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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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In re	:	Chapter 11 Case No.
MOTORS LIQUIDATION COMPANY, et al., f/k/a General Motors Corp., et al.	: : :	09-50026 (REG)
Debtors.	:	(Jointly Administered)
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NOTICE OF DEBTORS' OBJECTION TO PROOF OF CLAIM NO. 65796 FILED BY RUDOLPH V. TOWNS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 30, 2010, Motors Liquidation

Company (f/k/a General Motors Corporation) ("**MLC**") and its affiliated debtors, as debtors in possession (collectively, the "**Debtors**"), filed their objection (the "**Objection**") to Proof of Claim No. 65796 filed by Rudolph V. Towns (the "**Towns Claim**"), and that a hearing (the "**Hearing**") to consider the Debtors' Objection will be held before the Honorable Robert E. Gerber, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in Room 621 of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004, on **April 29, 2010 at 9:45 a.m. (Eastern Time),** or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any responses to the Debtors'

Objection must be in writing, shall conform to the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and

the Local Rules of the Bankruptcy Court, and shall be filed with the Bankruptcy Court (a) electronically in accordance with General Order M-242 (which can be found at www.nysb.uscourts.gov) by registered users of the Bankruptcy Court's filing system, and (b) by all other parties in interest, on a 3.5 inch disk, preferably in Portable Document Format (PDF), WordPerfect, or any other Windows-based word processing format (with a hard copy delivered directly to Chambers), in accordance with General Order M-182 (which can be found at www.nysb.uscourts.gov), and served in accordance with General Order M-242, and on (i) Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, attorneys for the Debtors, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153 (Attn: Harvey R. Miller, Esq., Stephen Karotkin, Esq., and Joseph H. Smolinsky, Esq.); (ii) the Debtors, c/o Motors Liquidation Company, 500 Renaissance Center, Suite 1400, Detroit, Michigan 48243 (Attn: Ted Stenger); (iii) General Motors, LLC, 300 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48265 (Attn: Lawrence S. Buonomo, Esq.); (iv) Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP, attorneys for the United States Department of the Treasury, One World Financial Center, New York, New York 10281 (Attn: John J. Rapisardi, Esq.); (v) the United States Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 2312, Washington, DC 20220 (Attn: Joseph Samarias, Esq.); (vi) Vedder Price, P.C., attorneys for Export Development Canada, 1633 Broadway, 47th Floor, New York, New York 10019 (Attn: Michael J. Edelman, Esq. and Michael L. Schein, Esq.); (vii) Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP, attorneys for the statutory committee of unsecured creditors, 1177 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10036 (Attn: Thomas Moers Mayer, Esq., Amy Caton, Esq., Lauren Macksoud, Esq., and Jennifer Sharett, Esq.); (viii) 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, Esq.); (ix) the U.S. Attorney's Office, S.D.N.Y., 86 Chambers Street, Third Floor, New

York, New York 10007 (Attn: David S. Jones, Esq. and Natalie Kuelher, Esq.); and (x) Rudolph V. Towns, 5733 SW 18 Street Apt. B, Hollywood, Florida 33023-0000, so as to be received no later than **April 22, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)** (the "**Response Deadline**").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if no response is timely filed and served with respect to the Debtors' Objection, the Debtors may, on or after the Response Deadline, submit to the Bankruptcy Court an order substantially in the form of the proposed order annexed to the Debtors' Objection, which order may be entered with no further notice or opportunity to be heard offered to any party.

Dated: New York, New York March 30, 2010

> <u>/s/ Joseph H. Smolinsky</u> Harvey R. Miller Stephen Karotkin Joseph H. Smolinsky

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DEBTORS' OBJECTION TO PROOF OF CLAIM NO. 65796 FILED BY RUDOLPH V. TOWNS

TO THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. GERBER, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

Motors Liquidation Company (f/k/a General Motors Corporation) ("MLC" or

"GM") and its affiliated debtors, as debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors"),

respectfully represent:

Relief Requested

1. The Debtors file this Objection (the "**Objection**") pursuant to section

502(b) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rule 3007(d) of the

Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and this Court's order

establishing the deadline for filing proofs of claim against MLC and certain other Debtors (the

"Bar Date") and the procedures relating to the filing of proofs of claim (the "Bar Date Order")
[Docket No. 4079], seeking entry of an order disallowing and expunging Proof of Claim No.
65796 (the "Towns Claims") filed by Rudolph V. Towns ("Mr. Towns"). A copy of the Towns
Claim is annexed hereto as Exhibit "A."

