

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

In re:)	
)	Chapter 11
MARELLI AUTOMOTIVE LIGHTING USA LLC, <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	Case No. 25-11034 (CTG)
Debtors.)	(Joint Administration Requested)
)	
)	Re: Docket No. 4

**INTERIM ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT
OF CERTAIN TAXES AND FEES AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon the motion (the “Motion”)² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for entry of an interim order (this “Interim Order”), (a) authorizing the Debtors to (i) negotiate, remit, and pay (or use tax credits to offset) Taxes and Fees in the ordinary course of business that are payable or become payable during these chapter 11 cases (including any obligations determined upon Audit (as defined below) or voluntary disclosure or Assessment (as defined below) or otherwise), without regard to whether such obligations accrued or arose before or after the Petition Date, and (ii) undertake the Tax Planning Activities (b) scheduling a final hearing to consider approval of the Motion on a final basis, and (c) 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

¹ 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.

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

pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); 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 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 an interim basis as set forth herein.
2. The final hearing (the "Final Hearing") on the Motion shall be held on July 16, 2025, at 2:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time. Any objections or responses to entry of a final order on the Motion shall be filed on or before 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on July 9, 2025 and shall be served on: (a) the Debtors, 26555 Northwestern Highway, Southfield, Michigan 48033, Attn.: Marisa Iasenza; (b) proposed counsel to the Debtors, (i) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 601 Lexington Avenue, New York, New York 10022, Attn.: Joshua A. Sussberg, P.C., Nicholas M. Adzima, and Evan Swager, (ii) Kirkland & Ellis LLP, 333 West Wolf Point Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60654, Attn.: Ross M. Kwasteniet, P.C. and Spencer A. Winters, P.C., 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 United States 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, NY 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, DE 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.

3. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to: (a) negotiate, pay, and remit (or use tax credits to offset), or otherwise satisfy the Taxes and Fees (including corresponding Assessments) that arose or accrued prior to the Petition Date and that will become due and owing in the ordinary course of business during the pendency of these chapter 11 cases at such time when the Taxes and Fees are payable, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$105,571,000 on an interim basis; and (b) negotiate, pay and remit (or use tax credits to offset) Taxes and Fees that arise or accrue in the ordinary course of business on a postpetition basis including, for the avoidance of doubt, posting collateral or a letter of credit in connection with any dispute related to Audits or

Assessments or paying any Taxes and Fees arising as a result of Audits or Assessments (including, for the avoidance of doubt, with respect to kinds of Taxes and Fees otherwise addressed by the Wages Motion, and any item that arises in connection with a voluntary disclosure by the Debtors of a tax issue that is not otherwise under audit); *provided* that the Debtors shall not pay any Taxes and Fees before such Taxes and Fees are due to the applicable Authority or Customs Broker in accordance with applicable law or prepetition practice. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein or in the Motion, in the event the Debtors make a payment with respect to any Taxes and Fees for the prepetition portion of any “straddle” amount, and this Court subsequently determines such amount was not entitled to priority or administrative treatment under sections 503(b)(1)(B) or 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors may (but shall not be required to) seek an order from the Court requiring a return of such amounts and the payment of such amount shall, upon order of the Court, be refunded to the Debtors.

4. To the extent that the Debtors seek to pay any prepetition Taxes and Fees to any Authority not identified on Exhibit C attached to the Motion, the Debtors shall provide five (5) days’ prior written notice to the Ad Hoc Group of Senior Lenders.

5. To the extent that the Debtors have overpaid any Taxes and Fees, the Debtors are authorized, but not directed, to seek a refund or a credit.

6. Subject to entry of the Final Order, the Debtors are authorized to undertake the Tax Planning Activities (in consultation with the Ad Hoc Group of Senior Lenders); *provided, however*, that any such activity that would affect substantive rights of stakeholders will be sought through appropriate motion.

7. The Debtors are authorized to contest the validity or priority of any Taxes and Fees on any grounds they deem appropriate, which authority extends to the payment of Taxes and Fees relating to Audits that have been completed, are in progress, or arise from prepetition periods.

8. Notwithstanding the relief granted herein or any actions taken hereunder, nothing contained in this Interim Order shall create any rights in favor of, or enhance the status of any claim held by, any of the Authorities or Customs Brokers.

9. The banks and financial institutions on which checks were drawn or electronic payment requests made in payment of the prepetition obligations approved herein are authorized to receive, process, honor, and pay all such checks and electronic payment requests when presented for payment, and all such banks and financial institutions are authorized to rely on the Debtors' designation of any particular check or electronic payment request as approved by this Interim Order.

10. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Interim Order, and no action taken pursuant to the relief requested or granted (including any payment made in accordance with this Interim 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 Interim 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.

11. The Debtors are authorized to issue postpetition checks, or to effect postpetition fund transfer requests, in replacement of any checks or fund transfer requests that are dishonored as a consequence of these chapter 11 cases with respect to prepetition amounts owed in connection with the relief granted herein.

12. Nothing in this Interim Order authorizes the Debtors to accelerate any payments not otherwise due prior to the date of the Final Hearing.

13. The contents of the Motion satisfy the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6003(b).

14. 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.

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

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

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

Dated: June 12th, 2025
Wilmington, Delaware



CRAIG T. GOLDBLATT
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE