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**FORM 10-Q**

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- ☒ **QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2025

or

- ☐ **TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File Number: 333-282862

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**PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**83-4526672**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**18575 Jamboree Road, Suite 830**  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(303) 378-4000**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
N/A	N/A	N/A

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes ☐ No ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer,” “smaller reporting company,” and “emerging growth company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer ☐

Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☒

Smaller reporting company ☐

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes ☐ No ☒

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**Certain Defined Terms**

As used in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this “**Quarterly Report**”), unless otherwise noted or the context otherwise requires, references to:

“**we**,” “**us**,” “**our**,” the “**Company**,” the “**Issuer**,” and “**Phoenix Energy**,” and similar references refer to Phoenix Energy One, LLC, formerly known as Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC, and, where appropriate, its subsidiaries.

“**Adamantium**” means Adamantium Capital LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer.

“**Adamantium Bonds**” means unsecured bonds offered and sold by Adamantium pursuant to an offering under Rule 506(c) of Regulation D under the Securities Act, the proceeds of which are loaned to the Issuer under the Adamantium Loan Agreement (as defined below).

“**Adamantium Debt**” means, collectively, indebtedness outstanding under the Adamantium Bonds, Adamantium Loan Agreement, and Adamantium Secured Note.

“**Adamantium Loan Agreement**” means that certain Loan Agreement, dated as of September 14, 2023, by and among the Issuer and PhoenixOp, as borrowers, and Adamantium, as lender, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“**Adamantium Secured Note**” means that certain Secured Subordinated Promissory Note, dated as of November 1, 2024, by and between Adamantium and the noteholder named therein, as the same may be amended and supplemented from time to time.

“**Adamantium Securities**” means, collectively, indebtedness outstanding under the Adamantium Bonds and Adamantium Secured Note.

“**Bbl**” means one stock tank barrel, of 42 U.S. gallons liquid volume, used in this Quarterly Report in reference to crude oil or other liquid hydrocarbons.

“**Boe**” means barrel of oil equivalent.

“**Btu**” means British thermal unit, which is the heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of liquid water by one degree Fahrenheit.

“**E&P**” means exploration and production.

“**Exchange Act**” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“**Fortress**” means Fortress Credit Corp., a Delaware corporation.

“**Fortress Credit Agreement**” means that certain Amended and Restated Senior Secured Credit Agreement, dated as of August 12, 2024, by and among the Issuer, PhoenixOp, as borrower, each of the lenders from time to time party thereto, and Fortress, as administrative agent for the lenders, as the same may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

“**Mcf**” means one thousand cubic feet.

“**MMBtu**” means one million Btus.

“**NGL**” means natural gas liquids.

“**NMAs**” means net mineral acres.

“**NRAs**” means net royalty acres.

“**Phoenix Equity**” means Phoenix Equity Holdings, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and the sole member of the Issuer.

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“**PhoenixOp**” means Phoenix Operating LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer.

“**Reg A Bonds**” means unsecured bonds offered and sold to date by the Issuer pursuant to an offering under Regulation A under the Securities Act.

“**Reg D Bonds**” means unsecured bonds offered and sold to date by the Issuer pursuant to offerings under Rule 506(b) or (c), as applicable, of Regulation D under the Securities Act.

“**Reg D/Reg A Bonds**” means, collectively, the Reg D Bonds and the Reg A Bonds.

“**Registered Notes**” means unsecured notes offered and sold by the Issuer on a continuous basis pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-282862), including the related prospectus.

“**SEC**” means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

“**Senior Debt**” means any indebtedness that the Issuer expressly determines is senior to the Registered Notes, including, as of the date of this Quarterly Report, indebtedness under the Fortress Credit Agreement, the Adamantium Debt, and the Senior Reg D/Reg A Bonds.

“**Senior Reg D Bonds**” means, collectively, the July 2022 506(c) Bonds, the 2020 506(b) Bonds, and the 2020 506(c) Bonds.

“**Senior Reg D/Reg A Bonds**” means the Reg D/Reg A Bonds that are not Subordinated Reg D Bonds.

“**Subordinated Reg D Bonds**” means, collectively, the August 2023 506(c) Bonds and the December 2022 506(c) Bonds.

For ease of reference, we have repeated definitions for certain of these terms in other portions of the body of this Quarterly Report. All such definitions conform to the definitions set forth above.

Certain monetary amounts, percentages, and other figures included in this Quarterly Report have been subject to rounding adjustments. Percentage amounts included in this Quarterly Report have not in all cases been calculated on the basis of such rounded figures, but on the basis of such amounts prior to rounding. For this reason, percentage amounts in this Quarterly Report may vary from those obtained by performing the same calculations using the figures in our condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report. Certain other amounts that appear in this Quarterly Report may not sum due to rounding.

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### **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This Quarterly Report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which are statements regarding all matters that are not historical facts. They appear in a number of places throughout this Quarterly Report and include statements regarding our current views, hopes, intentions, beliefs, or expectations concerning, among other things, our results of operations, financial condition, liquidity, prospects, growth, strategies, and position in the markets and the industries in which we operate. These forward-looking statements are generally identifiable by forward-looking terminology such as “guidance,” “expect,” “believe,” “anticipate,” “outlook,” “could,” “target,” “project,” “intend,” “plan,” “seek,” “estimate,” “should,” “will,” “would,” “approximately,” “predict,” “potential,” “may,” “continue,” and “assume,” as well as the negative version of such words, variations of such words, and similar expressions referring to the future.

Forward-looking statements are based on our beliefs, assumptions, and expectations, taking into account currently known market conditions and other factors. Our ability to predict results or the actual effect of future events, actions, plans, or strategies is inherently uncertain and involves certain risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond our control. Our actual results and performance could differ materially from those set forth or anticipated in our forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the expectations we describe in our forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the factors listed below and in Part II, Item 1A. “Risk Factors” elsewhere in this Quarterly Report. When considering forward-looking statements, you should keep in mind the risk factors and other cautionary statements in this Quarterly Report. You are cautioned that the forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report are not guarantees of future performance, and we cannot assure you that such statements will be realized or that the forward-looking events and circumstances will occur. All forward-looking statements in this Quarterly Report are made only as of the date this Quarterly Report, based on information available to us as of the date of this Quarterly Report, and we caution you not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements in light of the risks and uncertainties associated with them.

The matters summarized below and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report could cause our actual results and performance to differ materially from those set forth or anticipated in forward-looking statements:

- changes in the markets in which we compete;
- increasing costs of capital expenditures to acquire and develop properties;
- the continued success of our E&P operators;
- delays in development of and higher capital expenditures in our estimated proved and probable undeveloped reserves;
- developments in governmental regulations;
- deviations between the current market value of estimated proved reserves and the present value of future net revenues from our proved reserves;
- changes in current or future commodity prices;
- the fact that reserve estimates depend on many assumptions that may turn out to be inaccurate and that any material inaccuracies in reserve estimates or underlying assumptions will materially affect the quantities and present value of our reserves;
- our ability to replace reserves;
- cybersecurity attacks;
- the development of our software and its ability to continue identifying productive assets;
- our current or future levels of indebtedness;
- repayment of our current or future indebtedness;
- current and future litigation or other regulatory, administrative, or other legal proceedings;
- the restatement of our financial statements; and

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the other factors set forth in Part II, Item 1A. “Risk Factors” included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report.

Except as required by law, we are under no duty to, and we do not intend to, update or review any of our forward-looking statements after the date of this Quarterly Report, whether as a result of new information, future events or developments, or otherwise.

Investors and others should note that we announce financial and other material information using our website (<https://phoenixenergy.com/>), SEC filings, press releases, public conference calls, and webcasts. We use these channels of distribution to communicate with our investors and members of the public about our company, our services, and other items of interest. Information contained on our website is not part of this Quarterly Report or our other filings with the SEC.



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**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Financial Statements**

**PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**

(in thousands)

	<b>March 31, 2025</b>	<b>December 31, 2024</b>
	(unaudited)	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$35,366	\$120,814
Accounts receivable	44,718	28,218
Earnest payments	10,606	154
Other current assets	10,630	7,528
Total current assets	<u>101,320</u>	<u>156,714</u>
Oil and gas properties	1,194,086	1,006,221
Accumulated depletion	(171,634 )	(140,376 )
Net oil and gas properties	1,022,452	865,845
Right-of-use assets, net	9,931	6,010
Other noncurrent assets	969	501
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u><u>\$1,134,672</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,029,070</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND MEMBER' S EQUITY (DEFICIT)</b>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$43,455	\$41,824
Current portion of long-term debt	132,864	103,240
Current portion of deferred closings	7,242	7,189
Escrow account	7,127	16,356
Current operating lease liabilities	343	656
Accrued and other liabilities	67,581	57,346
Total current liabilities	<u>258,612</u>	<u>226,611</u>
Long-term debt, net of current portion	853,507	795,215
Accrued interest	33,395	26,079
Deferred closings	3,508	3,324
Operating lease liabilities	10,234	5,860
Asset retirement obligations	1,505	1,181
Other noncurrent liabilities	2,370	4,858
Total liabilities	<u>1,163,131</u>	<u>1,063,128</u>
Commitments and contingencies (Note 12)		
Member' s equity (deficit)		
Member' s equity	434	434
Accumulated deficit	(28,893 )	(34,492 )
Total member' s deficit	<u>(28,459 )</u>	<u>(34,058 )</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Member' s Equity (Deficit)</b>	<u><u>\$1,134,672</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,029,070</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**

**(unaudited)**

*(in thousands)*

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024 (As Restated)</b>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Mineral and royalty revenues	\$29,886	\$ 33,984
Product sales	84,269	6,678
Water services	1,503	–
Other revenues	89	18
Total revenues	<u>115,747</u>	<u>40,680</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>		
Cost of sales	27,083	7,982
Depreciation, depletion, amortization, and accretion	31,225	13,405
Selling, general, and administrative	9,514	5,250
Payroll and payroll-related	7,929	4,825
Advertising and marketing	320	17
Loss on sale of assets	–	564
Impairment expense	516	–
Total operating expenses	<u>76,587</u>	<u>32,043</u>
Income from operations	<u>39,160</u>	<u>8,637</u>
<b>OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)</b>		
Interest income	689	22
Interest expense, net	(35,849)	(16,921 )
Gain (loss) on derivatives	1,920	(67 )
Loss on debt extinguishment	(321 )	(76 )
Total other expenses	<u>(33,561)</u>	<u>(17,042 )</u>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<u>\$5,599</u>	<u>\$ (8,405 )</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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	<b>Member' s Equity</b>	<b>Accumulated Deficit</b>	<b>Total Member' s Deficit</b>
Balance, January 1, 2025	\$ 434	\$ (34,492 )	\$ (34,058 )
Net income	—	5,599	5,599
Balance, March 31, 2025	<u>\$ 434</u>	<u>\$ (28,893 )</u>	<u>\$ (28,459 )</u>
Balance, January 1, 2024 (As Restated)	\$ 4,865	\$ (9,699 )	\$ (4,834 )
Contributions	325	—	325
Net loss (As Restated)	—	(8,405 )	(8,405 )
Balance, March 31, 2024	<u>\$ 5,190</u>	<u>\$ (18,104 )</u>	<u>\$ (12,914 )</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES**
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**
**(unaudited)**
*(in thousands)*

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024 (As Restated)</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Net income (loss)	\$5,599	\$ (8,405 )
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation, depletion, amortization, and accretion	31,225	13,405
Amortization of right-of-use assets	259	145
Amortization of debt discount and debt issuance costs	5,166	3,939
Impairment expense	516	–
Unrealized (gain) loss on derivatives	(2,823 )	67
Loss on sale of assets	–	564
Loss on debt extinguishment	321	76
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(16,500 )	(4,090 )
Earnest payments	(10,874 )	(2,275 )
Accounts payable	(1,127 )	5,097
Accrued and other liabilities	9,644	5,292
Escrow account	(9,229 )	(4,778 )
Accrued interest	7,322	3,878
Other	(3,634 )	(1,667 )
Net cash provided by operating activities	15,865	11,248
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Additions to oil and gas properties and leases	(182,252)	(94,708 )
Proceeds from sale of assets	–	6,200
Additions to equipment and other property	(23 )	(55 )
Net cash used in investing activities	(182,275)	(88,563 )
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Proceeds from issuances of debt, net of discount	168,506	157,280
Repayments of debt	(71,534 )	(68,995 )
Payments of debt issuance costs	(14,543 )	(12,012 )
Members' contributions	–	325
Payments of deferred closings	(1,467 )	(2,247 )
Net cash provided by financing activities	80,962	74,351
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(85,448 )	(2,964 )
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	120,814	5,428
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$35,366</u>	<u>\$2,464</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements  
(unaudited)**

**Note 1 - Business**

Phoenix Energy One, LLC (“Phoenix Energy”), formerly known as Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC (“Phoenix Capital”), is a Delaware limited liability company focused on oil and gas operations primarily in the Williston Basin, North Dakota/Montana, the Uinta Basin, Utah, the Permian Basin, Texas, the Denver-Julesburg Basin, Colorado/Wyoming and the Powder River Basin, Wyoming. The Company was formed in April 2019 and changed its name to Phoenix Energy in January 2025. As used in these condensed consolidated financial statements, unless the context otherwise requires, references to the “Company,” “we,” “us,” and “our” refer to Phoenix Energy and its consolidated subsidiaries.

**Interim financial presentation**

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”) for interim financial information. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by U.S. GAAP for annual financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments considered necessary for fair presentation, have been included. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year. The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited and should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 (the “2024 annual financial statements”).

**Note 2 - Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of preparation and principles of consolidation**

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Phoenix Energy and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All intercompany accounts and transactions with and between Phoenix Energy and its wholly-owned subsidiaries have been eliminated in consolidation. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to current period presentation.

**Liquidity risk and management's plans**

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Company's cash flows from operations will not be sufficient for the Company to continue operating and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of operations. The Company is exposed to liquidity risk as its continued operation is dependent upon its ability to continue to obtain financing, either in the form of debt or equity, or by achieving profitable operations in order to satisfy its liabilities as they come due.

As of March 31, 2025, the Company had negative working capital of approximately \$157.3 million and a member's deficit of approximately \$28.5 million. The Company expects to repay its financial liabilities in the normal course of operations and to fund future operational and capital requirements through operating cash flows and through issuances of additional debt. Since the balance sheet date and through the date of the filing of these condensed consolidated financial statements, the Company had raised an additional \$74.7 million of notes through its investor program (see [Note 7 - Debt](#) and [Note 15 - Subsequent Events](#)). Management believes its capital raises through its bond offerings will continue at or above this current pace.

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**PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**(unaudited)**

**Use of estimates**

The preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the condensed consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the applicable reporting period of such statements. Accordingly, actual results could differ materially from these estimates.

