

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

IN RE: : Chapter 11  
: :  
LERNOUT & HAUSPIE SPEECH : Case No. 00-4397 (JHW)  
PRODUCTS N.V., et al., : through 00-4399 (JHW)  
: Jointly Administered  
Debtors. :  
: **Objections due by: November 12, 2002 at 4:00 p.m.**  
: **Hearing date: To Be Determined by the Court.**

**APPLICATION FOR FINAL ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION  
OF WALSH MONZACK AND MONACO, P.A., CO-ATTORNEYS FOR  
THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS OF L&H HOLDINGS  
USA, INC. FOR THE PERIOD DECEMBER 19, 2000 THROUGH AUGUST 23, 2002**

Name of Applicant: Walsh Monzack and Monaco, P.A.

Authorized to Provide  
Professional Services to: Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Dictaphone  
Corporation

Date of Retention: December 18, 2000 (Order Signed March 13, 2001)

Period for which compensation  
and reimbursement is sought: December 19, 2000 through August 23, 2002

Amount of Compensation Sought  
as actual, reasonable and necessary: \$74,114.40<sup>1</sup>

Amount of Expense Reimbursement  
Sought as actual, reasonable and  
necessary: \$7,124.64<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the Second Amended Administrative Order, this amount reflects 40% of the fees incurred by Walsh, Monzack and Monaco, P.A. during the period of December 2000 through February 2001 and 50% of the fees during the period of March 2001 through August 23, 2002. This amount includes \$1,520.00 (11.0 hours) for the preparation of this fee application.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to the Second Amended Administrative Order, this amount reflects 40% of the expenses incurred by Walsh, Monzack and Monaco, P.A. during the period of December 2000 through February 2001 and 50% of the expenses incurred during the period of March 2001 through August 23, 2002.

*This is the Final fee application filed by Walsh, Monzack and Monaco, P.A.*

		<b>REQUESTED</b>		<b>APPROVED</b>	
<b>Date Filed</b>	<b>Period Covered</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Fees 80%</b>	<b>Expenses 100%</b>
01/30/01	12/19/00 - 12/31/00	\$2,872.50	\$55.75	\$2,298.00	\$55.75
03/01/01	01/01/01 - 01/31/01	\$11,631.50	\$1,439.63	\$9,305.20	\$1,439.63
04/04/01	02/01/01 - 02/28/01	\$9,837.00	\$443.79	\$7,869.60	\$443.79
05/25/01	03/01/01 - 03/31/01	\$13,494.50	\$505.75	\$10,795.60	\$505.75
07/31/01	04/01/01 - 05/31/01	\$19,000.00	\$2,617.09	\$15,200.00	\$2,617.09
08/16/01	06/01/01 - 06/30/01	\$7,477.00	\$592.70	\$5,981.60	\$592.70
10/29/01	07/01/01 - 08/31/01	\$15,583.50	\$1,968.50	\$12,466.80	\$1,968.50
01/04/02	09/01/01 - 10/31/01	\$11,067.75	\$2,218.01	\$8,854.20	\$2,218.01
01/16/02	11/01/01 - 11/30/01	\$7,430.50	\$673.21	\$5,944.40	\$673.21
2/19/02	12/1/01 - 12/31/02	\$9,311.00	\$641.91	\$7,448.80	\$641.91
3/5/02	1/1/02 - 1/31/02	\$7,617.00	\$1,117.53	\$6,093.60	\$1,117.53
5/7/02	2/1/02 - 3/31/02	\$8,448.50	\$1,983.54	\$6,758.80	\$1,983.54
5/20/02	4/1/02 - 4/30/02	\$2,347.00	\$270.58	\$1,877.60	\$270.58

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USA, INC. FOR THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 19, 2000  
THROUGH AUGUST 23, 2002**

The application of Walsh Monzack and Monaco, P.A. (“Applicant”), co-attorneys for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of L&H Holdings USA, Inc. (the “L&H Holdings Committee”) of Lernout & Hauspie Speech Products N.V., *et. al.* (collectively, “Debtors”), respectfully represents and alleges:

**I. INTRODUCTION**

1. Applicant, as co-attorneys for the L&H Holdings Committee, makes this Final Application for payment of professional services rendered and expenses incurred in its representation of the L&H Holdings Committee as provided under Sections 330 and 331 of Title 11 of the United States Code (“Bankruptcy Code”) and Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (“Bankruptcy Rules”).

2. Applicant, for its Final allowance, seeks an award of compensation in the amount of \$74,114.40 for professional services rendered and reimbursement of disbursements actually and

necessarily incurred in the amount of \$7,124.64 services were rendered, and disbursements recorded, from December 19, 2000 through August 23, 2002, both dates inclusive ("Final Period"). This application is filed pursuant to the terms of the First Amended Plan of Reorganization of L&H Holdings USA, Inc. under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Plan").

