

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:	)	
	)	Chapter 11
MARELLI AUTOMOTIVE LIGHTING USA LLC, <i>et al.</i> , <sup>1</sup>	)	Case No. 25-11034 (___)
Debtors.	)	(Joint Administration Requested)
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**MOTION OF DEBTORS FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER  
(I) AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING PROCEDURES TO REJECT EXECUTORY  
CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

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The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) state as follows in support of this motion:<sup>2</sup>

**Relief Requested**

1. The Debtors seek entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “Order”), (a) authorizing and approving procedures (as described herein, the “Contract Rejection Procedures”) for rejecting executory contracts and unexpired leases (each, a “Contract” and, collectively, the “Contracts”) and (b) granting related relief. The Debtors also request authority to remove or abandon personal property of the Debtors, including, without limitation, equipment, fixtures, furniture, and other personal property that may

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<sup>1</sup> A complete list of each of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained on the website of the Debtors’ claims and noticing agent at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/Marelli>. The location of Marelli Automotive Lighting USA LLC’s principal place of business and the Debtors’ service address in these chapter 11 cases is 26555 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Michigan 48033.

<sup>2</sup> A detailed description of the Debtors and their business, including the circumstances giving rise to the Debtors’ chapter 11 cases, is set forth in the *Declaration of David Slump, Chief Executive Officer of Marelli Automotive Lighting USA, LLC, in Support of First Day Motions*, filed contemporaneously herewith (the “First Day Declaration”). Capitalized terms used but not defined in this motion shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the First Day Declaration. In support of this motion, the Debtors submit the *Declaration of Tony Simion, Managing Director of Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC, in Support of First Day Motions*, filed contemporaneously herewith.

be located on, or may have been installed in, leased premises that are subject to a rejected Contract.

### **Jurisdiction and Venue**

2. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”) has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), and the Debtors confirm their consent, pursuant to rule 9013-1(f) of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the “Local Rules”), to the entry of a final order by the Court in connection with this motion to the extent that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

3. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

4. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a), 365, and 554 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532 (the “Bankruptcy Code”), rules 2002, 6004, 6006, 6007, and 9014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), and Local Rules 2002–1 and 9013-1.

### **Background**

5. The Debtors, together with their non-Debtor affiliates (collectively, “Marelli” or the “Company”) are one of the largest international automotive parts suppliers in the world and a pioneer in motorsports and in automobile manufacturing and design. With its headquarters in Saitama, Japan and over 46,000 employees located in twenty-four countries around the world, Marelli designs and produces sophisticated technologies for leading automotive manufacturers,

including lighting and sensor integrations, electronic systems, software solutions, and interior design products, and collaborates with motor sports teams and other industry leaders to research and develop cutting-edge, high-performance automotive components.

6. On June 11, 2025 (the “Petition Date”), each Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors are operating their businesses and managing their property as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. Concurrent with the filing of this motion, the Debtors filed a motion requesting procedural consolidation and joint administration of these chapter 11 cases pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b). No request for the appointment of a trustee or examiner has been made in these chapter 11 cases, and no official committees have been appointed or designated.

**The Debtors’ Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases**

7. The Debtors are party to a multitude of Contracts, which include, among other things, contracts with vendors for the supply and distribution of goods and services, contracts with customers related to the purchase of automotive parts and the operation of certain production work and quality control assessments, other contracts related to the operation of the Debtors’ businesses, and unexpired leases with respect to real and personal property. A number of these Contracts may be considered leases of non-residential real property subject to section 365(d)(4) of the Bankruptcy Code. During the pendency of these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors may, on a consensual or nonconsensual basis, seek to reject the Contracts.

8. Absent the relief requested in this motion, the Debtors would be required to file separate motions to reject Contracts, resulting in substantial costs to, and administrative burdens on, the Debtors’ estates—in addition to burdening the Court’s docket. To that end, the Debtors hereby request approval of the Contract Rejection Procedures to minimize such costs and burdens.

**The Proposed Contract Rejection Procedures**

9. The Debtors seek entry of the Order authorizing and approving the following Contract Rejection Procedures:

- a. **Rejection Notice.** The Debtors shall file one or more notices substantially in the form attached as Exhibit 1 to the Order (the “Rejection Notice”), to reject a Contract or Contracts pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, which Rejection Notice(s) shall set forth, among other things, with respect to each Contract listed on the Rejection Notice: (i) the Contract or Contracts to be rejected; (ii) the names and addresses of the counterparties to such Contract (each a “Rejection Counterparty”); (iii) the proposed effective date of the rejection for such Contract (the “Rejection Date”); and (iv) if such Contract is an unexpired lease, the location affected by the Rejection Notice and a summary description of personal property to be abandoned, if any (the “Abandoned Property”). The Rejection Notice shall also set forth the deadlines and procedures for filing objections to the Rejection Notice (as set forth below). Each Rejection Notice may list multiple Contracts; *provided* that the number of counterparties to Contracts listed on any one Rejection Notice shall be limited to no more than 100. For the avoidance of doubt, the Debtors may serve multiple Rejection Notices, as long as the counterparties listed on each notice are limited to no more than 100.
  
- b. **Service of Rejection Notices.** The Debtors will cause each Rejection Notice to be served (i) via email, if available, and by overnight delivery service upon (A) the Rejection Counterparties affected by such Rejection Notice at the notice address provided in the applicable Contract (and upon such Rejection Counterparty’s counsel, if known) and (B) all parties who may have any interest in any Abandoned Property (if known) and (ii) by first class mail, email, or fax upon: (A) the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the “U.S. Trustee”); (B) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (C) the office of the attorney general for each of the states in which the Debtors operate; (D) the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Delaware; (E) the Internal Revenue Service; (F) the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; (G) the United States Department of Justice; (H) Mayer Brown LLP, as counsel to the DIP Agent; (I) Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, as counsel to Mizuho Bank, Ltd., in all capacities other than as Prepetition Agent; (J) Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, as counsel to Mizuho Bank, Ltd., in its capacity as Prepetition Agent; (K) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and Cole Schotz P.C., as counsel to the Ad Hoc Group of Senior Lenders; (L) Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, as counsel to the Sponsors; (M) counsel to any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11

cases; and (N) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002.

- c. **Objection Procedures.** Parties objecting to a proposed rejection must file and serve a written objection<sup>3</sup> so that such objection is filed with this Court on the docket of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases no later than seven days after the date the Debtors file and serve the relevant Rejection Notice and promptly serve such objection on the following parties (collectively, the "Objection Service Parties"): (i) the Debtors, Marelli Automotive Lighting USA LLC, 26555 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Michigan 48033, Attn.: Marisa Iasenza; (ii) proposed counsel to the Debtors, (A) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 333 West Wolf Point Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Attn.: Spencer A. Winters, P.C., (B) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn.: Nicholas M. Adzima and Evan Swager, and (C) Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 919 North Market Street, 17th Floor, P.O. Box 8705, Wilmington, Delaware 19899 (Courier 19801), Attn.: Laura Davis Jones, Timothy P. Cairns, and Edward A. Corma; (iii) the U.S. Trustee, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn.: Jane Leamy and Timothy J. Fox, Jr.; (iv) counsel to the DIP Agent, Mayer Brown LLP, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020-1001, Attn.: Jason Elder; (v) counsel to Mizuho Bank, Ltd., in all capacities other than as Prepetition Agent, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attn.: Timothy Graulich and Richard J. Steinberg; (vi) counsel to Mizuho Bank, Ltd., in its capacity as the Prepetition Agent, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, 1000 North King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn.: Robert S. Brady and Andrew L. Magaziner; (vii) counsel to the Ad Hoc Group of Senior Lenders: (A) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, New York, New York 10036, Attn: Ira S. Dizengoff and Anna Kordas, (B) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, 2001 K Street NW, Washington, D.C., 20006, Attn.: Scott L. Alberino, Kate Doorley, and Alexander F. Antypas, and (C) Cole Schotz P.C., 500 Delaware Avenue, Suite 600, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Justin R. Alberto and Stacy L. Newman; (viii) counsel to the Sponsors, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, 1285 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019-6064, Attn.: Brian S. Hermann and Jacob A. Adlerstein; and (ix) any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases.
- d. **No Objection Timely Filed.** If no objection to the rejection of any Contract is timely filed, each Contract listed in the applicable Rejection Notice shall be rejected as of the applicable Rejection Date set forth in the

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<sup>3</sup> An objection to the rejection of any particular Contract listed on a Rejection Notice shall not constitute an objection to the rejection of any other Contract listed on such Rejection Notice.

Rejection Notice or such other date as the Debtors and the applicable Rejection Counterparty agree; *provided, however*, that the effective date of a rejection of a nonresidential real property lease shall not occur until the later of (i) the Rejection Date set forth in the Rejection Notice and (ii) the date the Debtors relinquish control of the premises by notifying the affected landlord or their counsel in writing (email sufficient) of the Debtors' surrender of the premises and turning over, surrendering, or allowing to be reset, as applicable, the keys, key codes, and security codes, if any, to the affected landlord.

