## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

Caption in Compliance with D.N.J. LBR 9004-2(c) WASSERMAN, JURISTA & STOLZ, P.C.

110 Allen Road, Suite 304 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Phone: (973) 467-2700 Fax: (973) 467-8126

Counsel to Debtor-in-Possession DANIEL M. STOLZ, ESQ. LEONARD C. WALCZYK, ESQ.

In Re:

ALTOMARE AUTO GROUP, LLC, d/b/a UNION VOLKSWAGEN,

Debtor.

Chapter 11

Case No. 16-22376 JKS

Honorable John K. Sherwood

Hearing Date: February 21, 2018

10:00 a.m.

## NOTICE OF DEBTOR'S MOTION FOR SIXTH EXTENSION OF EXCLUSIVITY PERIODS

TO: Office of the U.S. Trustee One Newark Center Suite 2100 Newark, NJ 07102

### ALL PARTIES ON ATTACHED SERVICE LIST:

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, that on the date specified on *February 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.*, the undersigned, as counsel for ALTOMARE AUTO GROUP, LLC, d/b/a UNION VOLKSWAGEN (hereinafter "AAG"), the Debtor-in-Possession in the above captioned Chapter 11 case (the "Case"), shall move before the Honorable John K. Sherwood, United States Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court, King Federal Building, 50 Walnut Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, P.O. Box 3152, Newark, New Jersey 07102, seeking the entry of an Order Granting Fifth Extension of Exclusivity Periods to file and obtain confirmation of Plan of Reorganization, and for such other relief that is just and proper.

Case 16-22376-JKS Doc 363 Filed 01/23/18 Entered 01/23/18 10:41:02 Desc Main Page 2 of 2 Document

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the undersigned shall rely upon the Motion

filed herewith in support of the relief sought.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that oral argument is requested.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that no brief is being filed herewith since the

legal basis upon which relief should be granted is set forth in the Motion.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all objections must be in writing, filed with

the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court, King Federal Building, 50 Walnut Street, 3<sup>rd</sup>

Floor, P.O. Box 1352, Newark, New Jersey 07102, and a copy thereof must simultaneously be

served upon Wasserman, Jurista & Stolz, P.C., Attn: Leonard C. Walczyk, Esq., 110 Allen Rd.,

Ste. 304, Basking Ridge, New Jersey 07920.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that in the absence of any objections, the relief

requested hereunder may be granted without further notice.

Respectfully submitted,

WASSERMAN, JURISTA & STOLZ, P.C.

Counsel for Debtor-in-Possession, Altomare Auto Group, LLC d/b/a Union Volkswagen

By: /s/ Leonard C. Walczyk

LEONARD C. WALCZYK

Date: January 22, 2018

S:\8346 Altomare Auto Group\LEGAL PLEADINGS\NOM to Extend Exclusivity (5th)\Notice of Motion for Fifth Extension of Exclusivity.doc

2

### Case 16-22376-JKS Doc 363-1 Filed 01/23/18 Entered 01/23/18 10:41:02 Desc Service List Page 1 of 7 Secured Creditors and Notices of Appearance

Mitchell Hausman, Esq. United States Trustee's Office One Newark Center Suite 2100 Newark, New Jersey 07102

Joseph L. Schwartz, Esq. Kevin J. Larner, Esq. Michael P. O'Mullan, Esq. Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti LLP One Speedwell Avenue Morristown, NJ 07962-1981

Township of Union 1976 Morris Ave Union NJ 07083

William J. Barrett, Esq. Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg 200 West Madison Street, Suite 3900 Chicago, IL 60606

John M. August, Esq. Saiber LLC 18 Columbia Turnpike, Suite 200 Florham Park, New Jersey 07932

Eric A. Browndorf, Esq. Cooper Levenson, P.A. 1125 Atlantic Avenue – 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl. Atlantic City, New Jersey 08401

