

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

NOTICE TO THE BAR AND PUBLIC
CONCERNING ENACTMENT OF THE SMALL
BUSINESS REORGANIZATION ACT OF 2019 (the “SBRA”)

Please be advised that, **effective February 19, 2020**, the attached *Standing Order Adopting Interim Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure Implementing the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019* (“Standing Order”) adopts certain interim changes to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (“Interim Rules”), as approved by the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules. The Interim Rules are intended to facilitate the uniform implementation of the changes mandated by the SBRA.

To further facilitate the implementation of the SBRA, the bar and public are advised that, **effective February 19, 2020**, the attached *General Order Pending Adoption of Mandatory Local Forms Relating to the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019* requires use of the following mandatory local forms:

- [Subchapter V Status Report](#)
- [Small Business Debtor’s Plan of Reorganization \[or Liquidation\] for Subchapter V Small Business Cases](#)

Finally, the following local guidelines, which are subject to further review and comment as the practice under the SBRA evolves, are offered as guideposts for the fee structure relative to a subchapter V trustee’s duties as set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 1183(b):

- § 1183(b)(1) - \$1,000.00
- §1183(b)(2) - fee application required
- §1183(b)(3) - \$500.00 per appearance
- §1183(b)(4) - \$350.00
- §1183(b)(5) - fee application required
- §1183(b)(6) - \$350.00
- §1183(b)(7) - fee application required
- Hourly Rate - \$350.00-\$400.00 for a trustee appointed under 11 U.S.C. § 1183(a)
- If extraordinary services are required under § 1183(b)(1), (3), (4) and/or (6), the subchapter V trustee may apply for additional fees under D.N.J. LBR 2016-1.

Dated: February 10, 2020

Jeanne A. Naughton, Clerk

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

**STANDING ORDER ADOPTING INTERIM RULES
OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE IMPLEMENTING
THE SMALL BUSINESS REORGANIZATION ACT OF 2019**

On August 23, 2019, the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019 (the “SBRA”) was enacted into law. The SBRA makes many substantive and procedural changes to the Bankruptcy Code and requires changes to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure to implement those changes. However, the February 19, 2020 effective date of the SBRA occurs long before the Bankruptcy Rules can be amended under the three-year process required by the Rules Enabling Act. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules drafted, published for comment, and subsequently approved interim bankruptcy rules (the “Interim Rules”) for distribution to the courts. The Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure approved the Interim Rules, and the Judicial Conference authorized distribution of the Interim Rules to courts for adoption locally to facilitate uniform implementation of the changes mandated by the SBRA.

AND NOW THEREFORE, this 31st day of January 2020, it is hereby **ORDERED** that:

1. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2071, Rule 83 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and Rule 9029 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the attached Interim Rules are adopted in their entirety without change by the Judges of this Court to be effective February 19, 2020.
2. For cases and proceedings not governed by the SBRA, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and the Local Rules of this Court, other than the Interim Rules, shall apply.
3. The Interim Rules shall remain in effect until the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure are formally amended, unless otherwise terminated by further order of this Court.

/s/ Kathryn C. Ferguson
Kathryn C. Ferguson, Chief Judge
United States Bankruptcy Court

**INTERIM AMENDMENTS TO THE FEDERAL
RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE¹**

1 **Rule 1007. Lists, Schedules, Statements, and Other**

2 **Documents; Time Limits**

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4 (b) SCHEDULES, STATEMENTS, AND OTHER
5 DOCUMENTS REQUIRED.

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7 (5) An individual debtor in a chapter 11 case
8 (unless under subchapter V) shall file a statement of
9 current monthly income, prepared as prescribed by
10 the appropriate Official Form.

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¹ These interim bankruptcy rules (the Interim Rules) have been prepared by the Advisory Committee on Bankruptcy Rules and approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States to be adopted as local rules by the Bankruptcy Courts to implement the procedural and substantive changes to the Bankruptcy Code made by the Small Business Reorganization Act of 2019. The Interim Rules will be withdrawn after similar amendments can be made to the Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure under the normal Rules Enabling Act process.

12 (h) INTERESTS ACQUIRED OR ARISING
13 AFTER PETITION. If, as provided by § 541(a)(5) of the
14 Code, the debtor acquires or becomes entitled to acquire any
15 interest in property, the debtor shall within 14 days after the
16 information comes to the debtor's knowledge or within such
17 further time the court may allow, file a supplemental
18 schedule in the chapter 7 liquidation case, chapter 11
19 reorganization case, chapter 12 family farmer's debt
20 adjustment case, or chapter 13 individual debt adjustment
21 case. If any of the property required to be reported under
22 this subdivision is claimed by the debtor as exempt, the
23 debtor shall claim the exemptions in the supplemental
24 schedule. This duty to file a supplemental schedule
25 continues even after the case is closed, except for property
26 acquired after an order is entered:

27 (1) confirming a chapter 11 plan (other than one
28 confirmed under § 1191(b)); or

29 (2) discharging the debtor in a chapter 12 case, a
30 chapter 13 case, or a case under subchapter V of
31 chapter 11 in which the plan is confirmed under
32 § 1191(b).

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1 **Rule 1020. Chapter 11 Reorganization Case for Small**
2 **Business Debtors**

3 (a) SMALL BUSINESS DEBTOR
4 DESIGNATION. In a voluntary chapter 11 case, the debtor
5 shall state in the petition whether the debtor is a small
6 business debtor and, if so, whether the debtor elects to have
7 subchapter V of chapter 11 apply. In an involuntary chapter
8 11 case, the debtor shall file within 14 days after entry of the
9 order for relief a statement as to whether the debtor is a small
10 business debtor and, if so, whether the debtor elects to have
11 subchapter V of chapter 11 apply. The status of the case as
12 a small business case or a case under subchapter V of chapter
13 11 shall be in accordance with the debtor's statement under
14 this subdivision, unless and until the court enters an order
15 finding that the debtor's statement is incorrect.

16 (b) OBJECTING TO DESIGNATION. The United
17 States trustee or a party in interest may file an objection to
18 the debtor's statement under subdivision (a) no later than 30

19 days after the conclusion of the meeting of creditors held
20 under § 341(a) of the Code, or within 30 days after any
21 amendment to the statement, whichever is later.

22 (c) PROCEDURE FOR OBJECTION OR
23 DETERMINATION. Any objection or request for a
24 determination under this rule shall be governed by Rule 9014
25 and served on: the debtor; the debtor's attorney; the United
26 States trustee; the trustee; the creditors included on the list
27 filed under Rule 1007(d) or, if a committee has been
28 appointed under § 1102(a)(3), the committee or its
29 authorized agent and any other entity as the court directs.

1 **Rule 2009. Trustees for Estates When Joint**
2 **Administration Ordered**

3 (a) ELECTION OF SINGLE TRUSTEE FOR
4 ESTATES BEING JOINTLY ADMINISTERED. If the
5 court orders a joint administration of two or more estates
6 under Rule 1015(b), creditors may elect a single trustee for
7 the estates being jointly administered, unless the case is
8 under subchapter V of chapter 7 or subchapter V of chapter
9 11 of the Code.

10 (b) RIGHT OF CREDITORS TO ELECT
11 SEPARATE TRUSTEE. Notwithstanding entry of an order
12 for joint administration under Rule 1015(b), the creditors of
13 any debtor may elect a separate trustee for the estate of the
14 debtor as provided in § 702 of the Code, unless the case is
15 under subchapter V of chapter 7 or subchapter V of chapter
16 11.

17 (c) APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES FOR
18 ESTATES BEING JOINTLY ADMINISTERED.