2. Mr. Towns filed a proof of claim in these chapter 11 cases in the amount of \$86,000,000,000, purportedly arising out of an incident during his employment for the Debtors in 1965. The Debtors have examined the Towns Claim --which provides no insight into the basis of the claim-- and have made every effort to discuss the merits of this claim with Mr. Towns, a former attorney for Mr. Towns that filed the Towns Claim, and various other advisors and family members. After these discussions, the Debtors have been able to ascertain the underlying facts of the Towns Claim, and after some diligence, the Debtors have found that the Towns Claim is nothing more than Mr. Towns's attempt to circumvent the *res judicata* effect of a final judgment issued by another court --the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida-- dismissing his claim with prejudice. Specifically, the Florida Litigation Final Judgment (as defined below) precludes Mr. Towns from re-opening the issues litigated before the United States District Court for this reason, the Debtors request the entry of an order disallowing the Towns Claim in its entirety and expunging the Towns Claim from the Debtors' claims register.

3. In the alternative, the Debtors request the entry of an order disallowing the Towns Claim in light of its failure to set forth the legal and factual basis thereof, as well as the insufficient documentation provided by Mr. Towns as to why the Towns Claim should not be dismissed for, among other reasons, being barred by the statute of limitations.

Jurisdiction

4. 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).

Relevant Facts to Mr. Towns's Claim

(a) The Florida Litigation

5. On July 16, 2008 Mr. Towns, appearing *pro se*, filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida (Case No. 08-61115) (the "**Florida Litigation**") seeking compensatory and punitive damages from GM in connection with an alleged injury that Mr. Towns suffered on February 16, 1965, while working for the Fisher Body Division of GM, then located in Cleveland, Ohio (the "**Alleged Work Accident**"). A copy of the complaint filed by Mr. Towns in the Florida Litigation is annexed hereto as **Exhibit "B."**

6. GM, the only named defendant in the Florida Litigation, filed a motion to dismiss with prejudice and, on April 21, 2009 (the "Florida Litigation Final Judgment"), the District Court granted GM's motion. Although the District Court found that "[i]t [was] difficult to ascertain what claims [Mr. Towns was] asserting," the District Court held that (i) Mr. Towns's negligence claim was barred as untimely, and (ii) Mr. Towns's discrimination claim was dismissed because Mr. Towns had failed to allege facts sufficient to support a discrimination claim. A copy of the Florida Litigation Final Judgment is annexed hereto as **Exhibit "C."**

(b) The Bankruptcy Proceedings

7. Before the Bar Date, Mr. Towns filed Proof of Claim No. 65796 against MLC in the amount of **\$86 billion dollars** for "intrinsic fraud, injuries, civil rico, etc.," but with no supporting documentation that would allow the Debtors to effectively analyze the asserted liability. In light of the size of the claim amount alleged in the Towns Claim, and the fact that

such proof of claim references an "Exhibit A" which was not attached, the Debtors contacted Mr. Towns by phone on several occasions requesting information to ascertain the nature and validity of the Towns Claim. During those phone conversations, when asked about the basis for an \$86 billion dollar claim, Mr. Towns only referred to the Alleged Work Accident but never disclosed the existence of the Florida Litigation even though the Florida Litigation was obviously founded upon the very same facts and circumstances. Nor did Mr. Towns ever inform the Debtors of the existence of the Florida Litigation Final Judgment. Furthermore, Mr. Towns promised to send documentation in support of the Towns Claim (the apparently missing "Exhibit A"), but as of the date herein, has not done so. Over the past few months, the Debtors have had numerous conversations with Mr. Towns's daughter, Ms. Janice Jennings (the attorney who transmitted the Towns Claim), and another advisor to Mr. Towns. It was explained to these parties that to the extent Mr. Towns was asserting a workers' compensation claim, General Motors, LLC was the proper target of the Towns Claim. Despite denying that the Towns Claim was a workers' compensation claim, a proper cause of action was not articulated. During these conversations, it also became increasingly clear that resolving the Towns Claim without court intervention would be unlikely.

