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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION

In re: ) Case No. 02-08699  
) (Jointly Administered)  
NATIONAL STEEL CORPORATION, )  
et al., ) Chapter 11  
) Hon. John H. Squires  
)  
Debtors. )

**ORDER PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §§ 102 AND 105(a),  
BANKRUPTCY RULES 2002(m) AND 9007, AND LOCAL RULES  
101, 400, AND 402 ESTABLISHING OMNIBUS HEARING  
DATES AND CERTAIN NOTICE, CASE MANAGEMENT  
AND ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES**

This matter having come before the Court on the motion, dated March 6, 2002 (the "Motion"),<sup>1</sup> of the above-captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), for entry of an order, pursuant to sections 102(1) and 105(a) of Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101, et seq. (the "Bankruptcy Code"), Rules 2002(m) and 9007 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and Local Rules 101, 401, and 402 (the "Local Rules") establishing omnibus hearing dates and certain notice, case management, and administrative procedures in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases; and the Court having reviewed the Motion and the Declaration of William E. McDonough in

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise defined, capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Orders, sworn to March 5, 2002; and the Court having determined that the relief requested in this Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors and other parties-in-interest; and it appearing that notice of the Motion was good and sufficient under the particular circumstances and that no other or further notice need be given; and upon the record herein; and after due deliberation thereon; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. The Motion be, and it hereby is, GRANTED.

A. Monthly Omnibus Hearing Dates

2. The Court shall conduct the following omnibus hearings on the following basis in these cases (the "Omnibus Hearing Dates"):

4/2 at 8:30 AM (Central Standard Time)  
4/23 at 8:30 AM (Central Standard Time)  
5/14 at 8:30 AM (Central Standard Time)  
5/20 at 8:30 AM (Central Standard Time)  
6/18 at 8:30 AM (Central Standard Time)

3. Omnibus Hearing Dates will occur thereafter as may be scheduled by the Court. All matters requiring a hearing in these cases shall be set for and be heard

on Omnibus Hearing Dates unless alternative hearing dates are approved by the Court for good cause shown.

B. Notice Procedures

4. Every Filing shall be subject to the following Notice Procedures described herein. All Filings shall be filed with the Court in accordance with the Local Rules. All Filings shall be served on any entity with a particularized interest in the subject of the Filing. All Filings in these cases shall also be served upon the following list (the "Master Service List") of parties or entities:

- (a) The Debtors and their counsel;
- (b) The Office of the United States Trustee;
- (c) Counsel to any official committee(s) established in these cases pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Committee(s));
- (d) Counsel to the agent for the Debtors' postpetition credit facility;
- (e) Counsel to the Debtors' prepetition lenders;
- (f) In accordance with Local Rule 603A, all Local Counsel having entered a notice of appearance in these cases, but in each such case, only one copy of the Filing regardless of how many creditors or parties-in-interest the Local Counsel represents;
- (g) Those parties that may be added to the Master Service List upon written request to the Debtors and the Committee(s) and as ordered by the Court for good and sufficient cause pursuant to Local Rules 403A(2) and 422 and as required hereby; and
- (h) Landmark Document Services.

5. Parties may be added or deleted from the Master Service List upon written request for good and sufficient cause, in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Order.

6. All initial Filings, complaints and other pleadings filed in any adversary proceeding commenced in these cases (the "Adversary Pleadings") shall be served on (a) the Debtors and their counsel; (b) the Office of the United States Trustee; (c) counsel to the Committees; (d) counsel to the agent for the Debtors' postpetition credit facility; (e) counsel to the Debtors' prepetition lenders, as well as any parties required to be served under any applicable Bankruptcy Rule or Local Rule. Subsequent Adversary Pleadings shall be served on parties to the underlying adversary proceeding.

7. With respect to all Filings for which particular notices are required by Bankruptcy Rules 2002(a)(2) and (3), 4001, 6004, 6006, 6007 or 9019, parties shall serve all such Filings on the Master Service List herein and also in accordance with the following procedures, unless otherwise authorized by the Court:

(a) Filings related to the use, sale, lease or abandonment of property other than in the ordinary course of business shall be served on each entity asserting an interest in the property.

(b) Filings related to relief from, or otherwise related to, the automatic stay shall be served on each entity asserting a lien or encumbrance on the affected property.

(c) Filings relating to the use of cash collateral or obtaining credit shall be served on each adversely affected entity asserting an interest in the

cash collateral or each adversely affected entity asserting a lien or other interest in property on which a lien is proposed to be granted.

(d) Filings relating to approval of proposed compromises or settlements shall be served on any entity that is a party to the compromise or settlement or which may be directly adversely affected thereby.

(e) Filings relating to rights under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code shall be served on each party to the executory contract(s) or unexpired lease(s) affected thereby.

(f) Filings relating to applications for payment of compensation or reimbursement of expenses shall be served on each professional person who is seeking payment of compensation or reimbursement of expenses and whose retention has been authorized by the Court in these cases.

(g) Notice of other matters for which the Bankruptcy Rules specifically require notice to all parties-in-interest shall be served on all creditors and equity security holders of the Debtors and parties-in-interest, except as set forth herein or as otherwise authorized by this Court.

8. Except as set forth herein or otherwise authorized by this Court, the

noticing procedures set forth above shall not apply to notices of the matters or

proceedings described in the following Bankruptcy Rules:

(a) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a)(1) (meeting of creditors pursuant to section 341 of the Bankruptcy Code).

(b) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a)(2) (any proposed use, sale or lease of property of the estate other than in the ordinary course of business, to the extent that such use, sale or lease concerns all or substantially all of the Debtors' assets).

(c) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a)(3) (the hearing on approval of a compromise or settlement of a controversy other than approval of an agreement pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 4001(d)(1), to the extent that such compromise or settlement either involves claims between and among the Debtors and any Committee or a plan of reorganization).

(d) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a)(4) (a hearing on the dismissal of the case or cases, or the conversion of the case or cases to another chapter).

(e) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a)(5) (the time fixed to accept or reject a proposed modification of a plan of reorganization).

(f) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(b)(1) (the time fixed for filing objections and any hearing to consider approval of a disclosure statement).

(g) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(b)(2) (the time fixed for filing objections and any hearing to consider confirmation of a plan of reorganization).

(h) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(d) (certain matters for which notice is to be provided to equity security holders).

(i) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f)(1) (the entry of an order for relief).

(j) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f)(2) (the dismissal or conversion of a case to another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code).

(k) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f)(3) (the time allowed for filing claims pursuant to Rule 3002).

(l) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f)(6) (the waiver, denial or revocation of a discharge as provided in Bankruptcy Rule 4006).

(m) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f)(7) (the entry of an order confirming a chapter 11 plan or plans of reorganization).

(n) Bankruptcy Rule 2002(f)(8) (a summary of the trustee's final report and account should a case be converted to chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code).

9. Any entity submitting a Filing shall serve a notice of such filing on all 2002 List Parties (defined below). Such notice shall include the title of the Filing and the time and date of any objection deadline and the Omnibus Hearing

(hereinafter defined) or other hearing date, as ordered by the Court at which the Court will consider the Filing (the "Applicable Hearing Date"). Nothing shall prejudice (i) the rights of any party in interest to move the Court to further limit or expand notice of such matters and proceedings upon a showing of good cause, including, but not limited to, the right to file a motion seeking emergency ex parte consideration or consideration upon shortened time; or (ii) the rights of any party to seek an enlargement or reduction of a time period under Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b) or (c).

10. All Notice Requests, whether now filed or filed in the future, for automatic receipt of copies of Filings, Responses, Adversary Pleadings and other documents or writings filed in these cases and any adversary proceeding will be denied except as set forth herein.

11. Parties who file notices of appearance and who desire to be added to the Master Service List should make a written request to that effect to the Debtors. In the written request, the requesting party shall advise the Debtors of the party's interest in the bankruptcy cases and why cause exists for the party's inclusion on the Master Service List. The Debtors shall have twenty (20) business days from receipt of such a request to consider such a request. If the Debtors decline the request or fail to respond to the same within such 20-day period, the requesting party may then

move the Court in accordance with the Notice Procedures, for good cause shown, to be added to the Master Service List.

