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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	Y
In re	: Chapter 11 Case No.
CHEVROLET-SATURN OF HARLEM, INC	., : 09()
Debtor.	: : :
In re	x : : Chapter 11 Case No.
GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION,	: : 09()
Debtor.	: : :
In re	: : : Chapter 11 Case No.
SATURN, LLC,	· 09()
Debtor.	:
In re	: Chapter 11 Case No.
SATURN DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION	, : 09()
Debtor.	: :

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MOTION OF DEBTORS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER DIRECTING JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF <u>CHAPTER 11 CASES PURSUANT TO FED. R. BANKR. P. 1015(b)</u>

TO THE HONORABLE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

General Motors Corporation ("<u>GM</u>") and certain of its subsidiaries, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>"), respectfully represent:

Background

1. On the date hereof (the "<u>Commencement Date</u>"), the Debtors each commenced with this Court a voluntary case under chapter 11 of title 11, United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"). The Debtors are authorized to continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee, examiner, or statutory creditors' committee has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases.

2. Pursuant to this motion, the Debtors request joint administration of the chapter 11 cases pursuant to Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>").

General Motors' Businesses

3. For over one hundred years, GM, together with its approximately 463 direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries (collectively, "<u>General Motors</u>" or the "<u>Company</u>"), has been a major component of the U.S. manufacturing and industrial base, as well as the market leader in the automotive industry. The Company's brands have been the standard bearer in the development of the American automotive industry, having produced some of the most striking and memorable automotive designs, including: Corvette, Riviera, and Eldorado.

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Over many years, the Company has supplied one in five vehicles sold in the United States. It is the largest original equipment manufacturer ("<u>OEM</u>") in the country and the second largest in the world. General Motors' highly-skilled engineering and development personnel also designed and manufactured the first lunar roving vehicle driven on the moon. Today, the Company continues as a leading global technology innovator. Currently, it is setting the automotive industry standard for "green" manufacturing methods.

4. William C. Durant founded General Motors in 1908 to implement his vision of one company growing through the creation and management of multiple brands. General Motors began as a holding company for Buick Motor Company, and, by 1916, the Company's brands included Chevrolet, Pontiac (then known as Oakland), GMC, Oldsmobile, and Cadillac. Under Mr. Durant's successor, Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., General Motors adopted the groundbreaking strategy of "a car for every purse and purpose," which revolutionized the automotive market by dividing it into distinct price segments, ranging from low-priced to luxury. Based on that strategy, the Company proceeded to build an automotive manufacturing giant offering distinctive brands and models for each market segment.

5. Over the past century, the Company grew into a worldwide leader in products and services related to the development, manufacture, and marketing of cars and trucks under various brands, including: Buick, Cadillac, Chevrolet, GMC, Daewoo, Holden, HUMMER, Opel, Pontiac, Saab,¹ Saturn, Vauxhall, and Wuling. The Company has produced nearly 450,000,000 vehicles globally and operates in virtually every country in the world. The recent severe economic downturn has had an unprecedented impact on the global automotive industry. Nevertheless, particularly in the United States, the automotive industry remains a

¹ As a result of the global economic crisis and its effect in the automotive industry, Saab commenced reorganization proceedings in Sweden in February 2009.

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driving force of the economy. It employs one in ten American workers and is one of the largest purchasers of U.S.-manufactured steel, aluminum, iron, copper, plastics, rubber, and electronic and computer chips. Almost 4% of the United States gross domestic product, and nearly 10% of U.S. industrial production by value, are related to the automotive industry.

6. GMAC LLC ("<u>GMAC</u>") is a global finance company that provides a range of financial services, including customer vehicle financing to the Company's customers and automotive dealerships and other commercial financing to the Company's dealers.

7. The Company's automotive operations include four automotive segments – GM North America, GM Europe, GM Latin America/Africa/Mid-East, and GM Asia Pacific – each of which functions as independent business units with coordinated product development and functional support. Each geographic region has its own management team, subject to oversight by the Company. Substantially all of General Motors' worldwide car and truck deliveries (totaling 8.4 million in 2008) are marketed through retail dealers in North America and through distributors and dealers outside North America, most of which are independently owned. In addition to the products sold to dealers for consumer retail sales, General Motors sells cars and trucks to fleet customers, including rental car companies, commercial fleet companies, leasing companies, and governmental units.