Basis for Relief Requested

A. <u>The Doctrine of *Res Judicata* Requires That The Towns Claim Be Dismissed</u>

8. Mr. Towns has already had his day in court in respect of the Alleged Work Accident. "A fundamental precept of common-law adjudication, embodied in the related doctrines of collateral estoppel and *res judicata*, is that a 'right, question or fact distinctly put in issue and directly determined by a court of competent jurisdiction . . . cannot be disputed in a subsequent suit between the same parties or their privies . . ." *Montana v. United States*, 440

U.S. 147, 13 (1979) (quoting S. Pac. R.R. Co. v. United States, 168 U.S. 1 (1897)). "By

'preclud[ing] parties from contesting matters that they have had a full and fair opportunity to litigate,' these two doctrines [of collateral estoppel and *res judicata*] protect against 'the expense and vexation attending multiple lawsuits, conserv[e] judicial resources, and foste[r] reliance on judicial action by minimizing the possibility of inconsistent decisions.'" *Taylor v. Sturgell*, 553 U.S. 880 (2008) (quoting *Montana*, 440 U.S. at 153-154).

9. As stated, the doctrine of *res judicata* bars the Towns Claim from being pursued because the Florida Litigation (i) was a final judgment on the merits; (ii) where the litigants were the same parties (Mr. Towns and GM); (iii) the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida was of a competent jurisdiction; and (iv) the causes of action are the same. *See Waldman v. Village of Kiryas Joel*, 20 F.3d 105, 108 (2d Cir. 2000) (explaining that "[t]o ascertain whether two actions spring from the same transaction or claim, [courts] look to whether the underlying facts are related in time, space, origin, or motivation") (quoting *Interoceanica Corp. v. Sound Pilots, Inc.*, 107 F.3d 86, 90 (2d. Cir. 1997) (internal quotations omitted)).

10. In this case, although Mr. Towns has neglected to provide any legal or factual support for his alleged "intrinsic fraud, injuries, civil rico," Mr. Towns has informed Debtors' counsel that it stems from the Alleged Work Accident. Thus, it is clear that the Towns Claim stems from the same facts and circumstances as the Florida Litigation and what Mr. Towns intends here is to circumvent the result of the Florida Litigation. Such a misuse of judicial resources should not be allowed.

11. Accordingly, the Debtors request the entry of an order disallowing and expunging the Towns Claim from the Debtors' claims register in its entirety because the Florida

Litigation Final Judgment precludes Mr. Towns from re-opening the issues litigated before the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida.

B. Alternatively, The Towns Claim Should Be Disallowed For Failure to Allege Sufficient Facts in Support

12. In the event the Court does not find the doctrine of *res judicata* to apply in the case at hand, the Debtors request that the Court disallow the Towns Claim for its failure to allege facts sufficient to support a claim.

13. A proof of claim *must* "set forth the facts necessary to support the claim" for it to receive the prima facie validity accorded under the Bankruptcy Rules. *In re Chain*, 255 B.R. 278, 280 (Bankr. D. Conn. 2000) (internal quotation omitted); *In re Marino*, 90 B.R. 25, 28 (Bankr. D. Conn. 1988); *see In re Allegheny Int'l, Inc.*, 954 F.2d 167, 173-74 (3d Cir. 1992); *Ashford v. Consol. Pioneer Mortgage*, 178 B.R. 222, 226 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 1995), *aff'd*, 91 F.3d 151 (9th Cir. 1996). Further, section 502(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in relevant part, that a claim may not be allowed to the extent that "such a claim is unenforceable against the debtor and property of the debtor, under any agreement or applicable law." 11 U.S.C. § 502(b)(1).

14. To date, Mr. Towns has not provided *any* legal or factual support for his alleged "intrinsic fraud, injuries, civil rico," and, thus, the Towns Claim should not be afforded prima facie validity under the Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, the Debtors request that Towns Claim be disallowed and expunged from the claims register.

C. <u>The Towns Claim Also Violates the Bar Date Order</u>

15. In connection with MLC's chapter 11 cases, on September 16, 2009, this Court entered the Bar Date Order which, among other things, established November 30, 2009 as the Bar Date and set forth procedures for filing proofs of claim. The Bar Date Order requires,

among other things, that a proof of claim must "set forth with specificity the legal and factual basis for the alleged [c]laim [and] include supporting documentation or an explanation as to why such documentation is not available." Bar Date Order at 2.¹

16. The Towns Claim falls far short of the standard unambiguously required in the Bar Date Order. The Towns Claim alleges billions of dollars for an alleged "intrinsic fraud, injuries, civil rico," yet it fails to provide any information that would allow the Debtors to ascertain the validity and nature of the Towns Claim –as is required by the Bar Date Order.

