

So Ordered.

Signed this 19 day of February, 2026.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Wendy A. Kinsella".

Wendy A. Kinsella
United States Bankruptcy Judge

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

In re:

Vanderbilt Minerals, LLC,

Debtor.¹

Chapter 11

Case No. 26-60110 (WAK)

ORDER REDUCING TIME

Upon the application (the "Application")² filed by Vanderbilt Minerals, LLC, the above-captioned debtor and debtor in possession (the "Debtor"), seeking entry of an order shortening the notice period for the (I) Bidding Procedures component of the *Motion of the Debtor and Debtor in Possession for Entry of Orders (i)(A) Approving Bidding Procedures for the Sale of Substantially All of the Debtor's Assets, (B) Authorizing the Debtor to Enter into the Stalking Horse*

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 Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Application.

Agreement and to Provide Bidding Protections Thereunder, (C) Scheduling an Auction and Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof, (D) Approving Assumption and Assignment Procedures, (E) Scheduling a Sale Hearing and Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof and (F) Granting Related Relief; and (ii)(A) Approving the Sale of the Debtor's Assets Free and Clear of Liens, Claims, Interests and Encumbrances, (B) Approving the Assumption and Assignment of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases and (C) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 16] (the “Bidding Procedures Motion”) and (II) the *Motion of the Debtor at the Sole Direction of Independent Manager and Sole Member of the Independent Special Committee of the Debtor for Entry of an Order (i) Approving the Global Settlement Between the Debtor and R.T. Vanderbilt Holding Co., Inc. and Certain of its Subsidiaries; and (ii) Granting Related Relief* [Docket No. 22] (the “Settlement Motion,” and together with the Bidding Procedures Motion, the “Motions”); and the Declaration of Charles J. Sullivan, Esq. dated February 18, 2026 filed in support of the Application (the “Sullivan Declaration”); and upon finding that the Court has jurisdiction to consider the Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; that venue of this Chapter 11 Case in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; that this matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); that cause exists for reducing the period required for notice of the Motions and scheduling a hearing to consider the Motions on an expedited basis; and that the relief requested in the Application is in the best interests of the Debtor’s estate, creditors and other parties in interest; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. A hearing to consider the Motions (the “Hearing”) shall be held on March 4, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. (prevailing Eastern Time), or as soon thereafter as counsel may appear and be heard,

before the Honorable Wendy A. Kinsella, Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge for the Northern District of New York, at the United States Bankruptcy Court, Northern District of New York, James M. Hanley U.S. Courthouse and Federal Building, 100 South Clinton Street, Syracuse, New York. Any party wishing to appear at the Hearing may do so in person at the courthouse OR by video via Teams, for which pre-registration is required by 11:00 a.m. on the day of the Hearing. Go to <https://www.nynb.uscourts.gov/Remote-Hearing-Appearances> to register.

2. Objections to the relief requested in the Motions, if any, shall be filed and served upon (i) proposed Counsel for the Debtor, Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC, One Lincoln Center, Syracuse, New York 13202 (Attn: Stephen A. Donato, Esq., Charles J. Sullivan, Esq., Grayson T. Walter, Esq., and Andrew S. Rivera, Esq.), Jones Day - New York, NY office, 250 Vesey Street New York, NY 10281 (Attn: Heather Lennox, Esq.), and Jones Day - Cleveland, OH office, North Point 901 Lakeside Avenue Cleveland, Ohio 44114 (Attn: T. Daniel Reynolds, Esq. and Nicholas Buchta, Esq.); (ii) counsel for the DIP Lender, McDonald Hopkins LLC, 300 N Lasalle, Suite 1400, Chicago, IL 60654 (Attn: David Agay, Esq.) and Barclay Damon LLP, 125 East Jefferson Street, Syracuse, NY 13202 (Attn: Jefferey A. Dove, Esq.); and (iii) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Northern District of New York, 100 State St., Suite 4230, Rochester, NY 14614 (Attn: Erin P. Champion, Esq.) by noon on March 3, 2026 (prevailing Eastern Time).

3. Service of copies of this Order, the Application, the Sullivan Declaration, and the Motions shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of the Hearing and no further notice shall be required, if transmitted by first class mail, overnight delivery, ECF notification and/or electronic mail not later than **6:00 p.m.** (prevailing Eastern Time) on **February 19, 2026** to: (i) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Northern District of New York, (ii) the Top Talc Counsel List,

(iii) counsel for the proposed DIP Lender, and (iv) any persons that have requested or that are required to receive special notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002.

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