8. As of March 31, 2009, General Motors employed approximately 235,000 employees worldwide, of whom 163,000 (69%) were hourly employees and 72,000 (31%) were salaried employees. In the United States, approximately 62,000 (68%) of the employees were represented by unions. The International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America (the "<u>UAW</u>") represents the largest portion of General Motors' U.S. unionized employees (totaling approximately 61,000 employees).

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 As of March 31, 2009, General Motors had consolidated global recorded assets and liabilities of approximately \$82,290,000,000 and \$172,810,000,000, respectively.
Global revenues recorded for fiscal year 2008 aggregated approximately \$150 billion.

The Economic Downturn and the U.S. Treasury Loan

10. In 2008, the Company was confronted by the worst economic downturn and credit market conditions since the Great Depression of the 1930s. Consumers were faced with illiquid credit markets, rising unemployment, declining incomes and home values, and volatile fuel prices.

11. This economic turmoil resulted in significant financial stress on the automotive industry. In the last quarter of 2008, new vehicle sales in the United States plummeted to their lowest per capita levels in fifty years. The Company's revenues fell precipitously, thereby draining liquidity that, one year prior, had been considered adequate to fund operations. As a result of the impending liquidity crisis, the Company was compelled to seek financial assistance, on a secured basis, from the federal government in order to sustain the Company's operations and avoid the potential for systemic failure throughout the domestic automotive industry, with an attendant effect on hundreds of thousands of jobs and the sequential shutdown of numerous ancillary businesses.

12. The federal government recognized the potentially devastating negative effect of a GM failure on the U.S. economy. On December 31, 2008, GM and the United States Department of the Treasury (the "<u>U.S. Treasury</u>") entered into an agreement (the "<u>U.S. Treasury</u>") <u>Loan Agreement</u>") that provided GM with emergency financing of up to \$13.4 billion pursuant to a secured term loan facility (the "<u>U.S. Treasury Facility</u>"). A number of the Company's domestic subsidiaries guaranteed GM's obligations under the U.S. Treasury Facility and also guaranteed each of the other guarantors' obligations that were entered into concurrently with the

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U.S. Treasury Facility. The U.S. Treasury Facility is secured by a first priority lien on and security interest in substantially all the assets of GM and each of the guarantors that were previously unencumbered, as well as a junior priority lien on encumbered assets, subject to certain exceptions. The U.S. Treasury Facility is also collaterally secured by a pledge of the equity interests held by GM and the guarantors in certain foreign subsidiaries, subject to certain exceptions.

13. The U.S. Treasury Facility required that the Company develop a plan to transform GM and demonstrate future viability. On February 17, 2009, in order to address this condition, GM submitted a proposed viability plan (the "Long-Term Viability Plan") to the automobile task force appointed by President Obama to deal with the issues confronting the automobile industry and advise him and the Secretary of Treasury in connection therewith (the "Presidential Task Force").

The U.S. Treasury-Sponsored Program for GM

14. On March 30, 2009, President Obama announced that the Long-Term Viability Plan did not meet the federal government's criteria to establish GM's future viability and, as a result, did not justify a substantial new investment of taxpayer dollars. The President outlined a series of actions that GM would have to undertake to receive additional federal assistance. In conjunction with this announcement, in the interests of the Company's receiving further support from the U.S. Treasury, G. Richard Wagoner, Jr., who had been CEO since June 1, 2000, agreed to resign as Chairman and CEO of GM. In addition, Kent Kresa, a director since 2003, was appointed as Chairman of the Board, and it also was announced that a majority of the Board would be replaced over the next few months because it "will take new vision and new direction to create the GM of the future." Barack H. Obama, U.S. President, Remarks on the American Automotive Industry at 4 (Mar. 30, 2009) [hereinafter *Presidential Remarks*].

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15. President Obama also stated that the U.S. Treasury would extend to the

Company adequate working capital for a period of sixty days while it worked with the Company

to develop, propose, and implement a more aggressive viability plan that would include a

"credible model for how not only to survive, but to succeed in th[e] competitive global market."

Id. The President observed that the Company needs a "fresh start to implement the restructuring

plan" it develops, which "may mean using our [B]ankruptcy [C]ode as a mechanism to help [it]

restructure quickly and emerge stronger." Id. at 5. President Obama explained:

What I'm talking about is using our existing legal structure as a tool that, with the backing of the U.S. Government, can make it easier for General Motors . . . to *quickly* clear away old debts that are weighing [it] down so that [it] can get back on [its] feet and onto a path to success; a tool that we can use, even as workers stay on the job building cars that are being sold.

