THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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

NOTICE OF DEADLINES FOR THE FILING OF PROOFS OF CLAIM, INCLUDING REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 503(B)(9) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

TO: ALL PERSONS AND ENTITIES WHO MAY HAVE CLAIMS AGAINST THE FOLLOWING DEBTOR ENTITY (EXCLUDING DIRECT TALC CLAIMS):

DEBTOR	CASE NO.
Vanderbilt Minerals, LLC	26-60110

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT:

On February 16, 2026 (the "***Petition Date***"), Vanderbilt Minerals, LLC, as debtor and debtor in possession (the "***Debtor***"), commenced a case (the "***Chapter 11 Case***") under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "***Bankruptcy Code***") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of New York (the "***Court***").

Notwithstanding anything contained herein, claimants are *not* required to submit a Proof of Claim Form on account of Direct Talc Claims[2] at this time.

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[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.

[2] As used herein, a "***Direct Talc Claim***" is any Talc Claim other than an Indirect Talc Claim.

As used herein, a "***Talc Claim***" is any claim (as defined in section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code) whether known or unknown, including with respect to any manner of bodily injury, death, sickness, disease or disease process, emotional distress, fear of cancer, medical monitoring or any other personal injuries or harms (whether physical, emotional or otherwise), for which the Debtor is alleged to be liable, directly or indirectly arising out of or relating to the presence of or exposure to talc or talc-containing products, including, without limitation: (i) any products previously mined, processed, milled, manufactured, sold and/or distributed by the Debtor or by any other entity for whose conduct the Debtor has liability or is alleged to have liability including any predecessors to the Debtor; (ii) any materials present at any premises owned, leased, occupied or operated by any entity for whose products, acts, omissions, business or operations the Debtor has, or is alleged to have, liability; or (iii) any talc alleged to contain asbestos or other constituent. Talc Claims include all such claims, whether: (a) in tort, contract, warranty, restitution, conspiracy, contribution, indemnity, guarantee, subrogation or any other theory of law, equity or

On June 29, 2026, the Court entered an order [Docket No. 773] (the "***General Bar Date Order***")[3] establishing certain dates by which parties holding prepetition General Claims, Governmental Claims, and Rejection Damages Claims (as all such terms are defined below) against the Debtor must file proofs of claim (the "***Proofs of Claim***"), including requests for payment pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code.

If you have a claim listed in the Debtor's schedules of liabilities filed in the Chapter 11 Case (the "***Schedules***"), for your convenience, enclosed with this notice (this "***Notice***") is a Proof of Claim form, which identifies on its face the amount, nature, and classification of such claim(s).

KEY DEFINITIONS

As used in this Notice, the term "entity" has the meaning given to it in section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code, and includes all persons, estates, trusts, governmental units, and the Office of the United States Trustee for the Northern District of New York. In addition, the terms "persons" and "governmental units" are defined in sections 101(41) and 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code, respectively.

As used in this Notice, the term "claim" means, as to or against the Debtor and in accordance with section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code: (a) any right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured, or unsecured; or (b) any right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured, or unsecured.

As used in this Notice, "***General Claim***" shall mean a claim against the Debtor that arose before the Petition Date, including, without limitation, Indirect Talc Claims,[4] property damage

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admiralty; (b) seeking compensatory, special, economic, non-economic, punitive, exemplary, administrative or any other costs or damages; or (c) seeking any legal, equitable or other relief of any kind whatsoever, including, for the avoidance of doubt, any such claims assertable against the Debtor. Talc Claims also include any such claims that have been resolved or are subject to resolution pursuant to any agreement, or any such claims that are based on a judgment or verdict. The term "Talc Claim" includes, without limitation (i) all claims, debts, obligations, or liabilities for compensatory damages (such as, without limitation, loss of consortium, medical monitoring, personal or bodily injury, wrongful death, survivorship, proximate, consequential, general, and special damages) and punitive damages; and (ii) Indirect Talc Claims. Talc Claims do not include any claim by any present or former employee of a predecessor or affiliate (as defined in section 101(2) of the Bankruptcy Code) of the Debtor for benefits under a policy of workers' compensation insurance or for benefits under any state or federal workers' compensation statute or other statute providing compensation to an employee from an employer.