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(2) *Chapter 11 Reorganization Cases.* If the

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appointment of a trustee is ordered or is required by

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the Code, the United States trustee may appoint one

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or more trustees for estates being jointly

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administered in chapter 11 cases.

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1 **Rule 2012. Substitution of Trustee or Successor**

2 **Trustee; Accounting**

3 (a) TRUSTEE. If a trustee is appointed in a chapter
4 11 case (other than under subchapter V), or the debtor is
5 removed as debtor in possession in a chapter 12 case or in a
6 case under subchapter V of chapter 11, the trustee is
7 substituted automatically for the debtor in possession as a
8 party in any pending action, proceeding, or matter.

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1 **Rule 2015. Duty to Keep Records, Make Reports, and**
2 **Give Notice of Case or Change of Status**

3 (a) TRUSTEE OR DEBTOR IN POSSESSION. A
4 trustee or debtor in possession shall:

5 (1) in a chapter 7 liquidation case and, if the
6 court directs, in a chapter 11 reorganization case
7 (other than under subchapter V), file and transmit to
8 the United States trustee a complete inventory of the
9 property of the debtor within 30 days after qualifying
10 as a trustee or debtor in possession, unless such an
11 inventory has already been filed;

12 (2) keep a record of receipts and the
13 disposition of money and property received;

14 (3) file the reports and summaries required by
15 § 704(a)(8) of the Code, which shall include a
16 statement, if payments are made to employees, of the
17 amounts of deductions for all taxes required to be

18 withheld or paid for and in behalf of employees and
19 the place where these amounts are deposited;

20 (4) as soon as possible after the
21 commencement of the case, give notice of the case to
22 every entity known to be holding money or property
23 subject to withdrawal or order of the debtor,
24 including every bank, savings or building and loan
25 association, public utility company, and landlord
26 with whom the debtor has a deposit, and to every
27 insurance company which has issued a policy having
28 a cash surrender value payable to the debtor, except
29 that notice need not be given to any entity who has
30 knowledge or has previously been notified of the
31 case;

32 (5) in a chapter 11 reorganization case (other
33 than under subchapter V), on or before the last day
34 of the month after each calendar quarter during
35 which there is a duty to pay fees under 28 U.S.C.

36 § 1930(a)(6), file and transmit to the United States
37 trustee a statement of any disbursements made
38 during that quarter and of any fees payable under 28
39 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(6) for that quarter; and

40 (6) in a chapter 11 small business case, unless
41 the court, for cause, sets another reporting interval,
42 file and transmit to the United States trustee for each
43 calendar month after the order for relief, on the
44 appropriate Official Form, the report required by
45 § 308. If the order for relief is within the first 15 days
46 of a calendar month, a report shall be filed for the
47 portion of the month that follows the order for relief.
48 If the order for relief is after the 15th day of a
49 calendar month, the period for the remainder of the
50 month shall be included in the report for the next
51 calendar month. Each report shall be filed no later
52 than 21 days after the last day of the calendar month
53 following the month covered by the report. The

54 obligation to file reports under this subparagraph
55 terminates on the effective date of the plan, or
56 conversion or dismissal of the case.

57 (b) TRUSTEE, DEBTOR IN POSSESSION, AND
58 DEBTOR IN A CASE UNDER SUBCHAPTER V OF
59 CHAPTER 11. In a case under subchapter V of chapter 11,
60 the debtor in possession shall perform the duties prescribed
61 in (a)(2)–(4) and, if the court directs, shall file and transmit
62 to the United States trustee a complete inventory of the
63 debtor’s property within the time fixed by the court. If the
64 debtor is removed as debtor in possession, the trustee shall
65 perform the duties of the debtor in possession prescribed in
66 this subdivision (b). The debtor shall perform the duties
67 prescribed in (a)(6).

68 (c) CHAPTER 12 TRUSTEE AND DEBTOR IN
69 POSSESSION. In a chapter 12 family farmer’s debt
70 adjustment case, the debtor in possession shall perform the
71 duties prescribed in clauses (2)–(4) of subdivision (a) of this

72 rule and, if the court directs, shall file and transmit to the
73 United States trustee a complete inventory of the property of
74 the debtor within the time fixed by the court. If the debtor is
75 removed as debtor in possession, the trustee shall perform
76 the duties of the debtor in possession prescribed in this
77 subdivision (c).

78 (d) CHAPTER 13 TRUSTEE AND
79 DEBTOR.

80 (1) *Business Cases*. In a chapter 13
81 individual's debt adjustment case, when the debtor is
82 engaged in business, the debtor shall perform the
83 duties prescribed by clauses (2)–(4) of subdivision
84 (a) of this rule and, if the court directs, shall file and
85 transmit to the United States trustee a complete
86 inventory of the property of the debtor within the
87 time fixed by the court.

88 (2) *Nonbusiness Cases*. In a chapter 13
89 individual's debt adjustment case, when the debtor is

90 not engaged in business, the trustee shall perform the
91 duties prescribed by clause (2) of subdivision (a) of
92 this rule.

93 (e) FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVE. In a case in
94 which the court has granted recognition of a foreign
95 proceeding under chapter 15, the foreign representative shall
96 file any notice required under § 1518 of the Code within 14
97 days after the date when the representative becomes aware
98 of the subsequent information.

99 (f) TRANSMISSION OF REPORTS. In a chapter
100 11 case the court may direct that copies or summaries of
101 annual reports and copies or summaries of other reports shall
102 be mailed to the creditors, equity security holders, and
103 indenture trustees. The court may also direct the publication
104 of summaries of any such reports. A copy of every report or
105 summary mailed or published pursuant to this subdivision
106 shall be transmitted to the United States trustee.

1 **Rule 3010. Small Dividends and Payments in Cases**
2 **Under Chapter 7, Subchapter V of Chapter 11, Chapter**
3 **12, and Chapter 13**

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5 (b) CASES UNDER SUBCHAPTER V OF
6 CHAPTER 11, CHAPTER 12, AND CHAPTER 13. In a
7 case under subchapter V of chapter 11, chapter 12, or chapter
8 13, no payment in an amount less than \$15 shall be
9 distributed by the trustee to any creditor unless authorized
10 by local rule or order of the court. Funds not distributed
11 because of this subdivision shall accumulate and shall be
12 paid whenever the accumulation aggregates \$15. Any funds
13 remaining shall be distributed with the final payment.

1 **Rule 3011. Unclaimed Funds in Cases Under Chapter 7,**
2 **Subchapter V of Chapter 11, Chapter 12, and Chapter**
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4 The trustee shall file a list of all known names and
5 addresses of the entities and the amounts which they are
6 entitled to be paid from remaining property of the estate that
7 is paid into court pursuant to § 347(a) of the Code.

1 **Rule 3014. Election Under § 1111(b) by Secured**
2 **Creditor in Chapter 9 Municipality or Chapter 11**
3 **Reorganization Case**

4 An election of application of § 1111(b)(2) of the
5 Code by a class of secured creditors in a chapter 9 or 11 case
6 may be made at any time prior to the conclusion of the
7 hearing on the disclosure statement or within such later time
8 as the court may fix. If the disclosure statement is
9 conditionally approved pursuant to Rule 3017.1, and a final
10 hearing on the disclosure statement is not held, the election
11 of application of § 1111(b)(2) may be made not later than the
12 date fixed pursuant to Rule 3017.1(a)(2) or another date the
13 court may fix. In a case under subchapter V of chapter 11 in
14 which § 1125 of the Code does not apply, the election may
15 be made not later than a date the court may fix. The election
16 shall be in writing and signed unless made at the hearing on
17 the disclosure statement. The election, if made by the

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- 18 majorities required by § 1111(b)(1)(A)(i), shall be binding
19 on all members of the class with respect to the plan.

