

section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code) that arose prior to the Petition Date and it is not one of the other types of claims described in section 2 below. Acts or omissions of the Debtors that arose before the Petition Date may give rise to claims against the Debtors that must be filed by the applicable Bar Date, notwithstanding that such claims may not have matured or become fixed or liquidated prior to the Petition Date.

Under section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code and as used herein, the word “claim” means: (a) a right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, or unsecured; or (b) a right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured, or unsecured.

2. PARTIES WHO NEED NOT FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM

You need NOT file a Proof of Claim if:

- a. your claim is listed on the schedules of assets and liabilities filed by the Debtors (collectively, the “**Schedules**”) and (i) your claim is not described therein as “disputed,” “contingent,” or “unliquidated,” (ii) you do not dispute the amount, priority, or nature of the claim as set forth in the Schedules, and (iii) you do not dispute that your claim is an obligation only of the specific Debtor against which the claim is listed in the Schedules;
- b. your claim has been paid in full and you do not assert any other claim against the Debtors;
- c. you hold a direct or indirect interest in the Debtors, which interest is based exclusively upon the ownership of equity interests or rights to purchase, sell, or subscribe to such an interest; *provided, however*, that if you are an interest holder and wish to assert claims (as opposed to ownership interests) against the Debtors, including, without limitation, claims that arise out of or relate to the ownership or purchase of an interest, or the sale, issuance, or distribution of the interest, you must file Proofs of Claim on or before the applicable Bar Date unless another exception identified herein applies;³
- d. you hold a claim allowable under sections 503(b) and 507(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code as an expense of administration of the Debtors’ estates, unless you are a holder of a claim arising under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, which must be asserted by filing a Proof of Claim on or prior to the General Bar Date;

³ The Debtors reserve all rights with respect to such claims, including, without limitation, to assert that such claims are subject to subordination pursuant to section 510(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

- e. you hold a claim that has been allowed by a final order of the Court entered on or before the applicable Bar Date;
- f. you hold a claim for which a separate deadline is fixed by the Court;
- g. you hold a claim against the Debtors properly filed previously with the Clerk of the Court or with the Debtors' claims and noticing agent, Stretto, Inc. (the "**Claims Agent**") (utilizing a claim form that substantially conforms to the Proof of Claim Form);
- h. you are an officer or director of the Debtors as of the Petition Date who has a claim for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement;
- i. you are a Debtor that has a claim against another Debtor; or
- j. you hold a claim payable to the Court or the Office of the United States Trustee pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1930.

This Notice is being sent to many persons and entities that have had some relationship with or have done business with the Debtors, but may not have a claim against the Debtors. The fact that you have received this Notice does not mean that you have a claim against the Debtors or that the Debtors or the Court believe that you have such a claim.

YOU SHOULD NOT FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS.

If the Debtors amend or supplement the Schedules subsequent to the mailing of this Bar Date Notice to reduce the undisputed, noncontingent, and liquidated amount of a claim, to change the nature, priority, or classification of a claim, or to add a new claim, the Debtors will provide notice of any amendment or supplement of the Schedules to the holders of the claims affected thereby within three (3) business days of filing any such amendment or supplement. Holders of the claims affected thereby must file Proofs of Claim with respect to such claims by the later of (i) the applicable Bar Date; and (ii) 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on the date that is twenty-one (21) days from the date on which notice is served (the "**Supplemental Schedules Bar Date**"); *provided, however*, that any affected party who filed a Proof of Claim prior to the date when the Debtors file an amendment or supplement to the Schedules shall not be required to file another Proof of Claim if the claim set forth in such Proof of Claim is not affected by the amendment or supplementation.

3. EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES

If you hold a claim arising from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease you must file a Proof of Claim based on such rejection on or before the later of (i) 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on the date that is thirty (30) days after the date of entry of an order approving the rejection of the executory contract or unexpired lease; or (ii) the General Bar Date (the "**Rejection Bar Date**"). Notwithstanding the foregoing, if you are a party to an executory contract or unexpired lease and you assert a claim (other than a rejection damages claim) on account of unpaid amounts or other obligations accrued and outstanding as of the Petition Date

pursuant to such executory contract or unexpired lease, you must file a Proof of Claim for such amounts or obligations on or before the General Bar Date or Government Bar Date, as applicable, unless you are expressly excluded from filing a Proof of Claim by the Bar Date Order.

4. SUPPLEMENTAL BAR DATE

This Bar Date Notice was initially mailed to known potential holders of claims against and interests in the Debtors on August 25, 2023 (the “**Bar Date Notice Mailing Date**”). The Debtors, however, reserved their right to make supplemental service of Bar Date Packages at any time after the Bar Date Notice Mailing Date for any reason, including in the event that: (i) notices are returned by the post office with forwarding addresses; (ii) certain parties acting on behalf of parties in interest (e.g., banks and brokers with respect to equity or interest holders) decline to pass along notices to these parties and instead return their names and addresses to the Debtors for direct mailing; or (iii) additional potential claimants become known as a result of the Bar Date mailing process or otherwise (any such supplemental service a “**Supplemental Service**”).

5. WHEN AND WHERE TO FILE

All original Proofs of Claim must be filed so as to be received on or before the applicable Bar Date at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) either (i) electronically through the Claims Agent’s website at <https://cases.stretto.com/Novation>; or (ii) by first-class mail, overnight delivery service, or hand delivery at the following address:

Novation Companies, Inc., et al., Claims Processing
c/o Stretto
410 Exchange, Suite 100
Irvine, CA 92602

PROOFS OF CLAIM WILL BE DEEMED TIMELY FILED ONLY IF ACTUALLY RECEIVED BY THE CLAIMS AGENT ON OR BEFORE THE APPLICABLE BAR DATE AT 5:00 P.M. (PREVAILING EASTERN TIME). PROOFS OF CLAIM MAY NOT BE DELIVERED BY FACSIMILE, TELECOPY, OR EMAIL.

