

January 11, 2016

Dear Valued Vendor:

On January 11, 2016, Sherwin Alumina announced that it has filed voluntary petitions under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, in Corpus Christi, TX. During the bankruptcy, the Company intends to continue its plant operations in the ordinary course.

In connection with the Chapter 11 filing, Sherwin also announced that it has entered into an asset purchase agreement with Corpus Christi Alumina, LLC, an affiliate of its senior secured lender Commodity Funding, LLC, which is a subsidiary of Sherwin's ultimate equity owner, Glencore Ltd. Under the terms of the asset purchase agreement, Corpus Christi Alumina will acquire substantially all of Sherwin's assets. Corpus Christi Alumina will serve as the "stalking horse bidder" and its bid is subject to higher and otherwise better offers, among other conditions. Sherwin plans to seek approval of the proposed sale as part of confirmation of a Chapter 11 plan. If approved, the proposal would allow the Company to expeditiously complete its Chapter 11 sale process and emerge debt-free.

Like many other commodity companies, Sherwin has been significantly impacted by the challenging commodity pricing environment. These macro-economic conditions have negatively affected the underlying value of Sherwin's assets. Although this was not an easy decision, the Company has determined that the transaction is the proper path forward for Sherwin in a difficult commodity pricing environment.

**Here are a few things to keep in mind:**

- **Customer shipments and plant operations are expected to continue in the ordinary course.** Sherwin fully intends to operate our business in the ordinary course throughout this process. We are committed to maintaining safe, productive operations, and we may still need the goods and services you supply for or provide to us.
- **Sherwin intends to pay vendors in full and under normal terms for goods and services provided after January 11, 2016, the date the Company filed for Chapter 11.** The Company has received a commitment for \$40 million in "debtor in possession" ("DIP") financing from Commodity, the Company's primary pre-petition lender, to support its continued post-filing operations. Upon approval by the Court, the DIP financing, combined with cash generated from ongoing operations post-filing, will provide sufficient liquidity to support the business and continue paying our vendors during the Chapter 11 process.

Federal law prohibits us from paying, and prohibits vendors from collecting, any debts we may owe vendors for goods or services provided to Sherwin before the Chapter 11 filing date, unless specifically authorized by the Court. Creditors will be able to file a claim for any pre-petition amounts owed to them. Additional information regarding the claims process will be sent to creditors as soon as it is available.

- **We intend to move through this process as quickly as possible.**



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We value the partnership we have developed with your company. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your usual contact at Sherwin. Additional information is also available at a website administered by the Company's claims agent, Kurtzman Carson Consultants, at <http://www.kccllc.net/sherwin>.

We thank you for your continued support as we work through this process.

Sincerely,

Thomas Russell  
President & Chief Executive Officer