, Inc.	Insurance Providers	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Wilmington Trust Company	Indenture Trustee	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client
Zurich American Insurance Company/Zurich Surety	Insurance Providers LC Counterparties	Affiliate or Subsidiary of Current Client

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## <u>Exhibit 4</u>

Summary of Payments Prior to Petition Date

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### <u>Exhibit B</u>

**Buono Declaration** 

### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION

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In re:

BRIGGS & STRATTON, CORPORATION, *et al.*, Chapter 11

Case No. 20-43597-399

(Joint Administration Requested)

**Debtors.**<sup>1</sup>

### DECLARATION OF KATHRYN BUONO IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION OF DEBTORS FOR AUTHORITY TO RETAIN AND EMPLOY WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP AS ATTORNEYS FOR THE DEBTORS EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §§ 327, 329, AND 504 AND FED. R. BANKR. 2014(a) AND 2016(b)

Pursuant 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I, Kathryn Buono, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am Vice President, Corporate Counsel & Secretary of Briggs & Stratton

Corporation (collectively, with the other debtors listed below, the "Debtors").

2. On July 20, 2020 (the "**Petition Date**"), the Debtors each commenced with

this Court a voluntary case under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy

**Code**"). I submit this Declaration in support of the Debtors' application (the "**Application**")<sup>2</sup>,

pursuant to sections 327(a), 328, and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, rules 2014 and 2016 of the

Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and rules 2014 and 2016-1 of

the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the District of Eastern District of Missouri (the "Local Rules"),

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number are: Briggs & Stratton Corporation (2330), Billy Goat Industries, Inc. (4442), Allmand Bros., Inc. (4710), Briggs & Stratton International, Inc. (9957), and Briggs & Stratton Tech, LLC (2102). The address of the Debtors' corporate headquarters is 12301 West Wirth Street, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin 53222.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used, but not otherwise defined, herein shall have the same meanings ascribed to such terms in the Application. All dollar (\$) references in this Declaration are to the U.S. dollar, unless stated otherwise.

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for authority to employ and retain Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP ("Weil" or the "Firm"), as attorneys for the Debtors in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases effective as of the Petition Date.

3. This Declaration is provided pursuant to Paragraph D.2 of the U.S. Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases, effective November 1, 2013 (the "**Fee Guidelines**"). Except as otherwise indicated herein, the facts set forth in this Declaration are based upon my personal knowledge, information provided to me by the Debtors' employees or advisors, or my opinion based upon knowledge and experience as Corporate Counsel. I am authorized to submit this Declaration on behalf of the Debtors.

4. The Debtors recognize that a comprehensive review process is necessary when selecting and managing chapter 11 counsel to ensure that their bankruptcy professionals are subject to the same client-driven market forces, security, and accountability as professionals in non-bankruptcy engagements. The Debtors first engaged Weil in April, 2020 to assist the Debtors in analyzing strategic alternatives with respect to the Debtors' capital structure and restructuring alternatives. The Debtors chose Weil because of, among other factors, Weil's extensive experience and reputation in the restructuring field. Since April, 2020, Weil has assisted the Debtors in, among other things, evaluating potential restructuring alternatives and in the process has become intimately familiar with the Debtors' capital structure and operations, as well as with the key stakeholders in these chapter 11 cases.

5. As Corporate Counsel, I have carefully reviewed and am familiar with the terms of Weil's engagement on behalf of the Debtors. Weil has informed the Debtors that Weil intends to charge the Debtors for services rendered in these chapter 11 cases at Weil's normal hourly rates in effect at the time the services are rendered. Weil has confirmed to me that the Firm

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does not vary its billing rates or the material terms of an engagement depending on whether such engagement is a bankruptcy or a non-bankruptcy engagement. Weil has advised me that its current customary U.S. hourly rates are \$1,100.00 to \$1,695.00 for partners and counsel, \$595.00 to \$1,050.00 for associates, and \$250.00 to \$435.00 for paraprofessionals. It is my understanding that Weil reviews and adjusts its billing rates annually, typically on or around October 1st of each year. Weil has advised me that it will inform the Debtors of any adjustment to its existing rate structure.

6. I am informed by Weil that its attorneys' billing rates are aligned each year to ensure that its rates are comparable to the billing rates of its peer firms. To the extent that there is any disparity in such rates, however, I nevertheless believe that Weil's retention by the Debtors is warranted in these cases for the reasons set forth in the Debtors' Application.

7. I understand that Weil's fees and expenses will be subject to periodic review on a monthly, interim, and final basis during the pendency of these chapter 11 cases by, among other parties, the Office of the U.S. Trustee in accordance with the terms of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any orders of the Court governing the procedures for approval of interim compensation of professionals retained in chapter 11 cases.

8. As Corporate Counsel, I, or a member of my team working under my supervision, review and manage legal fees and expenses incurred by the Debtors' outside counsel in relation to the Debtors' restructuring transactions, including reviewing the Debtors' outside counsel invoices and authorizing all legal fees and expenses prior to the payment of such fees to outside counsel. In so doing, I assure that all requested fees and expenses are reasonable and correspond with necessary or beneficial services rendered on behalf of the Debtors and their estates. The aforementioned review and approval process is the same as the one undertaken when

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the Debtors employ outside counsel for non-bankruptcy matters. Moreover, Weil has informed me that the Debtors will be provided with the opportunity to review all invoices and request adjustments to such invoices to the extent that the Debtors determine that such adjustments are necessary and appropriate, which requests will be carefully considered by Weil.

9. Weil and the Debtors are in the process of developing a prospective budget and staffing plan for these chapter 11 cases. The Debtors recognize that in large chapter 11 cases such as these cases, it is possible that there may be unforeseen fees and expenses that will need to be addressed by the Debtors and Weil. The Debtors also recognize that it is their responsibility to monitor closely the billing practices of Weil and their other counsel to ensure that the fees and expenses paid by these estates remain consistent with the Debtors' expectations taking into account the exigencies of these chapter 11 cases. To that end, I will continue to review the invoices that Weil submits, and, together with Weil, periodically amend the budget and staffing plans to reflect developments in the chapter 11 cases as applicable.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that, to the best of my knowledge and after reasonable

inquiry, the foregoing is true and correct.

Dated: July 20, 2020 Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

/s/ Kathryn M. Buono

Name: Kathryn M. Buono Title: Vice President, Corporate Counsel & Secretary Case 20-43597 Doc 27 Filed 07/20/20 Entered 07/20/20 07:22:16 Main Document Pg 51 of 51

### Exhibit C

**Engagement Letter**