17. Despite multiple requests to Mr. Towns that he provide information in support of the Towns Claim, he has refused to do so. While Mr. Towns has repeatedly complained about the condition of his employment records, he has not articulated a factual or legal basis for a claim. Having failed to meet the threshold requirement of containing even the most basic information regarding the basis of the Towns Claim, particularly after the Debtors' specifically requested it, the Towns Claim should be disallowed in its entirety.

Notice

18. Notice of this Objection has been provided to Mr. Towns and parties in interest in accordance with the Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105(a) and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1015(c) and 9007 Establishing Notice and Case Management Procedures, dated March 19, 2010 [Docket No. 5308]. The Debtors submit that such notice is sufficient and no other or further notice need be provided.

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¹ Notices of the Bar Date Order contained express references to this requirement.

19. 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: March 30, 2010 New York, New York

> /s/ Joseph H. Smolinsky Harvey R. Miller Stephen Karotkin Joseph H. Smolinsky

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HEARING DATE AND TIME: April 29, 2010 at 9:45 a.m. (Eastern Time) RESPONSE DEADLINE: April 22, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time)

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ORDER GRANTING DEBTORS' OBJECTION TO PROOF OF CLAIM NO. 65796 FILED BY RUDOLPH V. TOWNS

Upon the objection dated March 30, 2010 (the "**Objection**")¹ to Proof of Claim No. 65796 filed by Rudolph V. Towns (the "**Towns Claim**") of Motors Liquidation Company (f/k/a General Motors Corporation) and its affiliated debtors, as debtors in possession (collectively, the "**Debtors**"), pursuant to section 502(b) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "**Bankruptcy Code**"), Rule 3007(d) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "**Bankruptcy Rules**"), and this Court's order establishing the deadline for filing proofs of claim of certain Debtors and procedures relating to the filing of proofs of claim (the "**Bar Date Order**") [Docket No. 4079], seeking entry of an order disallowing and expunging the Towns Claim, all as more fully described in the Objection; and due and proper notice of the Objection having been provided, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and the Court having found and determined that the relief sought in the Objection is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, creditors, and all parties in interest and that the legal and factual

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

bases set forth in the Objection establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is

ORDERED that the relief requested in the Objection is granted to the extent

provided herein; and it is further

ORDERED that, pursuant to section 502(b) of title 11 of the United States Code,

the Towns Claim is disallowed and expunged in its entirety; 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 April __, 2010

United States Bankruptcy Judge

<u>Exhibit A</u>

The Towns Claim

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GARDEN CITY Claims Agency for General Motors 105 Maxees Road Melville, NY 11747

RE: PROOF OF CLAIM OF RUDOLPH TOWNS in the General Motors Bankruptcy Case Case No 09-50026

Greetings

Mr Rudolph Towns requested that I^1 transmit the enclosed Proof of Claim to you in the above-referenced pending General Motors bankruptcy case.

Please contact Mr. Towns directly if you have any questions. He may be reached at (954) 322-7182.

Sincerely,

Janice L ∉hnıngs

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cc: Mr Rudolph Towns

¹ I, Janice L Jennings, Esq am licensed only in the state of Florid and am not entering an appearance on behalf of Mr Rudolph Towns and am not seeking appearance *pro hac vice* basis

<u>Exhibit B</u>

The Complaint Filed by Mr. Towns in the Florida Litigation

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NOTARIZATION AND VERIFICATION

I, <u><u><u>R</u>VPOLPH</u><u>V</u>. <u>TOWNS</u>, THE AFFIANT AND DECLARANT IN THE ABOVEMENTIONED AND AFOREMENTIONED STATEMENTS AND AFFIRMATION DO HEREBY AND HEREON DECLARE THAT ALL HERETOFORE MENTIONED IS TRUE AND FACTUAL. TO SUCH, I DO ATTEST AS TRUE THIS THE <u><u>21</u> St</u><u>DAY OF</u><u><u>MAY</u> 2007; AND TO SUCH I ATTACH MY SIGNATURE AS SEAL.</u></u>