1 **Rule 3016. Filing of Plan and Disclosure Statement in a**
2 **Chapter 9 Municipality or Chapter 11 Reorganization**
3 **Case**

4 (a) IDENTIFICATION OF PLAN. Every proposed
5 plan and any modification thereof shall be dated and, in a
6 chapter 11 case, identified with the name of the entity or
7 entities submitting or filing it.

8 (b) DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. In a chapter 9 or
9 11 case, a disclosure statement, if required under § 1125 of
10 the Code, or evidence showing compliance with § 1126(b)
11 shall be filed with the plan or within a time fixed by the
12 court, unless the plan is intended to provide adequate
13 information under § 1125(f)(1). If the plan is intended to
14 provide adequate information under § 1125(f)(1), it shall be
15 so designated, and Rule 3017.1 shall apply as if the plan is a
16 disclosure statement.

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18 (d) STANDARD FORM SMALL BUSINESS
19 DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PLAN. In a small
20 business case or a case under subchapter V of chapter 11, the
21 court may approve a disclosure statement and may confirm
22 a plan that conform substantially to the appropriate Official
23 Forms or other standard forms approved by the court.

1 **Rule 3017.1. Court Consideration of Disclosure**
2 **Statement in a Small Business Case or in a Case Under**
3 **Subchapter V of Chapter 11**

4 (a) **CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF**
5 **DISCLOSURE STATEMENT.** In a small business case or
6 in a case under subchapter V of chapter 11 in which the court
7 has ordered that § 1125 applies, the court may, on
8 application of the plan proponent or on its own initiative,
9 conditionally approve a disclosure statement filed in
10 accordance with Rule 3016. On or before conditional
11 approval of the disclosure statement, the court shall:

- 12 (1) fix a time within which the holders of claims and
13 interests may accept or reject the plan;
14 (2) fix a time for filing objections to the disclosure
15 statement;
16 (3) fix a date for the hearing on final approval of the
17 disclosure statement to be held if a timely objection
18 is filed; and

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19 (4) fix a date for the hearing on confirmation.

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1 **Rule 3017.2. Fixing of Dates by the Court in Subchapter**
2 **V Cases in Which There Is No Disclosure Statement**

3 In a case under subchapter V of chapter 11 in which
4 § 1125 does not apply, the court shall:

5 (a) fix a time within which the holders of claims
6 and interests may accept or reject the plan;

7 (b) fix a date on which an equity security holder
8 or creditor whose claim is based on a security must
9 be the holder of record of the security in order to be
10 eligible to accept or reject the plan;

11 (c) fix a date for the hearing on confirmation; and

12 (d) fix a date for transmission of the plan, notice
13 of the time within which the holders of claims and
14 interests may accept or reject the plan, and notice of
15 the date for the hearing on confirmation.

1 **Rule 3018. Acceptance or Rejection of Plan in a Chapter**
2 **9 Municipality or a Chapter 11 Reorganization Case**

3 (a) ENTITIES ENTITLED TO ACCEPT OR
4 REJECT PLAN; TIME FOR ACCEPTANCE OR
5 REJECTION. A plan may be accepted or rejected in
6 accordance with § 1126 of the Code within the time fixed by
7 the court pursuant to Rule 3017, 3017.1, or 3017.2. Subject
8 to subdivision (b) of this rule, an equity security holder or
9 creditor whose claim is based on a security of record shall
10 not be entitled to accept or reject a plan unless the equity
11 security holder or creditor is the holder of record of the
12 security on the date the order approving the disclosure
13 statement is entered or on another date fixed by the court
14 under Rule 3017.2, or fixed for cause after notice and a
15 hearing. For cause shown, the court after notice and hearing
16 may permit a creditor or equity security holder to change or
17 withdraw an acceptance or rejection. Notwithstanding
18 objection to a claim or interest, the court after notice and

19 hearing may temporarily allow the claim or interest in an
20 amount which the court deems proper for the purpose of
21 accepting or rejecting a plan.

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1 **Rule 3019. Modification of Accepted Plan in a Chapter**
2 **9 Municipality or a Chapter 11 Reorganization Case**

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4 (b) MODIFICATION OF PLAN AFTER
5 CONFIRMATION IN INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR CASE. If
6 the debtor is an individual, a request to modify the plan under
7 § 1127(e) of the Code is governed by Rule 9014. The request
8 shall identify the proponent and shall be filed together with
9 the proposed modification. The clerk, or some other person
10 as the court may direct, shall give the debtor, the trustee, and
11 all creditors not less than 21 days' notice by mail of the time
12 fixed to file objections and, if an objection is filed, the
13 hearing to consider the proposed modification, unless the
14 court orders otherwise with respect to creditors who are not
15 affected by the proposed modification. A copy of the notice
16 shall be transmitted to the United States trustee, together
17 with a copy of the proposed modification. Any objection to
18 the proposed modification shall be filed and served on the

19 debtor, the proponent of the modification, the trustee, and
20 any other entity designated by the court, and shall be
21 transmitted to the United States trustee.

22 (c) MODIFICATION OF PLAN AFTER
23 CONFIRMATION IN A SUBCHAPTER V CASE. In a
24 case under subchapter V of chapter 11, a request to modify
25 the plan under § 1193(b) or (c) of the Code is governed by
26 Rule 9014, and the provisions of this Rule 3019(b) apply.

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

**GENERAL ORDER PENDING ADOPTION OF
MANDATORY LOCAL FORMS RELATING TO THE
SMALL BUSINESS REORGANIZATION ACT OF 2019 (the “SBRA”)**

The Court having determined the need for mandatory local forms to facilitate the uniform implementation of the changes mandated by the SBRA, it is

ORDERED that the following mandatory local forms are effective **February 19, 2020**:

- Subchapter V Status Report
- Small Business Debtor’s Plan of Reorganization [or Liquidation] for Subchapter V Small Business Cases

DATE: February 10, 2020

/s/ Kathryn C. Ferguson
KATHRYN C. FERGUSON, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In Re:

Case No.: _____

Chapter: 11 (Small Business Subchapter V)

Judge: _____

SUBCHAPTER V STATUS REPORT

Note: must be filed 14 days prior to initial status conference

Date of order for relief: _____

Trustee: _____

Has the debtor attended an initial debtor interview? Yes No

If no, please explain:

Has the trustee concluded the 341 meeting? Yes No

If no, please explain:

Has the debtor filed all postpetition financial reports? Yes No

If no, please explain:

Has the debtor filed all monthly operating reports? Yes No

If no, please explain:

Is all relevant insurance in place and current? Yes No

If no, please explain:

Has the debtor filed all applicable tax returns? Yes No

If no, please explain:

Has the debtor paid all taxes entitled to administrative expense priority? Yes No

If no, please explain:

Please detail the efforts the debtor has undertaken and will undertake to attain a consensual plan of reorganization:

Other relevant information:

Note: Debtor must file a plan not later than 90 days after entry of order for relief. Unless the court extends the deadline upon a finding that extension is “attributable to circumstances for which the debtor should not justly be held accountable.” See, 11 U.S.C. § 1189(b).

This status report must be served on the trustee and all parties in interest.

Date: _____

Debtor

Date: _____

Joint Debtor

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

In re: _____ _____ Debtor.