What I'm not talking about is a process where a company is simply broken up, sold off, and no longer exists. We're not talking about that. And what I'm *not talking about is a company that's stuck in court for years, unable to get out.*

Id. at 5-6 (emphasis added).

16. The U.S. Government set a deadline of June 1, 2009 for the Company to demonstrate its viability plan to achieve the foregoing objectives. Consistent with the President's guidance, the Company began a deeper, more surgical analysis of its business and operations in an effort to develop a viability plan that would accommodate the needs of its secured creditors and other stakeholders by quickly achieving (i) sustainable profitability, (ii) a healthy balance sheet, (iii) a more aggressive operational transformation, and (iv) technology leadership. The U.S. Treasury indicated that, if an out-of-court restructuring was not achievable in that timeframe, then the Company should consider undertaking a new, more aggressive plan using an expedited, Bankruptcy Court-supervised process to implement the purchase of the Company's assets by a U.S. Treasury-sponsored purchaser pursuant to section 363 of the

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Bankruptcy Code (the "<u>363 Transaction</u>"). The purchaser would immediately take ownership of the purchased assets as "New GM" free from the entanglement of the bankruptcy cases. Although the U.S. Treasury has committed to provide debtor in possession financing for the Company to implement the sale and to support the new enterprise, it requires that the sale of assets occurs promptly to preserve value and avoid the devastating damage the industry would suffer if the business operations were not promptly extricated from the bankruptcy process.

17. The U.S. Treasury will provide the financing to create New GM. The U.S. Treasury also indicated that if such a transaction were consummated, it would assure that New GM had adequate financing and a capital structure that would assure New GM's long-term viability. The U.S. Government consistently has emphasized that a fundamental premise of its approach is that a quick approval of the 363 Transaction as the tool for restructuring will avoid potentially fatal revenue perishability by restoring confidence in GM employees, its customers, its vendors, as well as the communities that depend on GM. New GM will be perceived by consumers as a reliable, economically sound automobile company that will stand behind its products and extend value to the purchasing public.

18. On April 22, 2009, the U.S. Treasury Loan Agreement was amended to increase the availability under the U.S. Treasury Facility by \$2 billion to \$15.4 billion. GM borrowed the additional \$2 billion in working capital loans on April 24, 2009.

19. As part of the Company's efforts to rationalize its business and to balance large vehicle inventories, on April 24, 2009, the Company announced that it would temporarily shut down certain production facilities starting on May 4, 2009 for a period not to exceed twelve weeks (the "<u>Temporary Shutdown</u>"). As of the Commencement Date, certain of the Company's assembly facilities remain operating, while other assembly facilities continue to be shut down. A

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number of those assembly facilities that currently are shut down are expected to resume operations by July 13, 2009 if the 363 Transaction is approved.

20. On May 22, 2009, the U.S. Treasury Loan Agreement was amended to increase the U.S. Treasury Facility by \$4 billion to \$19.4 billion. GM borrowed the additional \$4 billion in working capital loans on May 22, 2009.

The Exchange Offer

21. In an effort to achieve long-term viability without resort to the bankruptcy process and its negative effect on revenue, on April 27, 2009, GM launched a public exchange offer for the approximately \$27 billion of its unsecured bonds (the "<u>Exchange Offer</u>"). The Company believed that the Exchange Offer would provide the least intrusive means to restructure its indebtedness for the future success of the Company. The Company, however, did announce in connection with the Exchange Offer that if it did not receive enough tenders to consummate the Exchange Offer, it would likely seek to achieve the joint goals of the Company and the U.S. Treasury, as the Company's largest secured creditor, by initiating cases under the Bankruptcy Code.

22. The Exchange Offer expired on May 26, 2009 without achieving the threshold of required tendered acceptances.

The 363 Transaction

23. Recognizing that the Exchange Offer might not be successful, the Company and the U.S. Treasury determined that it would be in the best interests of the Company and its stakeholders to prepare for the implementation of the 363 Transaction on a contingency basis while the Exchange Offer was being solicited.

