UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re

Chapter 15

ARCTIC GLACIER INTERNATIONAL INC., :

Case No. 12-10605 (KG)

et al.,

(Jointly Administered)

Debtors in a Foreign Proceeding.

Hearing Date: July 17, 2012, at 10:00 AM Objections Due: July 11, 2012, extended to July 17, 2012 at 9:00 AM

LIMITED OBJECTION BY THE UNITED STATES TO THE MONITOR'S U.S. SALE MOTION

The United States, by and through the United States Attorney's Offices for the District of Delaware and the Southern District of Ohio, by and through the undersigned attorneys, objects to the Monitor's Motion, Pursuant to Sections 105(a), 363, 1501, 1520, and 1521 of the Bankruptcy Code, and Bankruptcy Rules 2002, 6004, and 9014, for Entry of an Order (I) Recognizing and Enforcing the CCAA Vesting Order, (II) Authorizing and Approving the Sale of Substantially All of the Debtors' Assets Free and Clear of Any and All Liens, Claims, Encumbrances, and Other Interests, (III) Authorizing Assignment of Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases, and (IV) Granting Related Relief ("Sale Motion") and avers as follows:

BACKGROUND

On February 22, 2012, the Debtors commenced the Canadian Proceeding, and the Canadian Court entered an initial order (including any extensions, amendments, or modifications thereto, the "Initial Order"), pursuant to the CCAA, providing various forms of relief thereunder, including, but not limited to a stay of all proceedings against or concerning property of the Debtors. On February 22, 2012 (the "Petition Date"), the Monitor commenced these proceedings by filing verified petitions on behalf of the Debtors, pursuant to sections 1504 and



1515 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), seeking recognition by this Court of the Canadian Proceeding as a foreign main proceeding under chapter 15 of the Bankruptcy Code. On March 16, 2012, this Court entered the *Order Granting Recognition of Foreign Main Proceeding and Certain Related Relief* [Docket No. 70] (the "Recognition Order"). Pursuant to the Recognition Order, this Court (a) granted recognition of the Canadian Proceeding as a foreign main proceeding under section 1517 of the Bankruptcy Code, and (b) enforced in full the Initial Order on a permanent basis in the United States.

On June 21, the Canadian Court entered the CCAA Vesting Order, pursuant to which the Canadian Court authorized and approved the sale free and clear of all Claims and Encumbrances, except as otherwise set forth in the Purchase Agreement. On June 26, 2012, the Monitor filed the U.S. Sale Motion, requesting that this Court: (a) recognize and enforce the CCAA Vesting Order; (b) authorize and approve pursuant to section 363(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, the sale of the Debtors' right, title, and interest in and to the Purchased Assets to the Purchaser, free and clear of all Interests, except as otherwise provided in the Purchase Agreement; (c) authorize and approve, to the extent provided for in the CCAA Vesting Order, the assignment of the Assigned Contracts (as defined in the Purchase Agreement); and (d) grant certain related relief, including payment of the Lender Claims.

On October 13, 2009, Arctic Glacier International, Inc. ("AGII"), one of the Debtors, and the Antitrust Division of the Department of Justice ("Antitrust Division") entered into an agreement by which AGII pleaded guilty to one charge of market allocation in southeast Michigan and the Detroit, Michigan metropolitan area, in violation of the Sherman Antitrust Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1, and agreed to pay a \$9,000,000 fine in installments over five (5) years, thereby settling all charges (the "Plea Agreement"). The Plea Agreement was accepted by the United

States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio on February 11, 2010, and its terms have been reflected in a judgment dated March 3, 2010, in case no. CR-1-09-149 (the "Judgment").

As a result of the Judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 3613, the United States obtained a lien against all of the assets of AGII and the DOJ filed a notice of lien concerning the Judgment in Dakota County, State of Minnesota, on August 9, 2010 (the "Notice of Lien"). As of the Petition Date, AGII had not paid \$7,000,000 of the fine amount set forth in the Judgment (the "Unpaid Fine").

The United States has been diligently negotiating with counsel for the Monitor and debtors' counsel and the parties have reached agreement on all of the issues except one. The issue involves the level of participation of the United States in the process of the termination or modification of the Judgment upon payment by the Monitor of the Unpaid Fine.

ARGUMENT

As a result of the Plea Agreement, the District Court for the Southern District of Ohio sentenced AGII to a probation of five years which is reflected in the Judgment. The Judgment is an order of the District Court. The Judgment may be modified pursuant to 18 U.S.C Section 3563(c) and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.1. Section 3563(c) provides that "The court may modify, reduce, or enlarge the conditions of a sentence of probation at any time prior to the expiration or termination of the term of probation, pursuant to the provisions to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure relating to the modification of probation and the provisions applicable to the initial setting of the conditions of probation." The relevant Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure, Rule 32.1, provides a mechanism for requesting a modification of the Court's Order. In general, a hearing on the request for modification of the probation is not required if certain conditions are met. One of those conditions is that "an attorney for the government has received notice of the relief sought, has had a reasonable opportunity to object,

and has not done so". The Monitor is seeking a representation from the United States that upon payment of the Unpaid Fine, the United States will affirmatively support and actively seek the modification of the debtor's probation period. The United States objects to this request because it would represent a deviation from normal policy which the undersigned does not have the authority to approve. Moreover, this Court lacks jurisdiction to order the United States to take any action in a criminal proceeding.

The United States also objects to the provisions in Paragraph 23 of the proposed order approving the Sale Motion (U.S. Sale Order"). That paragraph provides that "Notwithstanding any provision in the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure to the contrary: (a) the terms of the U.S. Sale Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry; (b) the Debtors, the Purchaser, and the Monitor are not subject to any stay in implementation, enforcement or realization of the relief granted in the U.S. Sale Order; and (c) the Debtors, the Purchaser, and the Monitor may, in their discretion and without further delay, take any action and perform any act authorized under the CCAA Vesting Order and/or the U.S. Sale Order."

The United States objects to the proposed relief granted in paragraph 23 because it provides that the Sale Order shall be effective and enforceable immediately upon entry. By including this provision in the U.S. Sale Order, the appeal rights of the United States are being circumvented. Pursuant to Rules 6004(h), 6006(d) and 7062 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, unless otherwise ordered by the Court, there is an automatic fourteen day stay imposed from the date of the entry of the order. Under the Monitor's proposed language, if the United States is unable to immediately obtain a hearing before the appropriate Court to seek a stay, its appeal may be contended to be moot. Particularly in light of the fact that the appellant in

this case would be a government component, with a chain of command to be consulted, this unilateral ability of the debtor and the purchaser to truncate the stay period would be unfair and prejudicial to the United States.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that the Court deny the relief requested in the Sale Motion to the extent of its limited objection and grant such other relief as the Court deems necessary and just.

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