Case No. ____ - _____

Hon. _____,

Chapter 11 (Subchapter V Small Business)

**SMALL BUSINESS DEBTOR'S PLAN OF REORGANIZATION
[OR LIQUIDATION]**

This Plan of Reorganization [or Liquidation] is presented to you to inform you of the proposed Plan for restructuring the debt [or liquidating the assets] of [Debtor], and to seek your vote to accept the Plan.

You are encouraged to carefully review the full text of this document, including all exhibits and attachments, before deciding how to vote on the Plan. To assist you in your review, please note that a list of definitions and a section of frequently asked questions appear at the end of this document.

IN ADDITION TO CASTING YOUR VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN, YOU MAY OBJECT TO CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN. IF YOU WISH TO OBJECT TO CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN, YOU MUST DO SO BY [OBJECTION DATE/TIME].

YOUR BALLOT STATING HOW YOU ARE VOTING ON THE PLAN MUST BE RETURNED BY [DEADLINE]. THE BALLOT MUST BE MAILED TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: [DEBTOR'S COUNSEL'S ADDRESS].

A HEARING ON THE CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN IS SCHEDULED FOR [HEARING DATE/TIME] IN COURTROOM No. _____ AT THE [INSERT COURTHOUSE NAME AND FULL COURT ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE].

Your rights may be affected by this Plan. You should consider discussing this document with an attorney.

[DATE]
[COUNSEL FOR DEBTOR]
[CONTACT INFORMATION FOR COUNSEL FOR DEBTOR]

TABLE OF CONTENTS

[Insert Table of Contents pursuant to D.N.J. LBR 3016-1(a)]

SUMMARY OF THE PLAN AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO CREDITORS

[A concise summary of the Plan, describing with particularity the treatment of each class of Creditors and the source of funding for the Plan, should be stated here.]

ARTICLE 1
HISTORY OF THE BUSINESS OPERATIONS OF THE DEBTOR

1.1. Nature of the Debtor's Business.

[Describe the Debtor's Business here.]

1.2. History of Business Operations of the Debtor

[Describe a brief history of the business operations of the Debtor]

1.3 Filing of the Debtor's Chapter 11 Case.

On [the Petition Date], the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under the Bankruptcy Code. The Chapter 11 case is pending in the Bankruptcy Court in (Camden)(Newark)(Trenton), New Jersey.

1.4. Legal Structure and Ownership.

[Describe the Debtor's legal structure and ownership here.]

1.5. Debtor's Assets.

[Detail the identity and fair market value of the estate's assets either in this section or in an attached Exhibit. Identify the source and basis for valuation.]

1.6. Debtor's Liabilities.

[Identify the secured Claims, naming the collateral for such debts, priority Claims and unsecured Claims against the estate either in this section or in an attached Exhibit.]

1.7. Current and Historical Financial Conditions.

[The Debtor's relevant financial data, including the Debtor's historical and projected financial performance, should be summarized here, with reference to attached Exhibits like the Debtor's most recent financial statements, if any, a summary of the Debtor's periodic operating reports filed since the commencement of the Debtor's bankruptcy case, etc.]

1.8. Events Leading to the Filing of the Bankruptcy Case.

[Describe what problems compelled the filing of the Chapter 11 petition and, if applicable, how the Debtor has cured those problems for its successful rehabilitation.]

1.9. Significant Events During the Bankruptcy Case.

[Describe significant events during the Debtor’s bankruptcy case, which may include:

- Any asset sales outside the ordinary course of business, debtor-in-possession financing, or cash collateral orders.
- The identity of professionals approved by the Bankruptcy Court.
- Any adversary proceedings that have been filed or other significant litigation that has occurred (including contested claim disallowance proceedings), and any other significant legal or administrative proceedings that are pending or have been pending during the case in a forum other than the Bankruptcy Court.
- Any steps taken to improve operations and profitability of the Debtor.
- Other events as appropriate.]

1.10. Projected Recovery of Avoidable Transfers [Choose option]

The Debtor does not intend to pursue preference, fraudulent conveyance, or other avoidance actions.

OR

The Debtor estimates that up to \$ _____ may be realized from the recovery of fraudulent, preferential or other avoidable transfers. While the results of litigation cannot be predicted with certainty and it is possible that other causes of action may be identified, the following is a summary of the preference, fraudulent conveyance and other avoidance actions filed or expected to be filed in this case:

Transaction	Defendant	Amount Claimed

OR

[If the Debtor does not yet know whether it intends to pursue avoidance actions]

The Debtor has not yet completed its investigation with regard to prepetition transactions. The Debtor anticipates completing its investigation by _____. If you received a payment or other transfer of property within 90 days of bankruptcy, the Debtor may seek to avoid such transfer.

ARTICLE 2
THE PLAN

The Debtor's Plan must describe how its Creditors will be paid. Certain Claims are entitled to specific treatment under the Bankruptcy Code and are not placed in a class

for purpose of payment. For example, Administrative Expenses and Priority Tax Claims are not classified.

As required by the Code, the Plan places Claims and Equity Interests in various classes and describes the treatment each class will receive. The Plan also states whether each class of Claims or Equity Interests is impaired or unimpaired. A Claim or Equity Interest can be impaired if the Plan alters the legal, equitable or contractual rights to which the Claimants are otherwise entitled. If the Plan is confirmed, each Creditor's recovery is limited to the amount provided in the Plan.

Only Creditors in classes that are impaired may vote on whether to accept or reject the Plan, and only Creditors holding Allowed Claims may vote. A class accepts the Plan when more than one-half (1/2) in number and at least two-thirds (2/3) in dollar amount of the Allowed Claims that actually vote, vote in favor of the Plan. Also, a class of Equity Interest holders accepts the Plan when at least two-thirds (2/3) in amount of the allowed Equity Interest holders that actually vote, vote in favor of the Plan. A class that is not impaired is deemed to accept the Plan.

2.1. Unclassified Claims.

Certain types of Claims are automatically entitled to specific treatment under the Code. For example, Administrative Expenses and Priority Tax Claims are not classified. They are not considered impaired, and holders of such Claims do not vote on the Plan. They may, however, object if, in their view, their treatment under the Plan does not comply with that required by the Code. As such, the Plan does not place the following Claims in any class:

A. Administrative Expenses

The Debtor must pay all Administrative Expenses in full. If an Administrative Expense is disputed, the Bankruptcy Court must determine the validity and amount of the Administrative Expense, or in other words, "allow" the Administrative Expense. Any Administrative Expense that is undisputed and is due and owing on the Confirmation Date must be paid in accordance with this Plan, or upon such other terms as agreed upon by the Debtor and the Administrative Claimant or court order. If the Administrative Expense is disputed, payment will be made after the Administrative Expense is allowed by the Bankruptcy Court.

There are several types of Administrative Expenses, including the following:

1. If the Debtor trades in the ordinary course of business following its filing of the Chapter 11 Case, Creditors are entitled to be paid in full for the goods or services provided. This ordinary trade debt incurred by the Debtor after the Petition Date will be paid on an ongoing basis in accordance with the ordinary business practices and terms between the Debtor and its trade Creditors.

2. If the Debtor received goods it has purchased in the ordinary course of business within 20 days before the Petition Date, the value of the goods received is an Administrative Expense.

3. Administrative Expenses also include any post-petition fees and expenses allowed to professionals, including the allowed claim of the Trustee for fees and/or reimbursements, and for attorneys and accountants employed upon Bankruptcy Court authority to render services to the Debtor during the course of the Chapter 11 cases. These fees and expenses must be noticed to Creditors and approved by the Bankruptcy Court prior to payment.