Mark R. Silber, Esq. 10 Station Place, Suite 2 P. O. Box 486 Metuchen, New Jersey 08840-0486 Bank of the West 475 Sansome St., 19th Fl San Francisco CA 94111

Nextgear Capital 1320 City Center Drive Suite 100 Carmel IN 46032

Volkswagen of America 300 Tice Blvd Suite 230 Woodcliff Lake NJ 07677

Edvie M. Castro, Esq. Carlin & Ward 25A Vreeland Road, Suite #105 PO Box 751 Florham Park, NJ 07932

Christine Etheridge Wells FargoVendor Financial c/o A Ricoh USA 1738 Bass Road, PO Box 13708 Macon, GA 31208-3708

Mark J. Politan, Esq. Politan Law, LLC 88 East Main Street, #502 Mendham, New Jersey 07945 ConnectOne Bank 2455 Morris Avenue Union NJ 07083

Carol Ann Slocum, Esq. Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg LLP 457 Haddonfield Road - Suite 510 Cherry Hill, NJ 08002-2220

Bruce E. Baldinger, Esq. Law Offices of Bruce E. Baldinger, LLC 365 South Street Morristown, NJ 07960

Allen J. Underwood, II, Esq. Becker LLC Eisenhower Plaza II 354 Eisenhower Parkway, Suite 1500 Livingston, NJ 07039

Theodore Schiller, Esq. Schiller & Pittenger, P.C. 1771 Front Street Suite D Scotch Plains, New Jersey 07076

Frank Peretore, Esq. Chiesa Shahinian & Giantomasi PC One Boland Drive West Orange, New Jersey 07052

### Case 16-22376-JKS Doc 363-1 Filed 01/23/18 Entered 01/23/18 10:41:02 Desc

10 Missions Media Commercial Recovery Bureau PO Box 59104 Dallas, TX 75229 Service List Page 2 of 7
410 Clermont
410 Clermont Terrace
Union, NJ 07083

ABC Firelife PO Box 05229 Brooklyn, NY 11205

AJR International 300 Regency Drive Glendale Heights, IL 60139 Alexander Seabra 33 Lebeda Dr West Fairfield, NJ 07004 Alldata 9650 W. Taron Drive Elk Grove, CA 95757

Altomare 22 Union, LLC 2155 Route 22 West Union, NJ 07083 American Wear 261 No 18th St. East Orange, NJ 07017 Andres Branco-Rodriguez 43 South St., 2nd Fl. Newark, NJ 07102

Arnum Wapples 5 N. Koewing Place West Orange, NJ 07052 Autobytel PO Box 30860 Los Angeles, CA 90030 Autopart PO Box 419250 Boston, MA 02241

Autopoint 10808 S. River Front Pkwy

Suite 500 South Jordan, UT 84095 Autotrader.com PO Box 932207 Atlanta, GA 31193-2207 Autozone 2501 Rt. 22 West Union, NJ 07083

Bank of the West 475 Sansome St., 19th Fl San Francisco, CA 94111 BC Tire 1266 Stelton Road Piscataway, NJ 08854 Benham's Garage 414 Springfield Ave Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922

Bisogno, Loeffler & Zelley, LLC 88 South Finley Avenue P.O. Box 408 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 Brad Anderson Gemelli 215 24th St., Apt 720 New York, NY 10010 Brandon Cleaning 2 Roxboro Road Lawrence Township, NJ 08648

Brass Castle Import Salvage 577 Brass Castle Road Oxford, NJ 07863 Bronx Glass 1353 Randall Ave Bronx, NY 10474 Brooke Emery 4 Yacht Club Dr Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849

Buywise Auto Parts 2087 Springfield Ave Vauxhall, NJ 07088 Capital One Auto Finance 7933 Preston Road Plano, TX 75024 Car.com PO Box 30860 Los Angeles, CA 90030-0860

Carfax 16630 Collection Center Dr Chicago, IL 60693 Carlos Buenano 501 White St Orange, NJ 07050 Carsdirect Dept LA 23419 Pasadena, CA 91185