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements are based on a number of significant estimates including quantities of oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids (“NGL”) reserves that are the basis for the calculations of depreciation, depletion, amortization, and determinations of impairment of oil and natural gas properties. Reservoir engineering is a subjective process of estimating underground accumulations of oil and natural gas and there are numerous uncertainties inherent in estimating quantities of proved oil and natural gas reserves. The accuracy of any reserve estimate is a function of the quality of available data and of engineering and geological interpretation and judgment along with estimated selling prices. As a result, reserve estimates may materially differ from the quantities of oil and natural gas that are ultimately recovered.

**Recent accounting standards not yet adopted**

In November 2024, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2024-03, *Income Statement—Expense Disaggregation Disclosures (Subtopic 220-40): Disaggregation of Income Statement Expenses* (“ASU 2024-03”). ASU 2024-03 requires companies to provide more detailed disclosures about the disaggregation of income statement expenses. The ASU aims to enhance the transparency and usefulness of financial statements by providing better insight into the components of expense line items, and becomes effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2026, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2027. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the standard on its financial statements and disclosures.

Accounting pronouncements not listed above were assessed and determined to not have a material impact to the Company’s condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Note 3 – Restatement of Comparative Financial Statements**

The Company restated its condensed consolidated financial statements for the three months ended March 31, 2024 (the “first quarter 2024 financial statements”) to correct the accounting treatment for debt issuance costs incurred in connection with the Company’s unregistered bond offerings and capitalized interest. Debt issuance costs were previously expensed immediately and interest costs were not capitalized. The Company corrected these errors in the comparative periods of these condensed consolidated financial statements as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2025, such that debt issuance costs associated with the Company unregistered bond offerings are deferred and amortized over the weighted average debt term using the effective interest method. Further, interest incurred on expenditures made in connection with the Company’s exploration and development projects not currently subject to depletion are capitalized and subsequently depleted in the same manner as the underlying assets.

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**Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**(unaudited)**

The effects of the changes on the first quarter 2024 financial statements are summarized below.

**Description of Misstatements**

The Company identified the following misstatements in the first quarter 2024 financial statements:

*Debt issuance costs.* The Company had previously immediately expensed debt issuance costs related to its unregistered bond offerings rather than capitalizing and amortizing them over the weighted-average term of the bonds, which resulted in overstated advertising and marketing expense, selling, general, and administrative expense, and payroll and payroll-related expense, and understated interest expense and loss on debt extinguishment on the condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2024.

*Capitalized interest.* The Company had previously expensed all interest costs, rather than capitalizing interest incurred on expenditures made in connection with the Company's exploration and development projects as permitted under ASC 835-20, Capitalized Interest. This resulted in overstated interest expense on the condensed consolidated statement of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2024.

The following tables present a reconciliation from the figures as previously reported to the restated amounts for the Company's condensed consolidated statement of operations, statement of cash flows, and statement of changes in deficit for the three months ended March 31, 2024.

**Corrected Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations**

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2024		
	As Previously Reported	Debt Issuance, Capitalized Interest and Other Corrections	As Restated
(in thousands)			
Depreciation, depletion, amortization, and accretion	\$ 13,368	\$ 37	\$ 13,405
Advertising and marketing	8,355	(8,338 )	17
Selling, general, and administrative	7,014	(1,764 )	5,250
Payroll and payroll-related	6,892	(2,067 )	4,825
Total operating expenses	44,175	(12,132 )	32,043
Income (loss) from operations	(3,495 )	12,132	8,637
Interest expense, net	(15,217 )	(1,704 )	(16,921 )
Loss on debt extinguishment	—	(76 )	(76 )
Total other expenses	(15,262 )	(1,780 )	(17,042 )
Net loss	(18,757 )	10,352	(8,405 )

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**PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**(unaudited)**

**Corrected Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Deficit**

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2024		
	As Previously Reported	Debt Issuance, Capitalized Interest and Other Corrections	As Restated
<i>(in thousands)</i>			
Balance, January 1, 2024	\$ (41,261 )	\$ 36,427	\$ (4,834 )
Contributions	325	–	325
Net loss	(18,757 )	10,352	(8,405 )
Balance, March 31, 2024	<u>\$ (59,693 )</u>	<u>\$ 46,779</u>	<u>\$ (12,914 )</u>

**Corrected Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2024		
	As Previously Reported	Debt Issuance, Capitalized Interest and Other Corrections	As Restated
<i>(in thousands)</i>			
Net loss	\$ (18,757 )	\$ 10,352	\$ (8,405 )
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Depreciation, depletion, amortization, and accretion	13,368	37	13,405
Amortization of debt discount and debt issuance costs	133	3,806	3,939
Loss on sale of assets	–	564	564
Loss on debt extinguishment	–	76	76
Other	(1,510 )	(157 )	(1,667 )
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(3,430 )	14,678	11,248
Additions to oil and gas properties and leases	(92,459 )	(2,249 )	(94,708 )
Net cash used in investing activities	(86,314 )	(2,249 )	(88,563 )
Payments of debt issuance costs	–	(12,012 )	(12,012 )
Payments of deferred closings	(1,830 )	(417 )	(2,247 )
Net cash provided by financing activities	86,780	(12,429 )	74,351

**Note 4 - Oil and Gas Properties**

Oil and gas properties, net consist of the following:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	March 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
Proved oil and natural gas properties <sup>(a)</sup>	\$800,805	\$687,366
Unproved oil and natural gas properties	393,281	318,855
Total oil and gas properties	1,194,086	1,006,221
Less: Accumulated depletion	(171,634 )	(140,376 )
Oil and gas properties, net	<u>\$1,022,452</u>	<u>\$865,845</u>

(a) Represents proved and undeveloped (i.e., wells in progress) and proved and producing properties.

The Company uses the successful efforts method of accounting for its oil and gas properties. Property acquisition costs are depleted on a units-of-production basis over total proved reserves, while costs of wells and related equipment and facilities are depleted on a units-of-production basis over proved developed reserves.



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Depletion on oil and gas properties was \$31.3 million and \$13.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

Depreciation expense on the Company's equipment and other property was less than \$0.1 million for both the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024.

**Note 5 - Revenue**

The following tables present the Company's revenue from contracts with customers and other revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2025, and 2024 by segment:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2025				
(in thousands)	Mineral and Non-Operating	Operating	Securities	Eliminations	Total
Revenue from customers	\$ 29,886	\$85,772	\$-	\$-	\$115,658
Other revenue	-	-	89	-	89
Intersegment revenue	38	-	29,752	(29,790 )	-
Total	<u>\$ 29,924</u>	<u>\$85,772</u>	<u>\$29,841</u>	<u>\$(29,790 )</u>	<u>\$115,747</u>

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2024				
(in thousands)	Mineral and Non-Operating	Operating	Securities	Eliminations	Total
Revenue from customers	\$ 33,984	\$ 6,678	\$-	\$-	\$40,662
Other revenue	-	-	18	-	18
Intersegment revenue	11	-	15,543	(15,554 )	-
Total	<u>\$ 33,995</u>	<u>\$ 6,678</u>	<u>\$15,561</u>	<u>\$(15,554 )</u>	<u>\$40,680</u>

The following tables present the Company's revenue from contracts with customers disaggregated by product type for the periods presented:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2025				
(in thousands)	Mineral and Non-Operating	Operating	Securities	Eliminations	Total
Crude oil	\$ 26,263	\$83,202	\$ -	\$ -	\$109,465
Natural gas sales	1,803	428	-	-	2,231
NGL	1,820	639	-	-	2,459
Water services	-	1,503	-	-	1,503
Total revenue	<u>\$ 29,886</u>	<u>\$85,772</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$115,658</u>

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2024				
(in thousands)	Mineral and Non-Operating	Operating	Securities	Eliminations	Total
Crude oil	\$ 30,760	\$ 6,554	\$ -	\$ -	\$37,314
Natural gas sales	1,366	15	-	-	1,381
NGL	1,858	109	-	-	1,967
Total revenue	<u>\$ 33,984</u>	<u>\$ 6,678</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$40,662</u>

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**Note 6 - Derivatives**

The Company periodically enters into commodity derivative contracts to manage its exposure to crude oil price risk. Additionally, the Company is required to hedge a portion of anticipated crude oil production for future periods pursuant to its debt covenants under the Fortress Credit Agreement, as further described in [Note 7 - Debt](#). The Company does not enter into derivative contracts for speculative trading purposes.

When the Company utilizes crude oil commodity derivative contracts, it expects to enter into put/call collars, fixed swaps or put options to hedge a portion of its anticipated future production. A collar contract establishes a floor and ceiling price on contracted volumes and provides payment to the Company if the index price falls below the floor or requires payment by the Company if the index price rises above the ceiling. A fixed swap contract sets a fixed price and provides payment to the Company if the index price is below the fixed price or requires payment by the Company if the index price is above the fixed price. A put arrangement gives the Company the right to sell the underlying crude oil commodity at a strike price and provides payment to the Company if the index price falls below the strike price. No payment or receipt occurs if the index price is higher than the strike price. As of March 31, 2025, the Company's derivatives were comprised of crude oil commodity derivative contracts indexed to the U.S. New York Mercantile Exchange West Texas Intermediate ("WTI"). The Company has not designated its derivative contracts for hedge accounting and, as a result, records the net change in the mark-to-market valuation of the derivative contracts and all payments and receipts on settled derivative contracts in its condensed consolidated statements of operations. All derivative contracts are recorded at fair market value and included in the condensed consolidated balance sheets as assets or liabilities. Derivative assets and liabilities are presented net on the condensed consolidated balance sheets when a legally enforceable master netting arrangement exists with the counterparty.

As of March 31, 2025, the Company's open crude oil derivative contracts consisted of the following:

(volumes in Bbl and prices in \$/Bbl)	Settlement Period		
	2025	2026	2027
<b>Two-Way Collars</b>			
Notional Volumes	411,000	367,000	259,000
Weighted Average Ceiling Price	\$75.55	\$71.69	\$69.86
Weighted Average Floor Price	\$58.91	\$56.01	\$54.76
<b>Swaps</b>			
Notional Volumes	1,423,000	1,260,000	894,000
Weighted Average Contract Price	\$67.86	\$64.62	\$63.07

The following table summarizes the gains and losses on derivative instruments included on the condensed consolidated statements of operations and the net cash payments related thereto for the periods presented. Cash flows associated with these non-hedge designated derivatives are reported within operating activities on the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2025	2024
Gain (loss) on derivative instruments	\$ 1,920	\$ (67 )
Net cash payments on derivatives	(903 )	—

Financial assets and liabilities are classified based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

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Certain assets and liabilities are reported at fair value on a recurring basis, including the Company's derivative instruments. The fair values of the Company's derivative contracts are measured internally using established commodity futures price strips for the underlying commodity provided by a reputable third party, the contracted notional volumes, and time to maturity. These valuations are Level 2 inputs.

The following table provides (i) fair value measurement information for financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, (ii) the gross amounts of recognized derivative assets and liabilities, (iii) the amounts offset under master netting arrangements with counterparties, and (iv) the resulting net amounts presented in the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheets as of March 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024. The net amounts are classified as current or noncurrent based on their anticipated settlement dates.

		March 31, 2025					Gross Amounts Offset in Balance Sheet	Net Fair Value Presented in Balance Sheet
(in thousands)	Balance Sheet Location	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Gross Fair Value			
Assets								
Commodity derivatives	Other current assets	\$ –	\$1,596	\$ –	\$1,596	\$(1,495)	\$101	
Commodity derivatives	Other noncurrent assets	–	2,346	–	2,346	(2,346)	–	
Total assets		<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$3,942</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$3,942</u>	<u>\$(3,841)</u>	<u>\$101</u>	
Liabilities								
Commodity derivatives	Accrued and other liabilities	\$ –	(3,697)	–	(3,697 )	1,495	(2,202 )	
Commodity derivatives	Other noncurrent liabilities	–	(4,716)	–	(4,716 )	2,346	(2,370 )	
Total liabilities		<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$(8,413)</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$(8,413 )</u>	<u>\$3,841</u>	<u>\$(4,572 )</u>	
		December 31, 2024					Gross Amounts Offset in Balance Sheet	Net Fair Value Presented in Balance Sheet
(in thousands)	Balance Sheet Location	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total Gross Fair Value			
Assets								
Commodity derivatives	Other current assets	\$ –	\$2,138	\$ –	\$2,138	\$(2,037)	\$101	
Commodity derivatives	Other noncurrent assets	–	3,000	–	3,000	(3,000)	–	
Total assets		<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$5,138</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$5,138</u>	<u>\$(5,037)</u>	<u>\$101</u>	
Liabilities								
Commodity derivatives	Accrued and other liabilities	\$ –	\$(4,574 )	\$ –	\$(4,574 )	\$2,037	\$(2,537 )	
Commodity derivatives	Other noncurrent liabilities	–	(7,858 )	–	(7,858 )	3,000	(4,858 )	
Total liabilities		<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$(12,432)</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$(12,432 )</u>	<u>\$5,037</u>	<u>\$(7,395 )</u>	

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**Note 7 - Debt**

**Long-Term Debt**

The following table summarizes the Company's long-term debt for the periods presented:

	Maturity Date		Interest Rate <sup>(a)</sup>	March 31, 2025	December 31, 2024
	Earliest Date	Latest Date			
(in thousands)					
Unsecured debt - Regulation D	4/10/2025	3/10/2036	5.0% to 15.0%	\$571,713	\$497,823
Unsecured debt - Regulation A	4/10/2025	8/10/2027	9.0%	99,577	104,884
Adamantium Securities	1/10/2029	3/10/2036	13.0% to 16.5%	163,048	135,180
Fortress Term Loans	–	12/18/2027	Term SOFR + 7.10%	250,000	250,000
Total outstanding debt				1,084,338	987,887
Less: Unamortized debt discount and issuance costs <sup>(b)</sup>				(97,967 )	(89,432 )
Less: Current portion of long-term debt				(132,864 )	(103,240 )
Total long-term debt, net of current portion				<u>\$853,507</u>	<u>\$795,215</u>

(a) Represents the contractual interest rate as of March 31, 2025.

(b) Amortized into interest expense using the effective interest method. Write-offs of debt issuance costs associated with the redemption of bonds issued under the Company's unregistered debt offerings are classified as loss on debt extinguishment in the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

*Fortress Credit Agreement*

As of March 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024, the Company had \$250.0 million of aggregate principal outstanding (the "Fortress Term Loans") under the secured credit agreement with Fortress Credit Corp. (the "Fortress Credit Agreement"). The all-in interest rate for the Fortress Term Loans was 11.4% at March 31, 2025. The Fortress Credit Agreement contains various customary covenants, including financial covenants that require the Company to maintain ratios around its maximum total secured leverage, minimum asset coverage, and working capital as of the last day of each calendar month or fiscal quarter, as the case may be. The Company has also entered into hedges covering at least 75% of the initially anticipated monthly production of crude oil from the Company's proved developed reserves for a 36-month period, pursuant to the terms of the Fortress Credit Agreement. See [Note 6 - Derivatives](#). The Company was in compliance with all debt covenants as of March 31, 2025.

