

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

EMERALD OIL, INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 16-10704 (KG)

(Jointly Administered)

**NOTICE OF DEADLINES FOR THE FILING OF
(I) PROOFS OF CLAIM, INCLUDING REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 503(B)(9) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE,
(II) ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMS, AND (III) REJECTION DAMAGES CLAIMS**

**TO: ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WHO MAY HAVE CLAIMS AGAINST ANY OF
THE FOLLOWING DEBTOR ENTITIES:**

DEBTOR	CASE NO.
Emerald Oil, Inc.	16-10704 (KG)
Emerald DB, LLC	16-10705 (KG)
Emerald NWB, LLC	16-10706 (KG)
Emerald WB LLC	16-10707 (KG)
EOX Marketing, LLC	16-10708 (KG)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

On March 22, 2016 (the “Petition Date”), Emerald Oil, Inc. and certain of its affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”).

On June 6, 2016 the Court entered an order [Docket No. 364] (the “Bar Date Order”)² establishing certain dates by which parties holding prepetition claims against the Debtors must file (a) proofs of claim (“Proofs of Claim”), including claims by governmental units, claims arising under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, and Rejection Damages Claims, and (b) request for payment of Administrative Claims.

For your convenience, enclosed with this notice (this “Notice”) is a Proof of Claim form, which identifies on its face the amount, nature, and classification of your claim(s), if any, listed in the Debtors’

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, include: Emerald Oil, Inc. (9000); Emerald DB, LLC (2933); Emerald NWB, LLC (7528); Emerald WB LLC (8929); and EOX Marketing, LLC (4887). The location of the Debtors’ service address is: 200 Columbine Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80206.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Bar Date Order.

schedules of assets and liabilities filed in these cases (the “Schedules”). If the Debtors believe that you hold claims against more than one Debtor, you will receive multiple Proof of Claim forms, each of which will reflect the nature and amount of your claim as listed in the Schedules.

As used in this Notice, the term “entity” has the meaning given to it in section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code, and includes all persons, estates, trusts, governmental units, and the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware. In addition, the terms “persons” and “governmental units” are defined in sections 101(41) and 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code, respectively.

As used in this Notice, the term “claim” means, as to or against the Debtors and in accordance with section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code: (a) any right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, or unsecured; or (b) any right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured, or unsecured.

I. THE BAR DATES.

The Bar Date Order establishes the following bar dates for filing Proofs of Claim in these chapter 11 cases (the “Bar Dates”).

- a. **The Claims Bar Date.** Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, except as described below, all entities holding claims against the Debtors that arose or are deemed to have arisen prior to the commencement of these cases on the Petition Date, **including requests for payment pursuant to section 503(b)(9), are required to file Proofs of Claim by the Claims Bar Date (i.e., by July 15, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time).** The Claims Bar Date applies to all types of claims against the Debtors that arose prior to the Petition Date, including secured claims, unsecured priority claims, and unsecured non-priority claims.
- b. **The Governmental Bar Date.** Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, **all governmental units holding claims against the Debtors that arose or are deemed to have arisen prior to the commencement of these cases on the Petition Date are required to file proofs of claim by the Governmental Bar Date (i.e., by September 19, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time).** The Governmental Bar Date applies to all governmental units holding claims against the Debtors (whether secured, unsecured priority, or unsecured non-priority) that arose prior to the Petition Date, including, without limitation, governmental units with claims against the Debtors for unpaid taxes, whether such claims arise from prepetition tax years or periods or prepetition transactions to which the Debtors were a party.
- c. **The Administrative Claims Bar Date.** Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, all claimants holding Administrative Claims against the Debtors’ estates arising between the Petition Date and July 1, 2016 (the “Administrative Claims Deadline”), excluding claims for fees and expenses of professionals retained in these proceedings and claims asserting priority pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, **are required to file a request for payment of such**

Administrative Claim with the Court and, if desired, a notice of hearing on such Administrative Claim by the Administrative Claims Bar Date (i.e., on or before July 15, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time).

- d. **The Amended Schedules Bar Date.** Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, all parties asserting claims against the Debtors' estates that are affected by a previously unfiled Schedule or amendment or supplement to the Schedules **are required to file Proofs of Claim so that such Proofs of Claim are actually received by the Claims and Noticing Agent by the Amended Schedules Bar Date (i.e., by the later of (a) the Claims Bar Date or the Governmental Bar Date, as applicable, or (b) 5:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on the date that is 21 days from the date on which the Debtors provide notice of such filing, amendment or supplement).**
- e. **The Rejection Damages Bar Date.** Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, all parties asserting claims against the Debtors' estates arising from the Debtors' rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease **are required to file Proofs of Claim with respect to such rejection so that such Proofs of Claim are actually received by the Claims and Noticing Agent by the Rejection Damages Bar Date (i.e., by the later of (a) the Claims Bar Date or the Governmental Bar Date, as applicable, or (b) 5:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on the date that is 21 days following entry of an order approving such rejection).**

II. WHO MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM OR ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMS.