### Case 16-22376-JKS Doc 363-1 Filed 01/23/18 Entered 01/23/18 10:41:02 Desc Service List Page 3 of 7 Celso Castro Central Collection

CDK Global PO Box 88921 Chicago, IL 60695-1921

Celso Castro 22 Briarheath Ln Clark, NJ 07066 Central Collection 300 W. Preston St Baltimore, MD 21201

Chip Master 998 Box 1225 Fair Lawn, NJ 07410 Christopher Oluwaseun Awe 124 Lincoln St East Orange, NJ 07017 Classic Auto Service 999 Rahway Ave Union, NJ 07083

Classified Ventures 2631 Solution Center Chicago, IL 60693 Cleanedge 3121 Wilmarco Dr Baltimore, MD 21233 Connectone Bank 2455 Morris Avenue Union, NJ 07083

Costco 10251 Vista Sorrento Pkwy Suite 300 San Diego, CA 92121 Cyberweld PO Box 4370 Linden, NJ 07036 Darren J. Del Sardo, Esq. Del Sardo & Montanari, LLC 300 Lackawanna Ave Little Falls, NJ 07424

David and Luis Felix 427 Spencer St Elizabeth, NJ 07207 DCH Millburn Audi 2211 Millburn Ave Maplewood, NJ 07040 Dealer Rater 203 Crescent St Waltham, MA 02453

DMT Automotive 170 Route 22 East Springfield, NJ 07081 Douglas Volkswagen 491 Morris Ave Summit, NJ 07901 Dunkin Donuts 130 Route 22 Center Lane Springfield, NJ 07081

Ehtisham Sayyed 16 Marison Pl., Apt. 2 Jersey City, NJ 07306 Every Car Listed 1001 Ese Loop 323 Tyler, TX 75701 Expert Scratch & Chip Corp. PO Box 571 Hawthorn, PA 16230

Factory Motor Parts PO Box 9107 Minneapolis, MN 55480

PO Box 470 Berkeley He

Federal Fire

Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922

Fedex P.O. Box 371461 Pittsburgh, PA 15250

Fil, Inc. c/o Edvie M. Castro, Esq. Carlin & Ward, PC PO Box 751 Florham Park, NJ 07932 Filterfresh 204 Columbus Avenue Roselle, NJ 07203 Flagship Credit Accepable, LLC PO Box 975658 Dallas, TX 75397

Flemington BMW 216 Route 202 Flemington, NJ 08822 Flemington Chevrolet 211 Route 202 Flemington, NJ 08822 Flemington Chrysler 204 Route 202/31 Flemington, NJ 08822

### Case 16-22376-JKS Doc 363-1 Filed 01/23/18 Entered 01/23/18 10:41:02 Desc

Flemington Ditschman 215 Highway 202 Flemington, NJ 08822 Service List Page 4 of 7
Flemington Nissan
215 US 202
Flemington, NJ 08822

Flemington Porsche 213 Route 202 Flemington, NJ 08822

Forrest & Blake Marketing 77 Brant Ave., Suite 105 Clark, NJ 07066 Grazyna Kosieki 18 Shelly Dr. New Providence, NJ 07974 Great American Business Products PO Box 4422 6701 Concord Park Drive Houston, TX 77210

Greg Killian 21 Madison Ct Newtown, PA 18940 Heartland Business Credit c/o Fein, Such, Kahn & Shepard PC 7 Century Dr., Suite 201 Parsippany, NJ 07054 Ideal Image, Inc. Accounts Receivable 115 Haas Drive Englewood, OH 45322

IHeart Radio 7 Century Dr Suite 201 Parsippany, NJ 07054 Image Systems 655 Business Center Drive Horsham, PA 19044 IP Networked Services 88752 Expedite Way Chicago, IL 60695-1700

