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VIA E-MAIL TRANSMISSION AND ECF FILING

The Honorable Martin Glenn United States Bankruptcy Judge United States Bankruptcy Court Southern District of New York Alexander Hamilton Custom House One Bowling Green New York, New York 10004

> Re: In re Motors Liquidation Company, et al. Case No. 09-50026 (MG)

> > **Letter Regarding Update on Related Proceedings**

Dear Judge Glenn:

King & Spalding LLP is co-counsel with Kirkland & Ellis LLP for General Motors LLC ("<u>New GM</u>") in the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to Judge Gerber's Endorsed Order dated May 5, 2015 [Dkt. No. 13131], we write to update the Court regarding developments in proceedings relating to New GM. Specifically:

- On January 21, 2016, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals scheduled March 15, 2016 as the date for oral argument in connection with the appeal of the Bankruptcy Court's April 15, 2015 Decision on Motion to Enforce Sale Order [Dkt. No. 13109] ("April 15 Decision"), and the Judgment, dated June 1, 2015 [Dkt. No. 13177] memorializing the rulings in the April 15 Decision.
- 2. On January 22, 2016, a *Stipulation of Dismissal Under Fed. R. Civ. P. 41* ("<u>Stipulation of Dismissal</u>") was entered in MDL 2543 pending in the Southern District of New York with respect to the first personal injury Bellwether Trial (*Scheuer*). A copy of the Stipulation of Dismissal is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

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3. On January 22, 2016, a Stipulation For Entry Of Order Staying Action Pending Ruling By Bankruptcy Court ("Stay Stipulation") was entered in the Pilgrim v. General Motors LLC case (Case No.: 2:15-cv-08047-JFW-E) ("Pilgrim Lawsuit") pending in the United States District Court for the Central District of California ("California District Court"), and on January 25, 2016, the California District Court entered a Stipulated Order Staying Action Pending Ruling By Bankruptcy Court ("Stipulated Order"). These documents concern the motion to enforce the Sale Order and Injunction filed by New GM with this Court on January 19, 2016 with respect to the Pilgrim Lawsuit. Copies of the Stay Stipulation and Stipulated Order are annexed hereto as Exhibits "B" and "C" respectively.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Scott Davidson

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Exhibit A

This Document Relates To Robert Scheuer	STIPULATION OF DISMISSAI UNDER FED. R. CIV. P. 41
GENERAL MOTORS LLC IGNITION SWITCH LITIGATION	No. 14-IND-2343 (JWIF) No. 14-CV-8176
IN RE:	No. 14-MD-2543 (JMF)
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORKx	

Plaintiff Robert S. Scheuer and defendant General Motors LLC stipulate to a Voluntary Dismissal with Prejudice of plaintiff's claims. Plaintiff hereby voluntarily dismisses with prejudice all claims by plaintiff against defendant in this matter, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(ii). Pursuant to this stipulation, plaintiff takes nothing from defendant and the parties agree to bear their own fees and costs incurred in this matter.

DATED: January 22, 2016 HILLIARD MUÑOZ GONZALES L.L.P.

By: <u>/s/ Robert Hilliard</u>

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the above document was emailed to the Orders and Judgment Clerk at judgments@nysd.uscourts.gov in accordance with the ECF Rules & Instructions and served upon the attorney of record for each other party via electronic mail on January 22, 2016.

s/ Steve W. Berman
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Exhibit B

GREGORY R. OXFORD (SBN 62333) 1 ISAACS CLOUSE CROSÈ & OXFORD LLP 21515 Hawthorne Boulevard, Suite 950 2 Torrance, California 90503 Telephone: (310) 316-1990 3 Facsimile: (310) 316-1330 goxford@icclawfirm.com 4 Attorneys for Defendant 5 General Motors LLC 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 WESTERN DIVISION 10 11 Case No. 2:15-cv-08047 JFW (Ex) 12 WILLIAM D. PILGRIM, WALTER GOETZMAN, JEROME E. PEDERSON. STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF 13 MICHAEL FERNANDEZ, ROY ORDER STAYING ACTION PENDING RULING BY 14 HALEEN, HOWARD KOPEL, ROBERT BANKRUPTCY COURT C. MURPHY, MIKE PETERS, 15 CHRISTOPHER CONSTANTINE, Complaint Served: Oct. 23, 2015 JOHN PARSONS, LYLE DUNAHOO, 16 Current Response Date: Feb. 3, 2016 AARON CLARK, EDWIN WILLIAM 17 KRAUSE, DAVID SHELDON, JARED Hon. John F. Walter KILEY, JEFF KOLODZI, MORRIS 18 SMITH, ANDRES FREY, individuals, on 19 behalf of themselves and all others similarly situated, 20 21 Plaintiffs, 22 VS. 23 GENERAL MOTORS COMPANY LLC and DOES 1-50 inclusive, 24 Defendants. 25 26 WHEREAS, plaintiffs filed their First Amended Complaint on December 27

22, 2016 in accordance with the parties' prior stipulation and order of the Court;