The following chart lists the Debtor's estimated Administrative Expenses, and their proposed treatment under the Plan:

Type	Estimated Amount Owed	Proposed Treatment
Expenses arising in the ordinary course of business after the Petition Date		Payment through the Plan as follows: <hr/>
Administrative Tax Claim		Payment through the Plan as follows: <hr/>
The value of goods received in the ordinary course of business within 20 days before the Petition Date		Payment through the Plan as follows: <hr/>

Professional fees, as approved by the Bankruptcy Court		After Bankruptcy Court approval, Payment through the Plan as follows: _____ _____
Clerk's Office fees		Paid in full on the Effective Date.
Other Administrative Expenses		Payment through the Plan as follows: _____ _____
Trustee		Upon application under § 330 and after Bankruptcy Court approval, payment through the Plan as follows: _____ _____
TOTAL		

B. Priority Tax Claims.

Priority Tax Claims are unsecured income, employment, and other taxes described by § 507(a)(8) of the Code. Unless the holder of such a § 507(a)(8) Priority Tax Claim agrees otherwise, it must receive the present value of such Claim, in regular installments paid over a period not exceeding 5 years from the order of relief.

Each holder of a Priority Tax Claim will be paid as set forth in the chart below:

Name of Taxing Authority and Type of Tax	Estimated Amount Owed	Date of Assessment	Treatment
			Pmt Interval = [Monthly] payment = Begin Date = End Date = Interest Rate % = Total Payment = \$
			Pmt Interval = [Monthly] payment = Begin Date = End Date = Interest Rate % = Total Payment = \$

2.2 Classes of Claims and Equity Interests.

The following are the classes set forth in the Plan, and the proposed treatment that they will receive under the Plan:

A. Classes of Secured Claims

Allowed Secured Claims are Claims secured by property of the Debtor's bankruptcy estate (or that are subject to setoff) to the extent allowed as secured Claims under § 506 of the Code. If the value of the collateral or setoffs securing the Creditor's Claim is less than the amount of the Creditor's Allowed Claim, the deficiency will be classified as a general unsecured Claim. In addition, certain claims secured only by the debtor's principal residence, may require different treatment pursuant to § 1190(3) of the Code as set forth below, if applicable.

The following chart lists all classes containing the Debtor's secured prepetition Claims and their proposed treatment under the Plan:

Class #	Description	Insider? (Yes or No)	Impairment	Treatment
	<p><i>Secured claim of:</i> Name =</p> <p>Collateral description =</p> <p>Allowed Secured Amount = \$ _____</p> <p>Priority of lien =</p> <p>Principal owed = \$ _____</p> <p>Pre-pet. arrearage = \$ _____</p> <p>Total claim = \$ _____</p>		<p>[State whether impaired or unimpaired]</p>	<p>[Monthly Pmt.] =</p> <p>Pmts Begin =</p> <p>Pmts End =</p> <p>[Balloon Pmt] =</p> <p>Interest rate % =</p> <p>Treatment of Lien [including whether claim is being treated under §1190(3)] =</p> <p>[Additional payment required to cure defaults] =</p> <p>Deficiency in the amount of \$ _____ to be classified and treated as a general unsecured Claim</p>

	<i>Secured claim of:</i> Name = Collateral description = Allowed Secured Amount = \$ _____ Priority of lien = Principal owed = \$ _____ Pre-pet. arrearage = \$ _____ Total claim = \$ _____		[State whether impaired or unimpaired]	Monthly Pmt = Pmts Begin = Pmts End = [Balloon pmt] = Interest rate % Treatment of Lien [including whether claim is being treated under §1190(3)] = [Additional payment required to cure defaults] = Deficiency in the amount of \$ _____ to be classified and treated as a general unsecured Claim
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B. Classes of Priority Unsecured Claims.

Certain priority Claims that are referred to in §§ 507(a)(1), (4), (5), (6), and (7) of the Code are required to be placed in classes. The Code requires that each holder of such a Claim receive cash on the Effective Date of the Plan equal to the allowed amount of such Claim. However, a class of holders of such Claims may vote to accept different treatment.

The following chart lists all classes containing Claims under §§ 507(a)(1), (4), (5), (6), and (a)(7) of the Code and their proposed treatment under the Plan:

Class #	Description	Impairment	Treatment
	Priority unsecured claim pursuant to Section [insert] Total amt of claims = \$ _____	[State whether impaired or unimpaired]	
	Priority unsecured claim pursuant to Section [insert] Total amt of claims = \$ _____	[State whether impaired or unimpaired]	

C. Class[es]of General Unsecured Claims

General unsecured Claims are not secured by property of the estate and are not entitled to priority under § 507(a) of the Code. [Insert description of §1122(b) convenience class if applicable.]

The following chart identifies the Plan’s proposed treatment of Class[es] ___ through ___, which contain general unsecured Claims against the Debtor:

Class #	Description	Impairment	Treatment
	[1122(b) Convenience Class]	[State whether impaired or unimpaired]	[Insert proposed treatment, such as “Paid in full in cash on effective date of the Plan or when due under contract or applicable nonbankruptcy law”]
	General Unsecured Class [including any claims set forth in Section 2.2.A, above]	[State whether impaired or unimpaired]	Monthly Pmt = Pmts Begin = Pmts End = [Balloon pmt] = Interest rate % from [date] = Estimated = percent of claim paid

D. Class[es] of Equity Interest Holders.

Equity Interest holders are parties who hold an ownership interest (*i.e.*, equity interest) in the Debtor. In a corporation, entities holding preferred or common stock are Equity Interest holders. In a partnership, Equity Interest holders include both general and limited partners. In a limited liability company (“LLC”), the Equity Interest holders are the members. Finally, with respect to an individual who is a debtor, the Debtor is the Equity Interest holder.

The following chart sets forth the Plan’s proposed treatment of the class[es] of Equity Interest holders: [There may be more than one class of Equity Interest holders in, for example, a partnership case, or a case where the prepetition debtor had issued multiple classes of stock.]

Class #	Description	Impairment	Treatment
	Equity Interest holders	[State whether impaired or unimpaired]	

2.3. Estimated Number and Amount of Claims Objections.

The Debtor may object to the amount or validity of any Claim within 60 days of the Confirmation Date by filing an objection with the Bankruptcy Court and serving a copy of the objection on the holder of the Claim. The Claim objected to will be treated as a Disputed Claim under the Plan. If and when a Disputed Claim is finally resolved by the allowance of the Claim in whole or in part, the Debtor will pay the Allowed Claim in accordance with the Plan. [Set forth amount and number of Claims in each class that will be objected to.]

Class	Number of Claims Objected To	Amount of Claims Objected To

2.4. Treatment of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases.

Executory Contracts are contracts where significant performance of the contract remains for both the Debtor and another party to the contract. The Debtor has the right to reject, assume (i.e. accept), or assume and assign these types of contracts to another party, subject to the Bankruptcy Court’s approval. The paragraphs below explain the Debtor’s intentions regarding its Executory Contracts (which includes its unexpired leases) and the impact such intentions would have on the other parties to the contracts.

Check all that apply:

Assumption of Executory Contracts.

The Executory Contracts shown on Exhibit _____ shall be assumed by the Debtor. Assumption means that the Debtor has elected to continue to perform the obligations under such contracts and unexpired leases, and to cure defaults of the type that must be cured under the Bankruptcy Code, if any. Exhibit _____ also lists how the Debtor will cure and compensate the other party to such contract or lease for any such defaults.

