

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:	§	
	§	Chapter 11
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FRANCIS' DRILLING FLUIDS, LTD., <i>et al.</i> ,	§	Case No. 18-35441
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Debtors. ¹	§	(Joint Administration Pending)
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NOTICE OF FIRST-DAY HEARINGS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Francis' Drilling Fluids, Ltd. ("FDF") and its above-captioned affiliated debtors (collectively, the "Debtors") have filed various motions (collectively, the "First Day Motions") seeking "first day" relief in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following First Day Motions are currently scheduled to be heard or occur on **October 2, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. (prevailing Central Time)** before the Honorable Marvin Isgur, United States Courthouse, Courtroom 404, 515 Rusk, Houston, Texas, 77002 (the "First Day Hearing").

1. Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (1) Directing Joint Administration Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b) and Local Rule 1015-1; and (2) Waiving Requirements of Bankruptcy Rules 1005 and 2002(n) [Dkt. No. 2];
2. Debtors' Notice of Designation as Complex Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Cases [Dkt. No. 3];
3. Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order Authorizing Continued Use of Cash Management System, Bank Accounts, Business Forms and Company Credit Cards and Related Relief Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Sections 105(a), 345(b) and 363(c) [Dkt. No. 5];
4. Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (I) Authorizing, But Not Directing, Payment of Certain Claims of Critical Vendors;

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number are, as follows: Francis' Drilling Fluids, Ltd. (0574); FDF Resources Holdings LLC (1956); Francis Logistics LLC (9397). Additional information regarding these cases may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' proposed claims and noticing agent at www.jndla.com/cases/FrancisDrilling. The Debtors' address is 100 Asma Blvd., Suite 151, Lafayette, LA 70508.

(II) Approving Related Payment Procedures; and (III) Granting Certain Related Relief [Dkt. No. 6];

5. Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order Authorizing Payment of Certain Prepetition (A) Wages, Salaries, and Other Compensation; (B) Reimbursable Employee Expenses; (C) Employee Benefits; and (D) Related Costs [Dkt. No. 7];
6. Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of Interim and Final Orders (A) Authorizing Use of Cash Collateral and Granting Adequate Protection to Prepetition Lenders and (B) Scheduling a Final Hearing (forthcoming); and
7. Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order Authorizing Debtors to Maintain Existing Insurance Policies and Pay related prepetition Obligations (forthcoming).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the *Declaration of Greg Baracato, Chief Restructuring Officer of the Debtors, in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and Emergency First-Day Motions*, will be filed in advance of the hearing on the First Day Motions.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all of the above-referenced pleadings are publically available and can be found free of charge at the following website: www.jndla.com/cases/FrancisDrilling.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all objections, if any, to the First Day Motions may be made at the First Day Hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that parties are permitted to participate telephonically in the First Day Hearing without any permission or notification to the Court. The Court's dial-in telephone number is **1-712-775-8925**, and the conference room number is **815978**. Additional information can be located in the Court's procedures located at the following website:

http://www.txs.uscourts.gov/sites/txs/files/MI_Court_Procedures_September_2018.pdf.

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Houston, Texas

Respectfully submitted,

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