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Honorable Wendy A. Kinsella
United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of New York
100 South Clinton Street
Syracuse, New York 13202

Re: Syracuse Minerals, LLC (f/k/a Vanderbilt Minerals, LLC)*; Chapter 11 Case No. 26-60110*

Dear Chief Judge Kinsella:

As the Court is aware, my firm is co-counsel to Syracuse Minerals, LLC (f/k/a Vanderbilt Minerals, LLC) (the "Debtor"). The Debtor writes to advise the Court that the Debtor and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") have reached a further resolution regarding (i) the Debtor's Motion to Extend Exclusive Periods Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d) and for Entry of Bridge Order [Docket No. 605] (the "Exclusivity Motion"), (ii) the Motion of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors to Terminate the Debtor's Exclusive Periods Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d)(1) [Docket No. 895] (the "Committee Exclusivity Motion"), and (iii) the Motion of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors to Dismiss the Chapter 11 Case Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1112(b) [Docket No. 147] (the "Motion to Dismiss", and together with the Exclusivity Motion and Committee Exclusivity Motion, collectively, the "Motions").[1]

[1] By way of procedural history, the Debtor filed the Exclusivity Motion on May 15, 2026. Thereafter, the Committee filed a Reservation of Rights [Docket No. 734] reflecting the parties' agreement to extend the Debtor's plan-filing exclusivity through August 26, 2026 and solicitation exclusivity through October 24, 2026, with the balance of the requested extensions to be considered at a further hearing on August 19, 2026. On June 22, 2026, the Court entered its first order on exclusivity [Docket No. 749] confirming that agreement. On August 19, 2026, the Court entered its Second Bridge Order Extending Exclusive Periods Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d) [Docket No. 879], which, among other things, further extended the Debtor's exclusive period to file a chapter 11 plan through September 15, 2026 and adjourned the further hearing on the balance of the relief requested in the Exclusivity Motion to September 14, 2026, while preserving the Debtor's and the Committee's rights with respect to that relief. On September 8, 2026, the Court entered its Third Bridge Order Extending Exclusive Periods Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d) [Docket No. 919], which, among other things, further extended the Debtor's exclusive period to file a chapter 11 plan through October 21, 2026 and adjourned the hearing on the balance of the relief requested in the Exclusivity Motion to October 20, 2026, while preserving the Debtor's and the Committee's rights with respect to that relief. Thereafter, by text order entered September 17, 2026 [Docket No. 966], the Court, in the interest of judicial economy, adjourned the hearing on the Motions to October 19, 2026. On October 16, 2026, the Court entered its Fourth Bridge Order Extending Exclusive Periods Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d) [Docket No. 1036], which, among other things, further extended the Debtor's solicitation exclusivity period through November 20, 2026 and adjourned the hearings on the Motions to November 18, 2026, while preserving the Debtor's and the Committee's rights with respect to that relief.

Subject to the Court's approval, and without prejudice to the parties' respective rights with respect to the Motions, the Debtor and the Committee have agreed to adjourn the hearings on the Motions, currently scheduled for November 18, 2026, to Wednesday, December 16, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time), and to extend the Debtor's exclusive period to solicit acceptances of a chapter 11 plan through December 13, 2026, which is the full extension of solicitation exclusivity requested in the Exclusivity Motion. For the Court's consideration, a proposed fifth bridge order (the "Fifth Bridge Order") reflecting this agreed extension is enclosed as ***Exhibit A***.

The Debtor respectfully requests that the Court enter the proposed Fifth Bridge Order extending the exclusive period to solicit acceptances of a chapter 11 plan and adjourning the hearing on the Motions. The Debtor will be prepared to address any questions the Court may have at the hearing on December 16, 2026.

Respectfully yours,

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cc: All Parties via ECF

EXHIBIT A

(Proposed Bridge Order)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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

FIFTH BRIDGE ORDER EXTENDING EXCLUSIVE PERIODS PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d)

Upon the motion [Docket No. 605] (the "Motion") of Syracuse Minerals, LLC (f/k/a Vanderbilt Minerals, LLC) (the "Debtor") for the entry of (i) an order pursuant to section 1121(d) of title 11 of the United States Code (11 U.S.C. § 101 et seq., as amended, the "Bankruptcy Code") extending the Debtor's exclusive periods within which to (a) file its chapter 11 plan from June 16, 2026 to October 14, 2026 (the "Requested Extension of Filing Exclusivity"), and (b) solicit acceptances of its chapter 11 plan from August 15, 2026 to December 13, 2026 (the "Requested Extension of Solicitation Exclusivity", and together with the Requested Extension of Filing

[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.

