

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
WESTERN DIVISION**

IN RE: SMITTY’S/CAM2 303 TRACTOR
HYDRAULIC FLUID MARKETING, SALES
PRACTICES, AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY
LITIGATION

MDL No. 2936

Master Case No. 4:20-MD-02936-SRB

This document relates to:
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**PLAINTIFFS’ INTERIM STATUS REPORT
REGARDING SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION
OF MANUFACTURER SETTLEMENT**

COME NOW Plaintiffs, by and through Class Counsel, and provide the Court the following Interim Status Report Regarding Settlement Administration.

1. The Court granted final approval for this nationwide class settlement on March 27, 2025. (Dkt. #1221). There were no objectors and no appeals. The Net Settlement Fund, after payment of Court-Ordered attorneys’ fees, litigation expenses, incentive awards, and anticipated settlement administration expenses, was \$16,664,479.47.

2. Pursuant to this Court’s July 7, 2026 Order (Dkt. #1230), the Settlement Administrator distributed \$16,182,532.98 (plus \$25,000.00 in pre-distribution claim corrections) to 5,241 claimants on July 29, 2025. As of January 15, 2026, distribution checks to 5,108 of those claimants have been cashed. There are 133 of these original distribution checks that remain uncashed for a total of \$36,651.61.

3. Also pursuant to the Court’s July 7, 2026 Order (Dkt. #1230), a contingency fund of

\$481,946.49 was established for the payment of any late claim and any claim corrections. As of January 15, 2026, there have been 52 late claims and/or claim corrections paid for a total of \$463,844.65.

4. The Court's Preliminary Approval Order (Dkt. #1230) approved RG/2 as Settlement Administrator with a budget of \$992,790.00 for notice and settlement administration. RG/2 will be completing all notice and settlement administration for less than the budgeted amount approved by Court. To date, RG/2 has been paid \$886,131.65 for notice and settlement administration expenses and fees, with one additional payment of \$20,000 left to be made for handling/paying late claims, further settlement administration, final accounting and shutdown.

5. During settlement administration, interest totaling \$69,710.07 has been earned on the Settlement Fund.

6. As of January 15, 2026, the balance of the Manufacturer Settlement Fund, including the interest earned, is \$199,657.05. This amount assumes that all outstanding distribution checks (original and late claims) are cashed.

7. Within the next 90 days, Plaintiffs will submit a Final Status Report including the Post-Distribution Accounting Form as set forth in the Court's July 7, 2025 Order (Dkt. #1231).

WHEREFORE, as set forth above, Class Counsel submits to the Court this Interim Status Report Regarding Settlement Administration of the Manufacturer Settlement.

Date: January 20, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document was filed electronically with the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri, with notice of case activity to be generated and sent electronically by the Clerk of the Court to all designated persons this 20th day of January 2026.

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