IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

CHRISTOPHER R. DANDROW						
Plaintiff, v.) Case No. 2017-CH-09893					
DAVID ABRAMS, NOT PERSONALLY BUT AS ASSIGNEE OF PURE METAL RECYCLING, LLC) Calendar 14)) Judge Sophia H. Hall					
AGRE	ED ORDER					
This matter, having come before the Court upon the initial presentation of the Joint						
Motion of Plaintiff and Defendant to Approve Settlement Agreement and Certain Procedures						
Related Thereto (the "Joint Motion"), cour	nsel for Plaintiff and Defendant having appeared					
before the Court and informing the Court of the	he relief sought by the Joint Motion, and the Court * The Notice Star Be Revised to include Sold.					
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NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY (are fort to he last two sentences of he last paragram in the first page. In addition the notice shall be furth DRDERED: Tevised to Capitalize all references to Contract Information of the Assignee in the last days after entry of this Order, Defendant shall sentence					
distribute a notice, the form of which is attach "Notice") by U.S. regular mail to the Unsecu	red Creditors (as defined in the Motion), provided distribute the Notice via e-mail to any Unsecured					

Chicago, IL 60606, Attn: Peter Clark. Objections not timely filed and served in the manner set forth above shall not be considered and shall be deemed overruled;

- 4. Joint Movants shall file the proposed Settlement Agreement with the Court no later than three (3) weeks prior to the Settlement Hearing;
- 5. Joint Movants shall file a proposed Order sought to be entered at the Settlement with the Court no later than three (3) weeks prior to the Settlement Hearing;
- 6. The Joint Motion is permitted to exceed the fifteen (15) page limit set forth in the Court's General Order.

	7.	Defendant-Assignee is granted until	, to file an Answer or other
respo	nsive p	leading.	

ENTER: JUDGE SOPHIA H. HALL-0162

Judge Sophia H. Hall

CLERO COOK COUNTY, INC.

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RECYCLING, LLC)	
)	Judge Sophia H. Hall
Def	endant)	

NOTICE OF (A) PROPOSED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN PLAINTIFF AND ASSIGNEE;
(B) HEARING TO CONSIDER PROPOSED SETTLEMENT; AND
(C) DEADLINE FOR FILING OBJECTIONS TO SETTLEMENT, IF ANY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING:

On March 26 2018, Plaintiff and Defendant presented that certain Joint Motion of Plaintiff and Defendant to Approve Settlement Agreement and Certain Procedures Related Thereto (the "Joint Motion") in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois, County Department – Law Division (the "Court"), Honorable Sophia J. Hall presiding over above-captioned matter. On that same date, the Court entered an Order authorizing the form of this Notice, setting a hearing to consider the proposed settlement between Plaintiff and Assignee described in the Joint Motion (the "Settlement"), and establishing a deadline for which any party wishing to object to the Settlement must file and serve a written objection.

You are being provided this Notice because the Assignee's records indicate that you were either (i) a "Former Employee" or; (ii) you are a "Trade Creditor," in each case, of Pure Metal Recycling, LLC, an Illinois limited liability company ("Pure"). Claims of Former Employees and Trade Creditors are to be resolved by the Joint Motion and Settlement, and are generally described herein. This Notice is not intended to replace your review of the actual Joint Motion, which is available to you as set forth below.

In summary, the Settlement resolves disputes between Plaintiff and Assignee over the validity, priority and extent to Plaintiff's asserted liens and security interests in approximately \$5.5 million (the "Assignment Estate") being held by the Assignee as a result of the Assignee liquidating substantially all of the assets of Pure. Plaintiff alleges that he is owed in excess of \$5.8 million, and further, that his liens and security interests fully encumber substantially all of the Assignment Estate. Assignee acknowledges the validity, priority and extent of Plaintiff's alleged liens and security interests but asserts that a portion of those liens might be avoidable or subject to re-characterization from debt to equity, which if successful, could render a portion of Plaintiff's claim unsecured and ineligible for priority treatment. After extensive negotiations between them, Plaintiff and Assignee have agreed that Plaintiff's liens, claims and encumbrances shall be deemed valid, first priority blanket liens, and Plaintiff shall receive an initial payment of \$3.5 million out of the alleged \$5.8 million claim. Assignee shall then be permitted to pay (i) claims of Former Employees in accordance with applicable law, and (ii) administrative expenses incurred to conclude administration of the Assignment (as defined below). It is intended that Assignee will pay the Former Employees their filed vacation claims, or the vacation claims maintained in the books and records of Pure, subject to verification by Assignee. If you are a Former Employee and would like to know the amount applicable to your claim, you may contact Cyndi Ferguson as follows: by mail, Abrams & Jossel Consulting, Inc., 100 Tri-State International, Suite 215, Lincolnshire, IL 60069, Attn: Ms. Cyndi Ferguson; by telephone, 847-607-8120; or by e-mail, Ferguson@ajworkout.com.

> Exhibit 1 to Agreed order Form of Notice

Thereafter, on the second anniversary of conclusion of the Assignment, or earlier in the sole discretion of Assignee, Assignee shall be required to remit the remaining funds in the Assignment Estate, <u>if any</u>, to Plaintiff in full satisfaction of his claims. No funds will be available to make a distribution to Trade Creditors. Payment to the Former Employees will represent payment on account of the priority of their wage claims over the Trade Creditors pursuant to applicable law, and the consent of Plaintiff as to how cash collateral may be used.

The Assignee believes the proposed Settlement is fair and reasonable under the circumstances in large part because even a full recovery from Plaintiff (which the Assignee does not believe is warranted and will not pursue under virtually any circumstance) would have *de minimis* effect on distributions from the Assignment Estate. Further, Assignee lacks the financial resources to pursue extensive and time consuming litigation, the fees for which would likely outweigh the benefit of any recovery. And finally, after two years of administering the Assignment, Assignee believes it is in the best interest of all creditors to conclude these matters.

The Joint Settlement Motion provides a full and comprehensive narrative of the original formation of Pure; its initial financing arrangements; its business operations prior to the *Assignment for Benefit of Creditors* u/a/d December 10, 2015 pursuant to Illinois common law (the "Assignment"); the events leading up to the Assignment; substantive actions taken by the Assignee in the Assignment; and the proposed Settlement.

Copies of the Joint Motion and exhibits thereto are available and can be (a) viewed or downloaded from the website maintained by the Assignee at ________, and (b) requested of either Plaintiff's Counsel or Assignee's Counsel, as set forth below. Copies of the proposed Settlement Agreement and Final Order in connection with same are to be filed with the Court three (3) weeks prior to the Settlement Hearing (defined below) and will be made available in the same manner.

A hearing has been set for the Joint Motion (the "Settlement Hearing") and will be held before the Court on _______, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. (prevailing Central Time), or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, to consider the relief sought in the Joint Motion, as the same may be further amended or modified, and for such other and further relief as may be just and proper. The Settlement Hearing may be continued from time to time without further notice to creditors or other parties in interest, without further notice to creditors or other parties in interest.

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