

**THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

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U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
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In re:	:	
	:	Chapter 11
<b>COPPERWELD CORPORATION</b>	:	Jointly Administrated
<b>COPPERWELD BIMETALLICS PRODUCTS</b>	:	
<b>COMPANY</b>	:	<b>Judge Randolph Baxter</b>
<b>COPPERWELD EQUIPMENT COMPANY</b>	:	
<b>COPPERWELD MARKETING AND SALES</b>	:	Case No. 00-43869
<b>COMPANY</b>	:	Case No. 00-43868
<b>COPPERWELD TUBING PRODUCTS</b>	:	Case No. 00-43870
<b>COMPANY</b>	:	Case No. 00-43871
<b>METALLON MATERIALS ACQUISITION</b>	:	Case No. 00-43872
<b>CORP.</b>	:	Case No. 00-43899
<b>MIAMI ACQUISITION CORPORATION</b>	:	Case No. 00-43900
<b>SOUTHERN CROSS INVESTMENT</b>	:	Case No. 00-43904
<b>COMPANY</b>	:	Case No. 00-43905
<b>TAC ACQUISITION CORPORATION</b>	:	Case No. 00-43911
<b>WELDED TUBE CO. OF AMERICA</b>	:	Case No. 00-43912
<b>WELDED TUBE HOLDINGS, INC.,</b>	:	
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<b>Copperweld Debtors.</b>	:	
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**ORDER APPROVING FINAL APPLICATION OF AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP, COUNSEL FOR THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF NOTEHOLDERS FOR FINAL ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED DURING THE PERIOD JANUARY 25, 2001 – DECEMBER 17, 2003**

This matter coming before the Court on the Final Application of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP (“Akin Gump”), Counsel for the Official Committee of Noteholders, for Final Allowance of Compensation for Services Rendered during the Period January 25, 2001 through December 17, 2003 (the “Application”); and the Court having reviewed the Application; and upon due deliberation and for just cause shown;

*H/3-23-04 Mr*

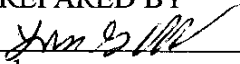
**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

1. The Application is **GRANTED**.
2. Final compensation in the amount of \$296,919.50 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$39,128.48 was sought by Akin Gump in the Application.
3. The above-captioned Debtors and the Copperweld Distribution Trustee are hereby authorized and directed to pay Akin Gump \$296,919.50 for services rendered, and \$39,128.48 for reimbursement of expenses incurred, in furtherance of the administration of the above-captioned Debtors for the period from January 25, 2001 through December 17, 2003 minus all amounts previously paid to Akin Gump by the above-captioned Debtors.

Dated: March 24, 2004

  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

**ORDER PREPARED BY**

  
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