## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

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In re:	:	Chapter 9
CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN,	:	Case No. 13-53846
Debtor.	:	Hon. Thomas J. Tucker
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# CITY OF DETROIT'S STATUS REPORT WITH REGARD TO PREFERENCE ACTIONS

The City of Detroit, Michigan (the "<u>City</u>") hereby submits its status report (the "<u>Status Report</u>") pursuant to this Court's *Order Approving Procedures for Adversary Proceedings to Avoid and Recover Preferential Transfers* (Docket No. 10280) (the "<u>Procedures Order</u>") and, in that connection, requests that the Court permit the process established by the Procedures Order to continue. For its Status Report, the City respectfully represents as follows:

## **BACKGROUND**

1. The City filed its petition for relief under chapter 9 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") on July 18, 2013. On December 5, 2013, the Court entered an order for relief after finding that the City was eligible to be a debtor in a chapter 9 bankruptcy case (Docket No. 1946).

- 2. On November 12, 2014, the Court issued an Order confirming the Eighth Amended Plan for the Adjustment of Debts of the City of Detroit (the "Plan") (Docket No. 8272). On December 31, 2014, the Court entered the Supplemental Opinion Regarding Plan Confirmation, Approving Settlements, and Approving Exit Financing (Docket No. 8993).
- 3. The Plan provided, among other things, that the City would retain and enforce claims, rights and Causes of Action (as defined in the Plan), including claims to recover transfers that are avoidable and recoverable pursuant to sections 547 and 550 of the Bankruptcy Code (collectively, the "Preferential Transfers"). *See* Plan, Article III(D)(2).
- 4. The Plan expressly preserved the City's right to assert Causes of Action on account of Preferential Transfers against 324 parties identified in the City's nonexclusive schedule of parties against whom Causes of Action could be asserted, which schedule was filed as an exhibit to the Plan. *See* Plan, Exhibit III.D.2 (Docket No. 8192).
- 5. On December 10, 2014 (the "<u>Effective Date</u>"), the Plan became effective in accordance with its terms. *See Notice of (I) Entry of Order Confirming Eighth Amended Plan for the Adjustment of Debts of the City of Detroit and (II) Occurrence of Effective Date* (Docket No. 8649).
- 6. On February 26, 2015, the City filed the Post-Confirmation Status Report of the City of Detroit Michigan (Docket No. 9306) (the "Post-Confirmation Status Report"), which is incorporated herein by reference.

- 7. The Post-Confirmation Status Report stated that: (i) the City deferred the analysis of potential Preferential Transfers until after the Effective Date; (ii) only after the Effective Date was the City able to devote resources to its diligence regarding the Preferential Transfers; and (iii) as of February 26, 2015, the City had identified potential Preferential Transfers totaling approximately \$110 million made to approximately 300 transferees.
- 8. Thereafter, as a result of additional diligence, the City further reduced the number of parties from whom Preferential Transfers may be recovered to approximately 185 transferees (the "<u>Transferees</u>"), who received approximately \$55 million in potential Preferential Transfers.

#### STATUS REGARDING PREFERENCE ACTIONS

- 9. On November 14, 2015, the Court entered the Procedures Order (Docket No. 10280), which had been sought at the City's request. The Procedures Order sets forth the process and procedures intended to promote amicable resolution of adversary proceedings brought in connection with the Preferential Transfers by the City against Transferees.
- 10. In or about December 2015, the City commenced 185 proceedings against the Transferees (the "<u>Preference Actions</u>"), seeking the avoidance and recovery of the Preferential Transfers, pursuant to sections 547 and 550 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 11. Since the Preference Actions were commenced, the City has resolved 106 out of the 185 proceedings, whether through settlement,

discontinuance or otherwise. Consequently, as of today, only 79 Preference Actions remain unresolved, and the City and its counsel are working diligently with these remaining defendants to resolve the rapidly dwindling number of open cases as expeditiously as possible – all with virtually no need for judicial intervention or formal discovery.

