



TOOLING PROPOSAL FOR GOVERNMENT LOAN PROCEEDS TO OEMS

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*THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX...
...WORKING INSIDE THE BOX!*



ISSUES

1. Vehicle mfg [OEM] rules have led to Tool, Die and Mold mfgs [TDM] being paid 5-18 months after they have delivered their finished goods to the parts mfr [Tier 1]:
 - D3 are “off balance sheet financing” hundreds of millions of dollars of their production tooling off the backs of small businesses.

2. Cash strapped parts makers, who act as middle-men for OEM tooling proceeds, have filed CCAA & C11 ensuring the OEM tool proceeds did not make it to their intended destination-the tool source:
 - Resulting in *avoidable bankruptcies of TDMs*



PROPOSAL

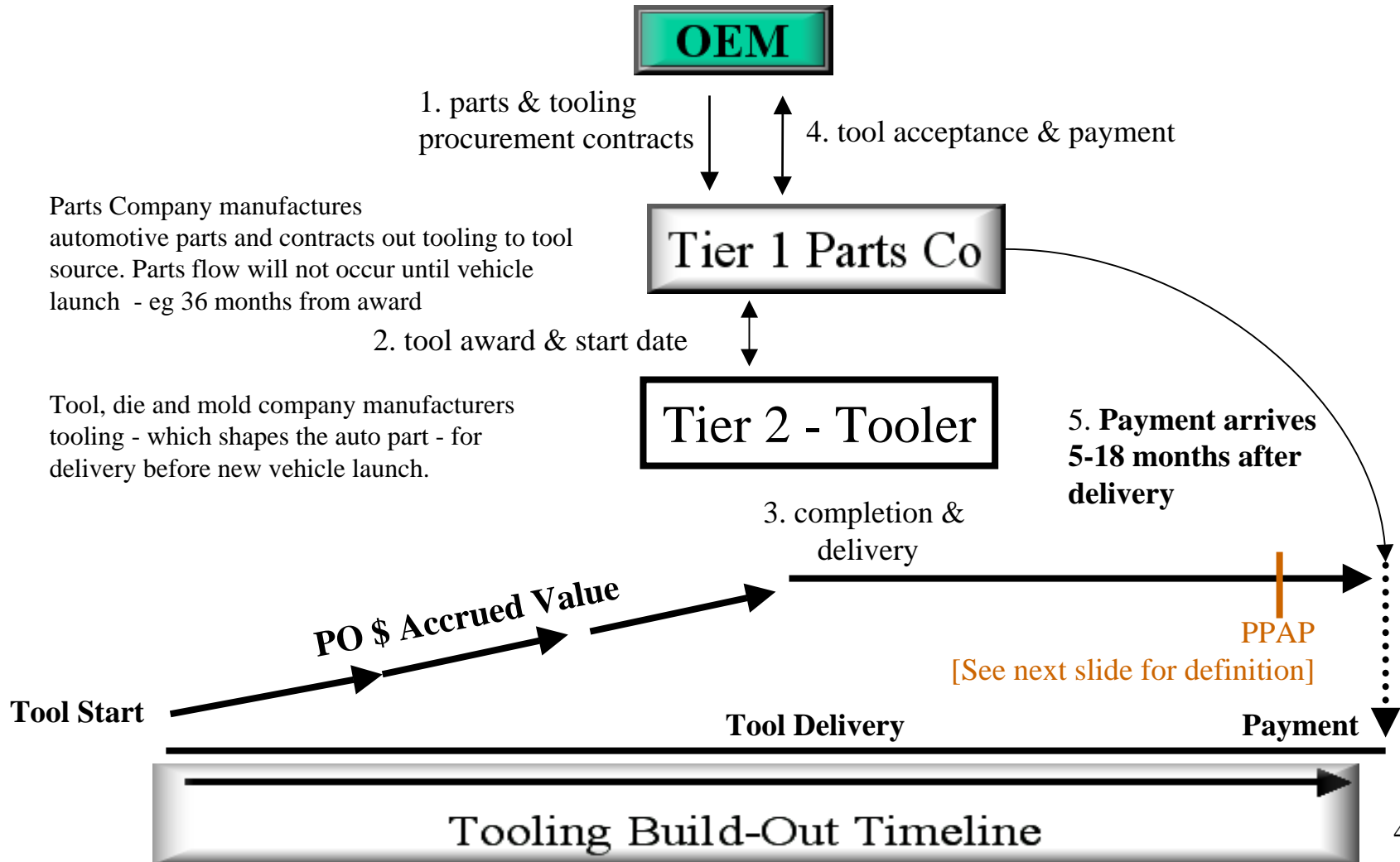
The Tooling Proposal recommends the following:

1. Gov't loan proceeds to OEMs are earmarked for tooling for all 2009 and 2010 launches
2. While gov't loans are outstanding, OEM will:
 - Pay for tooling when it is substantially complete
 - If they cancel, or delay a vehicle launch more than 90 days, the OEM will settle tooling accounts
3. A mechanism to ensure that OEM tooling payments navigate through cash strapped Tier 1's is instituted to ensure "100% trickle down³".