- e. ***Unresolved Timely Objections.*** If one or more objections to the rejection of any Contract(s) listed in the applicable Rejection Notice is timely filed and properly served as specified above and not withdrawn or resolved, the Debtors shall file a notice for a hearing to consider the rejection of the Contract(s) implicated by such objection(s) and shall provide at least seven days' notice of such hearing to each objecting party and the Objection Service Parties. If any such objection is overruled or withdrawn, the Contract(s) that are the subject of such objection shall be rejected as of the Rejection Date set forth in the Rejection Notice or such other date as agreed by the parties or determined by the Court as set forth in any order overruling such objection.
- f. ***No Application of Security Deposits.*** If the Debtors have deposited monies with a Rejection Counterparty as a security deposit or other arrangement in connection with such rejected Contract, such Rejection Counterparty may not set off, recoup, or otherwise use such deposit without the prior approval of the Court, unless the Debtors and the applicable Rejection Counterparty otherwise agree in writing.
- g. ***Abandoned Property.*** The Debtors are authorized at any time on or before the applicable Rejection Date, to remove or abandon, at their option, any of the Debtors' personal property that may be located on the Debtors' leased premises that are subject to a rejected Contract. The Debtors shall generally describe the Abandoned Property in the applicable Rejection Notice and their intent to abandon such property. Absent a timely objection, the described property shall be deemed abandoned pursuant to section 554 of the Bankruptcy Code, as is, effective as of the Rejection Date. After the Abandoned Property is deemed abandoned pursuant to section 554 of the Bankruptcy Code, the applicable Rejection Counterparty or counterparties may, in their sole discretion and without further order of this Court, utilize and/or dispose of such property and, to the extent applicable, the automatic stay is modified to allow such disposition. To the extent requested by Rejection Counterparty, the Debtors shall be permitted to abandon the Abandoned Property to such Rejection Counterparty to facilitate such party's use or disposal of such Abandoned Property.

- h. ***Proofs of Claim.*** Claims arising out of the rejection of Contracts, if any, must be filed on or before the later of (i) the applicable deadline for filing proofs of claim established in these chapter 11 cases and (ii) thirty days after the later of (A) the Rejection Date and (B) the date of entry of an order rejecting the Contract. If no proof of claim is timely filed, such claimant shall be forever barred from asserting a claim for damages arising from the rejection and from participating in any distributions on such a claim that may be made in connection with these chapter 11 cases.
- i. ***Removal from Schedule.*** The Debtors reserve the right to remove any Contract from the schedule to any Rejection Notice at any time prior to the date of entry of an order of the Court approving the rejection, and the Debtors will provide notice (by overnight delivery service at the notice address provided in the applicable Contract) of such removal to the relevant Rejection Counterparties.

### **Basis for Relief**

#### **I. The Contract Rejection Procedures Are in the Best Interests of the Debtors' Estates.**

10. The Debtors may reject a number of Contracts prior to the consummation of any plan or sale transaction. Establishing the Contract Rejection Procedures will streamline the administration of these chapter 11 cases and enhance the efficiency of the Debtors' chapter 11 process by eliminating substantial legal expenses that would otherwise be incurred if multiple hearings were held on separate motions with respect to every Contract that the Debtors seek to reject. The Contract Rejection Procedures are reasonable and fair to Rejection Counterparties because they afford parties in interest the opportunity to be heard with respect to the rejection of the Contracts (or abandonment of property related thereto).

11. Courts in this district often enter orders approving similar relief. *See, e.g., In re Liberated Brands*, No. 25-10168 (JKS) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 4, 2025) (entering an order for procedures to reject or assume executory contracts and unexpired leases); *In re JOANN, Inc.*, No. 25-10068 (CTG) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 14, 2025) (same); *In re Am. Tire Distribs., Inc.*, No. 24-12391 (CTG) (Bankr. D. Del. Nov. 18, 2024) (same); *In re SunPower Corp.*,

No. 24-11649 (CTG) (Bankr. D. Del. Aug. 28, 2024) (same); *In re Vyaire Med., Inc.*, No. 24-11217 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. July 11, 2024) (entering an order for procedures to reject executory contracts and unexpired leases).

**A. Rejection of the Contracts Is an Exercise of the Debtors' Business Judgment.**

12. Section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that a debtor in possession, “subject to the court’s approval, may assume or reject any executory contract or unexpired lease of the debtor.” 11 U.S.C. § 365(a). The ability to reject executory contracts and unexpired leases is “vital to the basic purpose of [Chapter 11], because rejection can release the debtor’s estate from burdensome obligations that can impede a successful reorganization.” *N.L.R.B. v. Bildisco and Bildisco*, 465 U.S. 513, 528 (1984). The decision to reject an executory contract or unexpired lease is a matter within the “business judgment” of the debtor. *See In re Extraction Oil & Gas*, 622 B.R. 608, 614 (Bankr. D. Del. 2020) (noting that courts will generally authorize a debtor to reject executory contracts and unexpired leases when such debtor appropriately exercises its business judgment); *see also In re Bildisco*, 682 F.2d 72, 79 (3d Cir. 1982) (“The usual test for rejection of an executory contract is simply whether rejection would benefit the estate, the ‘business judgment’ test.”) (citation omitted). The business judgment standard mandates that a court approve a debtor’s business decision unless the decision is the product of bad faith, whim, or caprice. *See Lubrizol Enters., Inc. v. Richmond Metal Finishers Inc.*, 756 F.2d 1043, 1047 (4th Cir. 1985). Courts generally will not second-guess a debtor’s business judgment concerning the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease. *See Mission Product Holdings, Inc. v. Tempnology, LLC*, 587 U.S. 370, 374 (2019) (“The Bankruptcy court will generally approve the debtor’s choice to reject a contract under the deferential ‘business judgment rule.’”).