[3] Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the General Bar Date Order.

[4] As used herein, an "***Indirect Talc Claim***" is a Talc Claim of any corporation (as defined in section 101(9) of the Bankruptcy Code), insurer, co-defendant of the Debtor, or predecessor of the Debtor for contribution, reimbursement, subrogation, or indemnity, whether contractual or implied by law (as those terms are defined by applicable non-bankruptcy law of the relevant jurisdiction), and any other derivative Talc Claim of any corporation (as defined in section 101(9) of the Bankruptcy Code), insurer, co-defendant of the Debtor, or predecessor of the Debtor, whether in the nature of or sounding in contract, tort, warranty, or other theory of law. An Indirect Talc Claim shall not include any claim for or otherwise relating to death, injury, or damages caused by talc or a product or material containing talc that is asserted by or on behalf of any injured individual, the estate,

claims, and requests for payment under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, but does not include any Direct Talc Claim.

I. THE BAR DATES.

The General Bar Date Order establishes the following bar dates for filing Proofs of Claim in the Chapter 11 Case (collectively, the "***Bar Dates***").

a. **The General Bar Date**. Pursuant to the General Bar Date Order, except as described below, all entities (except governmental units) holding General Claims against the Debtor that arose or are deemed to have arisen prior to the commencement of the Chapter 11 Case on the Petition Date, including Indirect Talc Claims, property damage claims, and requests for payment pursuant to section 503(b)(9), are required to file Proofs of Claim by July 31, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time. Except as expressly set forth in this Notice and the General Bar Date Order, the General Bar Date applies to all types of claims against the Debtor that arose prior to the Petition Date, including secured claims, unsecured priority claims, and unsecured non-priority claims.

b. **The Governmental Bar Date**. Pursuant to the General Bar Date Order, all governmental units holding claims against the Debtor that arose or are deemed to have arisen prior to the commencement of the Chapter 11 Case on the Petition Date are required to file Proofs of Claim by the Governmental Bar Date (i.e., by August 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time). The Governmental Bar Date applies to all governmental units holding claims against the Debtor (whether secured, unsecured priority, or unsecured non-priority) that arose prior to the Petition Date, including governmental units with claims against the Debtor for unpaid taxes, whether such claims arise from prepetition tax years or periods or prepetition transactions to which the Debtor was a party (the "***Governmental Claims***").

c. **The Rejection Damages Bar Date**. Pursuant to the General Bar Date Order, all entities holding Rejection Damages Claims[5] are required to file Proofs of Claim by the Rejection Damages Bar Date, (*i.e.*, by the date that is the later of (a) the General Bar Date or the Governmental Bar Date, as applicable, and (b) 5:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on the date that is

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legal counsel, relative, assignee, or other representative of any injured individual, or an individual who claims injury or damages as a result of the injury or death of another individual regardless of whether such claim is seeking compensatory, special, economic, non-economic, punitive, exemplary, administrative, or any other costs or damages, or any legal, equitable or other relief whatsoever, including pursuant to a settlement, judgment, or verdict. By way of illustration and not limitation, an Indirect Talc Claim shall not include any claim for loss of consortium, loss of companionship, services and society, or wrongful death.

[5] As used herein, "***Rejection Damages Claims***" shall mean (i) claims arising from the Debtor's rejection of executory contracts and unexpired leases, pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and (ii) claims otherwise related to such agreements.

thirty (30) days following entry of the order approving the rejection of the applicable executory contract or unexpired lease of the Debtor).

d. **Amended Schedules Bar Date.** Pursuant to the General Bar Date Order, all entities holding claims affected by any amendment[6] to the Debtor's Schedules are required to file Proofs of Claim by the Amended Schedules Bar Date (i.e., by the date that is the later of (a) the General Bar Date or the Governmental Bar Date, as applicable, and (b) 5:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on the date that is thirty (30) days from the date on which the Debtor mails notice of the amendment to the Schedules).

