

ORDERED.

Dated: January 26, 2026



Catherine Peek McEwen
United States Bankruptcy Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION
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In re:

Chapter 11

THE STEPHAN CO.,

Case No. 8:25-bk-08937-CPM

Debtor.¹

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**ORDER APPROVING MOTION TO EXCLUDE TALC ASBESTOS CLAIMANTS
FROM APPLICABILITY OF THE PROOF OF CLAIMS BAR DATE**

THIS matter came on for consideration upon the *Ore Tenus Motion to Exclude Talc Asbestos Claimants from Applicability of the Proof of Claims Bar Date* (the “**Motion**”) [Docket No. 86], submitted by the Debtor at the initial status conference on January 15, 2026. After considering the Motion, and the Motion being consented to by the Official Committee of Asbestos Claimants (the “**Committee**”) and the United States Trustee, and having found that notice of the

¹ The last four digits of the Debtor’s federal tax identification number are 6812. The Debtor’s mailing address is 2211 Reach Road, Suite B4, Williamsport, Pennsylvania 17701.

Motion and the opportunity to be heard on the relief sought in the Motion were appropriate under the circumstances and that no further notice need be provided, it is hereby **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** as follows:

1. The Motion is **GRANTED**.
2. The February 4, 2026 bar date previously set by the Court² (the “**Bar Date Order**”) shall not apply to any Talc Personal Injury Claim,³ and no person or entity holding or asserting a Talc Personal Injury Claim shall be required to file a proof of claim in the Chapter 11 Case under the Bar Date Order.

² See Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case. D.I. 23.

³ Exclusively for the purposes of this Order, “**Talc Personal Injury Claim**” means any Claim or Demand against the Debtor, whether known or unknown, including with respect to any manner of alleged bodily injury, death, sickness, disease or alleged disease process, emotional distress, fear of cancer, medical monitoring, or any other alleged personal injuries or harms (whether physical, emotional, or otherwise and whether or not diagnosable or manifested before the confirmation of a plan of reorganization or the close of this Chapter 11 Case), directly or indirectly arising out of or relating to the presence of or exposure to talc, asbestos, or talc-containing or asbestos-containing products in connection with alleged acts or omissions of the Debtor. Talc Personal Injury Claims include, without limitation, any such Claims or Demands directly or indirectly arising out of or relating to: (a) any products previously processed, manufactured, purchased, sold, and/or distributed by the Debtor or based on conduct or status for which the Debtor has liability or is alleged to have liability; (b) any materials present at any premises owned, leased, occupied, or operated by the Debtor or for which the Debtor has, or is alleged to have, liability; or (c) any talc, talc-containing, or allegedly asbestos-containing product sold by the Debtor. Talc Personal Injury Claims include all such claims, whether: (1) in tort, contract, warranty, restitution, conspiracy, contribution, indemnity, guarantee, subrogation, or any other theory of law, equity or admiralty, whether brought, threatened, or pursued (including but not limited to in any United States court or court or other proceeding anywhere in the world); (2) seeking compensatory, special, economic, non-economic, punitive, exemplary, or administrative damages, or any other costs, fees, penalties, injunctive or similar relief, or any other measure of damages; or (3) seeking any legal, equitable or other relief of any kind whatsoever, including in the nature of alter ego, veil piercing, successor, or vicarious liability, mere continuation, fraudulent transfer, fraudulent conveyance, or conspiracy, and including, for the avoidance of doubt, any claims arising out of or relating to the presence of or exposure to talc, asbestos, talc-containing or asbestos-containing products assertable against the Debtor. Talc Personal Injury Claims also include any such claims that have been resolved or are subject to resolution pursuant to any agreement, or any such claims that are based on a judgment or verdict. The term “Talc Personal Injury Claim” includes, without limitation all claims, debts, obligations, or liabilities for compensatory damages (such as, without limitation, loss of consortium, medical monitoring, personal or bodily injury, wrongful death, survivorship, proximate, consequential, general, and special damages) and punitive damages.

The use of this definition in this Order shall not preclude the Debtor, the Committee or any other party from proposing the use of a different definition for any other purpose.

3. The entry of this Order is without prejudice to the right of the Debtor or any other party (including, without limitation, the Committee or the trustee of a trust created under a plan confirmed pursuant to section 524(g) of the Bankruptcy Code) to seek a further order of this Court fixing a date by which holders of Talc Personal Injury Claims must file proofs of claim or interest.

4. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and/or enforcement of this Order.

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Attorney Patricia Redmond is directed to serve a copy of the Order on interested parties who do not receive service by CM/ECF and file a proof of service within three days of entry of the Order.