Yellow Alters Sale Procedures of Rolling Stock



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The trucking company now plans to sell its rolling stock inventory via Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers instead of through previously approved bidding procedures.



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Yellow Corp. now plans to sell its inventory of rolling stock via an agent, Nations Capital LLC portfolio company Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers Inc.

The Overland Park, Kan.-based trucking company submitted a motion Monday, Oct. 16, seeking approval of an agency agreement struck with Ritchie Bros. in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware. A hearing regarding the motion is set for Oct. 27.

Earlier in its Chapter 11 proceedings, Yellow had intended to sell its rolling stock via bidding procedures approved Sept. 15. According to court papers, the company pivoted to the process handled by Ritchie Bros. due to its extensive experience with the trucking industry, as well as its ability to effectively transport the rolling stock to buyers.

Yellow has terminated nearly all of its employees and thus lacks the logistical capacity to sell and transport the assets, it said. Using Ritchie Bros. as an agent will also allow Yellow to minimize rent at the properties where the rolling stock is held. For its services, Ritchie will receive an undisclosed commission depending on how much of the inventory is sold.

Yellow filed for bankruptcy on Aug. 6, citing difficulties with unions. The company has received a stalking horse bid of roughly \$1.53 billion from Estes Express Lines for its real estate, intellectual property, and other assets. Rival bids are due Nov. 9 ahead of a Nov. 28 auction.

Founded in 1958, Burnaby, British Columbia-based Ritchie Bros. is the world's largest industrial equipment auctioneer. The company conducts both online and onsite auctions for a range of industrial equipment, in sectors including construction, mining, agriculture, oil and gas, and forestry.

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Yellow has engaged Matthew A. Doheny as chief restructuring officer. Alvarez & Marsal LLC is Yellow's financial adviser, and Ducera Partners LLC is its investment banker.

Stuart M. Brown of DLA Piper LLP represents Ritchie Bros.

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