# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

In re:

Chapter 11

IEH AUTO PARTS HOLDING LLC, et al.,<sup>1</sup>

Case No. 23-90054 (CML)

Debtors.

(Jointly Administered)

## NOTICE OF COMBINED HEARING TO CONSIDER FINAL APPROVAL OF FIRST AMENDED COMBINED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND JOINT PLAN OF LIQUIDATION FILED BY DEBTORS AND RELATED VOTING AND OBJECTION DEADLINES

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On May 2, 2023, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "<u>Court</u>") entered an order [Docket No. 474] (the "<u>Conditional Approval Order</u>"): (a) authorizing the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") to solicit votes on the *First Amended Combined Disclosure Statement and Joint Plan of Liquidation of IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC and Its Debtor Affiliates Pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. 474, Ex. 1] (as may be amended, supplemented, or modified from time to time and including all exhibits and supplements thereto, the "<u>Plan</u>" or "<u>Disclosure Statement</u>" or "<u>Plan and Disclosure Statement</u>," as applicable);<sup>2</sup> (b) conditionally approving the Disclosure Statement as containing "adequate information" pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code; (c) approving the solicitation and documents to be included in the solicitation packages; (d) approving procedures for soliciting, receiving, and tabulating votes on the Plan (these "<u>Solicitation and Voting Procedures</u>") and for filing objections to the Plan; and (e) scheduling certain dates with respect thereto.

The Combined Hearing. The hearing to consider final approval of the Disclosure Statement and confirmation of the Plan (the "<u>Combined Hearing</u>") will commence at 1:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) on June 1, 2023, before the Honorable Christopher Lopez, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, located at 515 Rusk Street, 4<sup>th</sup> floor, Courtroom 401, Houston, Texas, 77002. Please be advised that you may participate at the hearing either in person or by an audio or video connection. Audio communication will be by use of the Court's dial-in facility. You may access the facility at (832) 917-1510. Once connected, you will be asked to enter the conference room number. Judge Lopez's conference room number is 590153. Video communication will be by use of the GoToMeeting platform. Connect via the free GoToMeeting application or click the link on Judge Lopez's home page. The meeting code is "JudgeLopez". Click the settings icon in the upper right corner and enter your name under the personal information setting. Please be advised that the Combined Hearing may be continued from time

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Plan and Disclosure Statement or the Conditional Approval Order, as applicable.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtor entities in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor entity's federal tax identification number, are: IEH Auto Parts Holding LLC (6529); AP Acquisition Company Clark LLC (4531); AP Acquisition Company Gordon LLC (5666); AP Acquisition Company Massachusetts LLC (7581); AP Acquisition Company Missouri LLC (7840); AP Acquisition Company New York LLC (7361); AP Acquisition Company North Carolina LLC (N/A); AP Acquisition Company Washington LLC (2773); Auto Plus Auto Sales LLC (6921); IEH AIM LLC (2233); IEH Auto Parts LLC (2066); IEH Auto Parts Puerto Rico, Inc. (4539); and IEH BA LLC (1428). The Debtors' service address is: 112 Townpark Drive NW, Suite 300, Kennesaw, GA 30144.

to time by the Court or the Debtors without further notice other than by such adjournment being announced in open Court or by a notice of adjournment filed with the Court and served on other parties entitled to notice.

#### **CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING VOTING ON THE PLAN**

**Voting Record Date**. The Voting Record date is **May 1, 2023**, which is the date for determining which Holders of Claims in Class 2 (General Unsecured Claims) are entitled to vote on the Plan.

**Voting Deadline**. The deadline for voting on the Plan is **4:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) on May 26, 2023** (the "<u>Voting Deadline</u>"). If you received a Solicitation Package, including a Ballot, and intend to vote on the Plan you must: (a) follow the instructions on the Ballot carefully; (b) complete all of the required information on the Ballot; and (c) execute and return your completed Ballot according to and as set forth in detail in the voting instructions on the Ballot so that it is actually received by the Debtors' claims, noticing and solicitation agent (the "<u>Claims, Noticing and Solicitation Agent</u>"), Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC ("<u>KCC</u>"), on or before the Voting Deadline. A failure to follow such instructions may disqualify your vote.

**Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline**. The deadline for filing objections to confirmation of the Plan, including with regard to the treatment of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases thereunder, and final approval of the adequacy of the Disclosure Statement is **5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) on May 26, 2023** (the "<u>Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline</u>"). Any objection to the relief sought at the Combined Hearing must: (a) be in writing; (b) comply with the Bankruptcy Rules and Bankruptcy Local Rules; (c) state, with particularity, the legal and factual bases for the objection and, if practicable, a proposed modification to the Plan (or related materials) that would resolve such objection; and (d) be filed with the Court on or before the Plan and Disclosure Statement Objection Deadline.