- 12. Specifically, to date, the City has successfully achieved settlements in 59 of the Preference Actions. Attached as Exhibit "A" hereto is a schedule identifying the settled Preference Actions.
- 13. The City has also obtained default judgments in a further 18 actions and discontinued (with prejudice) and additional 29 actions. Attached as Exhibits "B" and "C" hereto are schedules identifying the Preference Actions where the City has obtained a default judgment or discontinued the action.
- 14. Currently, 79 Preference Actions remain open. Attached hereto as Exhibit "D" is a schedule identifying the open Preference Actions.
- 15. The City continues to work to resolve these Preference Actions on an amicable basis with the Transferees. As the City believes that the process established by the Procedures Order has been very effective so far in facilitating the resolution of the Preference Actions without the need for costly and time consuming litigation and/or third-party mediation, the City believes the Court should provide a further opportunity for the process the Court established to proceed. The City, therefore, believes that the terms and conditions of the Procedures Order should not be modified. The City is cautiously optimistic

that a further period of time without the distraction and costs of formal discovery, litigation and/or mediation will facilitate the resolution of many of the remaining open Preference Actions.

- 16. The City will be prepared to discuss this Status Report and the remaining Preference Actions at the Status Conference currently scheduled for May 18, 2015.
- 17. A copy of this Status Report has been served on all Transferees listed on Exhibit "D" hereto, including their respective counsel.

Dated: April 29, 2016 New York, New York Respectfully submitted,

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#### City of Detroit, Michigan, Case No. 15-53846 Settled Actions as of 4.29.16 Adv Pro **Defendant Name** Number 15-05241 | 1 WAY SERVICE INC. 1 15-05240 ABM TOTAL BUILDING SERVICE AMERICAN SUPERCONDUCTOR CORP 3 15-05307 15-05301 APPLIED INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES 4 15-05270 ARGUS GROUP INC DBA ARGUS HAZCO 15-05287 ARROW OFFICE SUPPLY CO 15-05274 CAMDEN INSURANCE AGENCY INC 15-05364 CAPP INC/CAPP USA 8 15-05273 CINTAS CORPORATION 9 15-05254 **CLOW WATER SYSTEMS COMPANY** 10 15-05268 COMMUNICATIONS PROFESSIONALS INC 11 15-05325 CUMMINS BRIDGEWAY LLC 12 15-05226 DECANTER MACHINE INC 13 15-05289 **ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE** 14 15-05267 ELECTRONIC DATA MAGNETICS 15 15-05311 EXAMWORKS INC 16 15-05343 FOSTER SWIFT COLLINS & SMITH PC 17 15-05174 G4S SECURE SOLUTIONS USA INC 18 15-05314 | GILLIG CORPORATION 19 15-05309 GRAINGER 20 15-05215 GREAT LAKES POWER INC 21 15-05304 | GUARDIAN GUARD SERVICE INC 22 15-05358 HINSHON ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTING INC 23 **HUBB SYSTEMS LLC** 15-05189 24 15-05368 Infinite Strategic Innovations dba ISI 25 15-05209 INFLECTION POINT SOLUTIONS 26 15-05164 INLAND WATERS POLLUTION CONTROL INC 27 ITERIS MICHIGAN LLC 15-05217 28 15-05332 JEFFREY J ELLISON PLLC 29 15-05229 | JENKINS CONSTRUCTION INC 30 15-05290 KIRK'S AUTOMOTIVE INC 31 15-05253 | LEXIS NEXIS 32 15-05295 MACOMB PIPE & SUPPLY 33 34 15-05336 MICHIGAN CAT 15-05300 MOORE MEDICAL CORP 35 15-05259 MORTON SALT INC 36 15-05214 NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS 37 38 15-05232 OLIVE DELIVERY SERVICE LLC