If you object to the assumption of your unexpired lease or executory contract, the proposed cure of any defaults, or the adequacy of assurance of future performance, you must file and serve your objection to the assumption within the deadline for objecting to the confirmation of the Plan, unless the Bankruptcy Court has set an earlier time.

OR

Assumption and Assignment of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases.

The Executory Contracts shown on Exhibit _____ shall be assumed by the Debtor and assigned to the party listed in that Exhibit. Assumption and assignment by the Debtor means that the Debtor will undertake the obligations under such contracts and unexpired leases, will cure defaults of the type that must be cured under the Bankruptcy Code, if any, and will assign the contract to the party listed.

If you object to the assumption and assignment of your unexpired lease or executory contract, the proposed cure of any defaults, or the adequacy of assurance of future performance, you must file and serve your objection to the assumption and assignment within the deadline for objecting to the confirmation of the Plan, unless the Bankruptcy Court has set an earlier time.

OR

Rejection of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases.

The Executory Contracts shown on Exhibit ____ shall be rejected by the Debtor.

Further, the Debtor will be conclusively deemed to have rejected all executory contracts and/or unexpired leases not expressly shown on Exhibit _____, or not assumed before the date of the order confirming the Plan.

Rejection means that the Debtor has elected not to continue to perform the obligations under such contracts or leases. If the Debtor has elected to reject a contract or lease, the other party to the contract or lease will be treated as an unsecured Creditor holding a Claim that arose before the bankruptcy was filed.

[The Deadline for Filing a Proof of Claim Based on a Claim Arising from the Rejection of an Executory Contract Is _____ . Any Claim based on the rejection of an Executory Contract will be barred if the proof of claim is not timely filed, unless the Bankruptcy Court orders otherwise.]

2.5. Means for Implementation of the Plan.

[Describe how the Plan will be implemented, including how the Plan will be funded. For example, if the Plan proposes a sale of the Debtor's assets, describe how the sale will proceed, including anticipated marketing efforts and proposed bidding procedures. Then insert the paragraphs set forth below, if applicable.]

On Confirmation of the Plan, all property of the Debtor, tangible and intangible, including, without limitation, licenses, furniture, fixtures and equipment, will revert, free and clear of all Claims and Equitable Interests except as provided in the Plan, to the Debtor. The Debtor expects to have sufficient cash on hand to make the payments required on the Effective Date.

The Board of Directors of the Debtor immediately prior to the Effective Date shall serve as the initial Board of Directors of the Reorganized Debtor on and after the Effective Date. Each member of the Board of Directors shall serve in accordance with applicable non-bankruptcy law and the Debtor's certificate or articles of incorporation and bylaws, as each of the same may be amended from time to time.

[Additional provisions, if any, for implementing the plan can be inserted here.]

2.6. Payments.

If the Plan is confirmed under §1191(a), payments to Creditors provided for in the Plan will be made by the Trustee pursuant to §1194(a). Once the Trustee's service is terminated under § 1183(c), the Debtor shall make Plan payments except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the order confirming the Plan.

If the Plan is confirmed under section § 1191(b), except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the order confirming the Plan, the Trustee shall make all Plan payments to creditors under the Plan.

2.7. Post-Confirmation Management.

The Post-Confirmation Officers/Managers of the Debtor, and their compensation, shall be as follows:

Name	Position	Compensation

2.8. Tax Consequences of the Plan.

Creditors and Equity Interest Holders Concerned with How the Plan May Affect Their Tax Liability Should Consult with Their Own Accountants, Attorneys, And/Or Advisors.

The following are the anticipated tax consequences of the Plan: [List the following general consequences as a minimum: (1) Tax consequences to the Debtor of the Plan; (2) General tax consequences on Creditors of any discharge, and the general tax consequences of receipt of Plan consideration after Confirmation.]

2.9. Projections in Support of Debtor's Ability to Make Payments Under the Proposed Plan

Debtor has provided projected financial information. Those projections are listed in Exhibit _____.

ARTICLE 3
FEASIBILITY OF PLAN

The Bankruptcy Court must find that confirmation of the Plan is not likely to be followed by the liquidation, or the need for further financial reorganization, of the Debtor or any successor to the Debtor, unless such liquidation or reorganization is proposed in the Plan.

3.1. Ability to Initially Fund Plan.

The Debtor believes that the Debtor will have enough cash on hand on the Effective Date of the Plan to pay all the Claims and expenses that are entitled to be paid on that date. Tables showing the amount of cash on hand on the Effective Date of the Plan, and the sources of that cash, are attached hereto as Exhibit ____.

3.2. Ability to Make Future Plan Payments And Operate Without Further Reorganization.

The Debtor must submit all or such portion of the future earnings or other future income of the Debtor to the supervision and control of the Trustee as is necessary for the execution of the Plan.

The Debtor has provided projected financial information. Those projections are listed in Exhibit ____ (referenced in § 2.9, above).

The Debtor's financial projections show that the Debtor will have an aggregate annual average cash flow, after paying operating expenses and post-confirmation taxes, of \$ _____. The final Plan payment is expected to be paid on _____.

[Summarize the numerical projections, and highlight any assumptions that are not in accord with past experience. Explain why such assumptions should now be made.]

You Should Consult with Your Accountant or other Financial Advisor If You Have Any Questions Pertaining to These Projections.

ARTICLE 4
LIQUIDATION ANALYSIS.

To confirm the Plan, the Bankruptcy Court must find that all Creditors and Equity Interest holders who do not accept the Plan will receive at least as much under the Plan as such Claimants and Equity Interest holders would receive in a Chapter 7 liquidation. A liquidation analysis is attached hereto as Exhibit ____.

ARTICLE 5
DISCHARGE.

5.1. [Option 1 -- If § 1141(d)(3) is not applicable]

Discharge. **If the Plan is confirmed under § 1191(a)**, on the Confirmation Date of this Plan, the Debtor will be discharged from any debt that arose before confirmation of this Plan, subject to the occurrence of the Effective Date, to the extent specified in § 1141(d) of the Bankruptcy Code; or

If the Plan is confirmed under § 1191(b), as soon as practicable after completion by the Debtor of all payments due under the Plan, unless the court approves a written waiver of discharge executed by the Debtor after the order for relief under this chapter, the court shall grant the Debtor a discharge of all debts provided in section 1141(d)(1)(A) of this title, and all other debts allowed under section 503 of this title and provided for in this Plan, except any debt—

- (1) on which the last payment is due after the first 3 years of the plan, or such other time not to exceed 5 years fixed by the court; or
- (2) if applicable, of the kind specified in section 523(a) of this title.

[Option 2– If § 1141(d)(3) is applicable]

No Discharge. In accordance with § 1141(d)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtor will not receive any discharge of debt in this bankruptcy case.

NOTE: If the Debtor is not entitled to discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d)(3) change this heading to “**NO DISCHARGE OF DEBTOR.**”

ARTICLE 6
GENERAL PROVISIONS.

6.1. Title to Assets.

If a plan is confirmed under § 1191(a), except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the order confirming the Plan, (i) confirmation of the Plan vests all of the property of the estate in the Debtor, and (ii) after confirmation of the Plan, the property dealt with by the Plan is free and clear of all Claims and Equity Interests of Creditors, equity security holders, and of general partners in the Debtor.

If a plan is confirmed under § 1191(b), property of the estate includes, in addition to the property specified in § 541, all property of the kind specified in that section that the Debtor acquires, as well as earnings from services performed by the Debtor, after the date of commencement of the case but before the case is closed, dismissed, or converted to a case under chapter 7, 12, or 13 of the Bankruptcy Code, whichever occurs first. Except as provided

in § 1185 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Plan, or the order confirming the Plan, the Debtor shall remain in possession of all property of the estate.