It's Easy Out of State MV 30 Rockerfeller Plaza Concourse Level New York, NY 10112 J. Esposito 2315 Donna Dee Court Toms River, NJ 08755 Jasmine Reyes Brian L. Katz, Esq. Dansky Katz Ringold York Suite 8304 Marlton, NJ 08053

Jennifer Santos 802 Baltimore Ave Roselle, NJ 07203 Jim Moran & Associates PO Box 204644 Dallas, TX 75320 JMK Fiat 345 Route 22 Springfield, NJ 07081

John Nix 391 Dryden St Piscataway, NJ 08854 Juaquadah Cox 48 HIllcrest Road Maplewood, NJ 07040 Karsay Coffee 1050 Hamilton St Somerset, NJ 08875

Keytrak PO Box 4346 Houston, TX 77210-4346

Lash VW 376 Tarrytown Rd White Plains, NY 10607 Law Office of John McGovern 221 Washington St., 2nd Fl Newark, NJ 07102

Leonardo Tilesio 11 Lava St Staten Island, NY 10305 Lightning Mechanical 65 Newark Way Maplewood, NJ 07040 Linden Volkswagen 900 East Elizabeth Ave Linden, NJ 07036

LKQ Potomac German Auto 4305 Lime Kiln Road Frederick, MD 21703 Lorco Petroleum Services 450 South Fron St Elizabeth, NJ 07202 McCoy Motorsports 559 North Mayo TR Pikeville, KY 41501

#### Case 16-22376-JKS Doc 363-1 Filed 01/23/18 Entered 01/23/18 10:41:02 Desc

Metropolitan PO Box 129

Chanhassen, MN 55317

Service List Page 5 of 7 Michael Power, Esq. Power & Associates PC

Glen Mills, PA 19342

Wilmington Pike, Suite 200

Michelle Lamota 195B Main St Little Falls, NJ 07424

Micro Graphic 244 Saddle River Road

Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Missions Media 1043 Grand Ave Saint Paul, MN 55105 MMG Collections

Multi Subaru 2685 US Route 22

Union, NJ 07083

Nadiya Lukyanenko 20 Claire Ave, Apt. A5 Woodbridge, NJ 07095 New England Car Co. 344 Broad St Manchester, CT 06040

New Millennium 551 Pennsylvania Ave Elizabeth, NJ 07208

Nextgear Capital 11799 North College Avenue Carmel, IN 46032

Nick Stroboulis 11 Bunker Kill Dr Manalapan, NJ 07726

NJ Car PO Box 7510 856 River Road Trenton, NJ 08628 NJ Car 770 River Road Trenton, NJ 08628-3347 Northside Imports 835 New Durham Road Edison, NJ 08817

**OEC Connection** PO Box 92315 Cleveland, OH 44193 One Command PO Box 671240 Dallas, TX 75267 Paola Candamil 68 E. 22nd St., Apt. 3 Bayonne, NJ 07002

Patrick Codjoe 2145 Gillian Lane Easton, PA 18040 Peak Performance PO Box 2880 Agoura Hills, CA 91376 Peotter's Auto Body 186 Broad St Summit, NJ 07901

**Quality Auto Glass** 2300 S. Clinton Avenue South Plainfield, NJ 07080

RCC Services, LLC PO Box 75013 Fort Thomas, KY 41075 Redicare 616 Corporate Way, Suite 6 Valley Cottage, NY 10989

Redline

230 Kings Highway East Haddonfield, NJ 08033

Republic Services 5 Industrial Drive New Brunswick, NJ 08901 Reydel Volkswagen 2034 NJ 27 Edison, NJ 08817

Rhett Omark 19 S Cottenet St Irvington, NY 10533 Ricoh/Wells Fargo Financial Service PO Box 41564 Philadelphia, PA 19101

Riverside 1600 Route 208 North Hawthorne, NJ 07506

### Case 16-22376-JKS Doc 363-1 Filed 01/23/18 Entered 01/23/18 10:41:02 Desc

S. Brown & Associates, Inc. 4 Century Drive Parsippany, NJ 07054 Service List Safety-Kleen Corporation PO Box 382066 Pittsburgh, PA 15250