PROCESS FLOW

~ PRESENT ~





PRODUCTION PART APPROVAL PROCESS

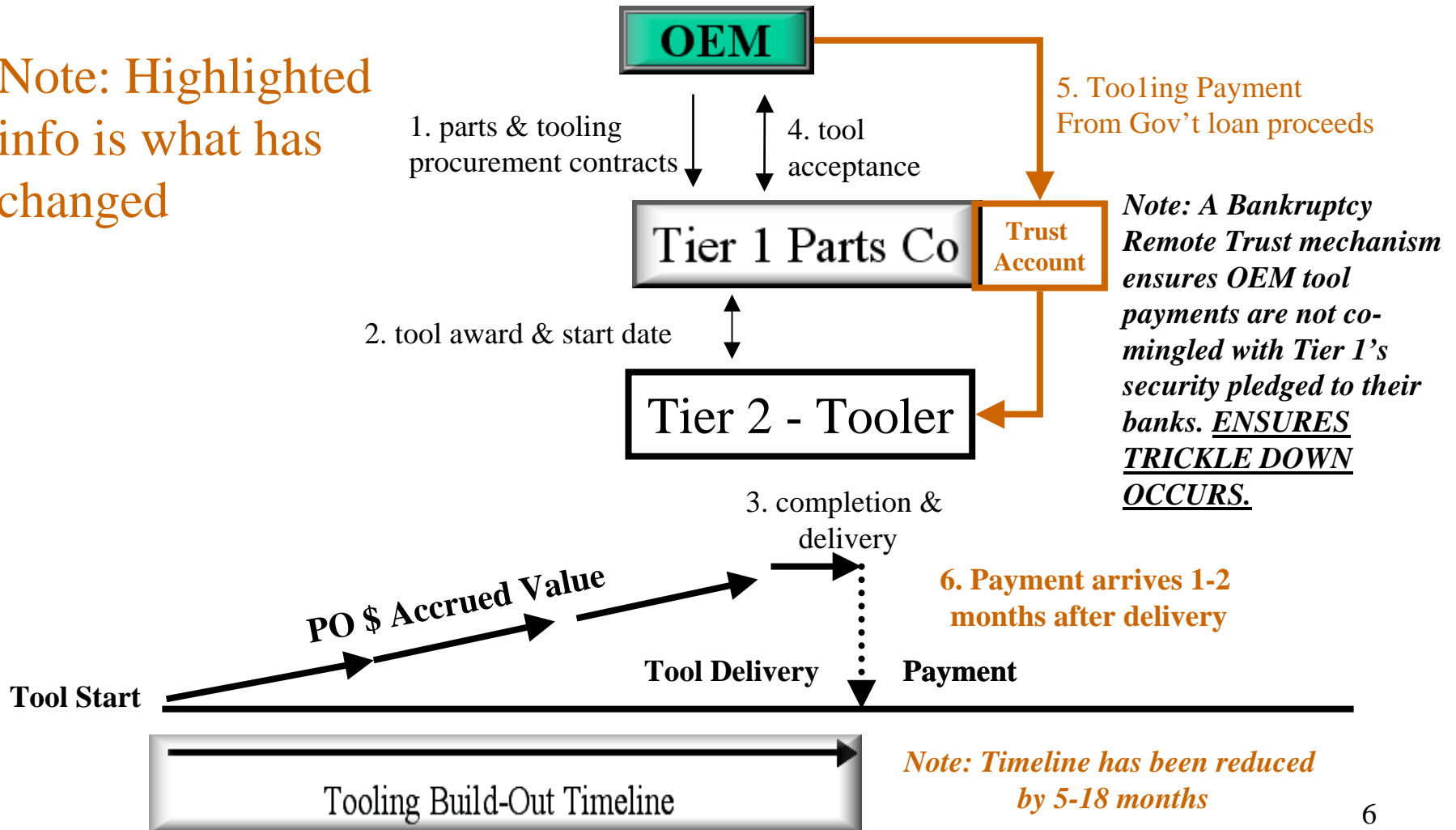
- Unilaterally controlled by OEM
- PPAP is a manufacturing milestone
 - Confirms part tolerances and
 - Confirms the robustness of the manufacturing process
- PPAP also is event that triggers accounting recognition and ultimately payment
 - Before PPAP: Off Balance Sheet at OEM & Tier 1
 - Unless they have given a progress payment
 - After PPAP: On Balance sheet with payment 60 days after event to Tier 1 to forward to TDM.