**Interest Expense on Debt**

The following table summarizes the total interest costs incurred on the Company's debt:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2025	2024
(in thousands)		
Stated interest	\$33,008	\$15,083
Amortization of debt discount and debt issuance costs	5,166	3,939
Total interest cost	38,174	19,022
Capitalized interest	(2,325)	(2,101)
Total interest expense, net	<u>\$35,849</u>	<u>\$16,921</u>

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**Note 8 - Accrued and Other Liabilities**

The following table summarizes the Company's accrued and other liabilities for the periods presented:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	<b>March 31, 2025</b>	<b>December 31, 2024</b>
Accrued capital expenditures and lease operating expenses	\$39,290	\$ 37,150
Advances from joint interest partners	12,117	4,105
Revenue payables	7,284	4,441
Accrued interest	2,610	1,746
Current derivative liabilities	2,202	2,537
Unredeemed matured bonds	1,756	1,338
Accrued personnel costs	1,351	4,316
Asset retirement obligations	148	165
Other	823	1,548
Total	<u>\$67,581</u>	<u>\$ 57,346</u>

Accrued capital expenditures and lease operating expenses are primarily associated with drilling, completion and operating activities on wells operated by the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Phoenix Operating, LLC ("PhoenixOp"). As of March 31, 2025, PhoenixOp had placed 37 wells into production and had an additional 41 wells in various stages of development.

In circumstances where the Company serves as the operator, the Company receives production proceeds from the purchaser and distributes the amounts to other royalty owners and joint interest partners based on their respective ownership interests. Production proceeds that the Company has not yet distributed are reflected as revenue payables and classified as a component of accrued and other liabilities in the condensed consolidated balance sheets. Additionally, joint interest partners who participate in our wells may elect to prepay a portion of the estimated drilling and completion costs. For such advances, a liability is recorded and subsequently reduced as the associated work is performed and billed to the joint interest partners.

**Note 9 - Equity-Based Compensation**

The Company's parent, Phoenix Equity Holdings, LLC ("Phoenix Equity"), has granted equity awards to employees of the Company under the 2024 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "2024 Incentive Plan"). The 2024 Incentive Plan provides for the issuance of 900,000 Class A Units, 2,813,900 Class B Units and 1,000,000 Phantom Units. As of March 31, 2025, Phoenix Equity had issued all authorized Class A Units and Class B Units and 30,000 Phantom Units under the 2024 Incentive Plan.

A summary of the activity under the 2024 Incentive Plan for the three months ended March 31, 2025 is presented below.

	<b>Number of Units</b>	<b>Weighted Average Per Share Grant Date Fair Value</b>
Nonvested at December 31, 2024	3,175,150	\$ 55.74
Granted - Phantom Units	30,000	55.74
Vested	—	—
Forfeited	—	—
Nonvested at March 31, 2025	<u>3,205,150</u>	<u>\$ 55.74</u>

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During the three months ended March 31, 2025, Phoenix Equity granted 30,000 Phantom Unit awards contingent on the achievement of a performance condition, all of which will vest only upon the Company undergoing a liquidity event (e.g., change in control). No compensation cost will be recognized for the Phantom Unit awards until a liquidity event occurs. The Company has elected to account for forfeitures as they occur.

As of March 31, 2025, there was \$178.7 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to nonvested equity awards granted under the 2024 Incentive Plan, measured based on the fair value of the awards; that cost is expected to be recognized at the time a liquidity event occurs.

The fair value of each unit granted under the 2024 Incentive Plan was valued on the date of grant under an independent third-party valuation, which included a combination of an income approach, based on the present value of estimated future cash flows, and a market approach based on market data of comparable businesses. The weighted-average assumptions used in the valuation of performance unit awards granted for the three months ended March 31, 2025, are presented in the table below:

	2025
Dividend yield <sup>(a)</sup>	– %
Risk-free interest rate <sup>(b)</sup>	4.38 %
Expected volatility <sup>(c)</sup>	57.50%
Expected term (in years) <sup>(d)</sup>	5.0
Discount for lack of marketability <sup>(e)</sup>	30.00%

- (a) The Company has no history or expectation of paying cash dividends on its awards.
- (b) The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield for a term consistent with the expected life of the awards in effect at the time of grant.
- (c) Volatility was estimated based on the different interests being appraised, leveraging historical volatility for comparable publicly traded organizations within its industry. The Company lacks company-specific historical and implied volatility information. Therefore, it estimates its expected stock volatility based on the historical volatility of a publicly traded set of peer companies within the industry with characteristics similar to the Company.
- (d) The expected term represents the estimated period, in years, until a liquidity event occurs.
- (e) Discount for lack of marketability was determined using the Restricted Stock Studies, Chaffee Put Option, Finnerty's Put Option, and Qualitative Mandelbaum Factor approaches.

**Note 10 - Related Parties****Debt Offerings**

Certain of the Company's officers and their family members participate in the Company's unregistered debt offerings. During the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, these officers and their family members purchased, in aggregate, 1,104 and 1,562 of the combined Regulation A+ and Regulation D bonds for a total purchase price of \$1.1 million and \$1.5 million, respectively. As of March 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024, there were 3,960 and 2,860 of bonds outstanding with carrying values of \$4.0 million and \$2.9 million, respectively. Interest expense attributable to these securities was less than \$0.1 million for both the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively.

**Lion of Judah**

The Company paid interest expense of less than \$0.1 million to a financial institution on behalf of Lion of Judah related to a certain financing agreement between Lion of Judah and the financial institution for both the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024. Interest payments made by the Company on behalf of Lion of Judah are discretionary in nature.

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The Company leases its office facilities under noncancelable multi-year operating lease agreements.

The following table shows the line item classification of the Company' s right-of-use assets and lease liabilities on the Company' s condensed consolidated balance sheets:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	<b>Line item</b>	<b>March 31, 2025</b>	<b>December 31, 2024</b>
Right-of-use assets - operating	Right of use assets, net	\$9,931	\$ 6,010
Total right-of-use assets		\$9,931	\$ 6,010
Current operating lease liabilities	Current operating lease liabilities	\$343	\$ 656
Noncurrent operating lease liabilities	Operating lease liabilities	10,234	5,860
Total lease liabilities		\$10,577	\$ 6,516

Operating lease cost of \$0.6 million and \$0.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024, respectively, was classified as a component of selling, general, and administrative expense on the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

**Note 12 - Commitments and Contingencies**

For a summary of the Company' s lease obligations, see [Note 11 - Leases](#).

**Litigation**

From time to time, the Company may become involved in other legal proceedings or be subject to claims arising in the ordinary course of business. Although the results of ordinary course litigation and claims cannot be predicted with certainty, the Company currently believes that the final outcome of these ordinary course matters will not have a material adverse effect on its business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. Regardless of the outcome, litigation can have an adverse impact because of defense and settlement costs, diversion of management resources and other factors.

**Drilling Rig Contracts**

The Company has entered into drilling rig contracts to procure drilling services for wells operated by PhoenixOp. The contracts are short-term and provide a daily operating rate as consideration for services performed by the third-party provider. As of March 31, 2025, the Company was subject to \$12.7 million of commitments under these contracts.

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**Note 13 - Supplemental Cash Flow Information**

The following table summarizes supplemental information to the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the periods presented:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:</b>		
Cash interest paid, net of capitalized interest	\$19,930	\$7,893
Cash paid for operating leases	372	242
<b>Supplemental disclosure of non-cash transactions:</b>		
Capital expenditures in accounts payable and accrued and other liabilities	\$68,497	\$33,999
Modification of right-of-use asset and lease liability	1,985	–
Right-of-use asset obtained in exchange for lease liability	2,195	–
Unpaid property acquisition costs in deferred closings	1,704	417

**Note 14 - Segments**

Segment operating profit is used as a performance metric by the Chief Operating Decision Maker (“CODM”) in determining how to allocate resources and assess performance as this measure provides insight into the segments’ operations and overall success of a segment for a given period. Segment operating profit is calculated as total segment revenue less operating costs attributable to the segment, which includes allocated corporate costs that are overhead in nature and not directly associated with the segments, such as certain general and administrative expenses, executive or shared-function payroll costs and certain limited marketing activities. Corporate costs are allocated to the segments based on usage and headcount, as appropriate. Segment operating profit excludes other income and expense, such as interest expense, interest income, gain (loss) on derivatives, loss on debt extinguishment, even though these amounts are allocated to the segments and provided to the CODM. Transactions between segments are accounted for on an accrual basis and are eliminated upon consolidation. Interest expense is allocated to the segments based on the carrying value of the oil and gas properties owned by the respective segment at the balance sheet date, and interest income and gain (loss) on derivatives are allocated using the same basis as corporate costs.

The following table summarizes segment operating profit and reconciliation to net income (loss) for the periods presented:

<i>(in thousands)</i>	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Segment operating profit</b>		
Mineral and Non-operating	\$ 7,658	\$ 10,491
Operating	36,257	902
Securities	24,997	12,787
Eliminations	(29,752 )	(15,543 )
Total segment operating profit	39,160	8,637
Interest income	689	22
Interest expense, net	(35,849 )	(16,921 )
Gain (loss) on derivatives	1,920	(67 )
Loss on debt extinguishment	(321 )	(76 )
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 5,599</b>	<b>\$ (8,405 )</b>



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The following tables present financial information by segment for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024 and as of March 31, 2025 and December 31, 2024.

<i>(in thousands)</i>	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Significant expenses</b>		
Mineral and Non-operating		
Cost of sales	\$ 4,582	\$ 6,391
Depreciation, depletion, amortization, and accretion	8,265	11,595
Selling, general, and administrative	4,944	2,335
Payroll and payroll-related	3,959	2,613
Other segment items <sup>(a)</sup>	516	570
Operating		
Cost of sales	\$ 22,539	\$ 1,602
Depreciation, depletion, amortization, and accretion	22,960	1,810
Selling, general, and administrative	1,997	1,301
Payroll and payroll-related	2,019	1,057
Other segment item <sup>(b)</sup>	–	6
Securities		
Advertising and marketing	\$ 320	\$ 5
Selling, general, and administrative	2,573	1,614
Payroll and payroll-related	1,951	1,155
Interest expense		
Mineral and Non-operating	\$ 23,290	\$ 12,987
Operating	12,559	3,934
Securities	(29,752 )	(15,543 )
Eliminations	29,752	15,543
Total interest expense, net	<u>\$ 35,849</u>	<u>\$ 16,921</u>
Capital expenditures		
Mineral and Non-operating	\$ 89,319	\$ 48,104
Operating	96,150	48,731
Eliminations	(3,194 )	(2,072 )
Total capital expenditures	<u>\$ 182,275</u>	<u>\$ 94,763</u>

(a) Other segment items include advertising and marketing expense, loss on sale of assets, and impairment expense.

(b) Other segment item includes advertising and marketing expense.

<i>(in thousands)</i>	<b>March 31,</b>	<b>December 31,</b>
	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Mineral and Non-operating	\$949,292	\$898,300
Operating	420,264	332,721
Securities	2,899	6,918
Eliminations	(237,783 )	(208,869 )
Total assets	<u>\$1,134,672</u>	<u>\$1,029,070</u>

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The following tables summarize the Company's oil and natural properties by proved and unproved properties, location and by segment (before accumulated depletion):

March 31, 2025					
(in thousands)	Mineral and Non-Operating	Operating	Securities	Eliminations	Consolidated Total
Oil and natural gas properties, proved					
Williston Basin	\$ 196,909	\$450,018	\$ –	\$ –	\$646,927
Powder River Basin	49,386	–	–	–	49,386
Denver-Julesburg	45,565	–	–	–	45,565
Permian Basin	20,050	–	–	–	20,050
Marcellus	1,306	–	–	–	1,306
Uinta Basin	35,869	–	–	–	35,869
Other	1,702	–	–	–	1,702
Total proved properties	<u>\$ 350,787</u>	<u>\$450,018</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$800,805</u>
Oil and natural gas properties, unproved					
Williston Basin	\$ 273,216	\$7,870	\$ –	\$ –	\$281,086
Powder River Basin	29,869	–	–	–	29,869
Denver-Julesburg	35,639	–	–	–	35,639
Permian Basin	6,752	–	–	–	6,752
Uinta Basin	38,086	–	–	–	38,086
Other	1,849	–	–	–	1,849
Total unproved properties	<u>\$ 385,411</u>	<u>\$7,870</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$393,281</u>

  

December 31, 2024					
(in thousands)	Mineral and Non-Operating	Operating	Securities	Eliminations	Consolidated Total
Oil and natural gas properties, proved					
Williston Basin	\$ 184,740	\$351,864	\$ –	\$ –	\$536,604
Powder River Basin	47,780	–	–	–	47,780
Denver-Julesburg	45,193	–	–	–	45,193
Permian Basin	20,050	–	–	–	20,050
Marcellus	1,306	–	–	–	1,306
Uinta Basin	34,731	–	–	–	34,731
Other	1,702	–	–	–	1,702
Total proved properties	<u>\$ 335,502</u>	<u>\$351,864</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$687,366</u>
Oil and natural gas properties, unproved					
Williston Basin	\$ 209,437	\$7,300	\$ –	\$ –	\$216,737
Powder River Basin	29,853	–	–	–	29,853
Denver-Julesburg	35,619	–	–	–	35,619
Permian Basin	6,752	–	–	–	6,752
Uinta Basin	28,045	–	–	–	28,045
Other	1,849	–	–	–	1,849
Total unproved properties	<u>\$ 311,555</u>	<u>\$7,300</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$ –</u>	<u>\$318,855</u>

**PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
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**(unaudited)**

**Note 15 - Subsequent Events**

In April 2025, the Company amended the Fortress Credit Agreement (the "Amendment") and established a new tranche of term loans in an aggregate principal amount of \$50.0 million, with \$25.0 million borrowed upon closing and \$25.0 million borrowed in May 2025. The Amendment also revised the mandatory repayment schedule such that \$150.0 million of the outstanding principal amount of the Fortress Term Loans is due by December 2026, with the remainder due upon maturity. The new tranche of the Fortress Term Loans will bear interest at a rate per annum equal to Term SOFR plus a margin of 7.10%. Proceeds will be used to finance the development of the Company's oil and gas properties in accordance with the approved plan of development provided in the Fortress Credit Agreement.

In May 2025, the Company entered into additional fixed swap contracts for a total volume of 1.8 million Bbls at a weighted average contract price of \$58.93 with settlement dates through December 2027, pursuant to its debt covenants under the amended Fortress Credit Agreement.

In October 2024, the Company filed a Registration Statement on Form S-1 with the Securities Exchange Commission (the "SEC") (File No. 333-282862), which relates to the issuance of up to an aggregate principal amount of \$750.0 million of debt securities that the Company intends to offer on a continuous basis. The debt securities are comprised of notes with maturities of three, five, seven, and/or eleven years with interest rates ranging from 9%, to 12% per annum, and consist of either cash interest or compound interest on such notes. On May 14, 2025, the SEC declared the registration statement effective, and the Company filed a final prospectus describing the terms of the offering.