6. WHAT TO FILE

The Debtors are enclosing a proof of claim form (the “**Proof of Claim Form**”) for use in the Chapter 11 Cases. If your claim is scheduled by the Debtors, the form also may set forth the amount of your claim as scheduled by the Debtors. You will receive a different Proof of Claim Form for each claim scheduled in your name by the Debtors.

IF YOU FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM, YOUR FILED PROOF OF CLAIM MUST (I) BE WRITTEN IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE; (II) DENOMINATE THE CLAIM IN LAWFUL CURRENCY OF THE UNITED STATES AS OF THE PETITION DATE; (III) CONFORM SUBSTANTIALLY WITH THE PROOF OF CLAIM FORM; (IV) BE SIGNED BY THE CLAIMANT OR BY AN AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE CLAIMANT; (V) SET FORTH THE LEGAL AND FACTUAL BASIS FOR THE ALLEGED CLAIM; AND (VI) INCLUDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (OR, IF

SUCH DOCUMENTATION IS VOLUMINOUS, INCLUDE A SUMMARY OF SUCH DOCUMENTATION) OR AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHY SUCH DOCUMENTATION IS NOT AVAILABLE; *PROVIDED, HOWEVER*, THAT A PROOF OF CLAIM MAY BE FILED WITHOUT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION UPON THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE DEBTORS.

Any claimant asserting claims must: (a) clearly identify the Debtor against which a claim is asserted, including the individual Debtor's case number. A proof of claim filed under the joint administration case number or otherwise without identifying a specific Debtor will be deemed as filed only against Novation Companies, Inc.; and (b) state a claim against only one Debtor and clearly indicate the Debtor against which the claim is asserted. To the extent more than one Debtor is listed on the proof of claim, such claim may be treated as if filed only against the first listed Debtor.

Vendors of goods may be entitled to assert claims arising prior to the Petition Date under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code to the extent that they delivered goods to the Debtors within the 20-day period prior to the Petition Date. The Court has deemed the filing of a proof of claim as satisfying the procedural requirements for asserting such a claim arising under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code. In addition to meeting all the other requirements of the immediately preceding paragraph above, any Proof of Claim asserting a section 503(b)(9) claim must (i) include the value of the goods delivered to and received by the Debtors in the 20 days prior to the Petition Date; (ii) attach any documentation identifying the date such goods were received by the Debtors; (iii) state whether the amount asserted in the Proof of Claim represents a combination of goods and services and, if applicable, the portion of the claim that relates solely to the value of goods; and (iv) attach any documentation identifying the particular invoices for which the section 503(b)(9) claim is being asserted.

Holders of all claims must use the Proof of Claim Form. Proof of Claim Forms may be obtained from the Claims Agent website: <https://cases.stretto.com/Novation>. Proof of Claim Forms may also be obtained from the Court's website: www.deb.uscourts.gov.

7. CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM BY THE APPLICABLE BAR DATE

EXCEPT WITH RESPECT TO CLAIMS OF THE TYPE SET FORTH IN SECTION 2 ABOVE, OR UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED BY THE COURT, ANY HOLDER OF A CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS WHO IS REQUIRED, BUT FAILS, TO FILE A PROOF OF SUCH CLAIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BAR DATE ORDER ON OR BEFORE THE APPLICABLE BAR DATE SHALL BE FOREVER BARRED, ESTOPPED, AND ENJOINED FROM ASSERTING SUCH CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS (OR FILING A PROOF OF CLAIM WITH RESPECT THERETO) AND THE DEBTORS AND THEIR PROPERTY SHALL BE FOREVER DISCHARGED FROM ANY AND ALL INDEBTEDNESS OR LIABILITY WITH RESPECT TO OR ARISING FROM SUCH CLAIM. WITHOUT LIMITING THE FOREGOING SENTENCE, ANY CREDITOR ASSERTING A CLAIM ENTITLED TO PRIORITY PURSUANT TO SECTION 503(B)(9) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE THAT FAILS TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS BAR DATE ORDER SHALL NOT BE

ENTITLED TO ANY PRIORITY TREATMENT ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH CLAIM PURSUANT TO SECTION 503(B)(9) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, REGARDLESS OF WHETHER SUCH CLAIM IS IDENTIFIED ON THE SCHEDULES AS NOT CONTINGENT, NOT DISPUTED, AND NOT LIQUIDATED. ANY SUCH ENTITY WHO IS REQUIRED, BUT FAILS, TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BAR DATE ORDER ON OR BEFORE THE APPLICABLE BAR DATE SHALL BE PROHIBITED FROM VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY CHAPTER 11 PLAN FILED IN THESE CHAPTER 11 CASES, PARTICIPATING IN ANY DISTRIBUTION IN THESE CHAPTER 11 CASES ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH CLAIM, OR RECEIVING FURTHER NOTICES REGARDING SUCH CLAIM.

8. THE DEBTORS' SCHEDULES AND ACCESS THERETO

You may be listed as the holder of a claim against the Debtors in the Schedules. Copies of the Schedules and the Bar Date Order may be examined by interested parties on the Court's electronic docket for the Chapter 11 Cases, which is available at <http://www.deb.uscourts.gov> (a PACER login and password are required and can be obtained through the PACER Service Center at <http://www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov>). Additionally, electronic copies of the Schedules and the Bar Date Order may be viewed free of charge at the Debtors' Claims Agent's website at <https://cases.stretto.com/Novation>. Copies of the Schedules may also be examined by interested parties between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) at the office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 824 Market Street, 3rd Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. Please be advised that the Claims Agent is not permitted to provide legal advice.

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