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

IN RE: \$ CASE NO. 17-32431-H4-11 SOUTHWEST SILK SCREENING, \$ CHAPTER 11

INC.

# **DEBTOR'S DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

#### I. INTRODUCTION

This is the disclosure statement (the "Disclosure Statement") in the chapter 11 case of Southwest Silk Screening, Inc. (the Debtor). This Disclosure Statement contains information about the Debtor and describes the Plan of Reorganization (the "Plan") filed by the Debtor. A full copy of the Plan is attached to this Disclosure Statement as Exhibit "A". Your rights may be affected. You should read the Plan and this Disclosure Statement carefully and discuss them with your attorney. If you do not have an attorney, you may wish to consult one.

The proposed distributions under the Plan are discussed in this Disclosure Statement.

### A. **Purpose of This Document**

This Disclosure Statement describes:

- . The Debtor and significant events during the bankruptcy case,
- . How the Plan proposes to treat claims or equity interests of the type you hold (*i.e.*, what you will receive on your claim or equity interest if the plan is confirmed),
- . Who can vote on or object to the Plan,
- What factors the Bankruptcy Court (the "Court") will consider when deciding whether to confirm the Plan,
- . Why the Debtor believes the Plan is feasible, and how the treatment of your claim or equity interest under the Plan compares to what you would receive on your claim or equity interest in liquidation, and
- The effect of confirmation of the Plan.

Be sure to read the Plan as well as the Disclosure Statement. This Disclosure Statement describes the Plan, but it is the Plan itself that will, if confirmed, establish your rights.

# B. Deadlines for Voting and Objecting; Date of Plan Confirmation Hearing

The Court has not yet confirmed the Plan described in this Disclosure Statement. This section describes the procedures pursuant to which the Plan will or will not be confirmed.

1. Time and Place of the Hearing to Finally Approve This Disclosure Statement and Confirm the Plan

A hearing at which the Court will determine whether to approve this Disclosure Statement has not yet been set. You will receive subsequent notice of this hearing date.

2. Deadline for Voting to Accept or Reject the Plan

If you are entitled to vote to accept or reject the plan, vote on the enclosed ballot and return the ballot by mail to counsel for the Debtor, Mitchell J. Buchman, 1900 St. James Place, Suite 500, Houston, 77056 or by email to counsel, mitchelb@bdfgroup.com by facsimile to counsel, (713) 693-2011.

Your ballot must be received by	. 2017	or it	t will	not be	e counted.

3. Deadline for Objecting to the Adequacy of Disclosure and Confirmation of the Plan

4. *Identity of Person to Contact for More Information* 

If you want additional information about the Plan, you should contact Mitchell Buchman, 1900 St. James Pl, Suite 500, Houston, Tx 77056.

### C. Disclaimer

The Court has not yet approved this Disclosure Statement or determined whether the Plan meets the legal requirements for confirmation.

#### II. BACKGROUND

# A. Description and History of the Debtor's Business

Debtor is in the custom silk screening and embroidery business. Debtor was incorporated and started operations on January 31, 1991.

# B. Management of the Debtor before and During the Bankruptcy

The Debtor is a corporation. The sole shareholder is Marcus Stalarow and has always been the sole shareholder. Mr. Stalarow is the President of Southwest Silk Screening, Inc. There are no other officers of the company.

# C. Events Leading to Chapter 11 Filing and Significant Events during the Bankruptcy Case

In 2013 and 2014, Debtor's client included many companies in the oil and gas business. Oil and gas related customers comprised, at times, between 30% and 50% of the Debtor's revenues. Beginning in early 2014, worldwide oil process declined from over \$100.00 per barrel to approximately \$30.00 per barrel in 2016. As the price of oil and gas declined, Debtor's revenues from customers in the oil and gas business declined as the Debtor lost more and more business in the oil patch. From revenues of over \$700,000.00 per year prior to the oil price decline, Debtor's income declined to \$563,243.00 in 2015 and \$435,890.00 in 2016. Debtor did not reduce costs as quickly as revenues declined, thereby causing losses. Further, in 2015 and 2016, Debtor's President, Marcus Stalarow, suffered from a medical condition that impacted his ability to oversee the management of the company on a day to day basis.