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THIS IS TO VERIFY AND CONFIRM THAT DID PERSONALLY APPEAR BEFORE ME THIS THE 2!DAY OF MA 2000 TO ATTEST TO ALL THE ABOVEMENTIONED AND AFOREMENTIONED. **NOTARY PUBLIC** Richard B. Days Commission #DD565096 Expires: AUG. 21, 2010 MY COMMISSION EXPIRES ON: WW.AARONNOTARY.com

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IN SUCH CASE THE TEMPORARY BENEFIT SHOWN IN ITEM ZIC WILL CEASE TO BE PAYABLE AND MY MONTHLY FENSION BENEFIT. WILL THEN BE REDETERMINED AS DF THE FIRST OF THE MONTH FOR WHICH I INITIALLY BECAME ENTITLED TO SUCH SOCIAL SECURITY SENEFIT. ANY OVERPAYMENT OF MY GM PENSION RESULTING FROM MY RECEIPT OF SUCH SOCIAL SEC HINTY ENEETT MUST RE REFUNDED BY ME IN A LUMPSON OR MY GM FENSION WILL RE EUSPENDED UNTIL THE TOTAL AND SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT. ANY OVERFAYMENT OF MY GM PENSION RESULTING FROM MT RELEIFT OF SUCH SOCIAL SEC-URITY BENEFIT MUST BE REFUNDED BY ME IN A LUMPSUM OR MY GM PENSION WILL BE SUSPENDED UNTIL THE TOTAL AM-IF THIS AUTHORIZATION IS FOR TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE A TEMPORARY BENEFITY WILL BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE A MONTHLY TEMPORARY BENEFIT PRIOR TO AGE 22 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLI-CABLE PROVISIONS OF THE HOURLY RATE EMPLOYES PENSION PLAN, PROVIDED I SUBMIT SATISFACTORY PROOF THAT I . 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THIS ELECTION MUST BE MADE AND RECEIVED BY THE CORPORATION BY THE FIRST DAY OF THE MONTH IN WHICH I HAVE BEEN MARRIED OR REMARRIED ONE YEAR TO BECOME EFFECTIVE. IF WORKER'S COMPENSATION BECOMES PAYABLE TO ME SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE SHOWN IN ITEM 12. A DEDUCTION SHALL BE MADE FROM MONTHLY SENEFITS OTHERWISE PAYABLE TO ME UNDER THE PENSION PLAN EQUAL TO THE FULL AMOUNT OF SUCH WORKER'S COMPENSATION UNLESS SUCH DEDUCTION IS PROMIBITED UNDER ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2 OF THE PENSION PLAN. (#) (G) IF THIS AUTHORIZATION IS FOR TOTAL AND PERMANENT DISABILITY AND I AM UNDER AGE 55 AND HAVE LESS THAN 30 YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE AT THE TIME BENEFITS COMMENCE, A 50% JOINT AND SURVIVOR OPTION IS AUTOMATIC UNLESS I REJECT THE OPTION ON FORM HER R (J & S). 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AUTHORIZATION FOR PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BENEFITS WE HAVE EXAMINED THE FOREGOING DATA AND HEREBY AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF A MONTHLY BENEFIT AS SHOWN IN ITEM 216, 21F, OR 21G, AS APPLICABLE, IF THE EXPIRATION OF SICKNESS AND ACCIDENT OR STATE DISABILITY BENEFITS AS SHOWN IN ITEM 14 IS SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE SHOWN IN ITEM 12, WONTHLY PENSION BENEFITS WILL NOT BE PAYABLE PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION DATE OF BUCH SICKNESS AND ACCIDENT OF STATE DISABILITY EXPERITE AND THE INITIAL MONTHLY SERVICE ASSISTED FOR BUCH SICKNESS AND ACCIDENT OR STATE DISABILITY BENEFITS WILL NOT BE PATABLE FRIUM TO THE EXPIRATION DATE OF MILL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT SHOWN IN ITEM 15. LOCAUPENSION COMMITTEE inth ANAGEMENT REPRESENTATIVE DEC 8 1982 DATE LOCAL PENSION COMMITTEE UNION REPRESENTATIVE DATE OR, IF APPLICABLE OR, IF APPLICABLE. ·: • PERSONNEL DIRECTOR DATE PLANT OR DIVISIONAL COMPTROLLER DATE

WATER HOHESTEAD CERTIFICATE OF DISABILITY

"PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED" MEANS & PERSON WHO HAS ON THE DATE OF APPLICATION SOME IMPAIRMENT IN BODY OR MIND THAT MAKES HIM UNFIT TO WORK AT. ANY SUBSTANTIALLY REMUNERATIVE EMPLOYMENT WHICH HE IS REASONABLY ABLE TO PER-FORM AND WHICH WILL WITH REASONABLE PROBABILITY, CONTINUE FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF AT LEAST TWELVE MONTHS WITHOUT ANY PRESENT INDICATION OF RECOVERY THEREFRUM OR HAS CERTIFIED AS PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED BY A STATE OR FEDERAL AGENCY HAVING THE FUNCTIONS OF SO CLASSIFYING PERSONS."

