Docket #0042 Date Filed: 2/17/2026

So Ordered.

Signed this 17 day of February, 2026.

Wendy A. Kinsella

Wendy A. Kinsella
United States Bankruptcy Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:	Chapter 11
Vanderbilt Minerals, LLC,	Case No. 26-60110 (WAK)
Debtor.[1]	

ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTOR TO FILE A LIST OF THE TOP LAW FIRMS WITH TALC CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTOR IN LIEU OF THE LIST OF 20 LARGEST UNSECURED CREDITORS; (II) APPROVING CERTAIN NOTICE PROCEDURES FOR REPRESENTED TALC CLAIMANTS; (III) APPROVING THE FORM AND MANNER OF NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF THIS CASE; AND (IV) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTOR TO REDACT PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION

This matter coming before the Court on the *Motion of Debtor and Debtor in Possession for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing It to File a List of the Top Law Firms With Talc*

[1] The Debtor is Vanderbilt Minerals, LLC (EIN 13-1432885). The Debtor's noticing address in this chapter 11 case is 33 Winfield Street, Norwalk, Connecticut 06855.

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Claims Against the Debtor in Lieu of the List of 20 Largest Unsecured Creditors; (II) Approving Certain Notice Procedures for Represented Talc Claimants; (III) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice of Commencement of This Case; and (IV) Authorizing the Debtor to Redact Personally Identifiable Information (the "Motion"),[2] filed by the debtor in the above-captioned case (the "Debtor") pursuant to sections 105(a) and 107(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 1007(d), 2002(m), 7004 and 9014(b) and Local Bankruptcy Rule 2002-1; the Court having reviewed the Motion and having considered the statements of counsel and the evidence adduced with respect to the Motion at a hearing before the Court (the "Hearing"); the Court finding that (a) the Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, (b) venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409, (c) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), (d) notice of the Motion and the Hearing was sufficient under the circumstances, (e) the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtor's estate and parties in interest, and (f) the Notice Procedures (i) provide for adequate notice to Represented Talc Claimants, (ii) are reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances and (iii) are reasonably calculated, under all the circumstances, to apprise the Represented Talc Claimants of the noticed matters and afford them an opportunity to be heard thereon; and the Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and the First Day Declaration and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is GRANTED as set forth herein.

2. The Debtor is authorized to file a list of the ~~15~~ 20 law firms with the most *JWAK* significant representations of parties with talc claims against the Debtor based on the volume of

[2] Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein have the meanings given to them in the Motion.

claims (the "Top Talc Counsel List") of the in lieu of listing the 20 individual creditors, excluding insiders, with the largest unsecured claims against the Debtor on the Top 20 List. By filing the Top Talc Counsel List, the Debtor shall be deemed to comply fully with Bankruptcy Rule 1007(d).

3. The Debtor is authorized to serve all notices, mailings, filed documents and other communications relating to the Chapter 11 Case, including, without limitation, pleadings, in any contested matters or otherwise, seeking relief that could directly impact Represented Talc Claimants' rights and obligations in this Chapter 11 Case, on the Represented Talc Claimants in care of their counsel (including counsel of record in talc-related proceedings) (each, a "Talc Firm") at such counsel's address, including e-mail address. For a Talc Firm representing multiple Represented Talc Claimants, the Debtor may serve each document only a single time on such Talc Firm (at each relevant address) on behalf of all of such counsel's clients; provided that any notice or other document relating specifically to one or more particular Represented Talc Claimants (rather than all Represented Talc Claimants represented by a Talc Firm) shall clearly identify the parties to whom it relates.

4. Unrepresented Talc Claimants shall be personally served with all notices, mailings, pleadings, and other communications relating to this Chapter 11 Case, as appropriate, including, without limitation, all notices, mailings, pleadings, and other communications required to be served on all creditors relating to the Debtor's proposed sale process, and all other notices, mailings, pleadings, and other communications in any contested matters or otherwise, seeking relief that could directly impact the Unrepresented Talc Claimants' rights or obligations in this Chapter 11 Case.

5. The Debtor is authorized to list the names, addresses and other contact information, as applicable, of the Talc Firms in any creditor or service list, including the creditor matrix provided to the Court or filed on the docket, in lieu of listing the contact information of individual Represented Talc Claimants. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any attorney representing a Represented Talc Claimant may (and upon any termination of their representation of such Represented Talc Claimant, shall) file a motion with the Court seeking to be relieved as the designated agent for service of process and simultaneously with the filing of such motion shall (x) provide to the Debtor such identifying information with respect to their respective client(s) as may be necessary for the Debtor to effect service directly upon such Represented Talc Claimant or (y) designate alternate counsel who has agreed to accept service on behalf of such Represented Talc Claimant.