24. Consistent therewith, over the past several weeks, GM and its Debtor subsidiaries (the "<u>Sellers</u>") have been engaged in negotiations with the U.S. Treasury with

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respect to the 363 Transaction. These negotiations culminated in the proposed Master Sale and Purchase Agreement with Vehicle Acquisition Holdings LLC (the "<u>Purchaser</u>"), a purchaser sponsored by the U.S. Treasury, dated as of June 1, 2009 (the "<u>MPA</u>"). The 363 Transaction, as embodied in the MPA, contemplates that substantially all of GM's assets, including the capital stock of the majority of its subsidiaries, will be sold to the Purchaser to effect the transformation to New GM and preserve both the viability of the GM enterprise and the U.S. automotive industry. The assets excluded from the sale will be administered in the chapter 11 cases for the benefit of the stakeholders in the chapter 11 cases. From and after the closing, the Purchaser or one or more of its subsidiaries will provide the Sellers and their remaining subsidiaries with services reasonably required by the Sellers and such subsidiaries to wind down or otherwise dispose of the excluded assets and administer the chapter 11 cases. As part of the 363 Transaction, the Debtors, the Purchaser, and the UAW have reached a resolution addressing the ongoing provision of certain employee and retiree benefits.

25. The Debtors intend to use the chapter 11 process to expeditiously consummate the 363 Transaction and establish New GM as an economically viable OEM, serving its customers, employees, suppliers, and the interests of the nation. The MPA is a critical element of the program adopted by the U.S. Treasury to rehabilitate the domestic automotive industry. The 363 Transaction furthers public policy by avoiding the fatal damage to the industry that would occur if New GM is unable to immediately commence bankruptcy-free operations.

26. Notably, both the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario, through Export Development Canada ("<u>EDC</u>"), Canada's export trading agency, have agreed to

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participate in the DIP financing provided by the U.S. Treasury to assure the long-term viability of GM's North American enterprise.

27. The gravity of the circumstances cannot be overstated. The need for speed in approving and consummating the 363 Transaction is crucial. The business and assets to be transferred are extremely sensitive and will be subject to major value erosion unless they are quickly sold and transferred to New GM. Any delay will result in significant irretrievable revenue perishability to the detriment of all interests and will exacerbate consumer resistance to readily accept General Motors products. Expeditiously restoring and maintaining consumer confidence is a prerequisite to the successful transformation and future success of New GM.

28. The expedited approval and execution of the 363 Transaction is the foundation of the U.S. Government's objective "to create the GM of the future," and to preserve and strengthen the U.S. automotive industry and the tens of thousands of jobs involved. To paraphrase President Obama's remarks, the 363 Transaction "is our best chance to make sure that the cars of the future are built where they've always been built – in Detroit and across the Midwest – to make America's auto industry in the 21st century what it was in the 20th century – unsurpassed around the world." *Presidential Remarks* at 7.

Jurisdiction

29. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

Relief Requested

30. As stated by this Motion, the Debtors seek entry of an order directing joint administration of these cases for procedural purposes only pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b).

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31. Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b) provides, in relevant part, that if "two or more petitions are pending in the same court by or against . . . a debtor and an affiliate, the court may order a joint administration of the estates." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1015(b). The Debtors are "affiliates" as that term is defined in section 101(2) of the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, this Court is authorized to grant the requested relief.

32. On the date hereof, the Debtors commenced the above-captioned chapter 11 cases by filing the appropriate petitions with this Court. Given the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code and the Debtors' affiliation, joint administration of these cases is warranted. Joint administration will avoid the preparation, replication, service, and filing, as applicable, of duplicative notices, applications, and orders, thereby saving the Debtors considerable expense and resources. The relief requested will not adversely affect creditors' rights, as this Motion requests only the administrative, not substantive, consolidation of the estates. In fact, the reduced costs that will result from the joint administration of these cases will inure to the benefit of all creditors. The relief requested also will relieve the Court of the burden of entering duplicative orders and maintaining duplicative files, as well as simplify supervision of the administrative aspects of these chapter 11 cases by the Office of the United States Trustee. Moreover, each creditor may still file its claim against a particular estate.

33. Accordingly, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court modify the captions of their cases to reflect their joint administration, as follows:

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COUR SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK		
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In re	:	Chapter 11 Case No.
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GENERAL MOTORS CORP., et al.,	:	09()
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Debtors.	:	(Jointly Administered)
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34. The Debtors seek the Court's direction that in each of the Debtors' cases, a

notation substantially similar to the following notation be entered on the docket maintained by

the Clerk of the Court to reflect the joint administration of these cases:

An Order has been entered in this case directing the procedural consolidation and joint administration of the chapter 11 cases of Chevrolet-Saturn of Harlem, Inc., General Motors Corporation, Saturn, LLC, and Saturn Distribution Corporation. The docket in Case No. 09-____ (__) should be consulted for all matters affecting this case.

