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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:	)	Chapter 11
REPUBLIC METALS REFINING CORPORATION, et al., <sup>1</sup>	)	Case No. 18-13359 (SHL)
Debtors.	) ) )	(Jointly Administered)

NOTICE OF DEADLINE REQUIRING SUBMISSION OF PROOFS OF 503(b)(9) CLAIM ON OR BEFORE APRIL 12, 2019 AND RELATED PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING 503(b)(9) CLAIMS IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED CHAPTER 11 CASES

TO: ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WITH CLAIMS AGAINST ANY DEBTOR LISTED ON PAGE 2 OF THIS NOTICE IN THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED CHAPTER 11 CASES.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT** the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court") has entered an order (the "503(b)(9) Claims Bar Date Order") establishing <u>5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 12, 2019</u> (the "503(b)(9) Claims Bar Date") as the last date for Vendors to submit a Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim against any of the Debtors listed below (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>"). A copy of the 503(b)(9) Claims Bar Date Order, and any exhibits thereto are available (i) at the Debtors' expense upon request to Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc. (the "Claims and Noticing Agent" retained in the chapter 11 cases) by calling (212) 771-1128, or (ii) for no charge by visiting the Claims and Noticing Agent's website at

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, include: Republic Metals Refining Corporation, 15 West 47th Street, Suites 206 and 209, New York, NY 10036 (3194), Republic Metals Corporation, 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (4378), Republic Carbon Company, LLC, 5295 Northwest 163rd Street, Miami Gardens, FL 33014 (5833), Republic High Tech Metals, LLC, 13001 NW 38 Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (6102), RMC Diamonds, LLC, 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (1507), RMC2, LLC, 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (4696), J & L Republic LLC, 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (7604); R & R Metals, LLC, 12900 NW 38th Avenue, Miami, FL 33054 (7848), Republic Metals Trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., 276 Ningbo Road, Huangpu District, Shanghai, P.R. 200001 China (1639), and Republic Trans Mexico Metals, S.R.L., Francisco I. Madero No. 55 Piso 5, Local 409, Centro Joyero Edificio Central, Delegación Cuauhtémoc, Mexico DF 6000 (2942).

https://www.donlinrecano.com/republicmetals, or (iii) for a fee via PACER by visiting http://ecf.nysb.uscourts.gov.

The 503(b)(9) Claims Bar Date Order requires that all Vendors holding or wishing to assert a 503(b)(9) Claim that arose or is deemed to have arisen prior to **November 2, 2018** for Republic Metals Refining Corporation, Republic Metals Corporation, and Republic Carbon Company, LLC; and **November 21, 2018** for Republic High Tech Metals, LLC, RMC Diamonds, LLC, J&L Republic, LLC, R&R Metals, LLC, Republic Metals Trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., and Republic Trans Mexico Metals, S.R.L. (the "**Petition Dates**") against the Debtors to submit a Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim so as to be actually received by Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc. on or before **5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 12, 2019**.

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 submit a Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim.

#### **DEBTORS IN THE CHAPTER 11 CASES**

	Federal Tax	
Debtor Name	Identification Number	Case Number
Republic Metals Refining Corporation	65-0853194	18-13359
Republic Metals Corporation	59-2024378	18-13360
Republic Carbon Company, LLC	82-1295833	18-13361
Republic High Tech Metals, LLC	82-2026102	18-13638
RMC Diamonds, LLC	45-1481507	18-13639
RMC2, LLC	27-3284696	18-13641
J & L Republic LLC	46-5737604	18-13642
R & R Metals, LLC	46-5747848	18-13643
Republic Trans Mexico Metals, S.R.L.	98-1182942	18-13644
Republic Metals Trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.	36-4861639	18-13645

<u>Section 503(b)(9) Claims.</u> Vendors and suppliers of goods may be entitled to request an administrative priority Claim under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code to the extent they delivered, and the Debtor received, goods within the twenty (20) day period prior to the Petition Dates.

#### WHAT TO SUBMIT

The Court has deemed the submission of a Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim as satisfying the procedural requirements for asserting such a Claim under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code.

The Debtors are enclosing a Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim form for use in the cases. You may utilize the Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim form(s) provided by the Debtors to submit your 503(b)(9) Claim.

Your Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim form must not contain complete social security numbers or taxpayer identification numbers (only the last four digits), a complete birth date (only the

year), the name of a minor (only the minor's initials) or a financial account number (only the last four digits of such financial account).

Additional Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim forms may be obtained by contacting the Debtors' Claims and Noticing Agent, Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc., by calling (212) 771-1128 and/or visiting the Claims and Noticing Agent's website at: https://www.donlinrecano.com/republicmetals.

The following procedures for the submission of Proofs of Claim against the Debtors in the chapter 11 cases shall apply:

- a) Any Vendor asserting a 503(b)(9) Claim must prepare a proof of claim (a "Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim") that sets forth (i) the value of the Goods the Vendor contends the Debtors received within twenty (20) days before the Commencement Date; (ii) documentation, including invoices, receipts, bills of lading, and the like, identifying the particular Goods for which the claim is being asserted; (iii) documentation regarding which Debtor the Goods were shipped to, the date the Goods were received by such Debtor, and the alleged value of such Goods; and (iv) a statement indicating (I) whether the value of such Goods listed in the Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim represents a combination of services and Goods, (II) the percentage of value related to services and related to Goods, and (III) whether the Vendor has filed any other claim against any Debtor regarding the Goods underlying its Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim;
- b) Each Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim must: (i) be written in English; (ii) include a 503(b)(9) Claim amount denominated in United States dollars; (iii) conform substantially with the Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim Form provided by the Debtors or Official Form 410; (iv) be signed by the Vendor or by an authorized agent or legal representative of the Vendor; and (v) include supporting documentation unless voluminous, in which case a summary must be attached or an explanation provided as to why documentation is not available;
- c) Vendors who wish to receive proof of receipt of their Proofs of 503(b)(9) Claim from the Claims and Noticing Agent must also include with their Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim a copy of their Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim and a self-addressed, stamped envelope;

- d) Each Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim must specify by name and case number the Debtor against which the 503(b)(9) Claim is submitted. A Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim submitted under Case No. 18-13359 or that does not identify a Debtor will be deemed as submitted only against Republic Metals Refining Corporation. A Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim that names a subsidiary Debtor but is submitted under the Case No. 18-13359 will be treated as having been submitted against the subsidiary Debtor with a notation that a discrepancy in the submission exists:
- e) If the holder asserts a 503(b)(9) Claim against more than one Debtor or has 503(b)(9) Claims against different Debtors, a separate Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim form must be submitted with respect to each Debtor;
- f) **Receipt of Service**. Any Vendor wishing to receive acknowledgment that Donlin Recano received its Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim must submit (i) a copy of the Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim Form (in addition to the original Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim Form sent to Donlin Recano) and (ii) a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

#### WHEN AND WHERE TO SUBMIT

Each Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim, including supporting documentation, must be submitted so that the 503(b)(9) Claims and Noticing Agent *actually receives* the Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim on or before the 503(b)(9) Bar Date by either: (i) electronically using the interface available on the Claims and Noticing Agent's website at https://www.donlinrecano.com/clients/rmetals/fileclaim or (ii) first-class U.S. Mail, overnight mail, or other hand-delivery system, which Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim must include an *original* signature, at one of the following addresses:

If delivered by	Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc.
first-class U.S.	Re: Republic Metals Refining Corporation, et al.
mail:	503(b)(9) POC
	P.O. Box 199043
	Blythebourne Station
	Brooklyn, NY 11219
If delivered by	Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc.
hand delivery or	Re: Republic Metals Refining Corporation, et al.
overnight mail:	503(b)(9) POC
	6201 15th Avenue
	Brooklyn, NY 11219

# PROOFS OF CLAIM SUBMITTED BY FACSIMILE OR ELECTRONIC MAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AND WILL NOT BE DEEMED TIMELY SUBMITTED.

THIS NOTICE IS BEING SENT TO MANY PERSONS AND ENTITIES THAT HAVE HAD SOME RELATIONSHIP WITH OR HAVE DONE BUSINESS WITH THE DEBTORS BUT MAY NOT HAVE AN UNPAID 503(b)(9) CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS. THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS NOTICE DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU HAVE A 503(b)(9) CLAIM OR THAT THE DEBTORS OR THIS COURT BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE ANY CLAIM.

#### **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 submitted 503(b)(9) Claim or any 503(b)(9) Claim listed or reflected in the Debtors' Schedules of Assets and Liabilities and/or Schedules of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases as to the nature, amount, liability or classification thereof; (b) subsequently designate any scheduled 503(b)(9) Claim as disputed, contingent or unliquidated; and (c) otherwise amend the Schedules.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have any questions regarding the claims process and/or if you wish to obtain a copy of the 503(b)(9) Claims Bar Date Order (which contains a more detailed description of the requirements for submitting proofs of claim), a Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim Form or related documents, you may do so by visiting the Claims and Noticing Agent's website at https://www.donlinrecano.com/republicmetals, or contacting the Claims and Noticing Agent by calling (212) 771-1128 and/or writing to the following addresses: (a) by first-class mail, hand delivery or overnight mail - Republic Metals Refining Corporation c/o Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc., 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11219. Please note that the Claims and Noticing Agent cannot advise you how to submit, or whether you should submit, a Proof of 503(b)(9) Claim.

### CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO SUBMIT A PROOF OF 503(b)(9) CLAIM BY THE 503(b)(9) BAR DATE

ANY VENDOR WHO IS REQUIRED, BUT FAILS, TO SUBMIT A PROOF OF 503(b)(9) CLAIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 503(b)(9) CLAIMS BAR DATE ORDER ON OR BEFORE THE APPLICABLE 503(b)(9) CLAIMS BAR DATE SHALL BE FOREVER BARRED, ESTOPPED AND ENJOINED FROM ASSERTING SUCH 503(b)(9) CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTORS (OR SUBMITTING A PROOF OF 503(b)(9) CLAIM WITH RESPECT THERETO). IN SUCH EVENT, THE DEBTORS' PROPERTY SHALL BE FOREVER DISCHARGED FROM ANY AND ALL INDEBTEDNESS OR LIABILITY WITH RESPECT TO SUCH 503(b)(9) CLAIM, AND SUCH HOLDER SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY PLAN OF REORGANIZATION FILED IN THE CHAPTER 11 CASES OR PARTICIPATE IN ANY DISTRIBUTION ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH 503(b)(9) CLAIM OR RECEIVE FURTHER NOTICES REGARDING SUCH 503(b)(9) CLAIM.

Dated: March 1, 2019

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