39       15-05296       OSBURN ASSOCIATES INC         40       15-05187       PLANTE & MORAN LLP         41       15-05327       PMSI INC         42       15-05321       ROBERT W BAIRD & CO         43       15-05228       RS TECHNICAL SERVICES INC         44       15-05334       SAFETY SERVICES INC         45       15-05341       SEHI COMPUTER PRODUCTS INC         46       15-05222       SEMCO ENERGY GAS CO         47       15-05251       SIEMENS INDUSTRY INC         48       15-05302       SPRINT         49       15-05264       SPS WOODBRIDGE COMPANY LLC         50       15-05225       SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE INC         51       15-05280       TETRA TECH MPS	
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53 15-05193 TUCKER YOUNG JACKSON TULL INC	
54 15-05276 VALLEY TRUCK PARTS INC	
55 15-05279 W C DUCOMB CO	
56 15-05170 WASTE MANAGEMENT OF MICHIGAN INC	
57 15-05200 WCI CONTRACTORS	
58 15-05244 WRIGHT TOOL CO	
59 15-05275 YTI OFFICE EXPRESS	

	City of Detroit, Michigan, Case No. 13-53846 <u>Clerks Entry of Default as of 4.29.16</u>		
	Adv Pro	Defendant Name	
	Number		
1	15-05261	CLAYTON INDUSTRIES INC	
2	15-05315	1959 EAST JEFFERSON LLC	
3	15-05339	APPLIED POWER & CONTROLS INC	
4	15-05281	ATWOOD TRUCKING CO	
5	15-05328	BILL JOHNSON GROUP	
6	15-05294	C & H BUILDERS	
7	15-05305	DETROIT ROLLING DOOR & GATE INC	
8	15-05323	GLORIA STOKES	
9	15-05298	GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTANT SERVICES INC	
10	15-05330	H C M INC	
11	15-05338	JEANETTE POWELL	
12	15-05361	JULIAN WATKINS DANIEL REID	
13	15-05357	LORENZO TATE	
	15-05297	NEW TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT LIMITED	
14		PARTNERSHIP	
15	15-5359	NUTECH GRAPHICS & SYSTEM	
16	15-05246	PROJECT INNOVATIONS	
17	15-05269	TJA STAFFING SERVICES INC	
18	15-05277	YOLANDA JOHNSON	

	City of Detroit, Michigan, Case No. 13-53846 <u>Dismissed Actions as of 4.25.16</u>		
	Adv Pro	Defendant Name	
	Number	DALLED A THINKED DIT C	
1	15-05221	BAUER & HUNTER PLLC	
2	15-05235	BDM LLC	
3	15-05201	CADILLAC TOWER MI LLC	
4	15-05335	CRANBROOK GENERAL UNDERWRITERS AGENCY	
5	15-05237	DAVID WM RUSKIN	
6	15-05169	DEMARIA BUILDING COMPANY	
7	15-05356	DETROIT RADIO TEAM	
8	15-05177	DTE ENERGY	
9	15-05218	FREEDMAN LESSING KUTINSKY	
10	15-05272	GEORGE T ROUMELL JR	
11	15-05248	INGRAM LIBRARY SERVICES	
12	15-05278	JAMES G JOHNSON	
13	15-05308	JIMMY SEALS	
14	15-05249	KOTZ SANGSTER WYSOCKI & BERG PC	
15	15-05282	MCNAUGHTON MCKAY ELECTRIC COMPANY	
16	15-05207	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC	
17	15-05316	NAPA DETROIT DISTRIBUTION and Genuine Parts Company	
18	15-05234	NEW ENGLAND FERTILIZER COMPANY	
19	15-05306	NOVITEX ENTERPRISE SOLUTIONS INC	
20	15-05286	OVERDRIVE INC	
21	15-05256	PES GROUP PC	
22	15-05329	RICKARD DENNEY GARNO & ASSOCIATES	
23	15-05242	ROBINSON & ASSOCIATES PC	
24	15-05252	SBC GLOBAL SERVICES	
25	15-05355	SMART	
26	15-05197	STRATEGIC STAFFING SOLUTIONS	
27	15-05322	TELNET WORLDWIDE INC	
28	15-05191	WALKERS HEATING & COOLING	
29	15-05168	TRINITY ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS LLC	

