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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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

NOTICE OF FILING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, in accordance with the *Order (i) Authorizing the Debtor to Retain Applied Business Strategy, LLC to Provide a Chief Restructuring Officer for the Debtor; (ii) Designating Dean Vomero as the Debtor's Chief Restructuring Officer, Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date and (iii) Granting Related Relief* (the "Order") [Docket No. 422], Applied Business Strategy, LLC has filed the *Staffing Report for the Period October 1, 2026 to October 31, 2026*, a copy of which is attached hereto.

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[1] The Debtor is Syracuse Minerals, LLC (f/k/a 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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Dated: November 3, 2026
Syracuse, New York

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STAFFING REPORT OF APPLIED BUSINESS STRATEGY, LLC FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2026 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2026

Name of Applicant:	Applied Business Strategy, LLC
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	Syracuse Minerals LLC (f/k/a Vanderbilt Minerals, LLC), Debtor-In-Possession
Date of Retention:	Order entered April 17, 2026 [Docket No. 422] (effective *nunc pro tunc* to February 16, 2026)
Nature of Services:	Interim management and restructuring services for the Debtor
Time Summary:	Attached as **Exhibit A**
Retainer:	$1,140.89[2]
Total Fees and Expenses Requested:	
Professional Fees:	$46,385.00
Expenses:	$ 2,538.60
Total:	$48,923.60

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[2] Applied Business Strategy, LLC received a prepetition retainer in the amount of $75,000.00. The remaining balance ($1,140.89) has been fully applied against the fees and expenses included in the February 16, 2026 through March 31, 2026 Staffing Report.

EXHIBIT A



Applied Business Strategy, LLC
1100 Superior Avenue East, Suite 1750
Cleveland, OH 44114
Phone (216) 239-1815

Invoice	
Date	Number
11/02/26	2174

Syracuse Minerals LLC (f/k/a Vanderbilt Minerals LLC)
33 Winfield Street
Norwalk, Connecticut 06855

Client No.	Terms	Client
2550003	Due within 7 days	VM

Description	
Professional Fees (Appendix "A")	$ 46,385.00
Out of Pocket Expenses (Appendix "B")	2,538.60
Total	$ 48,923.60

Amount Due **$ 48,923.60**

Appendix "A" Summary of Professional Time and Fees by Category and Professional

Summary of Time and Fees by Category	Hours		Fees
Cash Management and Accounting	59.4	$	22,157.50
Business Planning	2.4	$	1,020.00
Financing and Asset Sale	5.9	$	2,170.00
Strategic and Operational	15.1	$	6,417.50
Legal Matters	34.4	$	14,620.00
Total	**117.2**	**$**	**46,385.00**

Category Definitions (Primary Activities)

Business Planning: Work on post-closing planning, budgets and budget to actual. Work on plan of reorganization and disclosure statement.

Cash Management and Accounting: Disbursement approval, preparation of monthly operating reports. Time spent on accrued professional fee and the post-sale balance sheet. Time spent on the continued evaluation of claims and all other accounting related issues.

Financing and Asset Sale: Time spent on post-closing activities such as working capital true-up, cure cost and payment of assumed liabilities. Time spent on Western Talc sale was also charged to this category.

Strategic and Operational: Board meetings, and ongoing case activities.

Legal Matters: Time spent on court appearances, filings, discussions with counsel on various matters, and strategic discussions. Time spent responding to Committee information requests, negotiating settlements, and plan and disclosure statement matters and insurers discovery requests.

Summary of Professional Time and Fees by Category and Professional

Summary of Time and Fees by Professional	Hours		Rate		Fees	Title
Dean Vomero	89.8	$	425.00	$	38,165.00	Managing Director
Linda Gee	6.2	$	300.00	$	1,860.00	Principal Consultant
Dave Victor	-	$	300.00	$	-	Principal Consultant
Hugh Do	21.2	$	300.00	$	6,360.00	Principal Consultant
Total	**117.2**	**$**	**395.78**	**$**	**46,385.00**	

Appendix "B"
Out of Pocket Expense Summary

Type	Professional	Amount
Overnight Delivery	Vomero	$ 58.38
Air or Train Travel	Vomero	$ 1,415.41
Transportation	Vomero	$ 389.75
Hotel for DS Hearing	Vomero	$ 675.06
Total Out of Pocket Expenses		$ 2,538.60