## II. BACKGROUND

3. Applicant is a professional association of attorneys organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware. Its office is located at 1201 Orange Street, Suite 400, Wilmington, DE 19801. Among Applicant's expertise is the representation of creditors, creditors' committees and debtors in all facets of insolvency related proceedings.

4. On November 29, 2000 ("Petition Date"), the Debtors filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code. The Debtors continue to operate their business and manage their properties as debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee has been appointed to these cases.

5. At the outset of these proceedings, December 18, 2000, the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the "US Trustee") appointed a single creditors' committee to represent the interest of all holders of unsecured claims in these Chapter 11 cases (the "L&H Committee"). The L&H Committee selected KBC Bank, represented by Michael Curran, as its Chairperson. Thereafter, the L&H Committee selected Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld LLP and Walsh Monzack and Monaco, P.A. as its co-attorneys. (Walsh Monzack and Monaco's retention application was approved by Order of this Court dated March 13, 2001.)

6. This Court has jurisdiction over this application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Venue of this proceeding is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1408 and 1409.

### **III. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED**

7. In accordance with Local Rule 2016-2 effective February 1, 2001 and the Second Amended Administrative Order Establishing Procedures for Allowance and Payment of Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for professionals and Committee Members (“Administrative Order”) dated July 17, 2001<sup>3</sup>, the terms of the Plan, and to assist the Court, the Debtors, the US Trustee and other parties in interest in evaluating this Application for compensation, the primary services performed by Applicant during the Final Period are summarized in the Summary attached hereto as Exhibit "B". The Summary reflects certain services of major importance, which required the special attention, efforts and skill of Applicant. Applicant’s services throughout the Final Period have enhanced the L&H Holdings Committee’s understanding of many important issues related to these cases. Furthermore, Applicant’s efforts have enabled the L&H Holdings Committee to act in an informed, efficient manner and to actively participate in the cases.

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<sup>3</sup>Pursuant to the Second Amended Administrative Order, this amount reflects 40% of the fees incurred by Walsh, Monzack and Monaco, P.A. during the period of December 2000 through February 2001 and 50% of the fees during the period of March 2001 through August 23, 2002.

8. In accordance with the Administrative Order, a summary sheet of the attorneys and paraprofessionals and their corresponding initials, billing rates and the number of hours incurred by each is annexed hereto as Exhibit "C". The hourly rates reflect what Applicant generally charges its bankruptcy-related clients for similar services. Computerized time records which includes identification of specific services performed by the attorneys and paraprofessionals are annexed hereto as Exhibit "D".

9. In accordance with the Administrative Order, a computerized printout of Applicant's disbursements, necessarily incurred in the performance of Applicant's duties as counsel to the Dictaphone Committee, is also annexed hereto as part of Exhibit "D".

10. Applicant has worked closely with Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P., the other case professionals and the L&H Holdings Committee to avoid unnecessary duplication or services charged to the Debtors' estates.

#### IV. CONCLUSION

11. Applicant has necessarily and properly expended a total of 661.25<sup>4</sup> hours of services in performance of its duties as counsel to the L&H Holdings Committee during the Final Period. Applicant respectfully requests an interim fee allowance for professional services rendered in the amount of \$74,114.40. Applicant has also necessarily incurred disbursements in the amount of \$7,124.64 in the performance of Applicant's duties to the L&H Holdings Committee during the Final Period. Applicant respectfully requests the reimbursement of disbursements in the sum of \$7,124.64.

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<sup>4</sup> This amount reflects the total hours billed for work performed by Walsh, Monzack and Monaco, P.A. on behalf of all of Unsecured Creditors' Committees appointed in these matters.

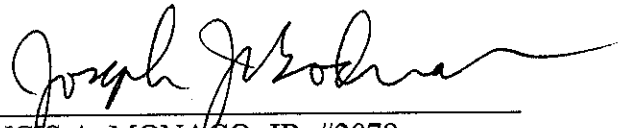
12. As stated in the Affidavit of Francis A. Monaco, Jr., annexed hereto as Exhibit "A", Applicant has not agreed to share any compensation to be received herein with any other person.

13. This is Applicant's final request for an award of compensation in these cases.

**WHEREFORE**, Applicant respectfully requests a final award of compensation for professional services rendered as counsel to the L&H Holdings Committee during the Final Period in the sum of \$74,114.40 together with reimbursement of disbursements in the amount of \$7,124.64 and for such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Dated: October 22, 2002

**WALSH MONZACK AND MONACO, P.A.**



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