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Via E-Mail and Certified Mail

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RE: Information Request ID RQ24007-03

Mr. Neff,

By way of introduction, I represent Pratt Industries (U.S.), LLC, a Michigan limited liability company ("Pratt U.S."). I write to you regarding your recent correspondence and request for information dated April 26, 2024. The correspondence defines "Pratt" as "Pratt Industries (U.S.), LLC, Pratt Industries US LLC, Pratt Industries, LLC, and Pratt Industries, Inc." Although the entities share a similar name, Pratt U.S. is *in no way affiliated* with Pratt Industries Inc., Pratt Intermodal Chassis LLC, or Pratt Industries, LLC. Furthermore, Pratt U.S. is not the correct entity for your targeted Information Request regarding the **GN30402-EC-6P** container chassis trailers or any intermodal trail or chassis for that matter.

Pratt Industries Inc. was a corporation owned by LFM Capital. For purposes of this letter, I will refer to this entity as "LFM Pratt." LFM Pratt operated a trailer manufacturing business with two main divisions: intermodal and non-intermodal trailers.

LFM Pratt sold its intermodal division to Pratt Intermodal Chassis LLC on or about December 2021. Pratt U.S. holds no ownership or possesses any relationship or affiliation with Pratt Intermodal Chassis LLC. LFM Pratt then sold its remaining non-intermodal division's assets (not equity) to my client, Pratt U.S., on or about July 27, 2022. Pratt U.S. was organized as a Michigan limited liability company on July 11, 2022, to acquire assets through the July 2022 transaction with LFM Pratt. Although my client elected to use the "Pratt" name in its business, it is not affiliated with, nor does it share common ownership with, any other "Pratt" named entity.

Not only is Pratt U.S. an entirely different entity that has no legal relationship with any other Pratt entity, but LFM Pratt sold its intermodal division to Pratt Intermodal Chassis LLC months before my client acquired the remaining assets of LFM Pratt (and months before my client was

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formed as a business entity), meaning my client could not have assumed any liabilities for the continuing intermodal operations of LFM Pratt. In addition, my client acquired the *assets* of the LFM Pratt *non-intermodal* division, not its equity, which in turn means Pratt U.S. is not liable as a successor to LFM Pratt for the intermodal operations of LFM Pratt, or any alleged product defects arising from the manufacture of intermodal products.

Moreover, Pratt U.S. has never produced or manufactured any **GN30402-EC-6P** container chassis trailers ever, nor possesses any documents or information regarding any of such trailers produced or manufactured from 2020 through the current date.

We understand your need to contact the correct entity to address your legal requests; however, Pratt U.S. is not the proper entity, and does not have in its possession or control any of the information sought in your request. The correct entities to which you should direct any further Information Requests are Pratt Intermodal Chassis LLC and/or LFM Pratt. For your convenience, I will provide that information for you here:

Pratt Industries Inc. (LFM Pratt)
1312 3rd Avenue N.
Nashville, TN 37208

Pratt Intermodal Chassis LLC
Attn: Christopher Tate
525 Royal Parkway, Unit 290069
Nashville, TN 37229

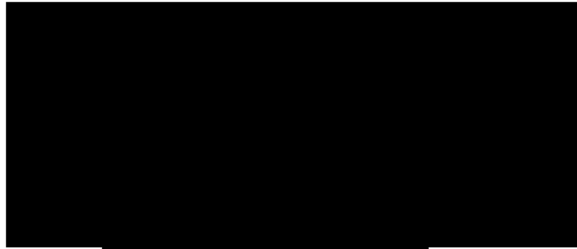
It is useful to know that Pratt Industries, LLC and Pratt Holding Company, LLC have filed for Chapter 7 Bankruptcy in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. Pratt Industries, LLC's bankruptcy case was assigned Case No. 24-10820, and Pratt Holding Company, LLC's bankruptcy case was assigned Case No. 24-10819. Again, Pratt U.S. has no legal relationship with these entities whatsoever.

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I hope this letter has clarified that Pratt U.S. is in no way affiliated with any other Pratt entities, including the entities named in the Information Request, and has no successor liability for any alleged defects or recalls identified in your Request. If you have any questions about this letter or the information contained therein, please contact me, and I will be happy to discuss this matter further.

Respectfully,



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