APPLICATION FOR REDUCTION BASED UPON A PHYSICAL DISABILITY SHALL BE ACCOM-PANJED BY A CERTIFICATE, SIGNED BY A PHYSICIAN AND AN APPLICATION FOR REDUC-TION BASED UPON A MENTAL DISABILITY SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY A PHYSICIAN OR PSYCHOLOGIST LICENSED TO FRACTICE IN THIS STATE, ATT-ESTING TO THE FACT THAT THE APPLICANT IS PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED. THE CERTIFICATE SHALL BE IN A FORM THAT SHALL INCLUDE THE DEFINITION AS ABOVE OF PERMANENTLY AND TOTALLY DISABLED. AN APPLICATION FOR REDUCTION BASED UPON A DISABILITY CERTIFIED AS PERMANENT AND TOTAL BY A STATE OR FEDERAL AGENCY HAV-ING THE FUNCTION OF SO'CLASSIFYING PERSONS SHALL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CERTIFI-CATE FROM THAT AGENCY."

In accordance with the above noted statutes, I (we) hereby certify that_ Mr. Kudolph Towns _ is totally and permanently disabled by virtue of

(A) physical disability or (A) mental disability.

12-11-84 DATE

LICENSE NO. 21963 - Ohio

Please print name and address of person signing this certif icate

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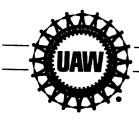
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This application must be completed and must be attached to the Water Homeste application.

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May 21, 2008

Rudolph Towns 5733 SW 18th Street Apartment B Hollywood, Florida 33023

Dear Brother Towns:

Your February 18, 2008 letter to UAW President Ron Gettelfinger was referred to Cal Rapson, Vice President and Director of the UAW General Motors Department and assigned to me for investigation and response.

After reviewing your files, I noticed that you have a lengthy history of contacting both the Union and General Motors Corporation concerning the injury you received in 1965. You must contact General Motors Corporation for the medical files and nature of Total and Permanent Disability (T&PD). Again, this matter is closed.

If I can be of any further assistance, don't hesitate to contact me at (313) 926-5594.

Fraternally,

Darrell Shepard International Representative Benefit Plans Section UAW General Motors Department

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cc: Garry Bernath Ron Gettelfinger Mike Grimes Cal Rapson David Shoemaker

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RE: SOLIDARITY HOUSE

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DETROIT, MI 48214

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM FILING THIS PETITION HOPING TO GAIN YOUR CONSIDERATION FOR HUMANE REASONS AND YOUR SENSE OF DIGNITY.

THIS PETITION CONCERNS A MR. RUDOLPH TOWNES, WHO ACCORDING WHO ACCORDIN G TO OUR RECORDS SUFFERED A CONCUSSION AFTER BEING HIT IN THE HEAD BY A WHEEL HOUSING THAT FELL ON HIM.

LUNDERSTAND THAT HE WAS UNCONSCIOUS WHEN HE ARRIVED AT THE HOSPITAL LOCATED ON HURON AND TERRACE ROADS. RECORDS SHOW THAT HIS SKULL WAS FRACTURED IN THREE DIFFERENRT PLACES. ALSO, DUE TO HIS CONDITION HE WAS UNABLE TO FURNISH PRECISE AND ACCURATE INFORM, ATION PRIOR TO LEAVING THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT AT THE PLANT.

WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY AND ALL INFORMATION THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO FURNISH RELATIVE TO THIS INCIDENT. THE CASE ORIGINATED IN 1965. WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT HE WAS EVER COMPENSATED FOR THESE INJURIES AND THE DAMAGE HE INCURRED WHILE ON THE JOB.