II. WHO MUST FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM.

Except as otherwise set forth herein, the following entities holding General Claims, Governmental Claims, or Rejection Damages Claims against the Debtor that arose (or that are deemed to have arisen) prior to the Petition Date **must** file Proofs of Claim on or before the General Bar Date, Governmental Bar Date, or any other bar date set forth in the General Bar Date Order, as applicable:

a. any entity whose claim, including an Indirect Talc Claim, against the Debtor is not listed in the Debtor's Schedules or is listed as contingent, unliquidated, and/or disputed if such entity desires to participate in the Chapter 11 Case or share in any distribution in the Chapter 11 Case (including as may be distributed through a trust created through a plan confirmed in the Chapter 11 Case);

b. any entity who believes that its claim is improperly classified in the Schedules or is listed in an incorrect amount and who desires to have its claim allowed in a different classification or amount other than that identified in the Schedules;

c. any former or present full-time, part-time, salaried, or hourly employees asserting a claim based on a grievance against the Debtor or any other claim arising from or relating to service or the termination thereof prior to the General Bar Date to the extent grounds for such claims arose on or prior to the Petition Date; *provided*, that any current employee of the Debtor does not need to submit a Proof of Claim by the General Bar Date on account of any claim the Debtor is authorized to honor either in the ordinary course of business (including as a wage, commission or benefit) or pursuant to any order of the Court;

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[6] Holders of affected claims include those (i) who had a General Claim or Governmental Claim set forth on the Schedules as of the date of the Motion and (ii) whose scheduled claim is updated as to amount, priority, or secured status or is changed from liquidated, noncontingent, and/or undisputed to unliquidated, contingent, and/or disputed.

d. any current or former officer, manager, director, or employee for claims based on indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement; and

e. any entity who believes that its claim against the Debtor is or may be an administrative expense pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code.

III. PARTIES WHO DO NOT NEED TO FILE PROOFS OF CLAIM.

Certain parties are not required to file Proofs of Claim. The Court may, however, enter one or more separate orders at a later time requiring creditors to file Proofs of Claim for some kinds of the following claims and setting related deadlines. If the Court does enter such an order, you will receive notice of it. The following entities holding claims that would otherwise be subject to the Bar Dates, in the capacities described below, need **not** file Proofs of Claims:

a. the U.S. Trustee, on account of claims for fees payable pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1930;

b. any entity that already has filed a signed Proof of Claim against the Debtor with the Claims and Noticing Agent in a form substantially similar to Official Form 410;

c. any entity whose claim is listed on the Schedules if: (i) the claim is **not** scheduled by the Debtor as any of "disputed," "contingent," or "unliquidated;" and (ii) such entity agrees with the amount, nature, and priority of the claim as set forth in the Schedules;

d. any holder of a Direct Talc Claim (solely to the extent they are asserting a Direct Talc Claim);

e. any claim that is solely against any of the Debtor's non-Debtor affiliates;

f. any entity whose claim has previously been allowed by a final order of the Court;

g. any entity whose claim has been paid in full by the Debtor pursuant to a Court order;

h. any current employee of the Debtor on account of any claim the Debtor is authorized to honor either in the ordinary course of business (including as a wage, commission or benefit) or pursuant to any order of the Court; *provided*, that a current or former employee must submit a Proof of Claim by the General Bar Date for all other claims arising from or relating to any claim based on a grievance against the Debtor or service or the termination thereof to the extent grounds for such claims arose on or prior to the Petition Date;

i. any equity interest in the Debtor, where such interest exclusively is based upon the ownership of common stock, preferred stock, membership interests, partnership interests or warrants, options or rights to purchase, sell or subscribe to such a security or interest; *provided*, that if any such holder asserts a claim (as opposed to an ownership interest) against the Debtor (including a claim relating to an equity interest or the purchase or sale of such equity interest), a Proof of Claim must be filed on or before the applicable Bar Date;

j. any entity holding a claim for which a separate deadline is fixed by this Court; and

k. any entity holding a claim allowable under sections 503(b) and 507(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code as an expense of administration incurred in the ordinary course; *provided* that any entity asserting a claim entitled to priority under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code must assert such claim by filing a request for payment or a Proof of Claim on or prior to the General Bar Date or Governmental Bar Date, as applicable.

IV. INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING PROOFS OF CLAIM.

The following requirements shall apply with respect to filing and preparing each Proof of Claim:

a. **Contents**. Each Proof of Claim must: (i) be written in legible English; (ii) include a claim amount denominated in United States dollars; (iii) conform substantially with the Proof of Claim Form provided by the Debtor or Official Form 410; and (iv) be signed under penalty of perjury by the claimant or by an authorized agent or legal representative of the claimant on behalf of the claimant, whether such signature is an electronic signature or is ink.

b. **Section 503(b)(9) Claim**. Any Proof of Claim asserting a claim entitled to priority under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code must also: (i) include the value of the goods delivered to and received by the Debtor in the twenty (20) days prior to the Petition Date; (ii) attach any documentation identifying the particular invoices for which the 503(b)(9) claim is being asserted; and (iii) attach documentation of any reclamation demand made to the Debtor under section 546(c) of the Bankruptcy Code (if applicable).

c. **Electronic Signatures Permitted**. Only **original** Proofs of Claim signed electronically by the claimant or an authorized agent or legal representative of the claimant may be deemed acceptable for purposes of claims administration. Copies of Proofs of Claim, or Proofs of Claim sent by facsimile or electronic mail, will **not** be accepted.

d. **Supporting Documentation**. Each Proof of Claim must include supporting documentation in accordance with Bankruptcy Rules 3001(c) and 3001(d). If, however, such documentation is voluminous, upon prior written consent of the Debtor's counsel, the claimant may file a Proof of Claim that includes a summary of such documentation or an explanation as to why such documentation is not available; *provided* that any creditor that received such written consent shall be required to transmit such supporting documentation to Debtor's counsel upon request no later than ten (10) days from the date of such request.

e. **Timely Service**. Each Proof of Claim must be filed, including supporting documentation, by either (i) electronic submission using the interface available on the Claims and Noticing Agent's website at https://www.veritaglobal.net/vanderbilt or (ii) if submitted through non-electronic means, by U.S. Mail or other hand delivery system, so as to be actually received by the Claims and Noticing Agent on or before the applicable Bar Date at the following address:

If by First Class Mail, Hand Delivery or Overnight Mail:

Vanderbilt Claims Processing Center
c/o Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global
222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, Suite 300
El Segundo, CA 90245

PROOFS OF CLAIM SUBMITTED BY FAX OR EMAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

f. **Receipt of Service**. Claimants submitting a Proof of Claim through non-electronic means wishing to receive acknowledgment that their Proofs of Claim were received by the Claims and Noticing Agent must submit (i) a copy of the Proof of Claim Form (marked "Copy" and in addition to the original Proof of Claim Form sent to the Claims and Noticing Agent), and (ii) a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

V. CONSEQUENCES OF FAILING TO TIMELY FILE YOUR PROOF OF CLAIM.

Unless the Court orders otherwise, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3003(c)(2), any entity that is required, but fails, to file a Proof of Claim in accordance with the General Bar Date Order on or before the applicable Bar Date shall be subject to such legal consequences as the Bankruptcy Code may prescribe or permit including (a) disallowance of an untimely filed claim; (b) the barring, estopping, and enjoining of the holder thereof from asserting any claim (or filing a Proof of Claim with respect thereto) against the Debtor and the discharge of the Debtor and its property from any and all indebtedness or liability with respect to or arising from such claim; and (c) prohibition from voting to accept or reject any plan or plans of reorganization, from participating in any distribution

in the Debtor's Chapter 11 Case on account of such claim, or from receiving further notices regarding such claim or the Chapter 11 Case.

Without limiting the foregoing, any creditor asserting a claim entitled to priority pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code that fails to file a Proof of Claim in accordance with the General Bar Date Order may not be entitled to any priority treatment on account of such claim pursuant to section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, regardless of whether such claim is identified on the Schedules as not contingent, not disputed, and liquidated.

Nothing in the General Bar Date Order expands or limits the otherwise applicable consequences of failing to file a Proof of Claim by the applicable Bar Date.

VI. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS.

Nothing contained in this Notice is intended to or should be construed as a waiver of the Debtor's right to: (a) dispute, or assert offsets or defenses against, any filed claim or any claim listed or reflected in the Schedules as to the nature, amount, liability, or classification thereof; (b) subsequently designate any scheduled claim as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated; and (c) otherwise amend or supplement the Schedules in the form permitted by the General Bar Date Order.

VII. THE DEBTOR'S SCHEDULES AND ACCESS THERETO.

You may be listed as the holder of a claim against the Debtor in the Schedules. To determine if and how you are listed on the Schedules, please refer to the descriptions set forth on the enclosed Proof of Claim form(s) regarding the nature, amount, and status of your claim(s) or refer to the instructions in Section VIII below.

If you rely on the Debtor's Schedules, it is your responsibility to determine that the claim is accurately listed in the Schedules. However, you may rely on the enclosed form, which sets forth the amount of your claim (if any) as scheduled, specifies whether your claim is listed in the Schedules as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, and identifies whether your claim is scheduled as a secured, unsecured priority, or unsecured non-priority claim.

As described above, if you agree with the nature, amount, and status of your claim as listed in the Schedules, and if your claim is not described as "disputed," "contingent," or "unliquidated," you do **not** need to file a Proof of Claim. Otherwise, or if you decide to file a Proof of Claim, you must do so before the applicable Bar Date in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Notice.

VIII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Copies of the Schedules, the General Bar Date Order, and other information regarding the Chapter 11 Case are available for inspection free of charge on the Debtor's restructuring website at https://www.veritaglobal.net/vanderbilt. The Schedules and other filings in the Chapter 11 Case also are available for a fee at the Court's website at https://ecf.nynd.uscourts.gov. A login identification and password to the Court's Public Access to Court Electronic Records ("***PACER***") are required to access this information and can be obtained through the PACER Service Center at

http://www.pacer.psc.uscourts.gov. Copies of the Schedules and other documents filed in the Chapter 11 Case also may be examined between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, at the office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of New York, United States Courthouse, Leo O'Brien Federal Building, 100 S. Clinton Street, Room 204, Syracuse, NY 13261.

If you require additional information regarding the filing of a Proof of Claim, you may contact the Debtor's restructuring hotline at: (888) 733-1416 (U.S./Canada Toll Free) or +1 (310) 751-2630 (International).

If you believe that you hold a claim (including a General Claim, Rejection Damages Claim, or Direct Talc Claim) and have questions regarding this notice as it pertains to your claim, or if you have any questions regarding this notice whatsoever, you may contact counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "***Committee***"): Brown Rudnick LLP, 7 Times Square, New York, New York, 10036, Attn: David J. Molton and Gerard T. Cicero or by email at dmolton@brownrudnick.com and gcicero@brownrudnick.com.

A HOLDER OF A POSSIBLE CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTOR SHOULD CONSULT AN ATTORNEY REGARDING ANY MATTERS NOT COVERED BY THIS NOTICE, SUCH AS WHETHER THE HOLDER SHOULD FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM.