

**Cooper-Standard Automotive
US and Canadian Supplier Frequently Asked Questions**

1. Why did Cooper-Standard file for financial reorganization?

Cooper-Standard has completed the process of reorganizing its business operations to position itself for leadership in the new automotive market. We are taking the step of filing for Chapter 11 to complete the final process of our financial reorganization. Our balance sheet will be strengthened so that we can continue to maintain our leadership position in the industry and continue to provide innovative technology solutions.

2. Will I be paid for goods and services delivered after the filing date?

Materials and services provided to the Cooper-Standard after the filing date can and will be paid for in the ordinary course. In fact, the Bankruptcy Code gives *priority status* to such payments. This means that you can be assured that you will receive payment in the ordinary course of business for post-petition goods and services on the same terms as existed when we filed.

3. How does this impact Cooper-Standard's operations outside of the United States and Canada and its joint ventures.

No. You will be paid in full, under agreed-upon terms, for the goods and services you provided – before and after the filings – to all other Cooper-Standard entities outside of the United States and Canada and our U.S.-based joint ventures.

4. Why should my company continue to do business with Cooper-Standard?

Our Chapter 11 filing triggers an “automatic stay” which, among other things, prohibits you from refusing to supply goods or services on an ongoing basis in accordance with the terms of our purchase orders or other contracts with you.

We are hoping to focus on our mutually beneficial business relationship going forward and we are taking steps to maximize value for all of our stakeholders, including creditors.

5. How long is this process likely to take?

It is unclear at this point how long this financial reorganization will take. Our goal is to emerge as quickly as possible. We will have a better idea as the process unfolds and are committed to proactively communicating with our suppliers.

6. Will Cooper-Standard pay me what I am owed for past invoices?

Unless there is a separate court order authorizing an earlier payment, Cooper-Standard must make payments for pre-petition debts in accordance with a Plan of Reorganization. We have filed motions seeking court orders to help minimize the impact this action will have on our suppliers. It may be possible for you to receive a payment on pre-petition claims under one of the proposed orders. Also, to the extent a pre-petition claim arises under a purchase order or contract that is ultimately assumed by us, the claim will be paid as part of the required cure of the contract. We can not make any commitments as to which contracts will be paid under the proposed orders or will be assumed at this time.

In the event you are not eligible to be paid under a court order, or your contract is not assumed, you will still be able to submit a proof of claim.

7 What is Section 503(b)(9) and what does it mean to suppliers?

Under Section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, a supplier may have a right to a priority claim for the value of any goods that the supplier provided to the debtor within 20 days of a Chapter 11 filing. It's important to note that 503(b)(9) applies only to goods, not services.

8. How do I file a proof of claim?

The company will make every effort to list all creditors in a filing of its liabilities with the court. A noticing agent will send official notice of the filing and the first creditors' meeting to all listed creditors. Sometime after the first creditors' meeting, the court will set a deadline for filing proofs of claim and you will be mailed a notice telling you of the deadline, or bar date, along with a claim form. However, if you have any questions regarding this process, please seek legal counsel.

9. Can a supplier re-submit past invoices and get paid for them now?

No, the provisions of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code prohibit that, and filing for protection under chapter 11 triggers a halt or "Automatic Stay." This bars, among other things, all collection actions against Cooper-Standard for past payments owed.

10. What if I have an uncashed check for goods delivered or services rendered before the filing date?

Unfortunately, federal law requires the Cooper-Standard cancel any checks for pre-petition goods and services that have not been cashed or deposited by the filing date unless the check relates to a claim that the Cooper-Standard has received court authority to pay.

11. As an unsecured creditor, who is looking after my interests?

The U.S. Trustee, an arm of the Justice Department, normally appoints a committee of unsecured creditors to oversee the interests of all unsecured creditors in the case. The U.S. Trustee will send out notice of the meeting to form the committee to all unsecured creditors. This organizational meeting typically takes place within the first two weeks of the case.

12. Who can I call if I have further questions.

If you have additional questions, please call the Restructuring Information hotline at 888-329-3159 (US and Canada) or 248-596-6200 (international locations). Additional information on the filing can also be found on our website at www.cooperstandard.com.

For questions that are not related to our financial restructuring, please feel free to contact your regular Cooper-Standard representative.