BEING A UNION MEMBER, HIS DUES WERE PAID UP TO DATE. I CONCUR THAT HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN PAID WITHOUT PREJUDICE AND DISCRIMINATION. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THIS MATTER IS BEING PREPARED FOR LEGAL ACTIONS IF WE DEEM IT APPROPRIATE. YOUR RESPONSE DETERMINES THIS.

THAN KING YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR COOPERATION. I WILL REMAIN,

RESPECTFULLY YOURS.

JAMES JONES

You have been sued in the court of law. If you wish to defend against the claims set fort in the following pages, you must take action with (20) days after this complaint and notice is served. By entering a written appearance personally, or by attorney, or by filing in writing to the court for your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without further notice. A judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claim in the complaint for any claim or relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money, property, and other rights important to you. You should take this petition to your lawyer at once. If you don't have one, can't afford one contact your nearest bar association.

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Florida Litigation Final Judgment

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA MIAMI DIVISION CASE NO. 08-61115-CIV-COOKE/BANDSTRA

RUDOLPH V. TOWNS,

Plaintiff,

v.

GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION,

Defendant.

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS <u>PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT</u>

THIS CAUSE is before the Court upon Defendant's Motion to Dismiss Plaintiff's Complaint [D.E. 6] filed on November 26, 2008. Defendant argues that, pursuant to Federal Rule 12(b)(6), Plaintiff's complaint should be dismissed. For the reasons stated below, Defendant's Motion to Dismiss is granted.

I. BACKGROUND

Pro se Plaintiff Rudolph Towns ("Plaintiff" or "Towns") filed his complaint [D.E. 1] on July 16, 2008, seeking damages from Defendant General Motors Corporation ("Defendant" or "GM"). The complaint seems to assert that Towns was injured on February 16, 1965, while working for the Fisher Body Division of GM, located in Cleveland, Ohio. Plaintiff alleges that he is entitled to compensatory and punitive damages for his injuries. It is difficult to ascertain what claims Plaintiff is asserting, however, Plaintiff seems to assert claims for negligence and discrimination.

II. LEGAL STANDARD – Motion to Dismiss

"When considering a motion to dismiss, the Court must accept all of the plaintiff's allegations as true in determining whether a plaintiff has stated a claim for which relief could be granted." Holtzman v. B/E Aerospace, Inc., No. 07-80511, 2008 WL 214715, at *1 (S.D. Fla. Jan. 24, 2008) (referring to a Motion to Dismiss filed under Rule 12(b)(6)) (citation omitted). The complaint may be dismissed if the facts as pled do not state a claim for relief that is plausible on its face. See Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly, 127 S.Ct. 1955, 1968-69, 1974 (2007) (abrogating the old "unless it appears beyond a doubt that the plaintiff can prove no set of facts" standard and replacing it with a standard requiring "only enough facts to state a claim to relief that is plausible on its face."); Marsh v. Butler County, Ala., 268 F.3d 1014, 1037 (11th Cir. 2001)("Pleadings must be something more than an ingenious academic exercise in the conceivable.") (en banc) (quoting United States v. Students Challenging Regulatory Ag. Proc., 412 U.S. 669, 688 (1973)). More simply, dismissal is appropriate if the plaintiff has not "nudged [its] claims across the line from conceivable to plausible." Twombly, 127 S.Ct. at 1974. Additionally, pro se pleadings are held to a less stringent standard than pleadings drafted by attorneys and must be liberally construed. Hughes v. Lott, 350 F.3d 1157, 1160 (11th Cir. 2003); see also Faulk v. City of Orlando, 731 F.2d 787, 789-90 (11th Cir. 1984) ("A . . . pro se complaint 'however inartfully pleaded must be held to 'less stringent standards than formal pleadings drafted by lawyers'") (quoting *Estelle v. Gamble*, 429 U.S. 97, 107 (1976)). Although, the pleadings of *pro se* litigants are entitled to liberal construction, "this leniency does not give a court license to serve as de facto counsel for a party or to rewrite an otherwise deficient pleading in order to sustain an action." GJR Investments, Inc. v. County of Escambia, Fla., 132 F.3d 1359, 1369 (11th Cir. 1998).