Exclusivity, the "Requested Extensions"), and (ii) a bridge order (the "Initial Bridge Order") granting the relief requested in the Motion through the date of a hearing concerning same; and

The Court having entered the Initial Bridge Order on May 21, 2026 [Docket No. 662] pursuant to which the Court extended the Debtor's exclusive period within which to file its chapter 11 plan from June 16, 2026 to June 17, 2026; and

The Court having entered its Order Extending Exclusive Periods Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d) [Docket No. 749] pursuant to which the Court (a) granted (i) the Debtor's Requested Extension of Filing Exclusivity through and including August 26, 2026, without prejudice to the Debtor seeking the remainder of the relief requested in the Motion, including the remainder of the Requested Extension of Filing Exclusivity, and (ii) the Debtor's Requested Extension of Solicitation Exclusivity through and including October 24, 2026, without prejudice to the Debtor seeking the remainder of the relief requested in the Motion, including the remainder of the Requested Extension of Solicitation Exclusivity, and (b) set a further hearing to consider granting the remainder of the Requested Extensions pursuant to the Motion (the "Further Hearing") on August 19, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time); and

Upon review of (a) the Reservation of Rights re: Motion to Extend Exclusive Periods Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d) [Docket No. 734] filed by the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee"), (b) the Objection to the Motion filed by the Committee [Docket No. 867] (the "Objection"), and (c) the Debtor's Reply to the Objection [Docket No. 872]; and

The Debtor and the Committee having informed the Court on the record at the Further Hearing that they reached an agreement pursuant to which the Committee consented to the entry of an order that (a) adjourns until September 14, 2026 the hearing on the Debtor's request for the remaining relief sought pursuant to the Motion, (b) grants an additional portion of the Debtor's

Requested Extension of Filing Exclusivity through and including September 15, 2026, and (c) reserves all rights of the Debtor and the Committee; and

The Court having entered an order on August 19, 2026 [Docket No. 879] (the "Second Bridge Order") pursuant to which the Court extended the Debtor's exclusive period within which to file its chapter 11 plan from August 26, 2026 to September 15, 2026; and

The Debtor and the Committee having notified the Court that they reached an agreement pursuant to which (a) the hearing on the Debtor's request for the remaining relief sought pursuant to the Motion was adjourned to October 20, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. (prevailing Eastern time), (b) an additional portion of the Debtor's Requested Extension of Filing Exclusivity was granted through and including October 21, 2026, and (c) all rights of the Debtor and the Committee were reserved; and

The Court having entered an order on September 8, 2026 [Docket No. 919] (the "Third Bridge Order") pursuant to which the Court extended the Debtor's exclusive period within which to file its chapter 11 plan from September 15, 2026 to October 21, 2026; and

The Court having entered a text order on September 17, 2026 pursuant to which the Court, in the interest of judicial economy, further adjourned the hearings on the Motion, the *Motion of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors to Terminate the Debtor's Exclusive Periods Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1121(d)(1)* [Docket No. 895] (the "Committee Exclusivity Motion"), and the *Motion of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors to Dismiss the Chapter 11 Case Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1112(b)* [Docket No. 147] (the "Motion to Dismiss") from October 20, 2026 to October 19, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. (prevailing Eastern time); and

The Debtor and the Committee having notified the Court that they reached an agreement pursuant to which (a) the hearings on the Motion, the Committee Exclusivity Motion, and the

Motion to Dismiss were adjourned from October 19, 2026 to November 18, 2026, (b) an additional portion of the Debtor's Requested Extension of Solicitation Exclusivity was granted through and including November 20, 2026, and (c) all rights of the Debtor and the Committee were reserved; and

The Court having entered an order on October 16, 2026 [Docket No. 1036] (the "Fourth Bridge Order") pursuant to which the Court extended the Debtor's exclusive period within which to solicit acceptances of its chapter 11 plan from October 24, 2026 to November 20, 2026; and

The Debtor and the Committee having notified the Court that they have reached a further agreement pursuant to which (a) the hearings on the Motion, the Committee Exclusivity Motion, and the Motion to Dismiss (collectively, the "Motions") are adjourned from November 18, 2026 to December 16, 2026, (b) an additional portion of the Debtor's Requested Extension of Solicitation Exclusivity is granted through and including December 13, 2026, and (c) all rights of the Debtor and the Committee are reserved, as provided in this order (the "Fifth Bridge Order"); and

It appearing that the Court has jurisdiction to consider the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and it appearing that venue of this Chapter 11 Case and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and it appearing that this matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and it appearing that proper and adequate notice of the Motion has been given under the circumstances and that, except as otherwise ordered herein, no other or further notice is necessary; and it appearing that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtor's estate, creditors and other parties in interest; and after due deliberation and good cause having been shown for entry of this Fifth Bridge Order;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein.

2. The Debtor's Requested Extension of Solicitation Exclusivity is hereby granted through and including December 13, 2026.

3. A hearing concerning the remaining relief sought pursuant to the Motions (the "Final Hearing") shall be held on December 16, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time), before the Honorable Wendy A. Kinsella, Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge, in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of New York, James M. Hanley U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building, 100 South Clinton Street, Syracuse, NY 13261, which will be held either in-person or by video via Teams, for which pre-registration is required by 3:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern time) one business day before the hearing. Go to https://www.nynb.uscourts.gov/Remote-Hearing-Appearances to register.

4. The Committee and the Debtor reserve all rights, claims, defenses and remedies with respect to the Motions and the relief requested therein.

5. The entry of this Fifth Bridge Order shall be without prejudice to the Debtor's right to request further extensions of the exclusivity periods or to seek other appropriate relief.

6. The Debtor is authorized and empowered to take any and all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Fifth Bridge Order in accordance with the Motions.

7. Notwithstanding the possible applicability of Bankruptcy Rules 6004(h), 7062, 9014, or otherwise, the terms and conditions of this Fifth Bridge Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

8. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from the implementation of this Fifth Bridge Order.

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