13. Further, the business judgment standard is satisfied when a debtor determines that rejection will benefit the estate. *See Mission Product Holdings*, 587 U.S. at 373-74 (noting that under the deferential business judgment rule, the bankruptcy court will approve the debtor's decision to reject any contract that is not beneficial to the estate); *In re Trans World Airlines, Inc.*, No. 01-0056, 2001 WL 1820019, at \*2 (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 16, 2001) (noting that the standard under section 365 requires consideration of the benefit of the rejection to the debtor's estate); *see also In re TS Indus., Inc.*, 117 B.R. 682, 685 (Bankr. D. Utah 1990); *In re Del Grosso*, 115 B.R. 136, 138 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 1990).

14. In addition, the Court may also authorize the Contract Rejection Procedures based on section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. Section 105(a) codifies a bankruptcy court's inherent equitable powers, and allows the Court to "issue any order, process, or judgment that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of this title." Accordingly, a bankruptcy court's exercise of its authority under section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code is appropriately used to allow the Debtors to minimize costs and reorganize their estates around assets that will drive value in their go-forward operations.

15. The Debtors have determined, in their sound business judgment, that the rejection of Contracts in accordance with the Contract Rejection Procedures proposed herein is and will be in the best interest of the Debtors' estates. Further, the Contract Rejection Procedures will avoid substantial legal expense and the use of Court time that would result if a motion were filed and a hearing held for every Contract that the Debtors reject. The Debtors submit that the information provided on the Rejection Notices will provide the Court and interested parties with sufficient information to establish that the Debtors are entitled to make such a rejection in their sound business judgment. Accordingly, the Court should approve the Contract Rejection Procedures.

**B. The Debtors' Abandonment of Personal Property Is Proper Under Section 554(a).**

16. The Debtors submit that the standard set forth in section 554(a) of the Bankruptcy Code is or will be satisfied in the event the Debtors seek to abandon property located at the premises subject to a rejected lease of real property. Section 554(a) provides that a debtor in possession may abandon, subject to court approval, "property of the estate that . . . is of inconsequential value and benefit to the estate." Before authorizing abandonment of property, a Bankruptcy Court must find that either (a) the property is burdensome to the estate or (b) the property is both of inconsequential value and inconsequential benefit to the estate. *See, e.g., Midlantic Nat'l Bank v. N.J. Dep't of Env'tl. Prot.*, 474 U.S. 494, 497 (1986); *In re Boogaard*, 89 B.R. 397, 397 (Bankr. D. Del. 1988); *In re Pilz Compact Disc, Inc.*, 229 B.R. 630, 635 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 1999). The personal property proposed to be abandoned in connection with any future rejections of Contracts that are real property leases would primarily consist of fixtures, furniture, and other equipment that is (a) of minimal or no material value or benefit to the Debtors' estates and/or (b) burdensome insofar as the costs and expenses of removal and storage of such property are likely to exceed the net proceeds realizable from their sale.

**C. The Contract Rejection Procedures Satisfy Due Process.**

17. The counterparties to the Contracts will not be prejudiced by the Contract Rejection Procedures because, upon receipt of a Rejection Notice, such counterparties will have received advance notice of the Debtors' intent to reject their respective Contract as of the effective date of such rejection. *See, e.g., In re DB Holdings Liquidation, Inc.*, 592 B.R. 539, 558 (D. Del. 2018) (reasoning that the timing of assumption or rejection and any notices served are pertinent variables to determining whether the contract counterparty has been prejudiced by such assumption or rejection); *In re Phila. Newspapers, LLC*, 424 B.R. 178, 185 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 2010) (reasoning that rejection should be granted when it does not prejudice the contract

counterparty); *In re Mid Region Petrol., Inc.*, 111 B.R. 968, 970 (Bankr. N.D. Okla. 1990) (holding effective date of rejection of leases was the date the trustee gave notice to lessor of intent to reject), *aff'd* 1 F.3d 1130 (10th Cir. 1993); *In re Carlisle Homes, Inc.*, 103 B.R. 524, 535 (Bankr. D.N.J. 1988) (finding debtor may reject executory contract by clearly communicating intention to reject). Additionally, in the case of unexpired leases of nonresidential real property, the Debtors may vacate the premises before or upon serving the Rejection Notice, thereby allowing the counterparties to take possession of and relet the property promptly. *See, e.g., Adelpia Bus. Sols., Inc. v. Abnos*, 482 F.3d 602, 608–09 (2d Cir. 2007) (holding that the bankruptcy court did not abuse its discretion in finding balance of equities favored making rejection of a nonresidential lease of real property retroactive to date tenant vacated premises, as tenant’s action provided landlord with opportunity to relet premises); *In re New Valley Corp*, No. 98-982, 2000 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 12663, at \*44–46 (D.N.J. Aug. 31, 2000) (holding that the bankruptcy court properly exercised its discretion in adjusting the effective date of rejection from the date the court signed the order authorizing rejection to the date on which the debtor vacated and the landlord exercised control over the property); *In re Amber’s Stores, Inc.*, 193 B.R. 819, 827 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 1996) (holding that lease at issue should be deemed rejected as of the petition date due to equities of the case where debtor turned over keys and vacated premises and served motion to reject lease as soon as possible).