On May 14, 2025, the Company approved an increase to the maximum offering amount of the August 2023 506(c) Bonds from \$750.0 million to \$1,500.0 million. The August 2023 506(c) Bonds are unsecured bonds offered and sold pursuant to an offering rule under Rule 506(c) of Regulation D that commenced in August 2023 with maturity dates ranging from one to eleven years from the issue date and interest rates ranging from 9.0% to 14.0% per annum.

On May 15, 2025, the Company entered into an indenture pursuant to which it intends to issue from time to time to holders of its unsecured three-year 9.0% bonds offered and sold pursuant to an offering under Regulation A promulgated under the Securities Act that commenced in December 2021 and terminated in December 2024 (the "Reg A Bonds") unsecured senior subordinated obligations in an offering exempt from registration under Section 3(a)(9) and/or 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act (the "Exchange Notes"). The Exchange Notes will have maturities of three, five, seven, and/or eleven years and interest rates ranging from 9.0% to 12.0% per annum.

The Company is continuing to raise debt capital under its exempt debt offerings. Since the balance sheet date and through the date of filing of these condensed consolidated financial statements, the Company issued approximately \$54.4 million and \$20.3 million of its Regulation D and Adamantium bonds, respectively, under the same terms and conditions as the existing securities.

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### Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

*The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto presented in this Quarterly Report as well as our audited financial statements and the related notes thereto and related management's discussion and analysis in each case, included in our prospectus for our offering of Registered Notes (as defined below), dated May 14, 2025 and filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b)(4) on May 14, 2025. The following discussion contains forward-looking statements that reflect our future plans, estimates, beliefs, and expected performance. These forward-looking statements are dependent upon events, risks, and uncertainties that may be outside of our control. Our actual results could differ materially from those disclosed in these forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include those described in "Risk Factors" and "Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements" and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report. Our historical results are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for any period in the future.*

#### Overview

We operate in the oil and gas industry and execute on a three-pronged strategy involving (i) direct drilling operations of operated working interests, (ii) the acquisition of royalty assets, and (iii) the acquisition of non-operated working interest assets. Our direct drilling operations are currently primarily focused on development efforts in the Williston Basin in North Dakota and Montana and the Powder River and Denver-Julesburg Basins in Wyoming. Our royalty and working interest acquisitions center around a variety of assets, including mineral interests, leasehold interests, overriding royalty interests, and perpetual royalty interests. These efforts have historically targeted assets in the Williston, Permian, Powder River, Uinta, and Denver-Julesburg Basins. We are agnostic as to geography and prioritize operational and asset potential when executing on our strategy.

As of March 31, 2025, we have completed 3,687 acquisitions from landowners and other mineral interest owners, representing approximately 539,258 NRAs of royalty assets and 520,922 NMAs of leasehold assets since 2019. Additionally, we commenced direct drilling operations and spudded our first wells in the third quarter of 2023 and, as of March 31, 2025, we had drilled a total of 44 gross and 39.9 net producing development and injection wells. We expect these direct drilling operations to be a core component of our business strategy going forward.

Since our initial mineral interest asset acquisition in 2019, we have leveraged our specialized software system and experienced management team to identify asset opportunities that fit our desired criteria and potential for returns. While we evaluate and acquire a wide variety of assets, we have historically prioritized assets with potential for high monthly recurring cashflows and primarily target assets that have a potential payback within the short to medium term and long-term cashflows.

Following the acquisition of an asset, we typically share in the proceeds of the natural resources extracted and sold by a third-party E&P operator. For certain assets, we operate our own direct drilling operations through PhoenixOp.

For the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2025, we had revenue of \$40.7 million and \$115.7 million, respectively, net income (loss) of \$(8.4) million and \$5.6 million, respectively, and EBITDA of \$21.9 million and \$72.0 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2024 and March 31, 2025, we had total assets of \$1,029.1 million and \$1,134.7 million, respectively, total liabilities of \$1,063.1 million and \$1,163.1 million, respectively (inclusive of total indebtedness of \$987.9 million and \$1,084.3 million, respectively), and accumulated deficit of \$34.1 million and \$28.5 million, respectively. Through 2024, we incurred a significant amount of debt in order to accelerate the growth of our business by acquiring additional assets and establishing our direct drilling operations. As a result, our cash flows from operations alone would not have been sufficient to service required cash interest and principal payment obligations under our then-existing debt 2024. During the three months ended March 31, 2025, we continued to incur a significant amount of debt. Furthermore, as of December 31, 2024, we estimate that we will need to make approximately \$749.3 million and \$3,224.8 million in capital expenditures to develop all our proved and probable undeveloped reserves, respectively, and that we will need to raise approximately \$658.9 million in additional capital through the end of 2028 to fund such development. Although we expect our cash flows from operations to be sufficient to service cash interest and principal payment obligations under our debt for the foreseeable future, there can be no assurance as to the

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sufficiency of our cash flows for that purpose, and we do not expect such cash flows alone to be adequate to fund both our debt service obligations and the development of our reserves. Therefore, we expect to require additional capital to fund our growth and may require additional liquidity to service our debt. As a result, we may use the proceeds of additional debt, including the Registered Notes, to make interest and principal payments on our existing debt. See “*Risk Factors–Risks Related to Our Business and Operations–The acquisition and development of our properties, directly or through our third-party E&P operators, will require substantial capital, and we and our third-party E&P operators may be unable to obtain needed capital or financing on satisfactory terms or at all, including as a result of increases in the cost of capital resulting from Federal Reserve policies in the past few years and otherwise,*” “*Risk Factors–Risks Related to Our Indebtedness–Despite our current level of indebtedness, we will still be able to incur substantially more debt. This could further exacerbate the risks to our financial condition described above,*” and “*Risk Factors–Risks Related to Our Indebtedness–We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service all of our existing and future indebtedness, including the Registered Notes, and may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our obligations under our indebtedness, which may not be successful.*”

## **Our Segments**

We operate under three segments: mineral and non-operating; operating; and securities. Our mineral and non-operating segment comprises our operations for the acquisition of mineral interests and non-operated working interests in oil and gas properties, through which we share in the proceeds of the natural resources extracted and sold by the operator. Our operating segment comprises our operations related to our drilling, extraction, and production activities, which today are conducted through PhoenixOp. Our securities segment comprises our operations related to our capital raising activities associated with our debt securities offerings. Our management evaluates our performance and allocates resources based in part on segment operating profit, which is calculated as total segment revenue less operating expenses attributable to the segment, which includes allocated corporate costs.

## **Sources of Our Revenue**

Our revenues have historically primarily constituted mineral and royalty payments received from our E&P operators based on the sale of crude oil, natural gas, and NGL production from our interests. In 2024, we commenced sales of crude oil, natural gas, and NGL and began generating product sales in our operating segment through our wholly owned subsidiary, PhoenixOp, which was formed for the purposes of drilling, extracting, and operating producing wells. Product sales accounted for over 72% of our total revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2025, and we expect to derive a greater portion of our total revenues from product sales of crude oil, natural gas, and NGL to PhoenixOp’s customers in the future. Our revenues may vary significantly from period to period because of changes in commodity prices, production mix, and volumes of production sold by our E&P operators, including PhoenixOp. We also derive revenues from performing saltwater disposal services on wells operated by PhoenixOp, as well as redemption fees charged to investors, generally in connection with the early redemption of their investments. Other revenue in the securities segment is derived almost exclusively from intersegment interest expense to the mineral and non-operating segment and the operating segment, and is eliminated in consolidation.

## **Principal Components of Our Cost Structure**

As a mineral royalty, and non-operated working interest owner, we may incur lease operating expenses and our proportionate share of production, severance, and ad valorem taxes. In those circumstances, revenues are recognized net of production taxes and post-production expenses. Through PhoenixOp’s operations, we also incur certain production costs, including gathering, processing, and transportation costs, which are presented as a component of cost of sales on our consolidated statements of operations. Shared corporate costs that are overhead in nature and not directly associated with any one of our segments, including certain general and administrative expenses, executive or shared-function payroll costs, and certain limited marketing activities, are allocated to our segments based on usage and headcount, as appropriate. Cost of sales and depreciation, depletion, and amortization are not applicable to the securities segment.

## **Cost of Sales**

### *Lease Operating Expenses*

We incur lease operating expenses through: (i) our ownership of non-operated working interests, paying our pro rata share of cost of labor, equipment, maintenance, saltwater disposal, workover activity, and other miscellaneous costs; and (ii) PhoenixOp, where such costs are directly incurred through our own drilling and extraction activities. We generally expect that these expenses will increase as our number of mineral interest and non-operated working interests in oil and gas properties increase, and as our operating activities on wells operated by PhoenixOp continue to increase.

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### *Production and Ad Valorem Taxes*

Production taxes are paid at fixed rates on produced crude oil, natural gas, and NGL based on a percentage of revenues from our volume of products sold, established by federal, state, or local taxing authorities. Where we utilize third-party operators, the E&P companies that operate on our interests withhold and pay our pro rata share of production taxes on our behalf. We directly pay ad valorem taxes in the counties where our properties are located. Ad valorem taxes are generally based on the appraised value of our crude oil, natural gas, and NGL properties. We generally expect that these expenses will increase as our number of mineral interest and non-operated working interests in oil and gas properties increase, as we continue oil and gas operating activities on operated properties, and as production from such properties increases.

### *Production Costs*

Production costs include gathering, processing, and transportation costs that we incur to gather and transport our oil and gas production to a point of sale. We generally expect that these costs will increase as our activities in our operating segment increase and as our oil and gas operating activities result in increased production volumes. For example, our production costs increased throughout 2024 and the first quarter of 2025 as our oil and gas operating activities came online and PhoenixOp operated production from our first operated properties.

### ***Depreciation, Depletion, and Amortization***

Depreciation, depletion, and amortization is the systematic expensing of the capitalized costs incurred to acquire, explore, and develop crude oil, natural gas, and NGL. We follow the successful efforts method of accounting, pursuant to which we capitalize the costs of our proved crude oil, natural gas, and NGL mineral interest properties, which are then depleted on a unit-of-production basis based on proved crude oil, natural gas, and NGL reserve quantities. Our estimates of crude oil, natural gas, and NGL reserves are, by necessity, projections based on geologic and engineering data, and there are uncertainties inherent in the interpretation of such data, as well as the projection of future rates of production. Any significant variance in these assumptions could materially affect the estimated quantity of the reserves, which could affect the rate of depletion related to our crude oil, natural gas, and NGL properties. Depreciation, depletion, and amortization also includes the expensing of office leasehold costs and equipment. We expect depletion to continue to increase in subsequent periods as our gross production of oil, gas, and other products increases.

### ***Selling, General, and Administrative Expense***

Selling, general, and administrative expenses consist of costs incurred related to overhead, office expenses, and fees for professional services such as audit, tax, legal, and other consulting services. In connection with this offering, we expect to incur additional costs related to being a public company. See “*Factors Affecting the Comparability of Our Financial Condition and Results of Operations.*”

Selling, general, and administrative expenses are allocated directly to a segment when there is a clear cost-benefit relationship between the expense and the segment that received the benefit. All other costs are aggregated within pools and allocated to each segment using a level-of-effort formula. We expect general and administrative expense to continue to increase period over period as we continue to grow and capitalize on opportunities within each segment; however, we do expect the percentage of growth to begin to decline as our business matures.

### ***Payroll and Payroll-Related Expense***

Payroll and payroll-related expenses consist of personnel costs for executive and employee compensation and related benefits. Payroll and payroll-related expenses are allocated directly to the segment associated with a respective employee, with the exception of corporate personnel, whose costs are allocated to the segments based on a reasonable level-of-effort formula. We expect payroll expenses to continue to increase period over period as we continue to grow; however, we do expect the percentage of growth to begin to decline as our business matures.

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### ***Advertising and Marketing Expense***

We incur advertising and marketing costs primarily in our securities segment. Advertising and marketing costs include third-party services related to public relations, market research, and the development of strategic initiatives, brand messaging, and communication materials that are produced for our investors to generate greater awareness and promote investor engagement. We expect advertising and marketing costs to vary from period to period as we undertake targeted campaigns or initiatives. Advertising and marketing costs are expensed as incurred.

### ***Interest Expense, Net***

We have financed a significant portion of our working capital requirements and acquisitions with borrowings under credit facilities and the issuance of debt securities. As a result, we incur interest expense that is affected by both fluctuations in interest rates and our financing decisions. We reflect interest paid to the lenders under credit facilities and holders of our debt securities and amortization of debt discount and debt issuance costs in interest expense in our consolidated statements of operations. Interest expense is primarily incurred within the securities segment and allocated to the mineral and non-operating segment and the operating segment based on the carrying value of the oil and gas properties owned by the respective segment at the balance sheet date. Allocated intersegment interest expense is eliminated in consolidation. We expect interest expense to continue to increase period over period as we raise additional capital to meet our objectives.

### **How We Evaluate Our Operations**

We use a variety of operational and financial measures to assess our performance. Among the measures considered by management are the following:

- volumes of oil, natural gas, and NGL produced;
- number of producing wells, spud wells, and permitted wells;
- commodity prices; and
- revenue and EBITDA.

### ***Volumes of Oil, Natural Gas, and NGL Produced***

In order to track and assess the performance of our assets, we monitor and analyze our production volumes from our mineral and royalty interests. We also regularly compare projected volumes to actual reported volumes and investigate unexpected variances.

### ***Producing Wells, Spud Wells, and Permitted Wells***

In order to track and assess the performance of our assets, we monitor the number of permitted wells, spud wells, completions, and producing wells on our mineral and royalty interests in an effort to evaluate near-term production growth.

### ***Commodity Prices***

Historically, oil, natural gas, and NGL prices have been volatile and may continue to be volatile in the future. During the past five years, the posted price for West Texas Intermediate (“*WTI*”) has ranged from a low of negative \$36.98 per barrel in April 2020 to a high of \$123.64 per barrel in March 2022. Over the same period, the Henry Hub spot market for natural gas has ranged from a low of \$1.21 per MMBtu in November 2024 to a high of \$23.86 per MMBtu in February 2021. Recently, oil and natural gas prices dropped significantly, going from \$71.20 per barrel and \$3.95 per MMBtu as of April 1, 2025 to \$63.32 per barrel and \$3.19 per MMBtu, respectively, as of May 12, 2025. Lower prices may not only decrease our revenues, but also potentially the amount of oil, natural gas, and NGL that our operators can produce economically. See “*Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Business and Operations—Our business is sensitive to the price of oil and gas and sustained declines in prices may adversely affect our financial position, financial results, cash flows, access to capital, and ability to grow.*”

*Oil.* The substantial majority of our oil production is sold at prevailing market prices, which fluctuate in response to many factors that are outside of our control. The majority of our oil production is priced at the prevailing market price with the final realized price affected by both quality and location differentials. The chemical composition of crude oil plays an important role in its refining and subsequent sale as petroleum products. As a result, variations in chemical composition relative to the benchmark crude oil, usually WTI, will result in price adjustments, which are often referred to as quality differentials. The characteristics that most significantly affect quality differentials include the density of the oil, as characterized by its American Petroleum Institute gravity, and the presence and concentration of impurities, such as sulfur. Location differentials generally result from transportation costs based on the produced oil’s proximity to consuming and refining markets and major trading points.



