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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	Chapter 11
GRITSTONE BIO, INC.,1	Case No. 24-12305 (KBO)
Debtor.	Objection Deadline: April 14, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (ET) Hearing Date: Only in the event necessary

SUMMARY COVER SHEET TO THE FOURTH MONTHLY FEE APPLICATION OF FTI CONSULTING, INC., FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS, FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2025

Name of Applicant:	FTI Consulting, Inc.
Authorized to provide professional services to:	Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors
Date of Retention:	December 13, 2024, effective November 1, 2024
Period for which compensation and reimbursement are sought:	February 1, 2025 through February 28, 2025
Amount of compensation sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$8,858.40 (80% of \$11,073.00)
Amount of expense reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable, and necessary:	\$0.00
This is an: X monthly interim	_ final application.

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Pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), rule 2016-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Local Rules"), the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* (the "Interim Compensation Order") [Docket No. 154], the consulting firm FTI Consulting, Inc., together with its wholly owned subsidiaries ("FTI"), as financial advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") appointed in this chapter 11 case, hereby submits this application (the "Application") for the period February 1, 2025 through February 28, 2025 (the "Monthly Fee Period").

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BACKGROUND

- 1. On October 10, 2024 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the Debtor commenced this chapter 11 case by filing a petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the "<u>Chapter 11 Case</u>").
- 2. On October 29, 2024, the U.S. Trustee appointed the Committee. *See* Docket No. 77. At the formation meeting the Committee selected ArentFox Schiff LLP as its counsel and Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP as its Delaware counsel. On November 1, 2024, the Committee selected FTI as its financial advisor. The Committee consists of the following three members:
 - a) BMR-Sidney Research Campus LLC;
 - b) Presidio; and
 - c) Murigenics, Inc.
- 3. On December 13, 2024, the Court entered the *Order Authorizing Retention of FTI Consulting, Inc. as Financial Advisor for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors* [Docket No. 256] (the "Retention Order").

RELIEF REQUESTED

4. FTI submits this Application pursuant to the Bankruptcy Rules, the Interim Compensation Order, and the Retention Order. By this Application, FTI seeks interim allowance of compensation for actual and necessary professional services rendered in the amount of \$11,073.00 for the Monthly Fee Period in accordance with the terms of the Interim Compensation Order. FTI reserves the right to request, in subsequent fee applications, reimbursement of any additional fees or expenses incurred during the Monthly Fee Period, which may not have been captured in FTI's billing system as of the date of filing this Application.

SUMMARY OF FEES

- 5. The total number of hours expended by FTI professionals and paraprofessionals in performing professional services for the Committee during the Monthly Fee Period was 12.5 hours. Pursuant to the Retention Order, FTI is entitled to monthly compensation for its services provided to the Committee at its current hourly rates, plus reimbursement of necessary out of pocket expenses.
- 6. Services rendered by (i) each professional and paraprofessional, (ii) a summary of the time incurred by task, and (iii) detailed time entries during the Monthly Fee Period are attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, **Exhibit B**, and **Exhibit C**, respectively.

ACTUAL AND NECESSARY EXPENSES

7. FTI is not seeking reimbursement for meal expenses for this Monthly Fee Period. FTI reserves the right to request, in subsequent fee applications, reimbursement of any additional expenses incurred during the Monthly Fee Period, as such expenses may not have been captured in FTI's billing system on the date of filing this Fee Application.

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CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, FTI respectfully requests, pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, interim allowance of monthly compensation for actual and necessary professional services rendered as financial advisor to the Committee during the Monthly Fee Period in the amount of (i) 80% of fees incurred during the Monthly Fee Period in the amount of \$8,858.40 (representing 80% of \$11,073.00), and such other and further relief that the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: March 31, 2025 FTI CONSULTING, INC.

By: /s/ Conor P. Tully

Conor P. Tully 1166 Avenue of the Americas, 15th Floor New York, New York 10036

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VERIFICATION PURSUANT TO DEL. BANKR. L.R. 2016-1(g) AND 28 U.S.C. § 1746

I, Conor P. Tully, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, to the best of my knowledge and belief,

and after reasonable inquiry, declare as follows:

I am a Senior Managing Director with the consulting firm FTI Consulting, Inc., 1.

together with its wholly owned subsidiaries ("FTI"). FTI has rendered professional services to the

Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") in this Chapter 11 Case.

2. I have read the foregoing statement of FTI for compensation and reimbursement of

expenses (the "Application"). To the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed upon

the basis of my participation in this case, as well as after reasonable inquiry, the facts set forth in

the foregoing Application are true and correct and materially comply with the applicable orders,

rules, guidelines, and requirements as set forth by the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of

Bankruptcy Procedure, Del. Bankr. L.R. 2016-1, and the Office for the United States Trustee.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing is true

and correct, to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

Executed on: March 31, 2025

FTI CONSULTING, INC.