18. As a procedural matter, “[a] proceeding to assume, reject, or assign an executory contract or unexpired lease . . . is governed by Rule 9014.” Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6006(a). Bankruptcy Rule 9014 provides that “[i]n a contested matter not otherwise governed by these rules, relief shall be requested by motion, and reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing shall be afforded the party against whom relief is sought.” The notice and hearing requirements for

contested matters in Bankruptcy Rule 9014 are satisfied if appropriate notice and an opportunity for hearing are given *in light of the particular circumstances*. See 11 U.S.C. § 102(1)(A) (defining “after notice and a hearing” or a similar phrase to mean such notice and an opportunity for hearing “as [are] appropriate in the particular circumstances.”) (emphasis added).

19. Under Bankruptcy Rule 6006(e), a debtor may join requests for authority to reject multiple executory contracts or unexpired leases in one motion, subject to Bankruptcy Rule 6006(f). See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6006(e)(2). Bankruptcy Rule 6006(f) sets forth six requirements that motions to reject multiple executory contracts or unexpired leases must satisfy. These requirements are procedural in nature. Bankruptcy Rule 6006(f) provides that a motion to reject multiple executory contracts or unexpired leases that are not between the same parties shall:

- a. state in a conspicuous place that parties receiving the omnibus motion should locate their names and their contracts or leases listed in the motion;
- b. list parties alphabetically and identify the corresponding contract or lease;
- c. specify the terms, including the curing of defaults, for each requested assumption or assignment;
- d. specify the terms, including the identity of each assignee and the adequate assurance of future performance by each assignee, for each requested assignment;
- e. be numbered consecutively with other omnibus motions to assume, assign, or reject executory contracts or unexpired leases; and
- f. be limited to no more than one hundred executory contracts or unexpired leases.

20. The purpose of Bankruptcy Rule 6006(f) is to protect the due process rights of counterparties to the Contracts while conserving estate resources. Counterparties must be able to locate their Contracts and readily determine whether their Contracts are being rejected.

21. The Contract Rejection Procedures satisfy Bankruptcy Rule 6006(f), including the 100-Contract limit set forth therein. Further, given the number of Contracts the Debtors may be seeking to reject, obtaining Court approval of each rejection would impose unnecessary administrative burdens on the Debtors and the Court and result in costs to the Debtors' estates that may decrease the economic benefits of rejection.

22. In accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 6007(a), the Debtors will provide the U.S. Trustee and other parties in interest with the requisite notice and an opportunity to object to any proposed abandonment of property.

23. As a result, the Contract Rejection Procedures afford Rejection Counterparties and all other parties in interest their due process rights by providing notice and the opportunity to be heard. Moreover, the Court maintains authority and oversight in the event of an objection. For the foregoing reasons, the Contract Rejection Procedures should be approved, and the Debtors should be authorized to reject the Contracts consistent with their terms.

24. In sum, the Contract Rejection Procedures will minimize costs to the Debtors' estates and reduce the burden on this Court's docket while protecting parties in interest by providing notice and the opportunity to object and obtain a hearing. Moreover, the Debtors have determined that the Contract Rejection Procedures are an appropriate means to protect and maximize the value of the Debtors' estates.

#### **Reservation of Rights**

25. Nothing contained in this motion or any order granting the relief requested in this motion, and no action taken by the Debtors pursuant to the relief requested or granted (including any payment made in accordance with any such order), is intended as or shall be construed or deemed to be: (a) an admission as to the amount, validity, or priority of, or basis for, any claim

against the Debtors under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's rights to dispute any claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) an implication, admission, or finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim, other priority claim, or otherwise of a type specified or defined in this motion or any order granting the relief requested by this motion; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates; or (g) a waiver or limitation of any claims, causes of action, or other rights of the Debtors or any other party in interest against any person or entity under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law.

**Waiver of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and 6004(h)**

26. To implement the foregoing successfully, the Debtors seek a waiver of the notice requirements under Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the fourteen-day stay of an order authorizing the use, sale, or lease of property under Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h).

**Notice**

27. The Debtors will provide notice of this motion to: (a) the U.S. Trustee; (b) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (c) the office of the attorney general for each of the states in which the Debtors operate; (d) United States Attorney's Office for the District of Delaware; (e) the Internal Revenue Service; (f) the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; (g) the United States Department of Justice; (h) Mayer Brown LLP, as counsel to the DIP Agent; (i) Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, as counsel to Mizuho Bank, Ltd., in all capacities other than as Prepetition Agent; (j) Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, as counsel to Mizuho Bank, Ltd., in its

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**No Prior Request**

28. No prior request for the relief sought in this motion has been made to this or any other court.

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WHEREFORE, the Debtors request entry of the Order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, (a) granting the relief requested herein and (b) granting such other relief as the Court deems appropriate under the circumstances.