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*Natural Gas.* The U.S. New York Mercantile Exchange (“**NYMEX**”) price quoted at Henry Hub is a widely used benchmark for the pricing of natural gas in the United States. The actual prices realized from the sale of natural gas differ from the quoted NYMEX price as a result of quality and location differentials. Quality differentials result from the heating value of natural gas measured in Btu and the presence of impurities, such as hydrogen sulfide, carbon dioxide, and nitrogen. Natural gas containing ethane and heavier hydrocarbons has a higher Btu value and will realize a higher volumetric price than natural gas that is predominantly methane, which has a lower Btu value. Natural gas with a higher concentration of impurities will realize a lower price due to the presence of the impurities in the natural gas when sold or the cost of treating the natural gas to meet pipeline quality specifications. Natural gas, which currently has limitations on transportation in certain regions, is subject to price variances based on local supply and demand conditions and the cost to transport natural gas to end-user markets.

*NGL.* NGL pricing is generally tied to the price of oil, but varies based on differences in liquid components and location.

## ***EBITDA***

We calculate EBITDA by adding back to net income (loss), interest income and expense and depreciation, depletion, amortization, and accretion expense for the respective periods. EBITDA is a non-GAAP supplemental financial measure used by our management to understand and compare our operating results across accounting periods, for internal budgeting and forecasting purposes, and to evaluate financial performance and liquidity, in each case, without regard to financing methods, capital structure, or historical cost basis. EBITDA is presented as supplemental disclosure as we believe it provides useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our results, prospects, and liquidity period over period, including as compared to results of other companies. EBITDA does not represent and should not be considered an alternative to, or more meaningful than, net income (loss), income from operations, cash flows from operating activities, or any other measure of financial performance presented in accordance with GAAP as measures of financial performance. EBITDA has important limitations as an analytical tool because it excludes some but not all items that affect net income (loss), the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure. Other companies may not publish this or similar metrics, and our computation of EBITDA may differ from computations of similarly titled measures of other companies.

## **Factors Affecting the Comparability of Our Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

Our historical financial condition and results of operations for the periods presented may not be comparable, either from period to period or going forward, primarily for the following reasons:

### ***Acquisitions***

There is typically a lag (e.g., six to eighteen months) between when acquisitions are made and when those investments generate meaningful revenue. As a result, many of the investments we made in 2023 began generating revenue in 2024, and we anticipate the same delayed effect will occur from 2024 to 2025 and in the future as we continue to invest in new opportunities. We intend to pursue potential accretive acquisitions of additional mineral and royalty interests by capitalizing on our specialized software, as well as our management team’s expertise and relationships. We believe we will be well-positioned to acquire such assets and, should such opportunities arise, identifying and executing acquisitions will be a key part of our strategy. However, if we are unable to make acquisitions on economically acceptable terms, our future growth may be limited, and any acquisitions we make may reduce, rather than increase, our cash flows and ability to make further investments in our business and satisfy our debt obligations, including with respect to the Registered Notes. Additionally, it is possible that we will effect divestitures of certain of our assets. Any such acquisitions or divestitures affect the comparability of our results of operations from period to period.

### ***Supply, Demand, Market Risk, and Their Impact on Oil Prices***

Commodity prices are a significant factor impacting our revenues, profitability, operating cash flows, the amount of capital we invest in our business, and redemption of our debt. During the period from January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2025, prices for crude oil reached a high of \$123.70 per Bbl and a low of \$47.47 per Bbl. Over the same time period, natural



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gas prices reached a high of \$23.86 per MMBtu and a low of \$1.21 per MMBtu. These prices experience large swings, sometimes on a day-to-day or week-to-week basis. For the three months ended March 31, 2025, the average NYMEX crude oil and natural gas prices were \$71.79 per Bbl and \$4.14 per MMBtu, respectively, representing a decrease of 7.4% and an increase of 93.0%, respectively, from the average NYMEX prices during the three months ended March 31, 2024. Recently, oil and natural gas prices dropped significantly, going from \$71.20 per barrel and \$3.95 per MMBtu as of April 1, 2025 to \$63.32 per barrel and \$3.19 per MMBtu, respectively, as of May 12, 2025.

Commodity prices over that time period have been volatile and will likely continue to be volatile in the future. Crude oil prices over that time period were impacted by a variety of factors affecting current and expected supply and demand dynamics, including strong demand for crude oil, domestic supply reductions, OPEC control measures, market disruptions resulting from broader macroeconomic drivers, such as the Russia-Ukraine war, sanctions on Russia, and conflicts and tensions in the Middle East. More recently, we believe that commodity prices, including crude oil prices, have been impacted by uncertainties regarding U.S. trade policies and concerns over slowing economic growth and resulting reductions in estimated oil consumption. Market prices for NGL are influenced by the components extracted, including ethane, propane, and butane and natural gasoline, among others, and the respective market pricing for each component. Other factors impacting supply and demand include weather conditions, pipeline capacity constraints, inventory storage levels, basis differentials, export capacity, and the strength of the U.S. dollar, as well as other factors, the majority of which are outside of our control.

We expect commodity price volatility to continue given the complex global dynamics of supply and demand that exist in the market. See “*Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Business and Operations—Our business is sensitive to the price of oil and gas and sustained declines in prices may adversely affect our financial position, financial results, cash flows, access to capital, and ability to grow*” for further discussion on how volatility in commodity prices could impact us.

We are currently monitoring our operations and industry developments, including our drilling operations and production plans, in light of recent changes in the commodity price environment and industry volatility. While we believe the company is well-positioned to navigate a lower-price environment, in the event of a prolonged period of lower commodity prices, our cash flows from operations would decrease and we may determine to adjust our business plan by adjusting capital expenditures, decreasing drilling operations, and/or reducing production plans, among other actions. Such actions and circumstances would also impact our revenue, operating expenses, and liquidity. For example, we may also be required to raise additional capital, above our current expectations, in order to fully realize our current or adjusted business plan.

We are also monitoring the impact of the tariffs announced by the United States federal government in 2025. While there is significant uncertainty as to the duration of these and any further tariffs, and the impacts these tariffs and any corresponding retaliatory tariffs will have on the oil and gas industry and on commodity prices, we do not currently expect that the financial impact of the tariffs will be material to capital expenditures or operating expenses in 2025. We expect the primary impact of the tariffs to be on certain drilling input costs, such as steel casing.

## **Reporting and Compliance Expenses**

In connection with this offering, we expect to incur incremental non-recurring costs related to our transition to being a public company, including the costs of this offering and the costs associated with the initial implementation of our improved internal controls and testing. We also expect to incur additional significant and recurring expenses as a public reporting company, such as expenses associated with SEC reporting requirements, including annual and quarterly reports, SOX compliance expenses, costs associated with the employment of additional personnel, increased independent auditor fees, increased legal fees, investor relations expenses, and increased director and officer insurance expenses. Certain of these general and administrative expenses are not included in our historical financial statements.

## **Derivatives**

To reduce the impact of fluctuations in oil, NGL, and natural gas prices on our revenues, we periodically enter into commodity derivative contracts with respect to certain of our oil, NGL, and natural gas production through various transactions that limit the risks of fluctuations of future prices. We plan to continue our practice of entering into such transactions to reduce the impact of commodity price volatility on our cash flows from operations.

## ***Impairment***

We evaluate our producing properties for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. When assessing proved properties for impairment, we compare the expected undiscounted future cash flows of the proved properties to the carrying amount of the proved properties to determine recoverability. If the carrying amount of proved properties exceeds the expected undiscounted future cash flows, the carrying amount is written down to the properties' estimated fair value, which is measured as the present value of the expected future cash flows of such properties. The factors used to determine fair value include estimates of proved reserves, future commodity prices, timing of future production, and a risk-adjusted discount rate. The proved property impairment test is primarily impacted by future commodity prices, changes in estimated reserve quantities, estimates of future production, overall proved property balances, and depletion expense. If pricing conditions decline or are depressed, or if there is a negative impact on one or more of the other components of the calculation, we may incur proved property impairments in future periods. For example, commodity prices remain volatile and have generally decreased over the course of 2025. As a result, we may be required to incur such impairments in future periods.

## ***Debt and Interest Expense***

We have a significant amount of debt and may incur significantly more in the future to finance, among other things, acquisitions, investments in PhoenixOp, and payments on our debt. As a result, we incur interest expense that is affected by both fluctuations in interest rates and our financing decisions. Increases in interest rates as a result of inflation and a potentially recessionary economic environment in the United States could have a negative effect on the demand for oil and natural gas, as well as our borrowing costs.

## ***PhoenixOp***

Our wholly owned subsidiary, PhoenixOp, was formed to manage and conduct drilling, extraction, and related oil and gas operating activities. PhoenixOp commenced the spudding of its first wells in the third quarter of 2023. The first five wells completed by PhoenixOp began production in the first quarter of 2024, and the next five wells began production in the second quarter of 2024. As of March 31, 2025, PhoenixOp placed an additional 27 wells in production, and had an additional 41 wells in various stages of development. Given it was in the process of ramping up operations in 2024, PhoenixOp's revenue was \$125.6 million for that year. For the three months ended March 31, 2025, PhoenixOp's operations increased and its revenue was \$84.3 million. As more wells continue to commence production, and more properties are contributed to PhoenixOp for potential future production, we expect to derive a greater portion of our total revenues from PhoenixOp and our operating segment. We believe these operations represent a significant source of potential revenue growth. In addition, as PhoenixOp is an E&P operator, it incurs greater operating costs related to drilling, extraction, and related oil and gas operating activities than our mineral and non-operating activities. As a result, we expect our operating costs to increase as PhoenixOp's operations expand and become a greater portion of our overall business. These operations continue to execute well against our business plan and we expect these trends to continue through 2025. We are currently monitoring PhoenixOp operations and industry developments in light of recent changes in the commodity price environment. While we believe these operations are well-positioned to navigate a lower-price environment, we may reduce operations, such as reducing rigs or completion crews, in response to prolonged periods of decreased commodity prices, which would reduce our revenue generated by PhoenixOp and could have an adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows from operations.

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**Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2025 Compared to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2024**

The following table summarizes our consolidated results of operations for the periods indicated:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change	
	2025	2024 (As Restated)	\$	%
<b>Revenues</b>				
Mineral and royalty revenues	\$ 29,886	\$ 33,984	\$(4,098 )	(12 )%
Product sales	84,269	6,678	77,591	1,162 %
Water services	1,503	–	1,503	NM
Other revenues	89	18	71	394 %
Total revenues	<u>\$ 115,747</u>	<u>\$ 40,680</u>	<u>\$75,067</u>	<u>185 %</u>
<b>Operating expenses</b>				
Cost of sales	\$ 27,083	\$ 7,982	\$19,101	239 %
Depreciation, depletion, amortization, and accretion	31,225	13,405	17,820	133 %
Selling, general, and administrative	9,514	5,250	4,264	81 %
Payroll and payroll-related	7,929	4,825	3,104	64 %
Advertising and marketing	320	17	303	1,782 %
Loss on sale of assets	–	564	(564 )	(100 )%
Impairment expense	516	–	516	NM
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 76,587</u>	<u>\$ 32,043</u>	<u>\$44,544</u>	<u>139 %</u>
Income from operations	<u>\$ 39,160</u>	<u>\$ 8,637</u>	<u>\$30,523</u>	<u>353 %</u>
<b>Other income (expenses)</b>				
Interest income	\$ 689	\$ 22	\$667	3,032 %
Interest expense, net	(35,849 )	(16,921 )	(18,928)	(112 )%
Gain (loss) on derivatives	1,920	(67 )	1,987	(2,966)%
Loss on debt extinguishment	(321 )	(76 )	(245 )	322 %
Total other expenses	<u>\$ (33,561 )</u>	<u>\$ (17,042 )</u>	<u>\$ (16,519)</u>	<u>(97 )%</u>
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<u>\$ 5,599</u>	<u>\$ (8,405 )</u>	<u>\$14,004</u>	<u>167 %</u>

NM – not meaningful.

The following tables summarize our segment operating profit (loss) for the periods indicated:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31, 2025				
	Mineral and Non-operating	Operating	Securities	Eliminations	Total
Total revenues	\$ 29,924	\$85,772	\$29,841	\$(29,790 )	\$115,747
Total operating expenses	(22,266 )	(49,515)	(4,844 )	38	(76,587)
Segment operating profit (loss)	<u>\$ 7,658</u>	<u>\$36,257</u>	<u>\$24,997</u>	<u>\$(29,752 )</u>	<u>\$39,160</u>

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2024				
	Mineral and Non-operating	Operating	Securities	Eliminations	Total
(in thousands)					
Total revenues	\$ 33,995	\$6,678	\$15,561	\$(15,554 )	\$40,680
Total operating expenses	(23,504 )	(5,776 )	(2,774 )	11	(32,043)
Segment operating profit (loss)	<u>\$ 10,491</u>	<u>\$902</u>	<u>\$12,787</u>	<u>\$(15,543 )</u>	<u>\$8,637</u>

The following table summarizes our production data and average realized prices for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change	
	2025	2024	Amount	%
<b>Production Data:</b>				
Crude oil (Bbls)	1,552,609	578,411	974,198	168%
Natural gas (Mcf)	712,492	556,282	156,210	28 %
NGL (Bbls)	87,962	80,367	7,595	9 %
Total (BOE)(6:1)	1,759,320	751,492	1,007,828	134%
Average daily production (BOE/d) (6:1)	19,548	8,258	11,290	137%
<b>Average Realized Prices<sup>(a)</sup>:</b>				
Crude oil (Bbl)	\$ 70.50	\$ 64.51	\$5.99	9 %
Natural gas (Mcf)	\$3.13	\$ 2.48	\$0.65	26 %
NGL (Bbl)	\$27.95	\$ 24.48	\$3.47	14 %

(a) Average realized prices are net of certain post-production costs that are deducted from our royalties.

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**Revenues**

The following table shows the components of our revenue for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change	
	2025	2024	Amount	%
<b>Mineral and royalty revenues</b>				
Crude oil	\$ 26,263	\$ 30,760	\$(4,497 )	(15 )%
Natural gas	1,803	1,366	437	32 %
NGL	1,820	1,858	(38 )	(2 )%
<b>Total mineral and royalty revenues</b>	<b>29,886</b>	<b>33,984</b>	<b>(4,098 )</b>	<b>(12 )%</b>
<b>Product sales</b>				
Crude oil	83,202	6,554	76,648	1,169%
Natural gas	428	15	413	2,753%
NGL	639	109	530	486 %
<b>Total product sales</b>	<b>84,269</b>	<b>6,678</b>	<b>77,591</b>	<b>1,162%</b>
<b>Water services</b>	<b>1,503</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>1,503</b>	<b>NM</b>
<b>Other revenue</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>394 %</b>
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$ 115,747</b>	<b>\$ 40,680</b>	<b>\$75,067</b>	<b>185 %</b>

NM – not meaningful.