35. In view of the benefits attendant to the joint administration of these cases

and the absence of harm to any party in interest, the Debtors submit that the relief requested is appropriate and should be granted in all respects.

Notice

36. Notice of this Motion has been provided to (i) the Office of the United

States Trustee for the Southern District of New York, (ii) the attorneys for the U.S. Treasury, (iii) the attorneys for EDC, (iv) the attorneys for the agent under GM's prepetition secured term loan agreement, (v) the attorneys for the agent under GM's prepetition amended and restated secured revolving credit agreement, (vi) the holders of the fifty largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis), (vii) the attorneys for the UAW, (viii) the attorneys for the International Union of Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine and Furniture Workers— Communications Workers of America, (ix) the United States Department of Labor, (x) the

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attorneys for the National Automobile Dealers Association, and (xi) the attorneys for the ad hoc bondholders committee. The Debtors submit that, in view of the facts and circumstances, such notice is sufficient and no other or further notice need be provided.

37. No previous request for the relief sought herein has been made by the

Debtors to this or any other Court.

WHEREFORE the Debtors respectfully request entry of an order granting the

relief requested herein and such other and further relief as is just.

Dated: New York, New York June 1, 2009

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In re	: : Chapter 11 Case No.
SATURN DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION,	: 09()
Debtor.	: : :

ORDER PURSUANT TO FED. R. BANKR. P. 1015(b) DIRECTING JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF CHAPTER 11 CASES

Upon the Motion, dated June 1, 2009 (the "Motion"),¹ of General Motors

Corporation and certain of its subsidiaries, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-

¹ Capitalized terms used herein and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Motion.

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captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Debtors"), pursuant to Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), for entry of an order directing the joint administration of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases for procedural purposes only, all as more fully described in the Motion; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order M-61 Referring to Bankruptcy Judges for the Southern District of New York of Any and All Proceedings Under Title 11, dated July 10, 1984 (Ward, Acting C.J.); and consideration of the Motion and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the Motion having been provided to (i) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York, (ii) the attorneys for the U.S. Treasury, (iii) the attorneys for EDC; (iv) the attorneys for the agent under GM's prepetition secured term loan agreement, (v) the attorneys for the agent under GM's prepetition amended and restated secured revolving credit agreement, (vi) the holders of the fifty largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis), (vii) the attorneys for the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, (viii) the attorneys for the International Union of Electronic, Electrical, Salaried, Machine and Furniture Workers-Communications Workers of America, (ix) the United States Department of Labor, (x) the attorneys for the National Automobile Dealers Association, and (xi) the attorneys for the ad hoc bondholders committee, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and a hearing having been held to consider the relief requested in the Motion (the "Hearing"); and upon the record of the Hearing and all of the proceedings had before the Court; and the Court having found and determined that the relief sought in the Motion is in the best interests of the

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Debtors, their estates, creditors, and all parties in interest and that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is

ORDERED that the Motion is granted as provided herein; and it is further

ORDERED that the above-captioned chapter 11 cases are hereby consolidated for

procedural purposes only and shall be jointly administered by the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that nothing contained in this Order shall be deemed or construed as

directing or otherwise effecting the substantive consolidation of any of the above-captioned cases; and it is further

ORDERED that the caption of the jointly administered cases shall read as

follows:

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COUR SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK		
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In re	:	Chapter 11 Case No.
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GENERAL MOTORS CORP., et al.,	:	09()
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Debtors.	:	(Jointly Administered)
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; and it is further

ORDERED that a docket entry shall be made in the chapter 11 cases of

Chevrolet-Saturn of Harlem, Inc., General Motors Corporation, Saturn, LLC and Saturn

Distribution Corporation substantially as follows:

An Order has been entered in this case directing the procedural consolidation and joint administration of the chapter 11 cases of Chevrolet-Saturn of Harlem, Inc., General Motors Corporation, Saturn, LLC, and Saturn Distribution Corporation.

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The docket in Case No. 09-____ (__) should be consulted for all matters affecting this case.

; and it is further

ORDERED that this Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all

matters arising from or related to this Order.

Dated: New York, New York _____, 2009

United States Bankruptcy Judge