PROCESS FLOW

~ PROPOSAL ~

Note: Highlighted info is what has changed





TDM BALANCE SHEET

~ BEFORE & AFTER ~

BEFORE PROPOSAL			
Balance Sheet TDM Dec. 31/08			
Work In Progress		Bank Operating Line	\$4,050,000
Job 1	\$800,000		
Job 2	\$500,000		
Accounts Receivable			
Delivered Jan/08	\$1,000,000		
Delivered June/08	\$1,000,000		
Delivered Dec/08	\$1,000,000		
Total Current Assets	\$4,300,000		
Long Term Assets	\$2,000,000	Long Term Debt	\$750,000
		Equity	\$1,500,000
Total Assets	\$6,300,000	Total Debt & Equity	\$6,300,000
Current Ratio	1.06	EDC Coverage required	
Debt to Equity	3.20	90% of A/R and WIP	\$3,870,000
Operating Line Limit	\$4,500,000		
Available O/L	\$450,000		

AFTER PROPOSAL			
Balance Sheet TDM Dec. 31/08			
Work In Progress		Bank Operating Line	\$2,050,000
Job 1	\$800,000		
Job 2	\$500,000		
Accounts Receivable			
Delivered Jan/08	\$0		
Delivered June/08	\$0		
Delivered Dec/08	\$1,000,000		
Total Current Assets	\$2,300,000		
Long Term Assets	\$2,000,000	Long Term Debt	\$750,000
		Equity	\$1,500,000
Total Assets	\$4,300,000	Total Debt & Equity	\$4,300,000
Current Ratio	1.12	EDC Coverage required	
Debt to Equity	1.87	90% of A/R and WIP	\$2,070,000
Operating Line Limit	\$4,500,000		
Available O/L	\$2,450,000		

By accelerating tooling payments from the OEM to 60 days from delivery of the tooling a SUBSTANTIAL improvement in ALL FINANCIAL METRICS of TDM company are realized. EXISTING bank credit facilities are sufficient. EDC usage decreases \$1.8 million [60% reduction!!!].



COMMON SENSE TO SUPPORT PROPOSAL

- When the D3 and JCI “bailed-out” Plastech their loan agreement to Plastech required:
 - Funds to be reserved from overall loan amount to pay for tooling
 - An escrow/trust mechanism to ensure toolers were paid and Plastech could not divert proceeds
- The government will be getting a security interest in Cdn tools when the OEM pays the Tier 1
 - **DESPITE** the Cdn tool source not having yet received proceeds



BENEFITS OF T&E PROPOSAL

- 3 times DIRECT leverage of gov't funds
 - 1) at OEM for their investment; 2) at Tool Source; 3) EDC insurance capacity can be redeployed to other TDMs
- Existing bank accommodations of TDM are now sufficient!!!
- Cdn tool source now have the financial capacity to win new tooling contracts
- Risk of taxpayer paying twice (once at bailout and second time as EDC pays avoidable insurance claims) is mitigated



BENEFIT TO CANADIAN & ONTARIO TAXPAYERS

If the Government follows our Proposal their
DIRECT ACTIONS will:

- Avoid avoidable bankruptcies in TDM sector;
- Save and increase jobs in TDM sector;
- Not have to rely on the banks to increase credit/liquidity to finance TDMs while their Tier 1 customers are going bankrupt;
- Have protected taxpayer funds EXACTLY the way the D3 do to protect themselves when they are bailing out a Tier 1;
- Ensure the Cdn TDM supplier gets paid when the Gov't get benefit of security in Cdn tools to protect their loans; AND
- Not pay twice for the bailout: now and when TDMs fail or claim under EDC insurance.



US IMPLICATIONS

- US TDMs and T&E Capital launched US Tooling Proposal in Jan/09
 - The two largest US national tooling associations have supported US Proposal
- T&E has been asked to go to Washington D.C. in Feb/09 to meet with Senators and Congressmen

USE the opportunity to have Cdn TDMs, Cdn & On. Gov't meet with US TDM's and US Treasury and US "Car Czar" to discuss implementation of a North American Tooling Solution.

- *Canada should show leadership and reciprocity to avoid US protectionism!*



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