Revenue was \$115.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$40.7 million for the same period in 2024, an increase of \$75.1 million, or 185%. The increase was primarily attributable to a \$77.6 million increase in product sales generated from our direct drilling, extraction, and related oil and gas operating activities, partially offset by a \$4.1 million decrease in mineral and royalty revenues generated from our mineral and non-operating activities.

*Mineral and Non-Operating Segment*

Mineral and non-operating segment revenue was \$29.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$34.0 million for the same period in 2024, a decrease of \$4.1 million, or 12%. The decrease in segment revenue was primarily driven by decreased revenues from crude oil due to a 21% decrease in production volumes from our acquisitions of mineral and non-operated working interests in 2025 as compared to the same period in 2024, partially offset by a 7.8% increase in the average realized price for crude oil within the mineral and non-operating segment.

*Operating Segment*

Operating segment revenue was \$85.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$6.7 million for the same period in 2024, an increase of \$79.1 million, or 1,184%. The increase in segment revenue was driven by increased wells placed into service, of which there were 37 producing wells placed into service as of March 31, 2025, as compared to 10 producing wells in service as of March 31, 2024.

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### **Operating Expenses**

#### *Cost of Sales*

The following table shows the components of our cost of sales for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change	
	2025	2024	\$	%
Cost of sales				
Production taxes	\$ 10,206	\$ 3,892	\$6,314	162 %
Lease operating expenses	7,877	3,953	3,924	99 %
Production costs	9,000	137	8,863	6,469%
Total	<u>\$ 27,083</u>	<u>\$ 7,982</u>	<u>\$19,101</u>	<u>239 %</u>

Cost of sales was \$27.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$8.0 million for the same period in 2024, an increase of \$19.1 million, or 239%. The increase was primarily driven by increased drilling, extraction and related oil and gas operating activities associated with wells operated by PhoenixOp, partially offset by a decrease in cost of sales due to decreased production volumes from our acquisitions of mineral and non-operated working interests during the three months ended March 31, 2025 as compared to the same period in 2024.

#### Mineral and Non-Operating Segment

Mineral and non-operating segment cost of sales was \$4.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$6.4 million for the same period in 2024, a decrease of \$1.8 million, or 28%. The decrease in segment cost of sales was primarily driven by a 21% decrease in crude oil production volumes from our acquisitions of mineral and non-operated working interests during the three months ended March 31, 2025 as compared to the same period in 2024.

#### Operating Segment

Operating segment cost of sales was \$22.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$1.6 million for the same period in 2024, an increase of \$20.9 million, or 1,307%. The increase in segment cost of sales was driven by increased production from PhoenixOp, which commenced operated production in the first quarter of 2024. As of March 31, 2025, PhoenixOp had placed into service an additional 32 producing wells since March 31, 2024, resulting in increased lease operating expenses, production and *ad valorem* taxes, and production costs during the three months ended March 31, 2025 as compared to the same period in 2024.

#### *Depreciation, Depletion, Amortization, and Accretion Expense*

The following table shows the components of our depletion, depreciation, amortization, and accretion expense for the periods presented:

(in thousands)	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change	
	2025	2024 (As Restated)	\$	%
Depreciation, depletion, amortization, and accretion				
Depletion	\$ 31,258	\$ 13,251	\$18,007	136 %
Depreciation	5	81	(76 )	(94 )%
Accretion on asset retirement obligations	(38 )	73	(111 )	(152)%
Total	<u>\$ 31,225</u>	<u>\$ 13,405</u>	<u>\$17,820</u>	<u>133 %</u>

Depreciation, depletion, amortization, and accretion expense was \$31.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$13.4 million for the same period in 2024, an increase of \$17.8 million, or 133%, primarily due to a \$21.2 million increase in depletion expense within the operating segment driven by increases in our depletable cost bases and depletion rate, partially offset by a \$3.3 million decrease within the mineral and non-operating segment primarily due to decreases in the depletion rate in the first quarter of 2025.

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### Mineral and Non-Operating Segment

Depletion for the mineral and non-operating segment was \$8.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$11.6 million for the same period in 2024, a decrease of \$3.3 million, or 29%. The decrease in our segment depletion expense was predominantly driven by decreases in the depletion rate associated with our capitalized property acquisition costs and development capital expenditures during the three months ended March 31, 2025 as compared to the same period in 2024.

### Operating Segment

Depletion for the operating segment was \$23.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$1.8 million for the same period in 2024, an increase of \$21.2 million, or 1,169%, primarily due to increases in the depletable cost bases and increases in the depletion rate driven by increased production during the three months ended March 31, 2025 as compared to the same period in 2024.

### *Selling, General, and Administrative Expense*

Selling, general, and administrative expense was \$9.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$5.3 million for the same period in 2024, an increase of \$4.3 million, or 81%. The increase was primarily due to a \$1.7 million increase in fees associated with land acquisition and title work in our mineral and non-operating segment, a \$1.5 million increase in allocated corporate overhead, and a \$0.7 million increase in legal costs directly associated with our securities offerings, as further discussed below.

### Mineral and Non-Operating Segment

Selling, general, and administrative expense for the mineral and non-operating segment was \$4.9 million for three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$2.3 million for the same period in 2024, an increase of \$2.6 million, or 112%. The increase was primarily due to increased fees associated with land acquisition and title work of \$1.7 million and higher allocated corporate overhead of \$0.8 million during the three months ended March 31, 2025 as compared to the same period in 2024. This was primarily associated with our increased activity in acquiring leasehold and mineral assets.

### Operating Segment

Selling, general, and administrative expense for the operating segment was \$2.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025 as compared to \$1.3 million for the same period in 2024, an increase of \$0.7 million, or 53%, primarily due to increased allocated corporate overhead of \$0.5 million to the operating segment.

### Securities Segment

Selling, general, and administrative expense for the securities segment was \$2.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$1.6 million for the same period in 2024, an increase of \$1.0 million, or 59%. The increase was primarily due to increased legal costs directly associated with our securities offerings of \$0.7 million and increased allocated corporate overhead of \$0.2 million.

### *Payroll and Payroll-Related Expense*

Payroll and payroll-related expense was \$7.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$4.8 million for the same period in 2024, an increase of \$3.1 million, or 64%, primarily as a result of increased employee headcount and compensation. Employee headcount increased from 113 employees at March 31, 2024 to 154 employees at March 31, 2025.

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### Mineral and Non-Operating Segment

Payroll and payroll-related expense for the mineral and non-operating segment was \$4.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$2.6 million for the same period in 2024, an increase of \$1.3 million, or 52%, due to increased activity in acquiring leasehold and mineral assets.

### Operating Segment

Payroll and payroll-related expense for the operating segment was \$2.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$1.1 million for the same period in 2024, an increase of \$1.0 million, or 91%, primarily due to the increased number of personnel engaged in our oil and gas operating activities.

### Securities Segment

Payroll and payroll-related expense for the securities segment was \$2.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$1.2 million for the same period in 2024, an increase of \$0.8 million, or 69%, primarily due to the increased number of personnel engaged in the administration and management of our securities offerings.

### *Advertising and Marketing Expense*

Advertising and marketing expense was \$0.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to less than \$0.1 million for the same period in 2024, which was not material for any of the periods presented.

### *Loss on Sale of Assets*

Loss on sale of assets was \$0.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024, as result of the disposition of certain mineral interests in the Williston Basin within the mineral and non-operating segment, with no comparable activity in the current-year period.

### *Impairment Expense*

Impairment expense was \$0.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, primarily as a result of lease expirations within the mineral and non-operating segment, with no comparable activity in the prior-year period.

### ***Other Expenses***

#### *Interest Expense, Net*

Interest expense, net, was \$35.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$16.9 million for the same period in 2024, an increase of \$18.9 million, or 112%. The increase was primarily due to a \$11.9 million increase in interest costs associated with sales of our unregistered debt securities, which increased from \$497.9 million outstanding at March 31, 2024 to \$1,084.3 million outstanding at March 31, 2025, with no significant changes in interest rates between the periods, and \$8.2 million in interest costs associated with the Fortress Credit Agreement for the three months ended March 31, 2025 that did not occur in the prior-year period. The increase was partially offset by decreased interest costs of \$1.3 million associated with merchant cash advances and a line of credit which were previously outstanding as of March 31, 2024, but were repaid in full prior to 2025.



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**[Table of Contents](#)*****Gain (Loss) on Derivatives***

Gain on derivatives was \$1.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to a loss on derivatives of \$0.1 million for the same period in 2024, primarily due to changes in the forward commodity price curves for crude oil.

***Loss on Debt Extinguishment***

Loss on debt extinguishment was \$0.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$0.1 million for the same period in 2024. The increase was primarily due to increased write-offs of debt issuance costs associated with the redemption of bonds issued pursuant to Regulation A and Regulation D, of which \$2.6 million of bonds were redeemed during the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$1.0 million of bonds redeemed for the same period in 2024.

The following table summarizes the par value of bonds redeemed for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change	
	2025	2024	\$	%
(in thousands)				
August 2023 506(c) Bonds	\$ 1,593	\$ 250	\$1,343	537%
Reg A Bonds	319	517	(198 )	(38 )%
December 2022 506(c) Bonds	40	240	(200 )	(83 )%
Adamantium Bonds	500	–	500	NM
July 2022 506(c) Bonds	100	–	100	NM
Total	<u>\$ 2,552</u>	<u>\$ 1,007</u>	<u>\$1,545</u>	<u>153%</u>

NM – not meaningful.

***Non-GAAP Financial Measures***

Our management uses EBITDA to understand and compare our operating results across accounting periods, for internal budgeting and forecasting purposes, and to evaluate financial performance and liquidity, in each case, without regard to financing methods, capital structure, or historical cost basis. EBITDA is presented as supplemental disclosure as we believe it provides useful information to investors and others in understanding and evaluating our results, prospects, and liquidity period over period, including as compared to results of other companies. By providing this non-GAAP financial measure, together with a reconciliation to GAAP results, we believe we are enhancing investors' understanding of our business and our operating performance, as well as assisting investors in evaluating how well we are executing strategic initiatives.

EBITDA has important limitations as an analytical tool because it excludes some but not all items that affect net income (loss), the most directly comparable GAAP measure. In particular, EBITDA excludes certain material costs, such as interest expense, and certain non-cash charges, such as depreciation, depletion, amortization, and accretion expense, which have been necessary elements of our expenses. Because EBITDA does not account for these expenses, its utility as a measure of our operating performance has material limitations. Other companies may not publish this or similar metrics, and our computation of EBITDA may differ from computations of similarly titled measures of other companies. Therefore, our EBITDA should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, in isolation from, or superior to, our financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP, and should be read in conjunction with our condensed consolidated financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report.

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The following table shows a reconciliation of EBITDA to net income (loss), the most comparable GAAP measure, as presented in the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the periods presented:

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change	
	2025	2024 (Restated)	\$	%
(in thousands)				
Net income (loss)	\$ 5,599	\$ (8,405 )	\$14,004	(167 )%
Interest income	(689 )	(22 )	(667 )	3,032%
Interest expense	35,849	16,921	18,928	112 %
Depreciation, depletion, amortization, and accretion expense	31,225	13,405	17,820	133 %
EBITDA	\$ 71,984	\$ 21,899	\$50,085	229 %

EBITDA was \$72.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to \$21.9 million for the same period in 2024, an increase of \$50.1 million, or 229%. The increase in EBITDA was primarily driven by a \$75.1 million increase in consolidated revenues and a \$2.0 million increase in gain on derivatives due to changes in the forward commodity price curves for crude oil, partially offset by a \$26.7 million increase in operating expense (excluding depreciation, depletion, amortization, and accretion expense), primarily driven by increased cost of sales, increased selling, general and administrative expense and increased payroll and payroll-related expenses.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

### Overview

Our primary sources of liquidity are cash flows from operations, borrowings under credit agreements, and issuances of debt securities pursuant to Regulation D and Regulation A, including the Adamantium Securities and the Reg D/Reg A Bonds. Future sources of liquidity may also include other credit facilities, additional capital contributions, and continued issuances of debt or equity securities, including the Registered Notes. Our primary uses of cash are on the development and operation of PhoenixOp' s properties, the acquisition of mineral and royalty interests, lease operating expenses, and our proportionate share of production, severance, and *ad valorem* taxes for mineral and royalty interests, production costs, including gathering, processing, and transportation costs, debt service payments, the reduction of outstanding debt balances, general overhead and other corporate expenses, and distributions to our members. As we continue to engage in increased drilling and direct production activities through PhoenixOp, we expect development and operation of PhoenixOp' s properties to become an increasingly significant use of our cash. As of March 31, 2025, we had cash and cash equivalents of \$35.4 million and outstanding indebtedness of \$1,084.3 million.

As of March 31, 2025, we had \$132.9 million of debt coming due and \$81.4 million of interest payable within the next 12 months. Over the next 12 months, we expect to drill between 75 to 85 gross and 45.0 to 51.0 net wells across our operated leasehold acreage in the Bakken/Willison Basin in North Dakota and Montana, and expect to participate in the drilling of approximately between 115 to 165 gross and 11.3 to 16.1 net wells across our non-operated leasehold. We estimate that these direct drilling operations and non-operated activity will require between \$750.0 million and \$850.0 million of capital expenditures over the next 12 months.

Our ability to finance our operations, including funding capital expenditures and acquisitions, to meet our indebtedness obligations, or to refinance our indebtedness, will depend on our ability to generate cash in the future. Although we expect that our cash flows from operations will be sufficient to meet our fixed obligations, to fully realize our business plan we expect that we will need to raise approximately \$400 million in capital in 2025 through the incurrence of additional debt. We believe that these sources of liquidity will be sufficient to meet our cash requirements, including normal operating needs, debt service obligations, and capital expenditures, for at least the next 12 months, and will allow us to continue to execute on our strategy of expanding our direct drilling operations through PhoenixOp and acquiring attractive mineral and royalty interests in order to position us to grow our cash flows.