Assumption or Rejection of Contracts. The Plan provides that each of the Debtor's Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases will be deemed **rejected** as of the Effective Date unless it: (1) has previously been assumed by the Debtors by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court; (2) is listed on the schedule of Retained Contracts included in the Plan Supplement; or (3) is the subject of a motion to assume or reject pending as of the Effective Date. Claims for rejection damages must be filed in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the Plan.

# CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING OBJECTING TO THE PLAN

ARTICLE VIII.F OF THE PLAN CONTAINS RELEASE, EXCULPATION, AND INJUNCTION PROVISIONS, AND A THIRD-PARTY RELEASE. YOU ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE PLAN CAREFULLY BECAUSE YOUR RIGHTS MIGHT BE AFFECTED THEREUNDER.

Please be advised that Article VIII.F of the Plan contains the following release, exculpation, and injunction provisions:<sup>3</sup>

<u>RELEASES BY THE DEBTORS (Article VIII.F.3)</u>: Pursuant to section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each Released Party is deemed to be hereby conclusively, absolutely, irrevocably,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Plan provisions referenced herein are for summary purposes only and do not include all provisions of the Plan that may affect your rights. If there is any inconsistency between the provisions set forth herein and the Plan, the Plan governs.

and forever released by each and all of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and Representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Claim or Cause of Action, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities, from any and all Claims, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Causes of Action, remedies, and liabilities whatsoever, including any derivative claims, asserted or assertable on behalf of any of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or their Estates, as applicable, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, matured or unmatured, existing or hereinafter arising, in law, equity, contract, tort or otherwise, that the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, or their Estates or Affiliates would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Debtor or other Entity, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors, the purchase, sale, or rescission of the purchase or sale of any security of the Debtors or the Wind-Down Debtors, the subject matter of, or the transactions or events giving rise to, any Claim or Interest that is treated in the Plan, the business or contractual arrangements between any Debtor and any Released Party, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, intercompany transactions, the Debtors' capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof, the Sale Transactions, the sale and marketing process, the Wind Down, the Chapter 11 Cases, and any successor cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, filing, or consummation of the Disclosure Statement, the DIP Loan Documents, any Sale Transaction, the Plan (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Plan Supplement), or any Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, or the Plan (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Plan Supplement), the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the pursuit of Confirmation, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including any Wind-Down Transactions, issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or the Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion), or upon any other related act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or before the Effective Date or relating to any of the forgoing. In addition to the forgoing, for good an valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on and after the Effective Date, each of the Debtors, the Wind-Down Debtors, and their Estates, in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and Representatives, are hereby deemed to have conclusively, absolutely, irrevocably, and forever released any and all Avoidance Actions.

Entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's approval, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, of the releases described in this Article VIII by the Debtors, which includes by reference each of the related provisions and definitions contained in the Plan, and further, shall constitute the Bankruptcy Court's finding that each release described in this Article VIII is: (1) in exchange for the good and valuable consideration provided by the Released Parties, (2) a good-faith settlement and compromise of such Claims; (3) in the best interests of the Debtors and all Holders of Claims and Interests; (4) fair, equitable, and reasonable; (5) given and made after due notice and opportunity for hearing; and (6) a bar to any of the Debtors or Wind-Down Debtors or their respective Estates asserting any claim, Cause of Action, or liability related thereto, of any kind whatsoever, against any of the Released Parties or their property.

Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary (except for Article VIII.G, if applicable), the foregoing release does not release (i) any obligations of any party under the Plan or any document, instrument, or agreement executed to implement the Plan, (ii) any post-Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, any Wind-Down Transactions, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan

Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or any Claim or obligation arising under the Plan (iii) any obligations of any party under a Sale Transaction or any document, instrument, or agreement executed to implement a Sale Transaction, (iv) the rights of the Debtors with respect to any confidentiality provisions or covenants restricting competition in favor of the Debtors under any employment agreement with a current or former employee of the Debtors, or (v) the rights of Holders of Allowed Claims or Interests to receive distributions under the Plan.

For the avoidance of doubt, and notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, the terms of the Settlement and the 9019 Order are not modified, amended, or affected by the releases under this Article VIIIF.3.