6. The Case Commencement Notice, substantially in the form attached ~~to the Motion~~ hereto as Exhibit A along with such changes as are agreed upon by the Debtor and the U.S. Trustee, is hereby approved. *JWAK*

7. The Agent is authorized and directed ~~not~~ to serve the form of ~~Case Commencement~~ Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case prepared by the Clerk of Court (the "Clerk's Notice") and, ~~instead,~~ is also authorized and directed to serve a Case Commencement Notice substantially in the form attached hereto ~~to the Motion~~ as Exhibit A, subject to any revisions agreed upon by the Debtor and the U.S. Trustee, not later than five business days after the Debtor (a) receives written notice from the U.S. Trustee of the time and place of the Section 341 Meeting and (b) agrees on the form and substance of the Case Commencement Notice with the U.S. Trustee. *JWAK*

8. The Agent shall serve the Clerk's Notice and Case Commencement Notice by regular mail, postage prepaid, on those entities entitled to receive the Clerk's Notice and Case Commencement Notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002(a) and the Notice Procedures approved herein. The Debtor also will post a copy of the Clerk's Notice and Case Commencement Notice on the restructuring website maintained by the Agent at www.veritaglobal.net/Vanderbilt. *JWAK*

9. Service of the Clerk's Notice and Case Commencement Notice in accordance with this Order is approved in all respects and is deemed sufficient notice to all parties in interest of the commencement of the Chapter 11 Case and the Section 341 Meeting under the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of New York. *JWAK*

10. The Debtor is authorized to redact home and email address information of the Debtor's creditors who are individuals listed on the creditor matrix or any other document filed with the Court. The Debtor shall provide an unredacted version of the creditor matrix and any other applicable filed document to (i) the Court, the U.S. Trustee, any subsequently appointed trustee and counsel to any official committee appointed in this Chapter 11 Case upon request and (ii) any other party in interest upon reasonable request. Any party in interest that is not provided with an unredacted version of the applicable document upon request may file a motion with the Court to obtain such document. Each party receiving an unredacted copy of the creditor matrix or any other applicable document shall keep such personally identifiable information confidential unless otherwise required to be disclosed by law or court order.

11. The Debtor is authorized and empowered to take all actions necessary to implement the relief granted in this Order.

12. This Court shall retain exclusive jurisdiction over any and all matters arising from or related to the implementation, enforcement or interpretation of this Order.

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EXHIBIT A

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Case Commencement Notice

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:	Chapter 11
Vanderbilt Minerals, LLC.[3]	Case No. 26-60110 (WAK)
Debtor.	

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF
CHAPTER 11 CASE AND MEETING OF CREDITORS

Commencement of Chapter 11 Case. On February 16, 2026 (the "Petition Date"), Vanderbilt Minerals, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Debtor"), filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of New York (the "Court"). The last four digits of the Debtor's federal tax identification number are 2885. The Debtor's address is 33 Winfield Street, Norwalk, Connecticut 06855.

Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code allows a debtor to reorganize or liquidate pursuant to a plan. A plan is not effective unless confirmed (i.e., approved) by the Court. Eventually, when such a plan is proposed, you may be sent a copy of the plan and a related disclosure statement telling you about the plan, and you might have the opportunity to vote on the plan. You will be sent notice of the date of the confirmation hearing to consider approval of the plan, and you may object to confirmation of the plan and attend the confirmation hearing. Unless a trustee is serving, the Debtor will remain in possession of its property and may continue to operate any business and manage any properties.

Attorneys for the Debtor. The attorneys representing the Debtor are: (a) Heather Lennox and T. Daniel Reynolds, Jones Day, 901 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, Telephone: (216) 586-3939, Facsimile: (216) 579-0212; and (b) Stephen A. Donato, Charles J. Sullivan and Grayson T. Walter, Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC, One Lincoln Center, 110 West Fayette Street, Syracuse, New York 13202, Telephone: (315) 218-8000, Facsimile: (315) 218-8100.

Meeting of Creditors. Pursuant to the attached Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case (the "Clerk's Notice") and section 341 of the Bankruptcy Code, the United States Trustee for the Northern District of New York (the "U.S. Trustee") has scheduled a meeting of creditors to be held on **___, 2026, at ___ _.m., prevailing Eastern Time**. The information to attend the meeting of creditors is set forth in the Clerk's Notice and shall be conducted by telephone. Please consult Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global (the "Agent") or the U.S. Trustee in this

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chapter 11 case for the necessary telephonic information. The Agent shall post a banner on the Agent's website at www.veritaglobal.net/Vanderbilt that provides the telephonic information concerning the meeting of creditors. The Debtor's representatives must be present at the meeting to be examined under oath by the U.S. Trustee and by creditors. Creditors are welcome to attend the meeting but are not required to do so. The meeting may be continued and concluded at a later date specified in a notice filed with the Court.