Except as otherwise set forth herein, the following entities holding claims against the Debtors that arose (or that are deemed to have arisen) prior to the Petition Date must file Proofs of Claim or Administrative Claims on or before the applicable Bar Date:

- a. any person or entity whose claim against a Debtor is ***not*** listed in the applicable Debtor's Schedules or is listed in such Schedules as "contingent," "unliquidated," or "disputed" if such person or entity desires to participate in any of these chapter 11 cases or share in any distribution in any of these chapter 11 cases;
- b. any person or entity who believes that its claim is improperly classified in the Schedules or is listed in an incorrect amount and who desires to have its claim allowed in a different classification or amount other than that identified in the Schedules;
- c. any person or entity that believes that its prepetition claims as listed in the Schedules is not an obligation of the specific Debtor against which the claim is listed and that desires to have its claim allowed against a Debtor other than that identified in the Schedules;
- d. any entity who believes that its claim against a Debtor is or may be an administrative expense that arises between the Petition Date and July 1, 2016 (excluding claims for fees and expenses of professionals retained in these proceedings and claims asserting priority pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code); and

- e. any entity who believes that its claim against a Debtor is or may be entitled to priority under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code.

III. PARTIES WHO DO NOT NEED TO FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM OR ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIMS.

Certain parties are not required to file Proofs of Claim. The Court may, however, enter one or more separate orders at a later time requiring creditors to file Proofs of Claim for some kinds of the following claims and setting related deadlines. If the Court does enter such an order, you will receive notice of it. The following entities holding claims that would otherwise be subject to the Bar Dates need *not* file Proofs of Claims:

- a. any person or entity that already has filed a signed Proof of Claim against the respective Debtor(s) with the Clerk of the Court or with Donlin Recano in a form substantially similar to Official Form 410;
- b. any person or entity whose claim is listed on the Schedules if: (i) the claim is *not* scheduled as any of “disputed,” “contingent,” or “unliquidated;” (ii) such person or entity agrees with the amount, nature, and priority of the claim as set forth in the Schedules; and (iii) such person or entity does not dispute that its claim is an obligation only of the specific Debtor against which the claim is listed in the Schedules;
- c. any person or entity whose claim has previously been allowed by order of the Court;
- d. any person or entity whose claim has been paid in full by the Debtors pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code or in accordance with an order of the Court;
- e. any Debtor having a claim against another Debtor;
- f. any person or entity whose claim is solely against any of the Debtors’ non-Debtor affiliates (if any);
- g. any person or entity whose claim is based on an equity interest in any of the Debtors; *provided* that any holder of an equity interest who wishes to assert a claim against the Debtors, including a claim relating to such equity interest or the purchase or sale of such interest, must file a proof of claim asserting such claim on or prior to the Claims Bar Date pursuant to procedures set forth herein;
- h. a current employee of the Debtors, if an order of this Court authorized the Debtors to honor such claim in the ordinary course of business as a wage, commission, or benefit; *provided* that a current employee must submit a Proof of Claim by the Claims Bar Date for all other claims arising before the Petition Date, including claims for wrongful termination, discrimination, harassment, hostile work environment, and/or retaliation;
- i. any current officer, director, or employee for claims based on indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement;

- j. any person or entity holding a claim for which a separate deadline is fixed by this Court;
- k. any holder of a claim for repayment of outstanding principal or interest arising under, or with respect to, those certain 2.0 percent Convertible Senior Notes pursuant to an Indenture dated March 24, 2019 between Emerald Oil, Inc. and U.S. Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee (the “Notes”, and each holder thereof, a “Noteholder”); *provided* that (i) the foregoing exclusion shall not apply to the indenture trustee under the indenture pursuant to which the Notes were issued (the “Indenture Trustee”); (ii) the Indenture Trustee shall be required to file one proof of claim on or before the Claims Bar Date for principal, interest, other applicable fees and charges and/or any other amounts due in respect of, or on account of, the Notes, which Proof of Claim shall have the same effect as if each applicable Noteholder had individually filed a Proof of Claim against each applicable Debtor on account of such Noteholder’s claims arising under the Indenture; *provided* that the Indenture Trustee shall not be required to file with its Proof of Claim any instruments, agreements, or other documents evidencing the obligations referenced in such Proof of Claim, which instruments, agreements, or other documents will be provided upon written request to counsel for the Indenture Trustee; and (iii) any Noteholder that wishes to assert a claim arising out of or related to the Notes, other than a claim for repayment of outstanding prepetition principal and interest thereunder, shall be required to file a Proof of Claim on or before the Claims Bar Date; and
- l. the Pre-Petition Agent and the Pre-Petition Lenders and the Post-Petition Agent and the Post-Petition Lenders (as defined in the *Final Agreed Order Authorizing Limited Use of Cash Collateral, Obtaining Post-Petition Credit Secured by Senior Liens, Granting Adequate Protection to Existing Lienholders, and Granting Related Relief* (the “Final DIP Order”) [Docket No. 287] for claims arising from, in connection with, or relating to the Pre-Petition Claim Documents or the DIP Facility Documents, as applicable.

IV. INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM.

The following requirements shall apply with respect to filing and preparing each Proof of Claim:

- a. **Contents.** Each Proof of Claim must: (i) be written in English; (ii) include a claim amount denominated in United States dollars; (iii) conform substantially with the Proof of Claim Form provided by the Debtors or Official Form 410; and (iv) be signed by the claimant or by an authorized agent or legal representative of the claimant.
- b. **Section 503(b)(9) Claim.** Any Proof of Claim asserting a claim entitled to priority under section 503(b)(9) must also: (i) include the value of the goods delivered to and received by the Debtors in the 20 days prior to the Petition Date; (ii) attach any documentation identifying the particular invoices for which the 503(b)(9) claim is being asserted; and (iii) attach documentation of any reclamation demand made to the Debtors under section 546(c) of the Bankruptcy Code (if applicable).

- c. **Original Signatures Required.** Only *original* Proofs of Claim may be deemed acceptable for purposes of claims administration. Copies of Proofs of Claim or Proofs of Claim sent by facsimile or electronic mail will not be accepted.
- d. **Identification of the Debtor Entity.** Each Proof of Claim must clearly identify the Debtor against which a claim is asserted, including the individual Debtor's case number. A Proof of Claim filed under the joint administration case number (No. 16-10704 (KG)) or otherwise without identifying a specific Debtor, will be deemed as filed only against Emerald Oil, Inc.
- e. **Claim Against Multiple Debtor Entities.** Each Proof of Claim must state a claim against *only one* Debtor and clearly indicate the Debtor against which the claim is asserted. To the extent more than one Debtor is listed on the Proof of Claim, such claim may be treated as if filed only against the first-listed Debtor.
- f. **Supporting Documentation.** Each Proof of Claim must include supporting documentation in accordance with Bankruptcy Rules 3001(c) and 3001(d). If, however, such documentation is voluminous, upon prior written consent of Debtors' counsel, such Proof of Claim may include a summary of such documentation or an explanation as to why such documentation is not available; *provided* that any creditor that received such written consent shall be required to transmit such writings to Debtors' counsel upon request no later than 10 days from the date of such request.
- g. **Timely Service.** Each Proof of Claim must be filed, including supporting documentation, so as to be *actually received* by Donlin Recano on or before the applicable Bar Date (or, where applicable, on or before any other bar date as set forth herein or by order of the Court) at the following addresses:

If by U.S. Mail:

Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc.
Re: Emerald Oil, Inc., *et al.*
P.O. Box 899
Madison Square Station
New York, NY 10010

If by hand or overnight delivery:

Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc.
Re: Emerald Oil, Inc., *et al.*
6201 15th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11219

PROOFS OF CLAIM SUBMITTED BY FACSIMILE OR ELECTRONIC MAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

- h. **Receipt of Service.** Claimants wishing to receive acknowledgment that their Proofs of Claim were received by Donlin Recano must submit (i) a copy of the

Proof of Claim Form (in addition to the original Proof of Claim Form sent to Donlin Recano) and (ii) a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

V. CONSEQUENCES OF FAILING TO TIMELY FILE YOUR PROOF OF CLAIM OR ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM.

Pursuant to the Bar Date Order and in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 3003(c)(2), upon confirmation of a chapter 11 plan, if you or any party or entity who is required, but fails, to file a Proof of Claim or Administrative Claim in accordance with the Bar Date Order on or before the applicable Bar Date, please be advised that:

- a. YOU WILL BE FOREVER BARRED, ESTOPPED, AND ENJOINED FROM ASSERTING SUCH CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS (OR FILING A PROOF OF CLAIM WITH RESPECT THERETO);
- b. THE DEBTORS AND THEIR PROPERTY SHALL BE FOREVER DISCHARGED FROM ANY AND ALL INDEBTEDNESS OR LIABILITY WITH RESPECT TO OR ARISING FROM SUCH CLAIM;
- c. YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY DISTRIBUTION IN THESE CHAPTER 11 CASES ON ACCOUNT OF THAT CLAIM; AND
- d. YOU WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO VOTE ON ANY PLAN OR PLANS OF REORGANIZATION FOR THE DEBTORS ON ACCOUNT OF THESE BARRED CLAIMS OR RECEIVE FURTHER NOTICES REGARDING SUCH CLAIM.

VI. AMENDMENTS TO THE DEBTORS' SCHEDULES

If, subsequent to the date of this Notice, the Debtors amend or supplement their Schedules to reduce the undisputed, noncontingent, and liquidated amount of a claim listed in the Schedules, to change the nature or classification of a claim against the Debtors reflected in the Schedules, or to add a new claim to the Schedules, the affected creditor is required to file a Proof of Claim or amend any previously filed Proof of Claim in respect of the amended scheduled claim on or before the later of (a) the Claims Bar Date or the Governmental Bar Date, as applicable to such claim and (b) 5:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time on the date that is 21 days after the date that on which the Debtors provide notice of the amendment to the Schedules (or another time period as may be fixed by the Court) as the date by which claimants holding claims affected by the amendment must file Proofs of Claim with respect to such claim (any such date, an "Amended Schedules Bar Date").

VII. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS.

Nothing contained in this Notice is intended to or should be construed as a waiver of the Debtors' right to: (a) dispute, or assert offsets or defenses against, any filed claim or any claim listed or reflected in the Schedules as to the nature, amount, liability, or classification thereof; (b) subsequently designate any scheduled claim as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated; and (c) otherwise amend or supplement the Schedules.

VIII. THE DEBTORS' SCHEDULES AND ACCESS THERETO.

You may be listed as the holder of a claim against one or more of the Debtor entities in the Debtors' Schedules. To determine if and how you are listed on the Schedules, please refer to the descriptions set forth on the enclosed proof of claim forms regarding the nature, amount, and status of your claim(s). If the Debtors believe that you may hold claims against more than one Debtor entity, you will receive multiple proof of claim forms, each of which will reflect the nature and amount of your claim against one Debtor entity, as listed in the Schedules.

If you rely on the Debtors' Schedules, it is your responsibility to determine that the claim is accurately listed in the Schedules. However, you may rely on the enclosed form, which sets forth: (a) the amount of your claim (if any) as scheduled; (b) identifies the Debtor entity against which it is scheduled; (c) specifies whether your claim is listed in the Schedules as "contingent," "unliquidated," or "disputed; and (d) identifies whether your claim is scheduled as a secured, unsecured priority, or unsecured non-priority claim.

As described above, if you agree with the nature, amount, and status of your claim as listed in the Debtors' Schedules, and if you do not dispute that your claim is only against the Debtor entity specified by the Debtors, and if your claim is not described as "disputed," "contingent," or "unliquidated," you need **not** file a proof of claim. Otherwise, or if you decide to file a proof of claim, you must do so before the applicable Bar Date in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Notice.

IX. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Copies of the Debtors' Schedules, the Bar Date Order, and other information regarding these chapter 11 cases are available for inspection free of charge on Donlin Recano's website at <http://www.donlinrecano.com/emerald>. The Schedules and other filings in these chapter 11 cases also are available for a fee at the Court's website at <http://www.deb.uscourts.gov>. A login identification and password to the Court's Public Access to Court Electronic Records ("PACER") are required to access this information and can be obtained through the PACER Service Center at <http://www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov>. Copies of the Schedules and other documents filed in these cases also may be examined between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, at the office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 824 Market Street, 3rd Floor, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

If you require additional information regarding the filing of a proof of claim, you may contact the Debtors' claims agent, Donlin Recano, directly by writing to: Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc., Re: Emerald Oil, Inc., *et al.*, P.O. Box 899, Madison Square Station, New York, NY 10010 or contact the Debtors' restructuring hotline at: 877-208-9515 (toll free).

A HOLDER OF A POSSIBLE CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY REGARDING ANY MATTERS NOT COVERED BY THIS NOTICE, SUCH AS WHETHER THE HOLDER SHOULD FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM.

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