Santander Consumer USA, Inc. 4201 Rufe Snow Dive Suite 400

North Richland Hills, TX 76180

Sarah Brand 17 Waverly Pl., Apt. 8 Madison, NJ 07940 Schiller & Pittenger, P.C. 1771 Front Street, Suit D Scotch Plains, NJ 07076 Seat Surgeon PO Box 563 Rocky Hill, NJ 08553

Shred It 81 Walsh Dr Parsippany, NJ 07054 Siegel 197 Ford Road Breinigsville, PA 18031 Smart Water 1 Beekman Road, Suite 4 Kendall Park, NJ 08824

Snap On 27001 Network Place Chicago, IL 60673-1270 Staples Advantage Dept. NY PO Box 415256 Boston, MA 02241-5256 State of New Jersey Sales & Use Tax CN 999

Trenton, NJ 08695-0999

State of New Jersey Division of Taxation 50 Barrack Street PO Box 269 Trenton, NJ 08695-0269 Stephne Abo 713 Girard Ave Westfield, NJ 07090 Steven Kallert 20 Jensen Lane Union, NJ 07083

Sunoco

2350 Route 22 Center Island Union, NJ 07083

The Mironov Group, LLC 2025 Lincoln Highway Suite 330 Edison, NJ 08817 The Warranty Group 175W Jackson Blvd 11th Floor Chicago, IL 60604

Thomas Greco 244 Chestnut St Nutley, NJ 07110

Time Fastener CP, Inc. Longley Lane Reno, NV 89511 Tire Management, LLC PO Box 404 Saddle Brook, NJ 07663

Tire Rack Wholesale 7101 Vorden Parkway South Bend, IN 46628

Township of Union 1976 Morris Ave Union, NJ 07083 Tradepending PO Box 2881 Chapel Hill, NC 27515

Travelers Insurance Kazlow Fields 8100 Sandpiper Circle, Suite 204 Nottingham, MD 21236 True Car Dept LA 24198 Pasadena, CA 91185 TSD Rental 1620 Turnpike St North Andover, MA 01845

Unique Alloy 603 Washington Ave Bldg. 9C South Amboy, NJ 08879-3000 United Radio 5705 Enterprise Parkway East Syracuse, NY 13057 United Service Workers Union 138-50 Queens Boulevard Briarwood, NY 11435

# Case 16-22376-JKS Doc 363-1 Filed 01/23/18 Entered 01/23/18 10:41:02 Desc Service List Page 7 of 7

US Coffee 51 Alpha Plaza

V Auto PO Box 935202 Atlanta, GA 31193 Veldman's Auto Parts, Inc. 25926 IN-2 South Bend, IN 46619

Viking Pest Control PO Box 230 Bound Brook, NJ 08805

Hicksville, NY 11801

Volkswagen of America 300 Tice Blvd Suite 230 Woodcliff Lake, NJ 07677 VW Credit 1401 Franklin Blvd Libertyville, IL 60048

WASCO Auto Supply 22 Florence Street South Hackensack, NJ 07606 Wheel Fix It 55 St. Mary's Place Freeport, NY 11520

Wurth USA PO Box 415889 Boston, MA 02241-5889

Department of Treasury Internal Revenue Service P. O. Box 7346 Philadelphia, PA 19101 Internal Revenue Service District Director's Office Newark District Office 955 S. Springfield Avenue Springfield, New Jersey 07081 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

Caption in Compliance with D.N.J. LBR 9004-2(c) WASSERMAN, JURISTA & STOLZ, P.C.

110 Allen Road, Suite 304 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Phone: (973) 467-2700 Fax: (973) 467-8126

Counsel to Debtor-in-Possession DANIEL M. STOLZ, ESQ.