# D. Absolute Priority Rule

The "absolute priority rule" is the rule that states that the holder of any claim or interest that is junior to the claims of an impaired unsecured class of creditors will not receive or retain under the plan on account of their junior claim or interest any property unless the allowed claims in the impaired unsecured class of creditors support the Plan. This Plan is paying the unsecured class a percentage of their claims. The Debtor believes that the unsecured class will support the plan and the absolute priority plan will not apply.

# E. Projected Recovery of Avoidable Transfers and Lawsuits

The Debtor does not believe there are any preference actions or fraudulent transfer actions to pursue.

# F. Claims Objections

Except to the extent that a claim is already allowed pursuant to a final non-appealable order, the Debtor reserves the right to object to claims. Therefore, even if your claim is allowed for voting purposes, you may not be entitled to a distribution if an objection to your claim is later upheld. The procedures for resolving disputed claims are set forth in the Plan. If necessary, objections to claims will be filed within 60 days after the Effective Date of the Plan.

# III. SUMMARY OF THE PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TREATMENT OF CLAIMS AND EQUITY INTERESTS

# A. What is the Purpose of the Plan of Reorganization?

As required by the Code, the Plan places claims and equity interests in various classes and describes the treatment each class will receive. The Plan also states whether each class of claims or equity interests is impaired or unimpaired. If the Plan is confirmed, your recovery will be limited to the amount provided by the Plan.

#### B. Unclassified Claims

Certain types of claims are automatically entitled to specific treatment under the Code. They are not considered impaired, and holders of such claims do not vote on the Plan. They may, however, object if, in their view, their treatment under the Plan does not comply with that required by the Code.

#### Class 1. *Administrative Expenses*

Administrative expenses are costs or expenses of administering the Debtor's chapter 11 case which are allowed under § 507(a)(2) of the Code. Administrative expenses also include the value of any goods sold to the Debtor in the ordinary course of business and received within 20 days before the date of the bankruptcy petition. The Code requires that all administrative expenses be paid on the effective date of the Plan, unless a particular claimant agrees to a different treatment. The following chart lists the Debtor's estimated administrative expenses, and their proposed treatment under the Plan:

**U.S. Trustee** – fees will stay current until this case is closed.

Class 2. Priority Unsecured Tax Claims

None

# Class 3. Secured Claim of Internal Revenue Service

**Internal Revenue Service**: \$103,249.62. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has filed a proof of claim for withholding taxes owed. The IRS asserts a lien on all assets of the estate. This claim is to be paid in full with 4% interest in 60 equal monthly installments, with the first monthly payment being due and payable on the 15th day of the 1st month following the Effective Date of the Plan. The estimated monthly payment is \$1,901.50 per month. The IRS shall retain a lien on all assets of the estate to secure payment of this Claim.

# This claim is impaired

# Class 5. Secured Claim of Ashcroft Industrial Park

**Ashcroft Industrial Park.** Ashcroft Industrial Park is the Debtor's landlord for the Debtor's primary office location at 7351 Ashcroft. This creditor asserts a landlord's lien for the delinquent monthly rental payments in the amount of \$34,653.00 on the Debtor's equipment and property located at 7351 Ashcroft. This claim is to be paid in full with in 60 equal monthly installments, with the first monthly payment being due and payable on the 15th day of the 1st month following the Effective Date of the Plan. The estimated monthly payment is \$577.55.

# This claim is impaired

# Class 5. Secured Claim of Harris County

Harris County asserts a lien for ad valorem property taxes on the business assets of the Debtor. This claim is to be paid in full with 12% interest in 60 equal monthly installments, with the first monthly payment being due and payable on the 15th day of the 1st month following the Effective Date of the Plan. The estimated monthly payment is \$125.00.

