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In re:

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, et al., f/k/a GENERAL MOTORS CORP, et al.,

Debtors.

April 8, 2010 at 9:45	a.m. (Eastern time)
Objection Deadline:	

April 1, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. (Eastern time)

Hearing Date and Time:

Chapter 11
Case No. 09-50026 (REG)
Jointly Administered

## **NOTICE OF HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on February 16, 2010, DMS Moving Systems ("Movant"), filed its Motion for Entry of Order Awarding Administrative Expense Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1)(A) (the "Motion"), a copy of which is attached hereto.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a hearing to consider approval of the Motion will be held on **April 8, 2010, at 9:45 a.m.** (Eastern Time) (the "Hearing") before the Honorable Robert E. Gerber, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, One Bowling Green, Room 621, New York, New York 10004.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objections, if any, to approval of the Motion (a) must be in writing, (b) must conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the Southern District of New York, (c) must be filed with the Bankruptcy Court in accordance with General Order M-242 (as amended) - registered users of the

Bankruptcy Court's case filing system must file electronically, and all other parties-in-interest must file on a 3.5 inch disk (preferably in Portable Document Format (PDF), WordPerfect, or any other Windows-based word processing format), (d) must be submitted in hard-copy form directly to the chambers of the Honorable Robert E. Gerber, United States Bankruptcy Judge, and (e) and must be served upon (i) counsel for the Movant, Barnes & Thornburg LLP, 171 Monroe Avenue, NW, Suite 1000, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503 (Attn: John T. Gregg); (ii) counsel for the Debtors, Weil, Gotshal & Manges, LLP, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153 (Attn: Harvey R. Miller, Stephen Karotkin, and Joseph H. Smolinsky); (iii) counsel for the United States Department of Treasury, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft, LLP, One World Financial Center, New York, New York 10281 (Attn: John J. Rapisardi); (iv) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York, 33 Whitehall Street, 21st Floor, New York, New York 10004 (Attn: Diana G. Adams); (v) counsel for the statutory committee of unsecured creditors, Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, 1177 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036 (Attn: Kenneth H. Eckstein, Thomas M. Mayer, Adam C. Rogoff and Gordon Z. Novod); and (vi) all entities that requested notice in this case via ECF, in each case so as to be received no later than 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) on April 1, 2010 (the "Objection Deadline").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that only those objections made in writing and timely filed and received by the Objection Deadline will be considered by the Bankruptcy Court at the Hearing. If no objections to the Request are timely filed and served in accordance with the procedures set froth herein, the Bankruptcy Court may enter an order granting the Request without further notice.

Dated: February 19, 2010

## BARNES & THORNBURG LLP Counsel to DMS Moving Systems

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## MOTION OF DMS MOVING SYSTEMS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER AWARDING ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1)(A)

DMS Moving Systems ("DMS"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby files this motion (the "Motion") for the entry of an order awarding an administrative expense pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §503(b)(1)(A). In support of the Motion, DMS respectfully states as follows:

## **JURISDICTION**

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over this Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This Motion is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A).
- 2. The statutory predicate for the relief requested herein is section 503 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

## **BACKGROUND**

- 3. DMS is an entity that provides relocation services. DMS is located at 7441 Haggerty Road, Canton, Michigan 48187-0130. [Johnson Affidavit, ¶4].
- 4. On or about May 14, 2009, DMS agreed to provide certain relocation services to General Motors Corporation, EDES Worldwide Real Estate ("GM"). [Johnson Affidavit, ¶5]. True and correct copies of the e-mail between representatives of DMS and GM confirming the agreement, the invoice, and the bill of lading are attached hereto as Exhibit A and is incorporated herein as if fully set forth at length.
- 5. As set forth in the Affidavit executed by the Controller for DMS, Scott Johnson, DMS provided the initial portion of the relocation services on May 28, 2009 and May 29, 2009. [Johnson Affidavit, ¶6].
- 6. The expenses associated with these services amount to \$5,901.51. [Johnson Affidavit, ¶7].
- 7. DMS rendered the remaining relocation services on the afternoon of June 1, 2009. [Johnson Affidavit, ¶8].
- 8. The expenses associated with these services amount to \$14,083.40. [Johnson Affidavit, ¶9].
- 9. On the morning of June 1, 2009, prior to DMS providing the remaining relocation services, GM filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. [Johnson Affidavit, ¶10].
- 10. DMS rendered services to GM after the commencement of the GM bankruptcy case. [Johnson Affidavit, ¶11]. Thus the expenses associated with these services are postpetition expenses pursuant to section 503(b)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code.