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	Adv Pro	Defendant Name
	Number	
1		A & M TRUCKING INC
2	15-05258	ABC DEMOLITION CO INC
3		ABLE DEMOLITION INC
4		AGAR LAWN SPRINKLER SYSTEMS INC
5	15-05331	ALEXANDER CHEMICAL CORP
6	15-05212	AMPRO CONSTRUCTION LLC
7		APPLIED SCIENCE INC
8	15-05324	AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES
9	15-05180	BANKSTON CONSTRUCTION INC
10	15-05238	BINKELMAN CORP
11	15-05320	BIRKS WORKS ENVIRONMENTAL LLC
12	15-05204	BLUE STAR INC
13	15-05206	BOB MAXEY FORD INC
14	15-05303	C E POLLARD COMPANY
15	15-05317	CAMP DRESSER & MCKEE
16	15-05184	CARMEUSE LIME INC
17	15-05260	CDM MICHIGAN INC
18	15-05194	CLARK ASSOCIATES INC
19	15-05262	CLARKS CONSTRUCTION
20	15-05199	COLASANTI CORPORATION
21	15-05183	COMPUTECH CORPORATION
22	15-05266	COVER YOUR ASSETS LLC
	15-05167	CW PROFESSIONAL SERVICES LLC AND COMPUWARE
23		CORPORATION
24	15-05337	D A CENTRAL INC
25	15-05362	DCI WOLVERINE JV
26	15-05210	DELL COMPUTER CORPORATION
27	15-05367	DETROIT ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY APPLICATION NETWORK
28	15-05192	DETROIT CONTRACTING INC LLC
29	15-05172	DETROIT THERMAL LLC
30	15-05288	E L BAILEY & CO INC
31		EASTERN OIL CO
32	15-05185	EJ USA INC
33	15-05223	ELECTRONIC DATA SYSTEMS CORPORATION
34	15-05188	FARROW GROUP INC
35	15-05219	FEDERAL PIPE & SUPPLY INC
36	15-05202	FEDERAL SIGNAL CORPORATION
37	15-05293	FORT WAYNE CONTRACTING INC

38	15-05220	FRASER TREBILCOCK DAVIS & DUNLAP PC
39	15-05173	FUTURENET GROUP INC
40		GIORGI CONCRETE LLC
41	15-05182	HERCULES & HERCULES INC
42	15-05363	HESCO HAMLETT ENGINEERING SALES COMPANY DBA HESCO
43	15-05186	IMPERIAL CONSTRUCTION CO
44	15-05179	INTERSTATE TRUCKSOURCE INC
45	15-05198	J E ASSOCIATES INC
46	15-05247	J RANCK ELECTRIC INC
47	15-05236	KEO AND ASSOCIATES INC
48	15-05231	KESSLER INTERNATIONAL
49	15-05285	KINGSWAY BUILDING & MAINTENANCE
50	15-05166	LAKESHORE ENGINEERING SERVICE INC
51	15-05176	L D' AGOSTINI & SONS INC
52		MANNIK & SMITH GROUP INC
53	15-05250	METCO SERVICES INC
54		MIKE DONNELLY ELECTRICAL COLLEGE
55	15-05245	MOTOR CITY ELECTRIC TECHNOLOGIES INC
56	15-05178	MOTOR CITY PIPE & SUPPLY CO
57	15-05227	NORTH-WEST TRADING CO
		OAS GROUP INC
59		ORACLE CORPORATION
60	15-05190	PARSONS BRINCKEROFF MICHIGAN INC
61	15-05224	PREVOST PARTS/PREVOST CAR INC
62	15-05171	PVS TECHNOLOGIES INC
63		PYRATECH SECURITY SYSTEMS INC
64	15-5360	RE-CONSTRUCTION
65		SAFECO INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA
66		SBM INC
67		SHRADER TIRE & OIL INC
68	15-05195	SIGMA ASSOCIATES INC
69		T & N SERVICES INC
		T & T BUILDERS
71	15-05165	TOOLES CONTRACTING GROUP LLC
72	15-05257	TOTER INCORPORATED
73	15-05333	UNIGLOBE CONSTRUCTION CO
74		UNIVERSAL SYSTEM TECHNOLOGIES INC
75	15-05340	VANCON INC
76	15-05255	WADE TRIM ASSOCIATES INC
77	15-05326	WATERWORKS SYSTEMS & EQUIPMENT
78		WOLVERINE OIL & SUPPLY CO INC
79	15-05239	Z CONTRACTORS INC