Dated: June 11, 2025  
Wilmington, Delaware

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**Exhibit A**

**Proposed Order**

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MARELLI AUTOMOTIVE LIGHTING USA LLC, <i>et al.</i> , <sup>1</sup>	)	Case No. 25-11034 (___)
Debtors.	)	(Joint Administration Requested)
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	)	<b>Re: Docket No. ___</b>

**ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING AND  
APPROVING PROCEDURES TO REJECT EXECUTORY  
CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon the motion (the “Motion”)<sup>2</sup> of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for the entry of an order (this “Order”), (a) authorizing and approving procedures for rejecting executory contracts and unexpired leases and (b) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and this Court having found that this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors’ estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors’ notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion

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<sup>1</sup> A complete list of each of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases may be obtained on the website of the Debtors’ claims and noticing agent at <https://www.veritaglobal.net/Marelli>. The location of Marelli Automotive Lighting USA LLC’s principal place of business and the Debtors’ service address in these chapter 11 cases is 26555 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Michigan 48033.

<sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted on a final basis as set forth herein.
2. The following procedures (the "Contract Rejection Procedures") are approved in connection with rejecting Contracts:

- a. **Rejection Notice.** The Debtors shall file one or more notices substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** (the "Rejection Notice"), to reject a Contract or Contracts pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, which Rejection Notice(s) shall set forth, among other things, with respect to each Contract listed on the Rejection Notice: (i) the Contract or Contracts to be rejected; (ii) the names and addresses of the counterparties to such Contract (each a "Rejection Counterparty"); (iii) the proposed effective date of the rejection for such Contract (the "Rejection Date"); and (iv) if such Contract is an unexpired lease, the location affected by the Rejection Notice and a summary description of personal property to be abandoned, if any (the "Abandoned Property"). The Rejection Notice shall also set forth the deadlines and procedures for filing objections to the Rejection Notice (as set forth below). Each Rejection Notice may list multiple Contracts; *provided* that the number of counterparties to Contracts listed on any one Rejection Notice shall be limited to no more than 100. For the avoidance of doubt, the Debtors may serve multiple Rejection Notices, as long as the counterparties listed on each notice are limited to no more than 100.
- b. **Service of Rejection Notices.** The Debtors will cause each Rejection Notice to be served (i) via email, if available, and by overnight delivery service upon (A) the Rejection Counterparties affected by such Rejection Notice at the notice address provided in the applicable Contract (and upon such Rejection Counterparty's counsel, if known) and (B) all parties who may have any interest in any Abandoned Property (if known) and (ii) by first class mail, email, or fax upon: (A) the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the "U.S. Trustee"); (B) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (C) the office of the attorney general for each of the states in which the Debtors operate; (D) the United States Attorney's Office for the District of

Delaware; (E) the Internal Revenue Service; (F) the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; (G) the United States Department of Justice; (H) Mayer Brown LLP, as counsel to the DIP Agent; (I) Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, as counsel to Mizuho Bank, Ltd., in all capacities other than as Prepetition Agent; (J) Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, as counsel to Mizuho Bank, Ltd., in its capacity as Prepetition Agent; (K) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and Cole Schotz P.C., as counsel to the Ad Hoc Group of Senior Lenders; (L) Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, as counsel to the Sponsors; (M) counsel to any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases; and (N) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002.

- c. **Objection Procedures.** Parties objecting to a proposed rejection must file and serve a written objection<sup>3</sup> so that such objection is filed with this Court on the docket of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases no later than seven days after the date the Debtors file and serve the relevant Rejection Notice and promptly serve such objection on the following parties (collectively, the "Objection Service Parties"): (i) the Debtors, Marelli Automotive Lighting USA LLC, 26555 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Michigan 48033, Attn.: Marisa Iasenza; (ii) proposed counsel to the Debtors, (A) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 333 West Wolf Point Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Attn.: Spencer A. Winters, P.C., (B) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn.: Nicholas M. Adzima and Evan Swager, and (C) Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 919 North Market Street, 17th Floor, P.O. Box 8705, Wilmington, Delaware 19899 (Courier 19801), Attn.: Laura Davis Jones, Timothy P. Cairns, and Edward A. Corma; (iii) the U.S. Trustee, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn.: Jane Leamy and Timothy J. Fox, Jr.; (iv) counsel to the DIP Agent, Mayer Brown LLP, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020-1001, Attn.: Jason Elder; (v) counsel to Mizuho Bank, Ltd., in all capacities other than as Prepetition Agent, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attn.: Timothy Graulich and Richard J. Steinberg; (vi) counsel to Mizuho Bank, Ltd., in its capacity as the Prepetition Agent, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, 1000 North King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn.: Robert S. Brady and Andrew L. Magaziner; (vii) counsel to the Ad Hoc Group of Senior Lenders: (A) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, New York, New York 10036, Attn: Ira S. Dizengoff and Anna Kordas, (B) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, 2001 K Street NW, Washington, D.C., 20006, Attn.: Scott L. Alberino, Kate Doorley, and Alexander F. Antypas, and (C) Cole Schotz P.C., 500 Delaware Avenue,

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<sup>3</sup> An objection to the rejection of any particular Contract listed on a Rejection Notice shall not constitute an objection to the rejection of any other Contract listed on such Rejection Notice.