### RELIEF REQUESTED

11. By this Motion, DMS respectfully requests that this Court award an administrative expense to DMS under section 503(b)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code for the services rendered.

## BASIS FOR RELIEF REQUESTED

- 12. Section 503 of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in pertinent part, that:
  - (b) After notice and a hearing, there shall be allowed administrative expenses, other than claims allowed under section 502(f) of this title, including -
    - (1)(A) the actual, necessary costs and expenses of preserving the estate, including wages, salaries, or commissions for services rendered after the commencement of the case. . .
- 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1)(A). The purpose of section 503(b)(1)(A) is to encourage third parties to provide the debtor in possession with goods and services essential to the rehabilitation of the debtor's business. *In re Patient Education Media, Inc.*, 221 B.R. 97, 101 (S.D.N.Y. 1998) (citation omitted).
- 13. The Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Court applies the "benefit to the estate test" in order to determine what qualifies as an "actual, necessary" administrative expense. *In re CIS Corp.*, 142 B.R. 640, 643 (S.D.N.Y. 1992) (citing *In re Amfesco Indus., Inc.*, 81 B.R. 777, 785 (Bankr.E.D.N.Y.1988)). Under this test, a claimant must demonstrate that (i) the claim arose from a transaction with or on account of consideration furnished to the debtor-in-possession, and (ii) the transaction or consideration directly benefited the debtor-in-possession. *In re Patient Education Media, Inc.* at 101. (citation omitted).
- 14. Under the present circumstances, after GM filed for bankruptcy, DMS rendered relocation services, which was a transaction that directly benefited GM.

15. In addition, the services provided by DMS to GM pursuant to the agreement

between the two parties facilitated GM's continued operation and preservation of GM's

businesses as they attempted to rehabilitate in bankruptcy.

As such, DMS conferred a direct benefit that was actually used by GM post-16.

petition in the ordinary course of GM's business.

17. Pursuant to section 503(b)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code, GM is required to pay

administrative expenses that it incurs for the actual and necessary costs of preserving its estate,

which would clearly include the expenses incurred for services rendered by DMS pursuant to an

agreement between GM and DMS. Accordingly, DMS respectfully requests that this Court

award DMS an administrative expense in the amount of \$14,083.40.

18. DMS expressly reserves all rights and remedies that it has or may have against

GM or any of its affiliates with respect to the services rendered or any other claim.

WHEREFORE, DMS respectfully requests that this Court award an administrative

expense claim to DMS under section 503(b)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code for the services

rendered by DMS on June 1, 2009, and (ii) granting such other relief as is just and appropriate

under the circumstances.

Dated: February 16, 2010

BARNES & THORNBURG LLP Counsel to DMS Moving Systems

/s/John T. Gregg By:

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Motion of DMS Moving System for Entry of Order Awarding Administrative Claim for Post-Petition Expenses Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1)(A), was served on this 16th day of February, 2010, via the Court's ECF system on those parties registered to receive notice and via the United States Mail, first class, postage prepaid upon the following:

Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP 767 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10153 Attorneys for Debtors

Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP Attn: Thomas Moers Mayer, Esq., Amy Caton, Esq., Adam C. Rogoff, Esq., and Gregory G. Plotko, Esq. 1177 Avenue of the Americas New York, New York 10036 Attorneys for the Committee of Unsecured Creditors

> /s/John T. Gregg John T. Gregg

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## **EXHIBIT** A

## Julie Johnson

From:

michael.hilfinger@gm.com

Sent: To: Thursday, May 14, 2009 10:50 AM

Julie Johnson

Subject:

Re: Gary Grondin Relocation Services

GM approves the move. The address is correct.

Thanks

Michael L. Hilfinger General Motors Corporation EDES Worldwide Real Estate 200 Renaissance Center Mail Code: 482-B38-C96 Detroit, MI 48265

313-665-6603 313-665-6745 (fax)

Julie Johnson < Liohuson@dms.moving.com>

To "michael.hitfinger@gm.com" < michael.hitfinger@gm.com>

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Detroit, I 48265

Julie Johnson

Relocation Services Manager DMS Moving Systems 800-521-5225 Monday-Friday 8am-5pm EST





7441 Haggerty Road Canton, Michigan 48187-0130 Phone (734) 207-8200 • FAX (734) 207-8209

Remit Payments To: P.O. Box 87130 Canton, Michigan 48187-0130

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SECTION 1. The carrier shall be liable for physical toss of damage to any articles from external cause while being carried or held in storage-in-transit EXCEPT for condition or flavor of perishable articles, and EXCEPT documents, currency, money, lewelry, watches, precious stones or articles of extraordinary value which are not specifically listed on the bill'of Jading, and EXCEPT loss or damage caused by or resulting:

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(b) From insects, moth, vermin and ordinary wear and tear,

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(d) From (1) hostile or warlike action in time of peace of war, including action in hindering, combating or defending against an actual, Impending or expected attack ( A ) by any government or soveraign power, or by any authority maintaining or using military, haval or air forces, or ( B ) by military, haval or air forces; or ( C ) by an agent of any such government power, authority or forces; ( 2 ) any weapon of war employing atomic tission or radioactive force whether in time of peace or war; (3) insurrection, rebellion, revolution, civil war. usurped power, or action taken by governmental authority in hindering, combating, or defending against such an occurrence, seizure or destruction under quarantine of customs regulations, confiscations by differ of any government or public authority, or risks of contraband or illegal transportation or trade;

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SUBJECT, in addition to the foregoing, to the further following limitations on the carrier's liability:

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SECTION 2. The carrier shall not be liable for delay caused by highway obstruction, or faulty or impassible highways, or lack of capacity of any highway, bridge or ferry, or caused by breakdown or mechanical delect of vehicles prequipment, or from any cause other than negligence of the carrier, not shall the carrier be bound to transport by any particular schedule, means, vehicle or otherwise than with reasonable dispatch. Every carrier shall have the right in case of physical necessity to forward said property by any parrier or route between the point of shipment and the point of destination.
SECTION 3. Shipper shall:

(a) Be liable for any and all charges applicable under camers tariffs, and pay therefore as provided in said tariffs; and

(b) Indemnity carrier against loss or damage caused by inclusion in the shipment of explosives or dangerous articles or goods.

SECTION 4. If for any reason other than the fault of carrier, delivery cannot be made at address shown on the face hereof, or at any changed address of which carrier has been notified, carrier, at its option, may cause articles contained in shipment to be stored in a warehouse selected by it at the point of delivery or at other available points, and there held without liability on the part of the carrier, at the cost of the owner, and subject to a lien for all accrued tariff and other lawful charges.

SECTION 5. If shipment is refused by consigned at destination; or if shipper; consigned of owner of property fails to receive or claim it within lifteetr.( 15 ) days after written notice by United States mail addressed to shipper and consignee at post office addresses shown on the face hereof, or it shipper falls or refuses to pay lawfully applicable charges in accordance with carrier's applicable tariff, carrier may sell the property at its option, upon notice to all persons known to claim an interest in the property, in any manner authorized by the laws of the State of Michigan. The proceeds of any sale shall be applied toward payment of lawful charges applicable to shipment and toward expenses of notice, advertising and sale of storing, caring for and maintaining property prior to sale, and the balance, if any, shall be held for delivery, on demand, to any person to whom carrier would have been bound to deliver the goods:

SECTION 6. As a condition precedent to recovery, a claim for any loss or damage, injury or delay, must be filed in writing with carrier within 30 days after delivery to consignee as shown on face hereof, or in case of failure to make delivery, then within nine (9) months after a reasonable time for delivery has elapsed; and sult must be instituted against carrier within two (2) years and one (1) day from the date when notice in writing is given by carrier to the claimant that carrier has disaffowed the claim or any part or parts thereof specified in the notice. Where a claim is not filled or suit is not instituted thereon in accordance with the foregoing provisions, carrier shall not be liable and such a claim will not be paid.

# **Brookfield Global Relocation Services**

## Origin & Destination Load Report

Customer's NameG	irondin, Gary	
Registration #	13277	
ORIGIN:	Verification of Loading	
I confirm that I have walked the have been loaded on the yan	nrough the house and all items I ha	ave requested to be moved
	nda	6/28 09 Date C/28 09
Customer's Signature		Daté
Tuna Chi		C/2809
Driver's Signature		Date /
i confirm that I have inspected carrier of any liability, except a	d my origin residence and real esta as listed below:	-
Therese m. Son	do	5/2809 Date 5/2809
Sustomer's Signature	·	Date
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Driver's Signature		Date
DESTINATION:	Verification of Delivery	
I confirm that all items I have it delivered.	requested to be loaded on the van	have been moved and
TEISE M. Sunda		4/1/08
Customer's Signature		Date
Tim C. J.		
Driver's Signature		Date
I confirm that I have inspected the carrier of any liability, exce	my destination residence and rea ept as listed below:	l estate and am releasing
I TEISSE M. DE	nd	1-109
Customer's Signature		Date
Lem Col	2400	Date 6-/09
Driver's Signature		Date

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:	) Chapter 11
MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, et al., f/k/a GENERAL MOTORS CORP, et al.,	) Case No. 09-50026 (REG)
Debtors.	) ) Jointly Administered )

# AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION OF DMS MOVING SYSTEMS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER AWARDING ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM FOR POST-PETITION EXPENSES PURSUANT TO 11 U.Ş.C. § 503(b)(1)(A)

Under the penalties of perjury, I, Scott Johnson, affirm that the following representations are true:

- 1. I am a Controller for DMS Moving Systems.
- 2. I am at least twenty-one years of age and mentally competent to make this affidavit.
- 3. I reviewed the facts alleged in the Motion of DMS Moving Systems for Entry of Order Awarding Administrative Claim for Post-Petition Expenses Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1)(A) filed contemporaneously herewith, and I am familiar with its contents.
- 4. DMS Moving Systems is an entity that provides relocation services. DMS Moving Systems is located at 7441 Haggerty Road, Canton, Michigan 48187-0130.

- On or about May 14, 2009, DMS Moving Systems agreed to provide certain 5. relocation services to General Motors Corporation, EDES Worldwide Real Estate ("GM").
- DMS Moving Systems provided the initial portion of the relocation services on May 28, 2009 and May 29, 2009.
  - The expenses associated with these services amount to \$5,901.51. 7.
- DMS Moving Systems rendered the remaining relocation services on the morning 8. and afternoon of June 1, 2009.
  - The expenses associated with these services amount to \$14,083.40. 9.
- On the morning of June 1, 2009, prior to DMS Moving Systems providing the 10. remaining relocation services, GM filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- DMS Moving Systems rendered services to GM after the commencement of the 11. GM bankruptcy case.

Further Affiant Sayeth Naught.

Scott Johnson, Controller, DMS Moving Systems

STATE OF MICHIGAN	)	
	)	SS
COUNTY OF WAYNE	)	

Before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Scott Johnson, Controller for DMS Moving Systems, who acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Affidavit, and who, having been duly sworn states that any representations contained therein are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Witness my hand and Notarial Seal this 12 day of February, 2010.

Notary Signature Susan J Brannan

Notary, Printed Susan J. BRANNAN

My Commission Expires: 09/24/2010 County of Residence: WAYNE

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Affidavit in Support of the Motion of DMS Moving Systems for Entry of Order Awarding Administrative Claim for Post-Petition Expenses Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(1)(A), was served on this 10th day of February, 2010, via the Court's ECF system on those parties registered to receive notice.

/s/John T. Gregg John T. Gregg