12. On the last day of each calendar month, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, a copy of this Order, as it may be modified or amended from time to time, shall be served by the Debtors on each party (the "2002 List Parties") that filed a notice of appearance or request for notice in these cases during the preceding month.

13. In the event that a Filing is a motion or application for relief, the objection deadline shall be (a) no later than the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) calendar date before the Applicable Hearing Date if the Filing is served at least twenty (20) days prior to the Applicable Hearing Date; (b) no later than the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) calendar date before the Applicable Hearing Date if the Filing is served less than twenty (20) but at least ten (10) days prior to the Applicable Hearing Date; or (c) otherwise as ordered by the Court. The relief requested in the Filing will be granted without a hearing if no objection is timely filed.

14. Pursuant to Local Rule 402F, the Hearing Date is the date of the "request" to modify the automatic stay under section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code (a "Lift Stay Motion"). In accordance with the deadline and Hearing Date procedures outlined above, and pursuant to section 362(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, unless the Court orders otherwise for good cause shown, if a Lift Stay Motion is filed more than



fourteen (14) days before the next scheduled Omnibus Hearing Date, the preliminary hearing/"request" with respect to such Motion shall be such Omnibus Hearing Date. The preliminary hearing/"request" with respect to any Lift Stay Motion filed less than fourteen (14) days before the next scheduled Omnibus Hearing Date shall be the Omnibus Hearing Date following the next Omnibus Hearing Date. Except as specifically set forth herein, all other procedures for Lift Stay Motions shall otherwise conform to the Local Rules and the Bankruptcy Rules.

15. All persons on the Master Service List shall be served with Filings by overnight mail. All objections, responses or statements in support of Filings as well as any replies thereto (collectively "Responses") need only be served on counsel who served such Filings and the parties described in (a) through (e) and (h) of paragraph 4 above, provided that all such Responses shall be served so as to be actually received by such parties by the applicable objection deadline.

16. If any person makes any Filing in contravention of the Omnibus Hearing Date process by, among other things, setting a hearing on such Filing for a date and time other than an Omnibus Hearing Date without an order from this Court authorizing such hearing for cause, the Debtors shall forward a copy of the Procedures Order to such person within three (3) business days after receipt. If such Filing is filed at least twenty (20) days prior to the next Omnibus Hearing Date, then the hearing with respect to such Filing shall be deemed to be on such Omnibus

Hearing Date. If such Filing is filed less than twenty (20) days prior to the next Omnibus Hearing Date, then the hearing with respect to such Filing shall be the next Omnibus Hearing Date thereafter.

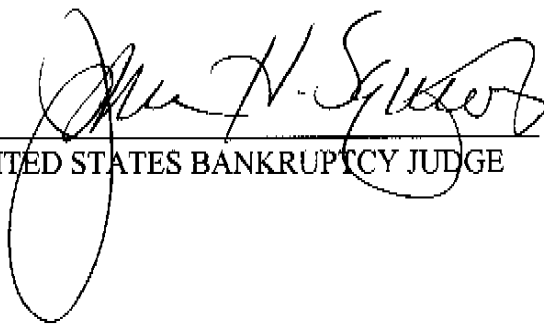
C. Official Copy Service

17. Landmark Document Services, 308 West Randolph, Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60606, tel: (312) 845-1000, fax: (312) 726-9027 is designated the Official Copy Service. Any entity, including the Debtors, submitting any Filing, Response, Adversary Pleadings or other notices or documents to the Court shall also, on the day such document is submitted with the Court, provide one copy thereof to the Official Copy Service. The Official Copy Service shall monitor the docket in these cases and coordinate with Debtors' counsel to ensure that they have copies of all documents filed in the Debtors' cases.

18. The Official Copy Service will maintain (or have access to) a complete set of all documents filed in these cases henceforth. Upon request of any person, the Official Copy Service will supply a copy of any designated document, at a cost to be paid by the person requesting it at the prevailing fee being charged by the Official Copy Service. Any party that desires copies of every document filed in these cases may obtain such documents at its own expense by arrangement with the Official Copy Service.

19. The Court may conduct case status conferences pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 105 to review these matters from time to time with representatives of the Debtors, the United States Trustee, and the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court.

Dated: Chicago, Illinois  
March 6, 2002

  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE