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12/30/2020

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
HOUSTON DIVISION**

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<b>In re:</b>	§	<b>Chapter 11</b>
<b>WATSON GRINDING &amp; MANUFACTURING CO.,</b>	§	<b>Case No. 20-30967</b>
<b>Debtor.</b>	§	

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<b>In re:</b>	§	<b>Chapter 11</b>
<b>WATSON VALVE SERVICES, INC.,</b>	§	<b>Case No. 20-30968</b>
<b>Debtor.</b>	§	

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**OMNIBUS ORDER REMANDING ADVERSARY PROCEEDINGS TO HARRIS  
COUNTY DISTRICT COURTS**

Pending before this Court are a total of 126 adversary proceedings which were removed from various Harris County District Courts to this Court by Watson Grinding & Manufacturing Co. or Watson Valve Services, Inc. (collectively, the “Debtors”). A list of the 126 adversary proceedings is attached to this Order as Exhibit A (collectively, the “Adversary Proceedings”).

On May 8, 2020, the Court entered the Order (I) Modifying the Automatic Stay, (II) Setting the Deadline for Filing Notices of Removal, (III) Setting the Deadline for Filing Motions to Remand, and (IV) Scheduling Omnibus Hearing on Motions to Remand (the “Omnibus Procedures Order”). Pursuant to the Omnibus Procedures Order, the Plaintiffs in the Adversary Proceedings filed numerous motions to remand the Adversary Proceedings to state court. The Debtors and other third-party defendants filed objections to the motions to remand. The Bankruptcy Court began an omnibus hearing on all motions to remand on October 22, 2020. The hearing was continued to allow the parties to negotiate a resolution of the remand issue through a plan of liquidation.

On December 30, 2020, the Court entered an order confirming the First Amended Combined Disclosure Statement and Joint Plan of Liquidation of Watson Grinding & Manufacturing Co. and Watson Valve Services, Inc. Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code filed by the January 24 Claimants Committee (the “Plan”). The Plan provides that, upon confirmation, all objections to the motions to remand shall be deemed withdrawn, and the motions to remand shall be granted as unopposed.

Additionally, the Court has considered the arguments raised in the motions to remand and determined that it is equitable under the circumstances to exercise its discretion to permissively

abstain from hearing the Adversary Proceedings and, instead, to remand all of the Adversary Proceedings to state court.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that

1. All objections to the motions to remand are deemed withdrawn.
2. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C §§ 1334(c)(1) and 1452 (b), the Court abstains from hearing the Adversary Proceedings, and each of the Adversary Proceedings is hereby remanded to the Harris County District Court from which it originated.
3. This Order shall not apply to *Indian Harbor Insurance Company v. Watson Grinding & Manufacturing Co.*, Adversary Proceeding No. 20-3415.
4. The Clerk of Court shall docket a copy of this Order in each of the Adversary Proceedings.
5. Upon entry of this Order, each of the Adversary Proceedings is hereby closed.

Signed: December 30, 2020

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Isgur', is written over a horizontal line.

Marvin Isgur  
United States Bankruptcy Judge