LEONARD C. WALCZYK, ESQ.

Chapter 11 In Re:

Case No. 16-22376 JKS ALTOMARE AUTO GROUP, LLC, d/b/a UNION

VOLKSWAGEN, Honorable John K. Sherwood

Debtor. Hearing Date: February 21, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

### APPLICATION IN SUPPORT OF DEBTOR'S MOTION FOR SIXTH EXTENSION OF EXCLUSIVITY PERIODS TO FILE AND OBTAIN CONFIRMATION OF PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

## TO: HONORABLE JOHN K. SHERWOOD UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

ALTOMARE AUTO GROUP, LLC, d/b/a UNION VOLKSWAGEN (hereinafter "AAG" or "Debtor"), the Debtor-in-Possession in the above captioned Chapter 11 case (the "Case"), by and through its counsel, Wasserman, Jurista & Stolz, P.C., respectfully provides this Court with the following Application in Support of the Debtor's Motion for an Order extending the Debtor's fifth exclusive period for filing a Plan of Reorganization from February 21, 2018 through May 21, 2018, and extending the Debtors' exclusive period in which to obtain confirmation of a Plan of Reorganization from April 22, 2018 through July 22, 2018 (the "Motion"):

- 1. On June 27, 2016, Debtor AAG filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532 (the "Bankruptcy Code").
- 2. The Debtor continues to manage and operate its business as a Debtor-in-Possession pursuant to §§ 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 3. AAG owned and operated a Volkswagen Automobile Dealership, pursuant to *inter alia*, a Dealer Sales and Service Agreement with Volkswagen of America ("VOA"), (the "Franchise Agreement"). The Franchise Agreement authorizes AAG to sell new Volkswagen vehicles and perform authorized warranty and service work on Volkswagen automobiles.
- 4. AAG conducted its business at three (3) locations: 2155 U.S. Route 22 West, Union, New Jersey 07083 (the "New Car Showroom"); 2135 U.S. Route 22 West, Union New Jersey 07083 (the "Used Car Showroom"); and 1180 Springfield Road, Union, New Jersey 07083 (the "Service Facility").
- 5. The New Car Showroom and Used Car Showroom were owned by Altomare 22 Union LLC. ("Altomare 22"). Anthony Altomare is the managing member of Altomare 22.
- 6. The Service Facility is owned by ConnectOne Bank, successor to Union Center National Bank and is leased to AAG.
- 7. This Court entered an order on September 8, 2016 [Docket No. 140] authorizing the sale of substantially all of the Debtors assets free and clear of liens, claims, encumbrances and interests, except as set forth in the Order.
- 8. Excluded from the sale are potential causes of action and general intangibles, including, but not limited to, the cause of action pending in Union County, as well as any funds which will be flowing to AAG as a result of a recent settlement between Volkswagen of America and its dealers.

9. Additional background history of the Debtors is set forth in the Certification of Anthony Altomare in Support of First Day Motions (Docket No. 19, filed on June 30, 2016).

### **REQUESTED RELIEF**

- 10. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1121, the Debtor is provided with an exclusive period in which to file a Plan of Reorganization for the first 120 days of a Chapter 11 case. The Debtor is provided an exclusive period in which to obtain Confirmation of a Plan of Reorganization during the first 180 days of a Chapter 11 case. 11 U.S.C. §1121(b)(c). The Court entered an Order on August 17, 2017 (docket entry No. 329) extending these exclusive periods to November 21, 2017 and January 22, 2018 respectively.
- 11. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1121(d)(1), the Court is empowered to extend the 120 day exclusive period during which only the Debtor may file a Plan of Reorganization and the 180 day exclusive period of time during which only the Debtor may seek confirmation of a Plan. 11 U.S.C. §1121(d)(1).
- 12. In making a determination whether to extend the exclusivity period, the Courts have considered:
  - (1) the size and complexity of the case,
  - (2) the necessity of sufficient time to negotiate and prepare adequate information,
  - (3) the existence of good faith progress,
  - (4) whether the Debtor is paying its debts as they become due,
  - (5) whether the Debtor has demonstrated reasonable prospects for filing a viable Plan,
  - (6) whether the Debtor has made progress negotiating with creditors,
  - (7) the length of time the case has been pending,
  - (8) whether the Debtor is seeking an extension to pressure creditors, and