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We periodically assess changes in current and projected cash flows, acquisition and divestiture activities, and other factors to determine the effects on our liquidity. Our ability to generate cash is subject to a number of factors, many of which are beyond our control, including commodity prices, weather, and general economic, financial, competitive, legislative, regulatory, and other factors. We are currently monitoring our operations and industry developments, including our drilling operations and production plans, in light of recent changes in the commodity price environment and industry volatility. Recently, oil and natural gas prices dropped significantly, going from \$71.20 per barrel and \$3.95 per MMBtu as of April 1, 2025 to \$63.32 per barrel and \$3.19 per MMBtu, respectively, as of May 12, 2025, which prices are below those assumed for purposes of our business plan. While we believe the company is well-positioned to navigate a lower-price environment, in the event of a prolonged period of commodity prices below those assumed for purposes of our business plan, our cash flows from operations would decrease and we may determine to adjust our business plan by adjusting capital expenditures, decreasing drilling operations, and/or reducing production plans, among other actions. We may also be required to raise additional capital, above our current expectations, in order to fully realize our current or adjusted business plan. See *“Risk Factors–Risks Related to Our Business and Operations–Our business is sensitive to the price of oil and gas and sustained declines in prices may adversely affect our financial position, financial results, cash flows, access to capital, and ability to grow.”* If cash flow from operations does not meet our expectations, we may reduce our expected level of capital expenditures. If we require additional capital for acquisitions or other reasons, we may raise such capital through additional borrowings, asset sales, offerings of equity and debt securities, or other means. We cannot assure you that necessary capital will be available on acceptable terms or at all. Our ability to raise funds through the incurrence of additional indebtedness could be limited by covenants in our debt arrangements. If we are unable to obtain funds when needed or on acceptable terms, we may not be able to complete acquisitions that are favorable to us or finance the capital expenditures necessary to maintain our production or proved reserves. See *“Risk Factors.”*

We or our affiliates may from time to time seek to repurchase or retire the Registered Notes or our other indebtedness through cash purchases and/or exchanges for equity or debt securities, in open-market purchases, privately negotiated transactions, tender or exchange offers, or otherwise. Such repurchases or exchanges, if any, will depend on prevailing market conditions, our liquidity, contractual restrictions, and other factors. The amounts involved may be material. For more information regarding the material terms of our outstanding indebtedness, see *“Indebtedness”* below.

## Cash Flows

The following table summarizes our cash flows for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change	
	2025	2024 (As Restated)	\$	%
(in thousands)				
Net cash provided by (used in):				
Operating activities	\$ 15,865	\$ 11,248	\$4,617	41 %
Investing activities	(182,275 )	(88,563 )	(93,712)	106 %
Financing activities	80,962	74,351	6,611	9 %
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ (85,448 )</u>	<u>\$ (2,964 )</u>	<u>\$ (82,484)</u>	<u>2,783%</u>

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### *Operating Activities*

Net cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2025 was \$15.9 million, as compared to \$11.2 million for the same period in 2024, an increase of \$4.6 million in net cash provided by operating activities. The increase was primarily due to a \$30.5 million increase in net income, adjusted for non-cash charges of \$16.5 million, and net unfavorable fluctuations of \$25.9 million from changes in operating assets and liabilities. The \$25.9 million cash outflow from changes in operating assets and liabilities was primarily due to a net decrease of \$27.2 million in accounts receivable, earnest payments, and accounts payable, and a net increase of \$4.4 million in accrued and other liabilities, primarily due to the timing of cash receipts and payments during the three months ended March 31, 2025 as compared to the same period in 2024.

### *Investing Activities*

Net cash used in investing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2025 was \$182.3 million, as compared to \$88.6 million for the same period in 2024, an increase of \$93.7 million in net cash used in investing activities. The increase was primarily driven by an \$87.5 million increase in additions to oil and gas properties, primarily due to increased drilling and completion activities in our operating segment during the three months ended March 31, 2025, as compared to the same period in 2024, and \$6.2 million of proceeds received in connection with the disposition of mineral interests during the three months ended March 31, 2024 that did not recur in the current year period.

### *Financing Activities*

Net cash provided by financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2025 was \$81.0 million, as compared to \$74.4 million for the same period in 2024, an increase of \$6.6 million in net cash provided by financing activities. The increase was primarily driven by increased proceeds from issuances of debt, net of debt discount, of \$11.2 million and a \$0.8 million decrease in payments of deferred closings associated with mineral interest acquisitions, partially offset by a \$2.5 million increase in repayments of debt, a \$2.5 million increase in payments of debt issuance costs, and a \$0.3 million decrease in members' contributions.

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**Indebtedness**

Set forth below is a chart of our outstanding third-party indebtedness as of March 31, 2025 (dollars in thousands):

Indebtedness	Offering Commencement	Principal Amount Outstanding	Term	Earliest Maturity	Latest Maturity	Interest Rate
<b>Secured</b>						
Fortress Credit Agreement <sup>(1)</sup>	N/A	\$250,000	3 years	–	12/18/2027	Term SOFR + 7.10%
Adamantium Secured Note <sup>(2)</sup>	N/A	7,000	7 years	–	11/1/2031	16.5 %
<b>Unsecured</b>						
Reg A Bonds <sup>(3)</sup>	12/23/2021	99,577	3 years	4/10/2025	8/10/2027	9.0 %
2020 506(b) Bonds <sup>(4)</sup>	7/20/2020	940	2 years	–	5/31/2025	5.0 %
2020 506(c) Bonds <sup>(4)</sup>	10/22/2020	1,448	1-4 years	9/30/2025	6/27/2027	13.0% - 15.0 %
July 2022 506(c) Bonds <sup>(4)</sup>	7/20/2022	10,147	5 years	7/31/2027	12/31/2027	11.0 %
December 2022 506(c) Bonds <sup>(5)</sup> :						
Series B	12/22/2022	15,889	3 years	4/10/2025	10/10/2026	10.0 %
Series C	12/22/2022	9,589	5 years	12/10/2027	9/10/2028	11.0 %
Series D	12/22/2022	40,410	7 years	12/10/2029	10/10/2030	12.0 %
August 2023 506(c) Bonds <sup>(5)</sup> :						
Series U, AA, and FF	8/29/2023	84,497	1 year	4/10/2025	3/10/2026	9.0% - 10.0 %
Series V, BB, and GG	8/29/2023	75,278	3 years	8/10/2026	3/10/2028	10.0% - 11.0 %
Series W, CC, and HH	8/29/2023	45,989	5 years	8/10/2028	3/10/2030	11.0% - 12.0 %
Series X, DD, and II	8/29/2023	68,471	7 years	9/10/2030	3/10/2032	12.0% - 13.0 %
Series Y	8/29/2023	3,908	9 years	9/10/2032	9/10/2033	12.5 %
Series Z, EE, and JJ	8/29/2023	215,147	11 years	8/10/2034	3/10/2036	13.0% - 14.0 %
<i>Total Reg D/Reg A Bonds</i>		671,290				
Adamantium Bonds <sup>(6)</sup>	9/29/2023	156,048	5-11 years	1/10/2029	3/10/2036	13.0% - 16.0 %
<i>Total Unsecured Debt</i>		827,338				
<b>Total Debt</b>		<b>\$1,084,338</b>				

- (1) The Fortress Credit Agreement provides for a \$100.0 million term loan facility, borrowed in full on August 12, 2024, a \$35.0 million delayed draw term loan facility, which was fully drawn in October 2024, and a \$115.0 million term loan facility, borrowed in full on December 18, 2024, and a \$50.0 million term loan facility, of which \$25.0 million was borrowed on April 16, 2025 and \$25.0 million was borrowed on May 9, 2025. Amount displayed does not include amounts drawn after March 31, 2025. The Fortress Credit Agreement also provides for an \$8.5 million tranche of loans that represents a contingent principal obligation that is only due and payable (together with accrued interest thereon) upon certain conditions occurring, including payment defaults under the Fortress Credit Agreement or a bankruptcy filing by the obligors thereunder. See “–Fortress Credit Agreement.”
- (2) The Adamantium Secured Note is contractually subordinated to amounts under the Fortress Credit Agreement, contractually senior to the Adamantium Bonds and the Registered Notes, and structurally senior to the Reg D/Reg A Bonds and the Registered Notes to the extent of the value of Adamantium’s assets, including the collateral securing the Adamantium Loan Agreement.

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- (3) The Reg A Bonds are *pari passu* obligations with the Senior Reg D Bonds, and are contractually senior to obligations under the Subordinated Reg D Bonds and the Registered Notes.
- (4) The Senior Reg D Bonds are *pari passu* obligations with the Reg A Bonds, are contractually subordinated to amounts under the Fortress Credit Agreement, and are contractually senior to obligations under the Subordinated Reg D Bonds and the Registered Notes.
- (5) The Subordinated Reg D Bonds are contractually subordinated to obligations under the Fortress Credit Agreement, the Reg A Bonds, the Senior Reg D Bonds and the Registered Notes. Between April 1, 2025 and April 30, 2025, we issued an additional \$40.3 million of August 2023 506(c) Bonds, with maturities ranging from March 2026 to April 2036 and interest rates between 9.0% and 14.0% *per annum*.
- (6) The Adamantium Bonds are contractually subordinated to amounts under the Fortress Credit Agreement and the Adamantium Secured Note, structurally senior to the Reg D/Reg A Bonds to the extent of the value of Adamantium's assets, including the collateral securing the Adamantium Loan Agreement, and are contractually senior to the obligations under the Registered Notes. Between April 1, 2025 and April 30, 2025, we issued an additional \$14.3 million of Adamantium Bonds (and borrowed a corresponding amount under the Adamantium Loan Agreement), with maturities ranging from March 2030 to April 2036 and interest rates between 13.0% and 16.0% *per annum*.

### *ANB Credit Agreement*

The Issuer and PhoenixOp were borrowers under that certain Commercial Credit Agreement (the "ANB Credit Agreement"), which they entered into with Amarillo National Bank, a national banking association ("ANB") on July 24, 2023. The ANB Credit Agreement provided for a \$30.0 million revolving credit loan by ANB, and, as of June 30, 2024, the outstanding balance was \$30.0 million. The proceeds from the borrowing under the ANB Credit Agreement were used in part to repay in full our outstanding facility with Cortland Credit Lending Corporation. ANB's commitments under the ANB Credit Agreement and the loans thereunder were initially scheduled to terminate and mature, and be due and payable in full, on July 24, 2024. On July 24, 2024, we entered into an agreement that extended ANB's commitments and the maturity of the loans under the ANB Credit Agreement to September 24, 2024. We fully repaid all amounts owed under the ANB Credit Agreement on August 12, 2024 in connection with entering into the Fortress Credit Agreement.

### *Fortress Credit Agreement*

The Issuer and PhoenixOp, as borrower, entered into the Fortress Credit Agreement with Fortress on August 12, 2024. The Fortress Credit Agreement provides for a \$100.0 million term loan facility (the "**Fortress Term Loan**"), borrowed in full on August 12, 2024, and a \$35.0 million delayed draw term loan facility, which was borrowed in full on October 11, 2024 (any loans thereunder, together with the Fortress Term Loan, the "**Fortress Tranche A Loans**"). On December 18, 2024, the Fortress Credit Agreement was amended to, among other things, provide for a new tranche of term loans (the "**Fortress Tranche C Loan**") in an aggregate principal amount of \$115.0 million that was borrowed in full on December 18, 2024. On April 16, 2025, the Fortress Credit Agreement was further amended to, among other things, establish a new tranche of term loans (the "**Fortress Tranche D Loans**") in an aggregate principal amount of \$50.0 million, with \$25.0 million aggregate principal amount borrowed on April 16, 2025 and \$25.0 million aggregate principal amount borrowed on May 9, 2025. The Fortress Credit Agreement also includes an \$8.5 million tranche of loans (the "**Fortress Tranche B Loan**") and, together with the Fortress Tranche A Loans, the Fortress Tranche C Loan, and the Fortress Tranche D Loans, the "**Fortress Loans**"), which represents a contingent principal obligation that is only due and payable (together with accrued interest thereon) if subject to

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certain exceptions, either (a) the Company has not paid in full all outstanding principal and accrued interest on the Fortress Loans in cash by March 31, 2027 or (b) an Event of Default (as defined in the Fortress Credit Agreement) has occurred resulting from the failure to pay principal or interest when due under the terms and conditions of the Fortress Credit Agreement.

Obligations under the Fortress Credit Agreement are secured by substantially all of the assets of Phoenix Equity and its subsidiaries that have guaranteed the obligations of the obligors under the Fortress Credit Agreement, subject to certain exceptions (the Issuer, PhoenixOp, and such subsidiaries, collectively, the “*Credit Parties*”). Furthermore, pursuant to that certain Assignment of Loans and Liens, dated as of August 12, 2024, among the Issuer, Phoenix Operating, ANB, Fortress, as administrative agent and as collateral agent, and the new lenders party thereto, ANB assigned, and Fortress assumed, all security interests granted by the Credit Parties in favor of ANB under the ANB Credit Agreement. The lenders under the Fortress Credit Agreement also purchased and assumed from ANB all of the outstanding extensions of credit made by ANB under the ANB Credit Agreement. As a result of the foregoing, the ANB Credit Agreement and all related documentation ceased to be of any force and effect.

The Fortress Term Loan and the Fortress Tranche B Loan were each subject to OID of 10.59907834%, and each of the Fortress Tranche A Loans made under the delayed draw term loan facility, the Fortress Tranche C Loan, and the Fortress Tranche D Loans were subject to 3.00% OID.

Borrowings under the Fortress Credit Agreement bear interest at a rate per annum equal to Term SOFR (as defined in the Fortress Credit Agreement) plus 0.10% plus 7.00%. Interest on the Fortress Tranche A Loans and Fortress Tranche C Loan is payable quarterly in arrears. The outstanding principal amount of the Fortress Loans (including, if applicable, the Fortress Tranche B Loan) must be repaid as follows: (i) on December 31, 2026, \$150.0 million of the outstanding principal amount of the Fortress Loans less the aggregate amount of all voluntary prepayments and mandatory prepayments made as of December 31, 2026; and (ii) the remaining aggregate outstanding principal amount on December 18, 2027. In connection with any payment in full of the Fortress Loans (whether by voluntary prepayment, acceleration, or on the maturity date), PhoenixOp will pay a repayment premium in an amount sufficient to achieve a MOIC (as defined in the Fortress Credit Agreement) of 1.18.

The Fortress Credit Agreement contains various customary affirmative and negative covenants, as well as financial covenants. The Fortress Credit Agreement requires the Issuer to maintain (a) a maximum total secured leverage ratio (i) as of the last day of any fiscal quarter ending on or before December 31, 2025 of less than or equal to 2.00 to 1.00 (commencing with the fiscal quarter ending December 31, 2024), and (ii) as of the last day of any fiscal quarter ending on or after March 31, 2026 of less than or equal to 1.50 to 1.00, (b) a minimum current ratio as of the last day of each calendar month of (i) 0.90 to 1.00 from September 30, 2024 through October 31, 2024, (ii) 0.80 to 1.00 from November 30, 2024 through November 30, 2025, (iii) 0.90 to 1.00 from December 31, 2025 through December 31, 2026, and (iv) 1.00 to 1.00 for each calendar month ending thereafter, and (c) a minimum asset coverage ratio as of the last day of any fiscal quarter (i) ending during the period from June 30, 2024 through December 31, 2024, of at least 2.00 to 1.00, (ii) ending during the period from March 31, 2025 through September 30, 2025, of at least 1.70 to 1.00, and (iii) ending during the period from December 31, 2025 and thereafter, of at least 2.00 to 1.00. The Fortress Credit Agreement also places certain limits on the Issuer’s ability to incur additional indebtedness, including the issuance of unsecured notes or bonds and accounts receivable factoring arrangements. As of March 31, 2025, we believe we were in compliance with all of the financial covenants contained in the Fortress Credit Agreement.