By: /s/ Conor P. Tully_

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Financial Advisor to the Official

Committee of Unsecured Creditors of

Gritstone bio, Inc.,

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Debtor.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") appointed in the chapter 11 case of the above-captioned debtor and debtor in possession (the "Debtor") filed the Fourth Monthly Fee Application of FTI Consulting, Inc., Financial Advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, for Allowance of Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred for the Period February 1, 2025 Through February 28, 2025 (the "Application") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objections to the Application, if any, are required to be filed on or before **April 14, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)** (the "Objection Deadline") with the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, 3rd Floor, 824 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that objections to the Application, if any, must be served upon and received by the following: (I) counsel to the Debtor, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones, 919 North Market Street, 17th Floor, Wilmington, DE 19899, (Attn: James E. O'Neill, Debra I. Grassgreen, John W. Lucas, and Malhar S. Pagay; emails: joneill@pszjlaw.com, dgrassgreen@pszjlaw.com, jlucas@pszjlaw.com, and mpagay@pszjlaw.com); (II) counsel to the Prepetition Secured Lenders, Cole Schotz P.C., 500 Delaware Avenue, Suite 1410, Wilmington, DE 19801 (Attn: Stacy L. Newman, Stuart Komrower, Warren A. Usatine, and Felice R. Yudkin; emails: snewman@coleschotz.com, skomrower@coleschotz.com, wusatine@coleschotz.com, and fyudkin@coleschotz.com) and Sheppard Mullin, Four Embarcadero Center, 17th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111 (Attn: Ori Katz and Robert K. Sahyan; emails: okatz@sheppardmullin.com and rsahyan@sheppardmullin.com); (III) the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, DE 19801 (Attn: Timothy J. Fox, Jr.; email: timothy.fox@usdoj.gov); and (IV) counsel for the Committee, (a) ArentFox Schiff LLP, 1301 Avenue of the Americas, Floor 42, New York, NY (Attn: Andrew I. Silfen, Beth M. Brownstein, Patrick emails: and Feeney; andrew.silfen@afslaw.com, beth.brownstein@afslaw.com, patrick.feeney@afslaw.com, and carolyn.indelicato@afslaw.com), (b) ArentFox Schiff LLP, 800 Boylston Street, 32nd Floor, Boston, MA 02199 (Attn: James E. Britton; email: james.britton@afslaw.com), and (c) Potter Anderson & Corroon LLP, 1313 N. Market Street, 6th Floor, Wilmington DE 19801 (Attn: Christopher M. Samis, Aaron H. Stulman, Katelin A. Morales, and Ethan H. Sulik; emails: csamis@potteranderson.com, astulman@potteranderson.com, kmorlaes@potteranderson.com, and esulik@potteranderson.com).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT PURSUANT TO THE ORDER ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR INTERIM COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES OF PROFESSIONALS [DOCKET NO. 154], IF NO OBJECTIONS ARE FILED AND SERVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE PROCEDURES, THE DEBTOR WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO PAY 80% OF THE REQUESTED FEES AND 100% OF THE REQUESTED EXPENSES WITHOUT FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT.

[Signature Page Follows]

Dated: March 31, 2025 Wilmington, Delaware

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Ethan H. Sulik

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EXHIBIT A GRITSTONE BIO, INC. - CASE NO. 24-12305 SUMMARY OF HOURS BY PROFESSIONAL FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2025 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2025

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EXHIBIT C GRITSTONE BIO, INC. - CASE NO. 24-12305 DETAIL OF TIME ENTRIES FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2025 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2025

Task Category	Date	Professional	Hours	Activity
14	2/18/2025	Conor Tully	0.6	Prepare update for Counsel re: claims processing logistics.
14	2/26/2025	Elizabeth Volk	0.6	Analyze potential convenience class claims.
14 Total			1.2	
16	2/3/2025	Conor Tully	0.3	Review the Disclosure Statement.
16	2/5/2025	Conor Tully	0.7	Provide comments for Counsel re: the Disclosure Statement documents.
16	2/10/2025	Clifford Zucker	0.3	Review the UCC's support statement for the Plan.
16	2/10/2025	Clifford Zucker	0.4	Review the UST's objection to the Plan.
16 Total			1.7	
20	2/5/2025	Conor Tully	0.5	Participate in call with Debtor's financial advisor (PwC) re: claims analysis.
20	2/12/2025	Conor Tully	0.3	Participate in call with Debtor's financial advisor (PwC) re: claims processing logistics.
20	2/12/2025	Elizabeth Volk	0.3	Participate in call with Debtor's financial advisor (PwC) re: claims processing logistics.
20	2/20/2025	Conor Tully	0.5	Participate in call with PwC re: status of claims processing.
20	2/20/2025	Elizabeth Volk	0.5	Participate in call with PwC re: status of claims processing.
20 Total			2.1	<u>_</u>

EXHIBIT C GRITSTONE BIO, INC. - CASE NO. 24-12305 DETAIL OF TIME ENTRIES FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2025 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2025

Task Category	Date	Professional	Hours	Activity
21	2/7/2025	Conor Tully	0.2	Participate in call with Counsel (ArentFox) re: status of the Plan.
21 Total			0.2	
24	2/5/2025	Bryson Hawkins	0.3	Prepare January fee app.
24	2/6/2025	Bryson Hawkins	0.6	Continue to prepare January fee app.
24	2/6/2025	Bryson Hawkins	0.8	Update January fee app.
24	2/6/2025	Bryson Hawkins	0.7	Continue to update January fee app.
24	2/6/2025	Bryson Hawkins	1.1	Conduct quality check re: January fee app.
24	2/7/2025	Narendra Ganti	0.5	Review January fee app.
24	2/7/2025	Bryson Hawkins	1.5	Finalize January fee app.
24	2/15/2025	Conor Tully	0.4	Review January fee app.
24	2/15/2025	Bryson Hawkins	1.4	Process final comments re: the January fee app.
24 Total			7.3	-
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Ethan H. Sulik, do hereby certify that on March 31, 2025, I caused a copy of the foregoing

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Committee of Unsecured Creditors, for Allowance of Compensation for Services Rendered

and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred for the Period February 1, 2025 Through

February 28, 2025 to be served on the parties listed on the attached service list in the manner

indicated.

/s/ Ethan H. Sulik

Ethan H. Sulik (No. 7270)

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