**RELEASES BY HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS OR THIRD PARTY RELEASES** (ARTICLE VIII.F.4): In exchange for good and valuable consideration, the adequacy of which is hereby confirmed, on (i) the Settlement Effective Date and (ii) the Plan Effective Date, each Released Party is deemed to be hereby conclusively, absolutely, unconditionally, irrevocably, and forever released and discharged by each of the Releasing Parties (including any successor trustee or other representative in the Chapter 11 Cases and any successor cases), in each case on behalf of themselves and their respective successors, assigns, and representatives, and any and all other Entities who may purport to assert any Cause of Action owned by the Releasing Parties, directly or derivatively, by, through, for, or because of the foregoing Entities on behalf of the Releasing Parties, from any and all direct or derivative Claims and Causes of Action asserted on behalf of the Releasing Parties, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen, matured or unmatured, existing or hereafter arising, in law, equity, contract, tort or otherwise, that the Releasing Parties would have been legally entitled to assert in their own right (whether individually or collectively) or on behalf of the Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Releasing Party or other Entity, or that any Holder of any Claim against, or Interest in, a Releasing Party or other Entity could have asserted on behalf of the Releasing Party, based on or relating to, or in any manner arising from, in whole or in part, the Debtors (including the capital structure, management, ownership, or operation thereof), the assertion or enforcement of rights and remedies against the Debtors, the Debtors' in- or out-of-court restructuring efforts, any Avoidance Actions, intercompany transactions between one or more of the Debtors and one or more of the Debtors or their affiliates, the Chapter 11 Cases and any successor cases, the formulation, preparation, dissemination, negotiation, or filing of the Disclosure Statement, the DIP Loan Documents, the Plan (including, for the avoidance of doubt, the Plan Supplement), Wind-Down Transaction, or any Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document (including any legal opinion requested by any Entity regarding any transaction, contract, instrument, document or other agreement contemplated by the Plan or the reliance by any Released Party on the Plan or the Confirmation Order in lieu of such legal opinion) created or entered into in connection with the Disclosure Statement, the DIP Loan Documents, or the Plan, the Plan Supplement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases and any successor cases, the pursuit of Confirmation and the Settlement, the pursuit of Consummation, the administration and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of Securities pursuant to the Plan or the distribution of property in a manner consistent with the Settlement, or upon any other act or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence related or relating to any of the foregoing taking place on or before, in respect of the foregoing clause (i), the Settlement Effective Date, and, in respect of the foregoing clause (ii), the Plan Effective Date. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the releases set forth above do not release: (a) any rights and remedies of any Holder of a Claim solely against any Debtor or its Estate, arising in the ordinary course of business prior to the Petition Date, including an administrative expense claim under section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, to prosecute such Claim against the applicable Debtor and its Estate, and to defend any objection to such Claim; (b) any post-Plan Effective Date obligations of any party or Entity under the Plan, the Confirmation Order, any Sale Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan

Supplement) executed to implement the Plan or any Claim or obligation arising under the Plan, (c) any ordinary course obligations between the Debtors and Icahn Entities arising or to be performed on or after the Petition Date, including under that certain Transition Services Agreement dated as of December 31, 2021, (d) the Committee's right to appoint an entity to be charged with the objection, reconciliation, and distribution of the GUC Payment (as defined in the Settlement Term Sheet), or (e) any Claims or Causes of Action arising under the DIP Orders or DIP Facility.

UNDER THE PLAN, "**RELEASED PARTIES**" MEANS, COLLECTIVELY, AND IN EACH CASE IN ITS CAPACITY AS SUCH: (A) THE DEBTORS AND THEIR ESTATES; (B) THE ICAHN ENTITIES; (C) THE COMMITTEE, IN ITS CAPACITY AS SUCH; (D) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE IN THEIR INDIVIDUAL CAPACITIES, AND (E) EACH RELATED PARTY OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH CLAUSE (D); *PROVIDED* THAT ANY HOLDER OF A CLAIM OR INTEREST THAT (X) VALIDLY OPTS OUT OF THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN, (Y) FILES AN OBJECTION TO THE RELEASES CONTAINED IN THE PLAN, BY THE OBJECTION DEADLINE, OR (Z) TIMELY VOTES TO REJECT THE PLAN, SHALL NOT BE A "RELEASED PARTY."

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**EXCULPATION OF CERTAIN PARTIES (ARTICLE VIII.F.5):** Except as expressly provided herein or in the Confirmation Order, no Exculpated Party shall have or incur liability for, and each Exculpated Party shall be released and exculpated from any and all Claims, Interests, obligations, rights, suits, damages, Cause of Action for any claim arising on or after the Petition Date through the Effective Date related to any act or omission in connection with, relating to, or arising out of the Chapter 11 Cases, including the DIP Orders, the Plan (including the Plan Supplement), the Disclosure Statement, the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases, the negotiation, formulation, preparation, dissemination, filing or Consummation of any Sale Transaction, contract, instrument, release, or other agreement or document created or entered into in connection with the Sale Transaction or the Plan, the pursuit of confirmation, Consummation, administration, and implementation of the Plan, including the issuance or distribution of securities pursuant to the Plan, or the distribution of property under the Plan or any other related agreement, the solicitation of votes on the Plan, or upon any other act, or omission, transaction, agreement, event, or other occurrence taking place on or after the Petition Date through the Effective Date related or relating to the foregoing, except for claims related to any act or omission that is determined in a Final Order to have constituted actual fraud or gross negligence, but in all respects such Entities shall be entitled to reasonably rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities pursuant to the Plan. The Exculpated Parties have, and upon completion of the Plan shall be deemed to have, participated in good faith and in compliance with the applicable laws with regard to the solicitation of votes and distribution of consideration pursuant to the Plan, and, therefore, are not, and on account of such distributions shall not be, liable at any time for the violation of any applicable law, rule, or regulation governing the solicitation of acceptances or rejections of the Plan, or such distributions made pursuant to the Plan.