Creditors Generally May Not Take Certain Actions. In most instances, the filing of the bankruptcy case automatically stays certain collection and other actions against the Debtor and the Debtor's property. This means that creditors generally may not take action to collect debts from the Debtor or the Debtor's property. Actions against other parties may be subject to the automatic stay to the extent such actions effectively are actions against the Debtor or its property or seek to pursue causes of action owned by the bankruptcy estate. Under certain circumstances, the Debtor may request that the Court extend or impose a stay with respect to additional entities. Prohibited actions are listed in section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and common examples include: (a) contacting the Debtor by telephone, mail or otherwise to demand payment of a pre-bankruptcy obligation; (b) taking actions to collect money or obtain property from the Debtor; (c) starting or continuing lawsuits against the Debtor; and (d) repossessing or foreclosing upon the Debtor's property. See 11 U.S.C. § 362(a). If unauthorized actions are taken by a creditor against the Debtor or its property or against any party covered by the automatic stay, the Court may penalize that creditor. A creditor who is considering taking action against the Debtor or its property should review, among other things, section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and any applicable orders of the Court and seek legal advice.

Notice of Bar Dates for Proofs of Claim. No bar date has yet been established for the filing of Proofs of Claim. If and when a bar date is established, a separate notice of the bar date (the "Bar Date Notice") will be provided. Any such Bar Date Notice will contain information regarding the bar dates, a Proof of Claim form and instructions for completing and filing a Proof of Claim form.

Filing Deadline for a Creditor with a Foreign Address. A deadline for filing claims may be set in a later Court order as set forth above, and, if so, will apply to all creditors unless the order provides otherwise. If notice of the order setting the deadline is sent to a creditor at a foreign address, the creditor may file a motion requesting the Court to extend the deadline. There is no assurance that such a motion would be granted. Consult a lawyer familiar with United States bankruptcy law if you have any questions regarding your rights in this case.

Case Management and Administrative Procedures. Any party in interest that desires to receive notice in this chapter 11 case must file with the Court a notice of appearance and request for service and shall serve such request on: (a) Heather Lennox and T. Daniel Reynolds, Jones Day, 901 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, Telephone: (216) 586-3939, Facsimile: (216) 579-0212; and (b) Stephen A. Donato, Charles J. Sullivan and Grayson T. Walter, Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC, One Lincoln Center, 110 West Fayette Street, Syracuse, New York 13202, Telephone: (315) 218-8000, Facsimile: (315) 218-8100. All creditors will receive notice of certain proceedings, including, but not limited to: (a) any bar dates (unless applicable to a limited population of creditors); (b) the time fixed for filing objections to, and any hearing to consider, a disclosure statement and/or confirmation of a chapter 11 plan; and (c) dismissal or conversion of the chapter 11 case to another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code.

How to Obtain Documents. Electronic copies of all pleadings or other documents filed in this case may be obtained for $0.10 per page or up to $3.00 per document for most documents via PACER on the Court's web site at http://ecf.nynb.uscourts.gov. Paper copies of all pleadings or other documents filed in this case may be obtained by sending a written request to the Agent, at www.veritaglobal.net/Vanderbilt/inquiry, by mail at Vanderbilt Processing Center c/o KCC dba Verita, 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300, El Segundo, CA 90245, or by contacting the Agent by telephone at 888-733-1416 (U.S./Canada) and 310-751-2630 (International). Additionally, free electronic copies of certain pleadings or other documents filed in this case will be posted on the Agent's website at www.veritaglobal.net/Vanderbilt as soon as possible after filing.

Court Filings. This case has been assigned to the electronic case filing system. Any paper that you file in this bankruptcy case should be filed through the Court's electronic case filing (ECF) system, which may be accessed at https://www.nynb.uscourts.gov or http://ecf.nynb.uscourts.gov. Alternatively, papers may be filed at the Clerk of Court's office at the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of New York, Office of the Clerk of Court, James M. Hanley Federal Building, 100 South Clinton Street, Syracuse, New York 13261. Do not include personal identifying information or confidential information as described in Bankruptcy Rule 9037 and LBR 9037-1 in any filing. To the extent necessary, any party in interest may seek an order from the Court directing that a filing be made under seal. *See* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9037(c) and LBR 9018-1. Filings in this case may be accessed via the Court's web site at https://www.nynb.uscourts.gov or http://ecf.nynb.uscourts.gov.

Legal Advice. **Neither the Debtor's counsel, the Agent nor the staff of the Clerk of Court's Office can give you legal advice. You may wish to consult an attorney to protect your rights.**

Dated: February 16, 2026
Utica, New York

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