Suite 600, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Justin R. Alberto and Stacy L. Newman; (viii) counsel to the Sponsors, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, 1285 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019-6064, Attn.: Brian S. Hermann and Jacob A. Adlerstein; and (ix) any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases.

- d. ***No Objection Timely Filed.*** If no objection to the rejection of any Contract is timely filed, each Contract listed in the applicable Rejection Notice shall be rejected as of the applicable Rejection Date set forth in the Rejection Notice or such other date as the Debtors and the applicable Rejection Counterparty agree; *provided, however*, that the effective date of a rejection of a nonresidential real property lease shall not occur until the later of (i) the Rejection Date set forth in the Rejection Notice and (ii) the date the Debtors relinquish control of the premises by notifying the affected landlord or their counsel in writing (email sufficient) of the Debtors' surrender of the premises and turning over, surrendering, or allowing to be reset, as applicable, the keys, key codes, and security codes, if any, to the affected landlord.
- e. ***Unresolved Timely Objections.*** If one or more objections to the rejection of any Contract(s) listed in the applicable Rejection Notice is timely filed and properly served as specified above and not withdrawn or resolved, the Debtors shall file a notice for a hearing to consider the rejection of the Contract(s) implicated by such objection(s) and shall provide at least seven days' notice of such hearing to each objecting party and the Objection Service Parties. If any such objection is overruled or withdrawn, the Contract(s) that are the subject of such objection shall be rejected as of the Rejection Date set forth in the Rejection Notice or such other date as agreed by the parties or determined by the Court as set forth in any order overruling such objection.
- f. ***No Application of Security Deposits.*** If the Debtors have deposited monies with a Rejection Counterparty as a security deposit or other arrangement in connection with such rejected Contract, such Rejection Counterparty may not set off, recoup, or otherwise use such deposit without the prior approval of the Court, unless the Debtors and the applicable Rejection Counterparty otherwise agree in writing.
- g. ***Abandoned Property.*** The Debtors are authorized at any time on or before the applicable Rejection Date, to remove or abandon, at their option, any of the Debtors' personal property that may be located on the Debtors' leased premises that are subject to a rejected Contract. The Debtors shall generally describe the Abandoned Property in the applicable Rejection Notice and their intent to abandon such property. Absent a timely objection, the described property shall be deemed abandoned pursuant to section 554 of the Bankruptcy Code, as is, effective as of the Rejection Date. After the Abandoned Property is deemed abandoned pursuant to section 554 of the Bankruptcy Code, the applicable Rejection

Counterparty or counterparties may, in their sole discretion and without further order of this Court, utilize and/or dispose of such property and, to the extent applicable, the automatic stay is modified to allow such disposition. To the extent requested by Rejection Counterparty, the Debtors shall be permitted to abandon the Abandoned Property to such Rejection Counterparty to facilitate such party's use or disposal of such Abandoned Property.

- h. ***Proofs of Claim.*** Claims arising out of the rejection of Contracts, if any, must be filed on or before the later of (i) the applicable deadline for filing proofs of claim established in these chapter 11 cases and (ii) thirty days after the later of (A) the Rejection Date and (B) the date of entry of an order rejecting the Contract. If no proof of claim is timely filed, such claimant shall be forever barred from asserting a claim for damages arising from the rejection and from participating in any distributions on such a claim that may be made in connection with these chapter 11 cases.
- i. ***Removal from Schedule.*** The Debtors reserve the right to remove any Contract from the schedule to any Rejection Notice at any time prior to the date of entry of an order of the Court approving the rejection, and the Debtors will provide notice (by overnight delivery service at the notice address provided in the applicable Contract) of such removal to the relevant Rejection Counterparties.

3. Approval of the Contract Rejection Procedures and this Order will not prevent the Debtors from seeking to reject a Contract by separate motion.

4. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Order, and no action taken pursuant to the relief requested or granted (including any payment made in accordance with this Order), is intended as or shall be construed or deemed to be: (a) an admission as to the amount, validity, or priority of, or basis for, any claim against the Debtors under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtors' or any other party in interest's right to dispute any claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) an implication, admission, or finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim, other priority claim, or otherwise of a type specified or defined in the Motion or this Order; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) an admission as to the validity,

priority, enforceability, or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtors' estates; or (g) a waiver or limitation of any claims, causes of action, or other rights of the Debtors or any other party in interest against any person or entity under the Bankruptcy Code or any other applicable law.