III. ANALYSIS

Defendant's Motion to Dismiss must be granted pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P. 12(b)(6). "A complaint is \ldots subject to dismissal under Rule 12(b)(6) when its allegations-on their face-show that an affirmative defense bars recovery on the claim." Marsh v. Butler County, Ala., 268 F.3d 1014, 1022 (11th Cir. 2001); see also Jones v. Bock, 549 U.S. 199, 215, (2007) (dicta) (If the allegations, for example, show that relief is barred by the applicable statute of limitations, the complaint is subject to dismissal for failure to state a claim"). Plaintiff's complaint facially reveals that the negligence claim is barred as untimely. Plaintiff's injury occurred in Cleveland Ohio; therefore, the court will look to Ohio tort law to determine whether Plaintiff is facially barred from asserting a negligence action. The relevant provision of Ohio's statute of limitations for personal injury states that, "an action based on a product liability claim and an action for bodily injury or injuring personal property shall be brought within two years after the cause of action accrues." Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 2305.10. Further, the statute of limitations for asserting a negligence claim under Florida law is four years. Fla. Stat. § 95.11(3)(a). Plaintiff asserts that, due to GM's negligence, he was injured in 1965. Clearly, the statute of limitations has expired – Plaintiff's action accrued over forty years ago. Even if Plaintiff could assert the essential elements for a negligence claim, Plaintiff would be barred by the statute of limitations. Thus, Plaintiff cannot assert a negligence claim against GM.

Furthermore, the Ohio Worker's Compensation Act is the exclusive remedy for bodily injuries sustained by Plaintiff while working for Defendant. The relevant provision of Ohio's workers compensation statute states: "Employers who comply . . . shall not be liable to respond in damages at common law or by statute for any injury, or occupational disease, or bodily condition, received or contracted by any employee in the course of or arising out of his

employment" Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 4123.74. Plaintiff received a head injury while working in GM's Fisher Body plant. Ohio has chosen to implement a worker's compensation system that protects an employer from suit if the employer participates in the compensation system. *Blankenship v. Cincinnati Milacron Chemicals, Inc.*, 433 N.E.2d 572, 577 (Ohio 1982). Further, the Ohio Worker's Compensation Act "operates as a balance of mutual compromise between the interests of the employer and the employee whereby employees relinquish their common law remedy and accept lower benefit levels coupled with the greater assurance of recovery and employers give up their common law defenses and are protected from unlimited liability." *Id.* Plaintiff should look to the Ohio Worker's Compensation Act to provide compensation for his bodily injuries, not federal court. Therefore, Plaintiff cannot bring a negligence action against his former employer.

Plaintiff also contends that "this is a clear cut discrimination case." (Pl.'s Compl. at 2). Plaintiff's discrimination claim must also be dismissed. Ohio has differing statute of limitation periods for discrimination claims. The length of the statute of limitation period varies according to the classification of the alleged discrimination. *Compton v. Swan Super Cleaners*, No. 08-CV-002, 2008 WL 1924251, at *3 (S.D. Ohio April 29, 2008). While Ohio has different statute of limitation periods for discrimination, the longest limitation period is six years. *Cully v. St. Augustine Manor*, No. 67601, 1995 WL 237129, at *3 (Ohio App. Dist. April 20, 1995). Further, Florida has a four year statute of limitations period for discrimination claims brought under a state statute. Fla. Stat. § 95.11(3)(f). Plaintiff seems to suggest that he was discriminated against due to his injury, which occurred in 1965. Therefore, even if the discrimination claim is viewed in the light most favorable to Plaintiff, a six year period, the claim is still time barred. Plaintiff has also failed to allege facts sufficient to support a discrimination claim. While the Court understands why a negligence claim is asserted, Plaintiff offers no factual support for a claim of discrimination. A plaintiff's complaint must set forth more than conclusory allegations and unfounded factual inferences. *Jackson v. BellSouth Telecommunications*, 372 F.3d 1250, 1262 (11th Cir. 2004); *see also Brennan v. Cambridge Mun. Court*, No. 96-3485, 1998 WL 91801 at *2 (6th Cir. 1998) (affirming the district court's dismissal of *pro se* Plaintiff's complaint on the basis that the complaint failed to offer factual support of discrimination). Plaintiff's complaint does not state any facts which support the discrimination claim. Thus, Plaintiff fails to bring a cause of action for discrimination.

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, Defendant's Motion to Dismiss [D.E. 6], pursuant to Federal Rule 12(b)(6), is **GRANTED**. All pending motions are **DENIED as moot** and the Clerk is instructed to **CLOSE the case**.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Florida, this 21st day of April 2009.

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MARCIA G. COOKE United States District Judge

Copies to: Honorable Ted E. Bandstra All counsel of record

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