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WHEREAS, defendant General Motors LLC ("New GM"), sued erroneously herein as "General Motors Company LLC," came into existence shortly before July 10, 2009, the date on which it purchased certain assets of the former General Motors Corporation ("Old GM") free and clear of all of Old GM's liabilities (with limited exceptions) pursuant to an agreement ("Sale Agreement") approved by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York ("Bankruptcy Court") under Section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code ("363 Sale") by Order of the Bankruptcy Court dated July 5, 2009 ("Sale Order"); WHEREAS, all of the model year 2006, 2007, and 2008 vehicles, and some or all of the 2009 vehicles that are the subject of individual plaintiffs' allegations were manufactured by Old GM ("Old GM Vehicles");

WHEREAS, New GM, the defendant in this case, contends that most of the claims asserted in plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint are Retained Liabilities of Old GM (as defined in the Sale Agreement) for which New GM has no responsibility or liability to plaintiffs and that the Sale Order prohibits and enjoins the assertion of such claims against New GM;

WHEREAS, New GM has asserted this contention in its counsel's letters to plaintiffs' counsel dated October 28, 2015, December 15, 2015, and December 24, 2015;

WHEREAS, plaintiffs dispute New GM's contention and contend that as a result of specific knowledge by Old GM of the specific defect alleged herein by plaintiffs and the alleged safety concerns raised by that defect, plaintiffs are permitted by the reasoning of Judge Gerber's order of April 15, 2015 ("Decision on Motion to Enforce Sale Order") to pursue "Independent Claims" for economic loss to Old GM vehicles based on New GM conduct.

WHEREAS, paragraph 71 of the Bankruptcy Court's Sale Order approving the 363 Sale retained exclusive jurisdiction in the Bankruptcy Court to interpret and enforce the provisions of the Sale Order; WHEREAS, New GM on January 19, 2016 filed a motion in the Bankruptcy Court seeking an order from the Bankruptcy Court, among other things, enforcing the Sale Order and specifically enjoining and precluding plaintiffs from asserting or prosecuting in this action any and all claims regarding Old GM Vehicles (*In re Motors Liquidation Co.*, Case No. 09-50026 (MG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.), ECF #13584) ("Motion To Enforce");

WHEREAS, the hearing on the Motion To Enforce has been set on the Bankruptcy Court's docket for February 17, 2017;

WHEREAS, without conceding the validity of New GM's position, plaintiffs' counsel agrees that it would promote judicial economy to permit the Bankruptcy Court to hear and rule on the Motion To Enforce prior to any further activity in this case;

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED, by and between plaintiffs and New GM, by and through their undersigned counsel, that the Court may enter its order as follows:

- 1. This action shall be stayed pending the Bankruptcy Court's final order on the Motion To Enforce filed on January 19, 2016 in Case No. 09-50026 (MG), *In re Motors Liquidation Co.* (Bankr. S.D.N.Y.), and any final appellate ruling sought by either side;
- 2. The Scheduling Conference currently set for March 7, 2016 is vacated, subject to being re-set by further order of the Court;
- 3. The stay would delay, until a date later set by the Court, a response by plaintiffs to the Court's Order (Docket no. 21) that plaintiffs file a "RICO Case Statement."
- 4. Plaintiffs shall have thirty days from and after the final Bankruptcy Court order or final appellate ruling on the Motion To Enforce to file a further amended complaint or to inform New GM that it will not be filing a further

Pg 5 of 5 amended complaint, and New GM shall have thirty days thereafter to answer, move or otherwise respond. DATED: January 22, 2016 ANDRE E. JARDINI K.L. MYLES KNAPP PETERSEN & CLARKE [s] Andre E. Jardini Attorneys for Plaintiffs DATED: January 22, 2016 GREGORY R. OXFORD ISAACS CLOUSE CROSE & OXFORD LLP [s] Gregory R. Oxford Attorneys for Defendant Attestation per L.R. 5-4.3.4(a)(2)(i) The undersigned hereby attests that that all signatories listed above concur in this filing's content and have authorized the filing. [s] Gregory R. Oxford Attorneys for Defendant

Exhibit C

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cause appearing therefor, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

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- 2. The Scheduling Conference currently set for March 7, 2016 is vacated, subject to being re-set by further order of the Court;
- 3. The response by plaintiffs to the Court's Order (Docket No. 21) that plaintiffs file a "RICO Case Statement" will be reset by further order of the Court.
- 4. Plaintiffs shall have thirty days from and after the final Bankruptcy Court order or final appellate ruling on the Motion To Enforce to file a further amended complaint or to inform New GM that it will not be filing a further amended complaint, and New GM shall have thirty days thereafter to answer, move or otherwise respond.
- 5. The parties shall file a Joint Report every 90 days advising the Court of the status of the proceedings pending in Bankruptcy Court case no. 09-50026. The first Joint Report shall be filed on May 2, 2016.

Dated: January 25, 2016

Hon. John F. Walter United States District Judge

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