#### This claim is impaired

### Class 6. Secured Claim of Texas Workforce Commission

**Texas Workforce Commission** – This claim is \$338.73. It is to be paid in full with 4% interest in One payment to be made ten (10 days after the Effective Date of the Plan.

# This claim is impaired

# 7. Priority Unsecured Claims

Priority Unsecured Claims are not secured by property of the estate but are entitled to priority under § 507(a) of the Code.

**Internal Revenue Service** – This claim is \$59,425.47. It is to be paid in full with 4% interest in 96 months, with the first monthly payment being due and payable on the 15th day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month following the completion of the payment of the secured claim of the Internal Revenue Service in month 60 set for in claim 3(a) above, and continuing each month thereafter for a period of 60 days after the Effective Date of the Plan. The estimated monthly payment (even though the plan is a stair step plan) is \$724.35.

#### These Claims are impaired

#### 8. General Unsecured Claims

General unsecured claims are not secured by property of the estate and are not entitled to priority under § 507(a) of the Code. The general unsecured creditors consist of the following claims:

Name	<u>Amount</u>	Proof of Claim Filed
Britton & Associates, PLLC	\$1,400.00	No
Coastal Marketing	Unknown	No
Liberty Power	\$3,738.40	Yes
Uniline	\$381.44	Yes
Quill	\$478.68	No

The General Unsecured Creditors will be paid 100% of their claims with no interest. Payments will begin on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 61<sup>st</sup> month following Effective Date of the Plan. Each claimant will be paid in equal monthly installment of 1/36<sup>th</sup> of their total Allowed Claim, payable over a term of 36 month.

# 9. Equity Interest Holders

Equity interest holders are parties who hold an ownership interest (i.e., stock) in the Debtor. Marcus Stalarow is the only equity interest holder in this case at this time. Mr. Stalarow will retain his equity interest in the reorganized debtor

# A. Means of Implementing the Plan

# 1. Source of Payments

Payments and distributions under the Plan will be funded by ordinary business income. – As to a default under the plan, any creditor remedies allowed by 11 U.S.C. § 1112(b)(4)(N) shall be preserved to the extent otherwise available at law. In addition to any rights specifically provided to a claimant treated pursuant to this Plan, a failure by the Reorganized Debtor to make a payment to a creditor pursuant to the terms of this Plan shall be an event of default as to such payments if the payment is not cured within thirty (30) days after service of a written notice of default from such creditor, then such creditor may exercise any and all rights and remedies under applicable non-bankruptcy law to collect such claims or seek such relief as may be appropriate in the United States Bankruptcy Court.

Attached hereto marked Exhibit A is 12 months projections for calendar year 2018 setting forth the projected income and expenses for the operation of the business. Debtor projects sufficient cash flow from operations to fund the plan payments. Debtor projects that this 12 month projection is indicative of the operations that the Debtor can expect during the term of the Plan.

# 2. Post-confirmation Management

The Post-Confirmation Management of the Debtor will be the same as before and during the bankruptcy proceeding. Mr. Marcus Stalarow will remain as President of the Debtor. Mr. Stalarow will receive monthly compensation of \$5000.00 per month for his employment.

# 3. Disbursing Agent

The Reorganized Debtor will be the disbursing agent under the plan.

# B. Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

The only executory contract is the current office lease with Ashcroft Industrial Park. This executory contract is hereby assumed.

All other executory contracts and unexpired leases that are not listed will be rejected under the Plan. Consult your adviser or attorney for more specific information about particular contracts or leases.

If you object to the rejection of your contract or lease, you must file and serve your objection to the Plan within the deadline for objecting to the confirmation of the Plan.

The Deadline for Filing a Proof of Claim Based on a Claim Arising from the Rejection of a Lease or Contract Is 60 days after the contract or lease is (or was by operation of law) rejected.

Any claim based on the rejection of a contract or lease will be disallowed or discharged if the proof of claim is (or was) not timely filed, unless the Court orders otherwise.

# C. Tax Consequences of Plan

Creditors Concerned with How the Plan May Affect Their Tax Liability Should Consult with Their Own Accountants, Attorneys, And/Or Advisors. The Debtor believes that there will be no tax consequences of the Plan that will impact the Debtor.

# IV. CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

To be confirmable, the Plan must meet the requirements listed in §§ 1129(a) or (b) of the Code. These include the requirements that: the Plan must be proposed in good faith; at least one impaired class of claims must accept the plan, without counting votes of insiders; the Plan must distribute to each creditor and equity interest holder at least as much as the creditor or equity interest holder would receive in a chapter 7 liquidation case, unless the creditor or equity interest holder votes to accept the Plan; and the Plan must be feasible. These requirements are <u>not</u> the only requirements listed in § 1129, and they are not the only requirements for confirmation.

# A. Who May Vote or Object

Any party in interest may object to the confirmation of the Plan if the party believes that the requirements for confirmation are not met. Any insider's vote will not be counted.

Many parties in interest, however, are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. A creditor or equity interest holder has a right to vote for or against the Plan only if that creditor or equity interest holder has a claim or equity interest that is both (1) allowed or allowed for voting purposes and (2) impaired.

In this case, the Debtor believes that classes 3, 4 and 5 are impaired and that holders of claims in each of these classes are therefore entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. The Debtor believes that class 1 is unimpaired and that holders of claims in this class, therefore, do not have the right to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

# 1. What Is an Allowed Claim or an Allowed Equity Interest?

Only a creditor or equity interest holder with an allowed claim or an allowed equity interest has the right to vote on the Plan. Generally, a claim or equity interest is allowed if either (1) the Debtor has scheduled the claim on the Debtor's schedules, unless the claim has been scheduled as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, or (2) the creditor has filed a proof of claim or equity interest, unless an objection has been filed to such proof of claim or equity interest. When a claim or equity interest is not allowed, the creditor or equity interest holder holding the claim or equity interest cannot vote unless the Court, after notice and hearing, either overrules the objection or allows the claim or equity interest for voting purposes pursuant to Rule 3018(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

The deadline for filing a proof of claim in this case was July 5, 2016. The deadline for filing objections to claims is 60 days after confirmation of the Plan.

2. What Is an Impaired Claim or Impaired Equity Interest?

As noted above, the holder of an allowed claim or equity interest has the right to vote only if it is in a class that is *impaired* under the Plan. As provided in § 1124 of the Code, a class is considered impaired if the Plan alters the legal, equitable, or contractual rights of the members of that class.

#### 3. Who is **Not** Entitled to Vote

The holders of the following six types of claims and equity interests are *not* entitled to vote:

- holders of claims and equity interests that have been disallowed by an order of the Court;
- holders of other claims or equity interests that are not "allowed claims" or "allowed equity interests" (as discussed above), unless they have been "allowed" for voting purposes.
- holders of claims or equity interests in unimpaired classes;

- holders of claims entitled to priority pursuant to §§ 507(a)(2), (a)(3), and (a)(8) of the Code; and
- holders of claims or equity interests in classes that do not receive or retain any value under the Plan;
- holders of administrative claims.

Even If You Are Not Entitled to Vote on the Plan, You Have a Right to Object to the Confirmation of the Plan and to the Adequacy of the Disclosure Statement.

#### 4. Who Can Vote in More Than One Class

A creditor whose claim has been allowed in part as a secured claim and in part as an unsecured claim, or who otherwise holds claims in multiple classes, is entitled to accept or reject a Plan in each capacity, and should cast one ballot for each claim.

# B. Votes Necessary to Confirm the Plan

If impaired classes exist, the Court cannot confirm the Plan unless (1) at least one impaired class of creditors has accepted the Plan without counting the votes of any insiders within that class, and (2) all impaired classes have voted to accept the Plan, unless the Plan is eligible to be confirmed by a cram down on non-accepting classes, as discussed later in Section B.2.

# 1. Votes Necessary for a Class to Accept the Plan

A class of claims accepts the Plan if both of the following occur: (1) the holders of more than one-half (1/2) of the allowed claims in the class, who vote, cast their votes to accept the Plan, and (2) the holders of at least two-thirds (2/3) in dollar amount of the allowed claims in the class, who vote, cast their votes to accept the Plan.

A class of equity interests accepts the Plan if the holders of at least two-thirds (2/3) in amount of the allowed equity interests in the class, who vote, cast their votes to accept the Plan.

# 2. Treatment of Non-Accepting Classes

Even if one or more impaired classes reject the Plan, the Court may nonetheless confirm the Plan if the non-accepting classes are treated in the manner prescribed by § 1129(b) of the Code. A plan that binds non-accepting classes is commonly referred to as a cram down plan. The Code allows the Plan to bind non-accepting classes of claims or equity interests if it meets all the requirements for consensual confirmation except the voting requirements of § 1129(a)(8) of the Code, does not discriminate unfairly, and is fair and equitable toward each impaired class that has not voted to accept the Plan.

You should consult your own attorney if a cram down confirmation will affect your claim or equity interest, as the variations on this general rule are numerous and complex.

# C. Liquidation Analysis

To confirm the Plan, the Court must find that all creditors and equity interest holders who do not accept the Plan will receive at least as much under the Plan as such claim and equity interest holders would receive in a chapter 7 liquidation. The liquidation analysis is set out as Exhibit "B" hereto.

# D. Feasibility

The Court must find that confirmation of the Plan is not likely to be followed by the liquidation, or the need for further financial reorganization, of the Debtor or any successor to the Debtor, unless such liquidation or reorganization is proposed in the Plan.

E. **Plan Default** - In the event of any failure of the Reorganized Debtor to timely make its required plan payments to one or more of these creditors, they shall send notice of such default to the Reorganized Debtor. If the default is not cured within thirty (30) days of the date of such notice, the creditors may proceed to collect all amounts owed pursuant to state law without further recourse to the Bankruptcy Court

#### V. EFFECT OF CONFIRMATION OF PLAN

# A. Discharge of Debtor

On the effective date of the Plan, the Debtor shall be discharged from any debt that arose before confirmation of the Plan, subject to the occurrence of the effective date, to the extent specified in § 1141(d)(1)(A) of the Code. However, the Debtor shall not be discharged from any debt imposed by the Plan. After the effective date of the Plan your claims against the Debtor will be limited to the debts imposed by the Plan.

B. Vesting of Property in the Reorganized Debtor. On the Effective Date, title to all assets and properties dealt with by the Plan shall vest in the Reorganized Debtor, free and clear of all Claims and Interests other than any contractual secured claims granted under any lending agreement, on the condition that the Reorganized Debtor complies with the terms of the Plan, including the making of all payments to creditors provided for in such Plan. If the Reorganized Debtor defaults in performing under the provisions of the Plan and this case is converted to a case under chapter 7, all property vested in the Reorganized Debtor and all subsequently acquired property owned as of or after the conversion date shall re-vest and constitute property of the bankruptcy estate in the converted case.

#### C. Modification of Plan

The Plan Proponent may modify the Plan at any time before confirmation of the Plan. However, the Court may require a new disclosure statement and/or re-voting on the Plan. The Plan Proponent may also seek to modify the Plan at any time after confirmation only if (1) the Plan has not been substantially consummated *and* (2) the Court authorizes the proposed modifications after notice and a hearing.

#### D. Final Decree

Once the estate has been fully administered, as provided in Rule 3022 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Plan Proponent, or such other party as the Court shall designate in the Plan Confirmation Order, shall file a motion with the Court to obtain a final decree to close the case. Alternatively, the Court may enter such a final decree on its own motion.

Dated: August 21, 2017.

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