- (9) whether or not unresolved contingencies exist.
- In re Central Jersey Airport Services, LLC., 282 B.R. 176, 184 (Bankr. D. N.J. 2002); In re Dow Corning Corp., 208 B.R. 661 (Bankr. E.D. Mich. 1997); In re Adelphia Communications Corp., 352 B.R. 578 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2006).
- 13. Courts generally agree that a mechanical application of the enumerated factors should not be the extent of the analysis, but that it should include an evaluation of a global view of the case. In re Adelphia Communications Corp., 352 B.R. 578, 582, 590 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2006) (a practical call can override a mere toting up of the factors); In re Dow Corning Corp., 208 B.R. 661 (Bankr. E.D. Mich. 1997).
- 14. <u>Size and Complexity of Cases</u>. The Debtor has taken substantial steps to streamline its business, disposing of excess inventory, and processing a sale of substantially all of its assets. The Debtor has resolved contested secured claims and is in the process of pursuing litigation against third parties in an attempt to increase available assets for distribution to creditors. The Debtor has filed four omnibus claim objections resulting in a reduction of claims of record by over \$700,000.
- Necessity of Sufficient Time to Formulate a Plan. The Debtor has spent the bulk of its time in Chapter 11 (i) negotiating cash collateral arrangements with the secured creditors, (2) negotiating and ultimately obtaining approval for a sale of substantially all of the assets in this estate, (3) engaging in the aforesaid litigation, and (4) objecting to claims. Unfortunately, there was insufficient time before the current exclusivity period expires to prepare, circulate and file a Plan of Reorganization and Disclosure Statement in this case. A mediation hearing is scheduled regarding the Volkswagen litigation which, hopefully, will provide more certainty as to what creditors may receive under a plan in this case. Therefore,

additional time is necessary for the Debtors to formulate a Plan of Reorganization, now that there is more certainty as to the prospects of, and timing for, distribution to creditors in this case.

- 16. Good Faith Progress Towards Reorganization. In the short period of time that the Debtor has been the subject of these Chapter 11 proceedings, the Debtor has accomplished a great deal. The Debtor has negotiated a sale of assets, and obtained an Order approving the sale of substantially all of its assets. The Debtor has resolved contested claims with the secured and other creditors which will be satisfied through the proceeds of sale derived from the sale of their assets. The Debtor has been actively and consistently engaged with creditors in an effort to keep an open line of communication as to the progress of this case.
- 17. <u>Post Petition Obligations</u>. The Debtor is current with Monthly Operating Reports and all other obligations which have accrued since the Chapter 11 filing, with the exception of accrued professional fees.
- 18. Reasonable Prospects for Filing a Viable Plan. This factor requires only that the Debtor show it is able to obtain confirmation of at least some viable Plan in a reasonable period of time. The Debtor submits that it is likely it will be in a position to file a Plan of Reorganization in the near future. The Debtor expects to circulate its proposed plan prior to filing, and ultimately secure the approval of any impaired creditors.
- 19. **Progress of Negotiations.** As set forth hereinabove, the Debtor has resolved disputes regarding secured and other claims in this case. The Debtor is confident that the unsecured creditors will vote in favor of confirmation of a Plan.
  - 20. **Lapse Time of the Case**. The Chapter 11 Case is just over fifteen months old.

