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District of New Jersey

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY	
In re:	Chapter 11
Del Monte Foods Corporation II Inc., *et al.*,[1]	Case No. 25-16984 (MBK)
Debtors.	(Jointly Administered)

ORDER (I) DIRECTING THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE OF RETIRED EMPLOYEES AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

The relief set forth on the following pages, numbered three (3) through four (4), is **ORDERED**.

DATED: February 20, 2026

Honorable Michael B. Kaplan
United States Bankruptcy Judge

[1] The last four digits of Debtor Del Monte Foods Corporation II Inc.'s tax identification number are 1894. A complete list of the Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases and their respective tax identification numbers may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' claims and noticing agent, at https://cases.stretto.com/DelMonteFoods. The location of the Debtor Del Monte Foods Corporation II Inc.'s principal place of business and the Debtors' service address is 205 North Wiget Lane, Walnut Creek, California 94598.

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Upon the Debtors' motion (the "**Motion**")[1] seeking the appointment of a committee of retired employees pursuant to sections 105 and 1114 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9006; and the Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the Standing Order; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Motion was appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing before this Court, if any; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein, and that such relief is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and all parties in interest; and upon all of the proceedings had before the Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is **GRANTED** as set forth in this Order.

2. The U.S. Trustee is authorized and directed to appoint a retiree committee consisting of Non-Represented Eligible Retirees, whose retiree benefits are not provided under a collective bargaining agreement, pursuant to section 1114 of the Bankruptcy Code.

3. The Debtors and the U.S. Trustee shall determine procedures for contacting and identifying candidates to serve on the retiree committee. Upon identifying the retirees who will

[1] Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Motion.

serve on the retiree committee, if any, the U.S. Trustee shall file the Appointment Notice on the Court's docket and shall serve such Appointment Notice upon counsel to the Debtors, counsel to the Committee, and all other parties entitled to notice pursuant to Local Rule 2002-1(b).

4. Upon its appointment, the retiree committee shall be the authorized representative for the Debtors' Non-Represented Eligible Retirees for the limited purposes set forth in section 1114 of the Bankruptcy Code. The retiree committee shall have only those rights, powers, and duties conferred upon it pursuant to section 1114(b)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code.

5. Nothing in the Motion or this Order shall be construed as (a) authority to assume, reject, terminate, or modify any plan or agreement providing for retiree benefits (as defined in section 1114 of the Bankruptcy Code), or as a request for authority to do the same; or (b) an admission as to the validity, priority, or character of any claim for any retiree benefits or whether any retiree benefits are considered "vested" or "unvested" under the terms of the applicable plan or agreement, or a waiver or other limitation on the Debtors' or any other party in interest's ability to contest the same on any ground permitted by bankruptcy or applicable non-bankruptcy law.

6. The Debtors and the U.S. Trustee are authorized to take all actions necessary to carry out this Order.

7. This Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.