6.2. Binding Effect.

If the Plan is confirmed, the provisions of the Plan will bind the Debtor and all Creditors, whether or not they accept the Plan. The rights and obligations of any entity named or referred to in this Plan will be binding upon, and will inure to the benefit of the successors or assigns of such entity.

6.3. Severability.

If any provision in this Plan is determined to be unenforceable, the determination will in no way limit or affect the enforceability and operative effect of any other provision of this Plan.

6.4. Retention of Jurisdiction by the Bankruptcy Court.

The Bankruptcy Court shall retain jurisdiction of this case with regard to the following matters: (i) to make such orders as are necessary or appropriate to implement the provisions of this Plan and to resolve any disputes arising from implementation of the Plan; (ii) to rule on any modification of the Plan proposed under section 1193; (iii) to hear and allow all applications for compensation to professionals and other Administrative Expenses; (iv) to resolve all issues regarding Claims objections, and issues arising from the assumption/rejection of executory contracts or unexpired leases, and (v) to adjudicate any cause of action which may exist in favor of the Debtor, including preference and fraudulent transfer causes of action.

6.5. Captions.

The headings contained in this Plan are for convenience of reference only and do not affect the meaning or interpretation of this Plan.

6.6. Modification of Plan.

The Debtor may modify the Plan at any time before confirmation of the Plan pursuant to § 1193(a). However, the Bankruptcy Court may require additional items including revoting on the Plan.

If the Plan is confirmed under Section 1191(a), the Debtor may also seek to modify the Plan at any time after confirmation only if (1) the Plan has not been substantially consummated *and* (2) the Bankruptcy Court authorizes the proposed modifications after notice and a hearing.

If the Plan is confirmed under Section 1191(b), the Debtor may seek to modify the Plan at any time only if (1) it is within 3 years of the Confirmation Date, or such longer time not to exceed 5 years, as fixed by the court *and* (2) the Bankruptcy Court authorizes the

proposed modifications after notice and a hearing.

6.7. Final Decree.

Once the estate has been fully administered, as provided in Rule 3022 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Debtor, or such other party as the Bankruptcy Court shall designate in the Plan Confirmation Order, shall file a motion with the Bankruptcy Court to obtain a final decree to close the case. Alternatively, the Bankruptcy Court may enter such a final decree on its own motion.

[Insert other provisions, as applicable.]

ARTICLE 7
ATTACHMENTS

The following documents accompany the Plan [check those applicable, and list any other attachments here]:

- Debtor's Assets at Fair Market Value, annexed as Exhibit ____.
- Debtor's Liabilities, annexed as Exhibit ____.
- Financial forecast for the Debtor, annexed as Exhibit ____.
- Debtor's most recent financial statements issued before bankruptcy, annexed as Exhibit ____.
- Debtor's most recent post-petition operating report filed since the commencement of the Debtor's bankruptcy case, annexed as Exhibit ____.
- Summary of the Debtor's periodic operating reports filed since the commencement of the Debtor's bankruptcy case, annexed as Exhibit ____.
- Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, to be Assumed annexed as Exhibit ____.
- Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases to be Assumed and Assigned, annexed as Exhibit ____.
- Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases to be Rejected, annexed as Exhibit ____.
- Tables showing the amount of cash on hand as of the Effective Date, and the sources of that cash, annexed as Exhibit ____.
- Liquidation Analysis, annexed as Exhibit ____.

ARTICLE 8

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What Is the [DEBTOR] Attempting to Do in Chapter 11? Chapter 11 is the principal reorganization chapter of the Bankruptcy Code. Under Chapter 11, a debtor attempts to restructure the claims held against it. Formulation and confirmation of a plan of reorganization is the primary goal of Chapter 11. When reorganization is not feasible, however, a debtor may propose a liquidating plan under Chapter 11. The plan is the legal document which sets forth the manner and the means by which holders of claims against a debtor will be treated.

Why Am I Receiving This Plan? In order to confirm a plan of reorganization [or liquidation], the Bankruptcy Code requires that a debtor solicit acceptances of a proposed plan, which it is doing with this Plan. If the creditors are satisfied with the information provided in the Plan and the terms of the Plan as proposed, and have voted for the Plan and returned the requisite number of ballots to counsel for the Debtor, the Bankruptcy Court may confirm the Plan as proposed by the Debtor.

How Do I Determine Which Class I Am In? To determine the class of your claim or interest, you must first determine whether your claim is secured or unsecured. Your claim is secured if you have a validly perfected security interest in collateral owned by the Debtor. If you do not have any collateral, your claim is unsecured. The Table of Contents will direct you to the treatment provided to the class in which you are grouped. The pertinent section of the Plan dealing with that class will explain, among other things, who is in that class, what is the size of the class, what you will receive if the Plan is confirmed, and when you will receive what the Plan has provided for you if the Plan is confirmed. [Paragraph/Section] ___ lists all classes of claimants and their types of claims.

Why Is Confirmation of a Plan of Reorganization [or Liquidation] Important? Confirmation of the Plan is necessary because if the Plan is confirmed, the Debtor and all of its creditors are bound by the terms of the Plan. If the Plan is not confirmed, the Debtor may not pay creditors as proposed in the Plan while the Debtor remains in bankruptcy.

What Is Necessary to Confirm a Plan of Reorganization [or Liquidation]? Confirmation of the Plan requires, among other things, the vote in favor of the Plan of two-thirds in total dollar amount and a majority in number of claims actually voting in each voting class. If the vote is insufficient, the Bankruptcy Court can still confirm the Plan, but only if certain additional elements are shown including that the plan does not discriminate unfairly, and is fair and equitable, with respect to each class of claims or interests that is impaired under, and has not accepted, the plan.

Am I Entitled to Vote on the Plan? Any creditor of the Debtor whose claim is IMPAIRED under the Plan is entitled to vote, if either (i) the creditor's claim has been scheduled by the Debtor and such claim is not scheduled as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, or (ii) the creditor has filed a proof of claim on or before the last date set by the Bankruptcy Court for such filings. Any claim to which an objection has been filed (and such objection is still pending) is not entitled to vote, unless the Bankruptcy Court temporarily allows the creditor to vote upon the creditor's motion. Such motion must be heard and determined by the Bankruptcy Court prior to the date established by the Bankruptcy Court to confirm the Plan.

How Do I Determine Whether I Am in an Impaired Class?
[Section/Paragraph] _____ of the Plan identifies the classes of creditors whose claims are impaired. If your claim is impaired, your vote will be considered by the Bankruptcy Court.

When Is the Deadline by Which I Need to Return My Ballot? The Plan is being distributed to all claim holders for their review, consideration and approval. The deadline by which ballots must be returned is _____. Ballots should be mailed to the following address: [INSERT ADDRESS].

How Do I Determine When and How Much I Will Be Paid? In [Section/Paragraph] ____, the Debtor has provided both written and financial summaries of what it anticipates each class of creditors will receive under the Plan.

ARTICLE 9

DEFINITIONS

[Insert/omit definitions as appropriate.]

9.1. The definitions and rules of construction set forth in §§ 101 and 102 of the Bankruptcy Code shall apply when terms defined or construed in the Code are used in this Plan. The definitions that follow that are found in the Code are for convenience of reference only, and are superseded by the definitions found in the Code.

9.2. Administrative Claimant: Any person entitled to payment of an Administration Expense.

9.3. Administrative Convenience Class: A class consisting of every unsecured claim that is less than or reduced to an amount that the Bankruptcy Court approves as reasonable and necessary for administrative convenience.

9.4. Administrative Expense: Any cost or expense of administration of the Chapter 11 case entitled to priority under Section 507(a)(2) of the Code and allowed under Section 503(b) of the Code, including without limitation, any actual and necessary expenses of preserving the Debtor's estate, any actual and necessary expenses incurred following the filing of the bankruptcy petition by the Debtor-in-Possession, allowances of compensation or reimbursement of expenses to the extent allowed by the Bankruptcy Court under the Bankruptcy Code, the allowed claim of the Trustee for fees and/or reimbursements, and any fees or charges assessed against any of the Debtor's estates under Chapter 123, Title 28, United States Code.

9.5 Administrative Tax Claim: Any tax incurred pursuant to Section 503(b)(1)(B) of the Code.

9.6. Allowed Claim: Any claim against the Debtor pursuant to Section 502 of the Code to the extent that: (a) a Proof of Claim was either timely filed or was filed late with leave of the Bankruptcy Court or without objection by the Debtor, and (b) as to which either (i) a party in interest, including the Debtor, does not timely file an objection, or (ii) is allowed by a Final Order.

9.7. Allowed Priority Tax Claim: A Priority Tax Claim to the extent that it is or has become an Allowed Claim, which in any event shall be reduced by the amount of any offsets, credits, or refunds to which the Debtor or Debtor-in-Possession shall be entitled on the Confirmation Date.

9.8. Allowed Secured Claim: Allowed Secured Claims are claims secured by property of the Debtor's bankruptcy estate (or that are subject to setoff) to the extent allowed as secured claims under § 506 of the Code

9.9. Allowed Unsecured Claim: An Unsecured Claim to the extent it is, or has become, an Allowed Claim, which in any event shall be reduced by the amount of any offsets, credits, or refunds to which the Debtor or Debtor-in-Possession shall be entitled on the Confirmation Date.

9.10. Bankruptcy Code or Code: The Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978, as amended and codified as Title 11, United States Code.

9.11. Bankruptcy Court: The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of New Jersey.

9.12. Bankruptcy Rules: The Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

9.13. Cash: Cash, cash equivalents and other readily marketable securities or instruments issued by a person other than the Debtor, including, without limitation, readily marketable direct obligations of the United States of America, certificates of deposit issued by banks and commercial paper of any entity, including interest accrued or earned thereon.

9.14. Chapter 11 Case: This case under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in which [DEBTOR] is the Debtor-in-Possession.

9.15. Claim: Any “right to payment from the Debtor whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured or unsecured; or any right to an equitable remedy for future performance if such breach gives rise to a right of payment from the Debtor, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured.” 11 U.S.C. § 101(5).

9.16. Class: A category of holders of claims or interests which are substantially similar to the other claims or interests in such class.

9.17. Confirmation: The entry by the Bankruptcy Court of an order confirming this Plan.

9.18. Confirmation Date: The Date upon which the Bankruptcy Court shall enter the Confirmation Order; provided however, that if on motion the Confirmation Order or consummation of the Plan is stayed pending appeal, then the Confirmation Date shall be the entry of the Final Order vacating such stay or the date on which such stay expires and is no longer in effect.

9.19. Confirmation Hearing: The hearing to be held on _____, 20__ to consider confirmation of the Plan.

9.20. Confirmation Order: An order of the Bankruptcy Court or any amendment thereto confirming the Plan in accordance with the provisions of chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

9.21. Creditor: Any person who has a Claim against the Debtor that arose on or before the Petition Date.

9.22. Debtor and Debtor-in-Possession: [Debtor], the debtor-in-possession in this Chapter 11 Case.

9.23. Disputed Claim: Any claim against the Debtor pursuant to Section 502 of the Code that the Debtor has in any way objected to, challenged or otherwise disputed.

9.24. Distributions: The property required by the Plan to be distributed to the holders of Allowed Claims.

9.25. Effective Date: Pursuant to D.N.J. LBR 3020-1, the effective date of a chapter 11 plan is 30 days after entry of the order confirming the plan unless the plan or confirmation order provides otherwise.

9.26. Equity Interest: An ownership interest in the Debtor.

9.27. Executory Contracts: All unexpired leases and executory contracts as described in Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.

9.28. Final Order: An order or judgment of the Bankruptcy Court that has not been reversed, stayed, modified or amended and as to which (a) any appeal that has been taken has been finally determined or dismissed, or (b) the time for appeal has expired and no notice of appeal has been filed.

9.29. IRC: The Internal Revenue Code

9.30. Petition Date: [DATE], the date the chapter 11 petition for relief was filed.

9.31. Plan: This Plan, either in its present form or as it may be altered, amended, or modified from time to time.

9.32. Priority Tax Claim: Any Claim entitled to priority in payment under Section 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code.

9.33. Reorganized Debtor: The Debtor after the Effective Date.

9.34. Schedules: Schedules and Statement of Financial Affairs, as amended, filed by the Debtor with the Bankruptcy Court listing liabilities and assets.

9.35. Secured Creditor: Any creditor that holds a Claim that is secured by property of the Debtor.

9.36. Trustee: [NAME], the trustee appointed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1183(a) and whose duties are prescribed under 11 U.S.C. 1183(b), the Plan, or the order confirming the Plan.

9.37. Unsecured Creditor: Any Creditor that holds a Claim in the Chapter 11 case which is not a secured Claim.

Respectfully submitted,

By: _____

[COUNSEL FOR DEBTOR]

EXHIBIT ____ - **Cash on hand on the Effective Date**

Cash on hand on the Effective Date:	\$ _____
Less –	
Amount of Administrative Expenses payable on effective date of Plan	\$ _____
Amount of statutory costs and charges	\$ _____
Amount of cure payments for executory contracts	\$ _____
Other Plan Payments due on Effective Date	\$ _____
Balance after paying these amounts.....	\$ _____

The sources of the cash the Debtor will have on hand by the Effective Date are estimated as follows:

\$	Cash in the Debtor’s bank account now
+	Additional cash Debtor will accumulate from net earnings between now and Effective Date [state the basis for such projections]
+	Borrowing [state separately terms of repayment]
+	Capital Contributions
+	Other
\$	Total [This number should match “cash on hand” figure noted above]

EXHIBIT ____ - **Liquidation Analysis**
[Pursuant to Section 1190(1)(B) of the Bankruptcy Code]

Debtor's Estimated Liquidation Value of Assets

Assets	
a. Cash on hand	\$
b. Accounts receivable	\$
c. Inventory	\$
d. Office furniture & equipment	\$
e. Machinery & equipment	\$
f. Automobiles	\$
g. Building & Land	\$
h. Customer list	\$
i. Investment property (such as stocks, bonds or other financial assets)	\$
j. Lawsuits or other claims against third-parties	\$
k. Other intangibles (such as avoiding powers actions)	\$
<i>Total Assets at Liquidation Value</i>	\$
Less:	
Secured creditors' recoveries	\$
Less:	
Chapter 7 trustee fees and expenses	\$
Less:	
Chapter 11 Administrative Expenses	\$
Less:	
Priority claims, excluding Administrative Expense claims	\$
[Less:	
Debtor's claimed exemptions]	\$
(1) Balance for unsecured claims	\$
(2) Total dollar amount of unsecured claims	\$
<i>Percentage of Claims Which Unsecured Creditors Would Receive Or Retain in a Chapter 7 Liquidation:</i>	_____ % [Divide (1) by (2)]
<i>Percentage of Claims Which Unsecured Creditors Will Receive or Retain under the Plan:</i>	_____ %

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