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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
BANKRUPTCY DIVISION**

In re

IMPERIAL PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL
(CNMI), LLC,

Debtor and
Debtor-in-Possession.

Case No. 24-00002
(Chapter 11)

Judge: Hon. Robert J. Faris

**UNITED STATES TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY REDUCTION
IN FEES WITH RESPECT TO FIRST INTERIM FEE APPLICATION
OF MCDONALD LAW OFFICE (DKT. NO. 487)**

Tiffany L. Carroll, Acting United States Trustee for Region 15 ("United States Trustee"), by and through her undersigned counsel, hereby files this Notice of Voluntary Reduction in Fees with Respect to McDonald Law Office's First Interim Fee Application (the "Applicant" and "Application"), filed in the above-captioned case.

In support, the United States Trustee respectfully represents as follows:

1. The fee applicant bears the burden of proof to show entitlement to the



1 requested fees under 11 U.S.C. § 330. *See In re Eliapo*, 298 B.R. 392, 402 (B.A.P. 9th
2 Cir. 2003), *rev'd in part on other grounds*, 468 F.3d 592 (9th Cir. 2006); *In re Ginji Corp.*,
3 117 B.R. 983, 990 (Bankr. D. Nev. 1990) (“[t]he applicant ... has the burden of proof to
4 show the reasonableness of the fees sought”).

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6 2. Interim fee awards are always subject to reexamination during a bankruptcy
7 case. *See In re Strand*, 375 F.3d 854, 858 (9th Cir. 2004).

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9 3. The United States Trustee has reached an agreement with the Applicant to
10 resolve the United States Trustee’s informal opposition to the Application.

11 4. Applicant has consented to a voluntary reduction of \$988.75 in legal fees to
12 address entries that, in the United States Trustee’s view, are vague and contain block
13 billing.

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15 5. After accounting for Applicant’s voluntary reduction, the Application now
16 requests a total of \$20,501.25 in legal fees, reimbursement of expenses in the amount of
17 \$2,782.64, and Gross Receipts tax in the amount of \$1,091.75. *See* Dkt. No. 487.

18 DATE: San Diego, California, November 11, 2025.

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20 Tiffany L. Carroll
21 Acting United States Trustee

22 By /s/ ELVINA ROFAEL
23 Trial Attorney
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