- 21. <u>Impact on Creditors</u>. The Debtor is not seeking an extension of the exclusive period to pressure creditors to submit to the Reorganization Plan. As set forth hereinabove, the Debtor contemplates a consensual Plan of Reorganization in this case, which will provide a meaningful distribution to creditors.
- 22. <u>Unresolved Contingencies</u>. Additional time is needed in order to advise creditors as to the proposed distribution of the portion of settlement proceeds anticipated to be received by the estate from settlement of the Volkswagen of America litigation. There needs to be a determination as to the allocation to each individual dealer such as the Debtor from the settlement proceeds derived from that litigation. Once that is learned, the Debtor will be able to inform creditors as to what portion of the settlement proceeds will be received by the estate, which will then be made available for distribution. As of this time, that information has not yet been made available to the Debtor.

### **CONCLUSION**

23. Based upon the foregoing facts and legal authority, the Debtor respectfully submits that sufficient cause exists for the fourth extension of the Debtor's exclusive period in which to propose and confirm a Plan of Reorganization in this case.

WHEREFORE, the Debtor respectfully requests the entry of the Order submitted herewith, extending the Debtors' exclusive period for filing a Plan of Reorganization from February 21, 2018 through May 21, 2018, and extending the Debtors' exclusive period

Case 16-22376-JKS Doc 363-2 Filed 01/23/18 Entered 01/23/18 10:41:02 Desc Application in Support of Debtors Motion for Sixth Extension of Exclusivit Page 7 of 7

in which to obtain confirmation of a Plan of Reorganization from April 22, 2018 through July

22, 2018, together with such other and further relief as is just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,

WASSERMAN, JURISTA & STOLZ, P.C.

Counsel for Debtor-in-Possession, Altomare Auto Group, LLC d/b/a Union Volkswagen

By: <u>/s/ Leonard C. Walczyk</u>
LEONARD C. WALCZYK

Date: January 22, 2018

S:\8346 Altomare Auto Group\LEGAL PLEADINGS\NOM to Extend Exclusivity (5th)\8346 app in support of motion to extend exclusivity.doc

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

Caption in Compliance with D.N.J. LBR 9004-2(c) WASSERMAN, JURISTA & STOLZ, P.C.

110 Allen Road, Suite 304 Basking Ridge, NJ 07920

Phone: (973) 467-2700 Fax: (973) 467-8126

Counsel to Debtor-in-Possession DANIEL M. STOLZ, ESQ.

LEONARD C. WALCZYK, ESQ.

In Re:

ALTOMARE AUTO GROUP, LLC, d/b/a UNION VOLKSWAGEN,

Debtor.

Chapter 11

Case No. 16-22376 JKS

Honorable John K. Sherwood

Hearing Date: February 21, 2018, 10:00 am

## ORDER GRANTING SIXTH EXTENSION OF EXCLUSIVITY PERIOD TO FILE AND OBTAIN CONFIRMATION OF PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

The relief set forth on the following page is hereby **ORDERED**.

(Page 2)

Debtor: Altomare Auto Group, LLC, d/b/a Union Volkswagen

Case Nos.: 16-22376 JKS

Caption of Order: Order Granting Sixth Extension of Exclusivity Periods to File and Obtain

Confirmation of Plan of Reorganization

THIS MATTER, having come before the Court upon a Motion of the Altomare Auto Group, LLC, d/b/a Union Volkswagen (hereinafter "AAG" or "Debtor"), and the Debtor-in-Possession in the above captioned Chapter 11 case (the "Case"), by and through its counsel, Wasserman, Jurista & Stolz, P.C., seeking a sixth extension of the exclusivity period in which to file and seek a confirmation of a Plan of Reorganization in this case, and the Court having reviewed the Debtor's Application and any opposition thereto and finding good cause for the entry of the within Order,

### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. The Debtor's exclusive period for filing a Plan of Reorganization, be and is hereby extended through and including May 21, 2018.
- 2. The Debtor's exclusive period in which to obtain confirmation of a Plan of Reorganization, be and is hereby extended through and including July 22, 2018.
- 3. The entry of this Order is without prejudice to further requests for extension of said time periods by the Debtor.