5. All rights and defenses of the Debtors are preserved, including all rights and defenses of the Debtors with respect to a claim for damages arising as a result of a Contract rejection, including any right to assert an offset, recoupment, counterclaim, or deduction. In addition, nothing in this Order or the Motion shall limit the Debtors' ability to subsequently assert that any particular Contract is terminated and is no longer an executory contract or unexpired lease, respectively.

6. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion, and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

7. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

8. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Motion.

9. This Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

**Exhibit 1**

**Proposed Rejection Notice**



Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn.: Nicholas M. Adzima and Evan Swager, and (iii) Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 919 North Market Street, 17th Floor, P.O. Box 8705, Wilmington, Delaware 19899 (Courier 19801), Attn.: Laura Davis Jones, Timothy P. Cairns, and Edward A. Corma; (c) the U.S. Trustee, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn.: Jane Leamy and Timothy J. Fox, Jr.; (d) counsel to the DIP Agent, Mayer Brown LLP, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10020-1001, Attn.: Jason Elder; (e) counsel to Mizuho Bank, Ltd., in all capacities other than as Prepetition Agent, Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, 450 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10017, Attn.: Timothy Graulich and Richard J. Steinberg; (f) counsel to Mizuho Bank, Ltd., in its capacity as the Prepetition Agent, Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP, 1000 North King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn.: Robert S. Brady and Andrew L. Magaziner; (g) counsel to the Ad Hoc Group of Senior Lenders: (i) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, New York, New York 10036, Attn: Ira S. Dizengoff and Anna Kordas, (ii) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, 2001 K Street NW, Washington, D.C., 20006, Attn.: Scott L. Alberino, Kate Doorley, and Alexander F. Antypas, and (iii) Cole Schotz P.C., 500 Delaware Avenue, Suite 600, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, Attn: Justin R. Alberto and Stacy L. Newman; (h) counsel to the Sponsors, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, 1285 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York 10019-6064, Attn.: Brian S. Hermann and Jacob A. Adlerstein; and (i) any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, absent an objection being timely filed, the rejection of each Contract shall become effective on the Rejection Date set forth in **Schedule 2**, or such other date as the Debtors and the counterparty or counterparties to such Contract agree.<sup>3</sup>

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, if an objection to the rejection of any Contract is timely filed and not withdrawn or resolved, the Debtors shall file a notice for a hearing to consider the objection for the Contract or Contracts to which such objection relates. If such objection is overruled or withdrawn, such Contract or Contracts shall be rejected as of the Rejection Date set forth in **Schedule 2** or such other date as the Debtors and the counterparty or counterparties to any such Contract agree.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, pursuant to the terms of the Rejection Procedures Order, if the Debtors have deposited monies with a Rejection Counterparty as a security deposit or other arrangement, the Rejection Counterparty may not setoff or recoup or otherwise use such monies without further order of the Court, unless the Debtors and the counterparty or counterparties to such Contracts otherwise agree in writing.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, absent timely objection, any personal property of the Debtors that is listed and described in **Schedule 2** shall be deemed abandoned as of the Rejection Date.

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<sup>3</sup> An objection to the rejection of any particular Contract listed in this Rejection Notice shall not constitute an objection to the rejection of any other contract or lease listed in this Rejection Notice. Any objection to the rejection of any particular Contract listed in this Rejection Notice must state with specificity the Contract to which it is directed. For each particular Contract whose rejection is not timely or properly objected to, such rejection will be effective in accordance with this Rejection Notice and the Rejection Procedures Order.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, to the extent you wish to assert a claim with respect to rejection of your Contract or Contracts, you must do so by the later of (a) the applicable deadline for filing proofs of claim established in these chapter 11 cases and (b) thirty days after the later of (i) the Rejection Date and (ii) the date of entry of an order rejecting the Contracts. **IF YOU FAIL TO TIMELY SUBMIT A PROOF OF CLAIM IN THE APPROPRIATE FORM BY THE DEADLINE SET FORTH HEREIN, YOU WILL BE, FOREVER BARRED, ESTOPPED, AND ENJOINED FROM (1) ASSERTING SUCH CLAIM AGAINST ANY OF THE DEBTORS AND THEIR CHAPTER 11 ESTATES, (2) VOTING ON ANY CHAPTER 11 PLAN FILED IN THESE CASES ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH CLAIM, AND (3) PARTICIPATING IN ANY DISTRIBUTION IN THE DEBTORS' CHAPTER 11 CASES ON ACCOUNT OF SUCH CLAIM.**

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Dated: [●], 2025  
Wilmington, Delaware

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**Schedule 1**

**Rejection Procedures Order**

**Schedule 2**

**Rejected Contracts**

<b>Rejection Counterparty</b>	<b>Description of Contract<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Abandoned Property (If Applicable)</b>	<b>Rejection Date (Effective Date of Rejection)</b>

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<sup>1</sup> The inclusion of a Contract on this list does not constitute an admission as to the executory or non-executory nature of the Contract, or as to the existence or validity of any claims held by the counterparty or counterparties to such Contract.