This exculpation shall be in addition to, and not in limitation of, all other releases, indemnities, exculpations, and any other applicable laws, rules, or regulations protecting such Exculpated Parties from liability. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, the exculpation set forth in the Plan shall not be construed as exculpating any party or Entity from its post-Effective Date obligations under the Plan, any Sale Transaction, or any document, instrument, or agreement (including those set forth in the Plan Supplement) executed to implement the Plan.

UNDER THE PLAN, "*EXCULPATED PARTIES*" MEANS, COLLECTIVELY, EACH OF THE FOLLOWING IN THEIR CAPACITY AS SUCH (A) THE DEBTORS AND THEIR ESTATES; (B) THE ICAHN ENTITIES; (C) THE COMMITTEE, IN ITS CAPACITY AS SUCH; (D) THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE IN THEIR INDIVIDUAL CAPACITIES, (E) THE PLAN AGENT, (F) GUC ADMINISTRATOR, AND (G) EACH RELATED PARTY OF EACH ENTITY IN CLAUSE (A) THROUGH CLAUSE (F).

INJUNCTION (ARTICLE VIII.F.6): Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Plan or for Distributions required to be paid or delivered pursuant to this Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities that have held, hold, or may hold Claims or Interests that have been released pursuant to this Plan to the maximum extent permitted under applicable law, permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from taking any of the following actions against, as applicable, the Debtors, or the Released Parties: (a) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (b) enforcing, attaching, collecting, or recovering by any manner or means any judgment, award, decree, or order against such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (c) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against such Entities or the property or the Estates of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests; (d) asserting any right of setoff, subrogation, or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due from such Entities or against the property of such Entities on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests unless such Entity has timely asserted such setoff right in a document Filed with the Bankruptcy Court explicitly preserving such setoff, and notwithstanding an indication of a Claim or Interest or otherwise that such Entity asserts, has, or intends to preserve any right of setoff pursuant to applicable law or otherwise; and (e) commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind on account of or in connection with or with respect to any such Claims or Interests satisfied, settled, and released pursuant to this Plan.

Upon entry of the Confirmation Order, all Holders of Claims and Interests and their respective current and former employees, agents, officers, directors, principals, and direct and indirect Affiliates shall be enjoined from taking any actions to interfere with the implementation or Consummation of the Plan. Each Holder of an Allowed Claim, by accepting, or being eligible to accept, distributions under the Plan, shall be deemed to have consented to the injunction provisions set forth in this Error! Reference source not found.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Obtaining Solicitation Materials**. If you would like to access or request electronic or paper copies of the Conditional Approval Order, the Plan and Disclosure Statement, the Solicitation and Voting Procedures, the Plan Supplement, or related documents, such materials are available free of charge by: (a) accessing the Debtors' case website at <u>https://www.kccllc.net/autoplus</u>; (b) writing to IEH Auto Parts Holding, LLC Ballot Processing c/o KCC, 222 N Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 9024; (c) calling (888) 802-7207 (toll free) or (781) 575-2107 (international); or (d) emailing AutoPlusInfo@kccllc.com. Additionally, the Plan and Disclosure Statement and the Conditional Approval

Order (including exhibits) are also available for a fee via PACER at <u>https://ecf.txsb.uscourts.gov/</u> (a PACER account is required).

**The Plan Supplement**. The Debtors will file the Plan Supplement (as defined in the Plan) on or before **May 24, 2023**, and will serve notice on parties in interest, which will: (a) inform parties that the Debtors filed the Plan Supplement; (b) list the information contained in the Plan Supplement; and (c) explain how parties may obtain copies of the Plan Supplement.

## **BINDING NATURE OF THE PLAN**

IF CONFIRMED, THE PLAN SHALL BIND ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, WHETHER OR NOT SUCH HOLDER WILL RECEIVE OR RETAIN ANY PROPERTY OR INTEREST IN PROPERTY UNDER THE PLAN, HAS FILED A PROOF OF CLAIM IN THE CHAPTER 11 CASES, OR FAILED TO VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN OR VOTED TO REJECT THE PLAN. Houston, Texas Dated: May 4, 2023

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