The Fortress Credit Agreement contains customary events of default, including, but not limited to, nonpayment of the Fortress Tranche A Loans or Fortress Tranche C Loan and any other material indebtedness, material inaccuracies of representations and warranties, violations of covenants, certain bankruptcies and liquidations, certain material judgments, and certain events related to the security documents.

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As described above, a portion of the proceeds from the Fortress Term Loan was used to pay all amounts owed under the ANB Credit Agreement. The Issuer and PhoenixOp will use the remaining proceeds of the Fortress Loans to finance the development of oil and gas properties in accordance with the approved plan of development as provided in the Fortress Credit Agreement.

### ***Adamantium Debt***

Adamantium was formed on June 21, 2023, as a wholly owned financing subsidiary of the Issuer for the purpose of undertaking financing efforts under Regulation D and subsequently loaning amounts to the Issuer and/or its subsidiaries, as needed. Adamantium offers high net worth individuals Adamantium Bonds pursuant to an offering under Rule 506(c) of Regulation D that commenced in September 2023, and does not expect to undertake financing efforts under Regulation A. Adamantium has in the past, and may in the future, issue debt securities in other offerings exempt from registration under the Securities Act under Section 4(a)(2) thereof or any other available exemption, including, for example, the Adamantium Secured Note.

On September 14, 2023, the Issuer, as borrower, entered into the Adamantium Loan Agreement with Adamantium, as lender. On October 30, 2023, the Issuer, Adamantium, and PhoenixOp entered into an amendment to the Adamantium Loan Agreement to add PhoenixOp as a borrower, and on November 1, 2024 entered into another amendment to increase the loan amount thereunder. The Adamantium Loan Agreement provides for up to \$407.0 million in aggregate principal amount of borrowings in one or more advances, comprising \$400.0 million from the proceeds of Adamantium Bonds and \$7.0 million from the proceeds of the Adamantium Secured Note. Adamantium may, but is not guaranteed to, issue \$400.0 million in aggregate principal amount of Adamantium Bonds to fund advances to the Issuer and PhoenixOp pursuant to the Adamantium Loan Agreement. The timing of any advance under the Adamantium Loan Agreement is contingent upon Adamantium's receipt of proceeds from the sale of Adamantium Securities. Each advance will have a maturity and interest rate that matches the terms of the respective Adamantium Securities sold prior to such advance and to which such advance relates. We expect to use the proceeds of borrowings under the Adamantium Loan Agreement (i) to purchase mineral rights and non-operated working interests, as well as additional asset acquisitions, (ii) to finance potential drilling and exploration operations of one or more subsidiaries (including PhoenixOp), and (iii) for other working capital needs.

As of March 31, 2025, \$156.0 million aggregate principal amount of Adamantium Bonds was outstanding, with maturity dates ranging from five to eleven years from the issue date and interest rates ranging from 13.0% to 16.0% *per annum*, and \$7.0 million aggregate principal amount was outstanding under the Adamantium Secured Note, which initially matures in November 2031, has an interest rate of 16.5% *per annum*, and is secured by Adamantium's rights under the Adamantium Loan Agreement, and, in each case, the corollary amount of borrowings was outstanding under the Adamantium Loan Agreement. Between April 1, 2025 and April 30, 2025, we issued an additional \$14.3 million of Adamantium Bonds (and borrowed a corresponding amount under the Adamantium Loan Agreement), with maturities ranging from March 2030 to April 2036 and interest rates between 13.0% and 16.0% *per annum*.

The Adamantium Securities contain customary events of default and may be redeemed at the option of Adamantium at any time without premium or penalty. The holders of Adamantium Bonds also have a right to request redemption of their bonds in certain circumstances at a discount to par, subject to a limit of 10% of the then-outstanding principal amount of Adamantium Bonds in any given calendar year. The holder of the Adamantium Secured Note has the right to request redemption of its note at par, subject to a limit of \$5.0 million in aggregate principal amount of the Adamantium Secured Note in any 12-month period.

Amounts loaned under the Adamantium Loan Agreement are secured by mortgages on certain of our properties, which mortgages are junior to the security interest under the Fortress Credit Agreement and other existing and future senior secured indebtedness. The aggregate outstanding amount of all advances under the Adamantium Loan Agreement may not exceed 100% of the aggregate total discounted present value of the junior mortgages serving as collateral thereunder, after



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deducting any allocable amount securing any of our outstanding senior indebtedness (the “*Adamantium Loan-to-Value Ratio*”). The value of such collateral will be determined by one or more reserve studies performed by a third party retained by us on an annual basis. In the event the aggregate amount outstanding under the Adamantium Loan Agreement exceeds the Adamantium Loan-to-Value Ratio, we may cure such deficiency by either pledging additional collateral or repaying a portion of the borrowings under the Adamantium Loan Agreement until the Adamantium Loan-to-Value Ratio is achieved.

At the option of Adamantium, an advance may be made on either (i) a current basis, whereby the Issuer makes interest-only monthly payments in cash to Adamantium on the tenth day of each month or (ii) an accrual basis, whereby interest is compounded monthly and the Issuer will pay all accrued and unpaid interest at maturity of the respective advance. Interest will accrue a full pro rata portion of the annual rate of interest for each calendar month regardless of the number of days an advance is outstanding during such calendar month, on the same terms as the interest payable on the Adamantium Securities sold prior to such advance and to which such advance relates. On each respective maturity date for advances made on both a current and accrual basis, the outstanding principal amount, together with all accrued and unpaid interest thereon, will mature and be due and payable to Adamantium. To the extent the Adamantium Securities are accelerated or prepaid, in whole or in part, the Issuer will be obligated to pay or prepay, in whole or in part, all or any part of any outstanding indebtedness under the Adamantium Loan Agreement so as to satisfy the obligations and terms of the accelerated or prepaid Adamantium Securities. Adamantium will use any amounts repaid under the Adamantium Loan Agreement to repay the corresponding Adamantium Securities. The Adamantium Loan Agreement is not a revolving facility and the Issuer may not reborrow amounts repaid.

The Adamantium Loan Agreement can be amended or waived with the consent of the Issuer and Adamantium, including in order to change the amount, rate, payment terms, collateral package, and borrowers thereunder. The consent of holders of the Adamantium Securities, the Reg D/Reg A Bonds, and/or the Registered Notes is not required for any amendment or waiver of the Adamantium Loan Agreement, and any such amendment or waiver may be adverse to the interests of such holders. Because Adamantium is a wholly owned financing subsidiary of the Issuer with common management, there exists the potential for conflicts of interest with respect to decisions regarding the Adamantium Loan Agreement, including with respect to waivers and amendments thereto. Management is committed to fulfilling its fiduciary duties and operating in good faith.

### ***Reg D/Reg A Bonds***

As of March 31, 2025, the Issuer had \$671.3 million aggregate principal amount outstanding of unsecured bonds issued pursuant to Regulation D or Regulation A, consisting of:

- (a) \$12.5 million aggregate principal amount outstanding of Senior Reg D Bonds, which rank pari passu with the Reg A Bonds, are contractually subordinated to amounts under the Fortress Credit Agreement, are contractually senior to obligations under the Subordinated Reg D Bonds and the Registered Notes, comprising:
  - (i) \$0.9 million aggregate principal amount outstanding of 2020 506(b) Bonds, which are unsecured bonds offered and sold pursuant to an offering under Rule 506(b) of Regulation D that commenced in July 2020 and terminated in September 2021, with initial maturity dates ranging from one to four years from the issue date and an interest rate of 5.0% per annum;
  - (ii) \$1.4 million aggregate principal amount outstanding of 2020 506(c) Bonds, which are unsecured bonds offered and sold pursuant to an offering under Rule 506(c) of Regulation D that commenced in October 2020 and terminated in July 2022, with maturity dates ranging from one to four years from the issue date and interest rates ranging from 13.0% to 15.0% per annum; and

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- (iii) \$10.1 million aggregate principal amount outstanding of July 2022 506(c) Bonds, which are unsecured bonds offered and sold pursuant to an offering under Rule 506(c) of Regulation D that commenced in July 2022 and terminated in December 2022, with a maturity date of five years from the issue date and an interest rate of 11.0% per annum;
- (b) \$559.2 million aggregate principal amount outstanding of Subordinated Reg D Bonds, which are contractually subordinated to obligations under the Fortress Credit Agreement, the Reg A Bonds, the Senior Reg D Bonds, and the Registered Notes, comprising:
  - (i) \$65.9 million aggregate principal amount outstanding of Series AAA through Series D-1 December 2022 506(c) Bonds, which are unsecured bonds offered and sold pursuant to an offering under Rule 506(c) of Regulation D that commenced in December 2022 and terminated in August 2023, with maturity dates ranging from nine months to seven years from the issue date and interest rates ranging from 8.0% to 12.0% per annum; and
  - (ii) \$493.3 million aggregate principal amount outstanding of Series U through Series JJ-1 August 2023 506(c) Bonds, which are unsecured bonds offered and sold to date pursuant to an offering under Rule 506(c) of Regulation D that commenced in August 2023 with maturity dates ranging from one to eleven years from the issue date and interest rates ranging from 9.0% to 14.0% per annum; and
- (c) \$99.6 million aggregate principal amount outstanding of Reg A Bonds, which are unsecured bonds offered and sold to date pursuant to an offering under Regulation A, which commenced in December 2021 and are being offered on a continuous basis, which Reg A Bonds rank pari passu with the Senior Reg D Bonds, are contractually senior to obligations under the Subordinated Reg D Bonds, and will be contractually senior to obligations under the Registered Notes.

The Reg D/Reg A Bonds contain customary events of default. The Reg D/Reg A Bonds may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer at any time without premium or penalty. The Issuer will also be obligated to offer to holders of Reg A Bonds the right to have their Reg A Bonds repurchased upon a change of control (as described in the indenture governing the Reg A Bonds). The holders of Reg D/Reg A Bonds (other than the 2020 506(b) Bonds and 2020 506(c) Bonds) also have a right to request redemption of their bonds in certain circumstances at a discount to par, subject to a limit of 10% of the then-outstanding principal amount of the applicable series in any given calendar year.

Between April 1, 2025 and April 30, 2025, the Issuer issued an additional \$40.3 million of August 2023 506(c) Bonds with maturities ranging from March 2026 to April 2036 and interest rates between 9.0% and 14.0% per annum.

## ***Registered Notes***

In October 2024, the Issuer filed a registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-282862) (the “**Registration Statement**”) with the SEC with respect to the continuous offering of up to \$750.0 million aggregate principal amount of Registered Notes with maturity dates ranging from three to eleven years from the issue date and interest rates ranging from 9.0% to 12.0% per annum. The Registration Statement was declared effective on May 14, 2025, but as of the date of this Quarterly Report we have not issued any Registered Notes. The Registered Notes, when issued, will be contractually senior to the Subordinated Reg D Bonds and contractually subordinated to the Fortress Credit Agreement, the Adamantium Debt, and the Senior Reg D/Reg A Bonds.

The Registered Notes contain customary events of default. The Registered Notes may be redeemed at the option of the Issuer at any time without premium or penalty. The holders of Registered Notes also have a right to request redemption of their notes in certain circumstances at a discount to par, subject to a limit of 10% of the then-outstanding principal amount of the applicable series in any given calendar year.

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### **Critical Accounting Estimates**

Our critical accounting policies are described under the heading “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations–Critical Accounting Policies and Use of Estimates” in the prospectus for our offering of Registered Notes, dated as of May 14, 2025, and filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b)(4) on May 14, 2025 and the notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements appearing elsewhere in this Quarterly Report. During the three months ended March 31, 2025 there were no material changes to our critical accounting policies from those discussed in such prospectus.

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

See “Part I. Item 1. Financial Statements–Note 2 – Significant Accounting Policies” of the notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report, for recent accounting pronouncements not yet adopted, if any.

### **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

We are exposed to market risk, including the effects of adverse changes in commodity prices and interest rates or from counterparty and customer credit risk, each as described below. The primary objective of the following information is to provide quantitative and qualitative information about our potential exposure to market risks. These disclosures are not meant to be precise indicators of expected future losses, but rather indicators of reasonably possible losses. This forward-looking information provides indicators of how we view and manage our ongoing market risk exposures. All of our instruments that are sensitive to market risk were entered into for purposes other than speculative trading. Also, gains and losses on these instruments are generally offset by losses and gains on the offsetting expenses.

#### ***Commodity Price Risk***

Our major market risk exposure is in the pricing applicable to the oil, NGL, and natural gas production of our E&P operators, including PhoenixOp, which affects our revenue from PhoenixOp and the royalty payments we receive from our other E&P operators. Realized pricing is primarily driven by the prevailing worldwide price for crude oil and spot market prices applicable to our natural gas production. Pricing for oil, NGL, and natural gas has been volatile and unpredictable for several years, and this volatility is expected to continue in the future. The prices that our E&P operators receive for oil, NGL, and natural gas production depend on many factors outside of their and our control, such as the strength of the global economy and global supply and demand for the commodities they produce.

To reduce the impact of fluctuations in oil, NGL, and natural gas prices on our revenues, we periodically enter into commodity derivative contracts with respect to certain of our oil, NGL, and natural gas production through various transactions that limit the risks of fluctuations of future prices. Additionally, we are required to hedge a portion of anticipated oil production pursuant to certain covenants under the Fortress Credit Agreement. As a part of our derivative contracts, as of March 31, 2025, over the next three years, we had nearly 4.6 million Bbl hedged at a weighted average strike price of \$63.57 per Bbl, which would generate revenues of approximately \$290 million over the same period, assuming a price of \$0 per Bbl. We plan to continue our practice of entering into such transactions to reduce the impact of commodity price volatility on our net cash provided by operating activities. Future transactions may include additional price swaps, whereby we will receive a fixed price for our production and pay a variable market price to the contract counterparty, or collars, whereby we would receive the excess, if any, of the fixed floor over the floating rate or pay the excess, if any, of the floating rate over the fixed ceiling. These hedging activities are intended to limit our exposure to product price volatility and to reduce the impact of commodity price volatility on our net cash provided by operating activities.

By using derivative instruments to economically limit exposure to changes in commodity prices, we expose ourselves to credit risk and market risk. Credit risk is the failure of the counterparty to perform under the terms of the derivative contract. When the fair value of a derivative contract is positive, the counterparty owes us, which creates credit risk. See “–Counterparty and Customer Credit Risk” below.

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The fair market value of our commodity derivative contracts was a net liability of \$4.5 million as of March 31, 2025. Based upon our open commodity derivative positions at March 31, 2025, a hypothetical 10% increase in the NYMEX WTI price would increase our net derivative liability position by \$37.8 million, while a 10% decrease in the NYMEX WTI price would decrease our net liability position by \$37.0 million.

A \$1.00 per Bbl change in our realized oil price would have resulted in a \$0.5 million and a \$1.6 million change in our oil revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2025, respectively. A \$0.10 per Mcf change in our realized natural gas price would have resulted in a \$0.1 million change and a less than \$0.1 million change in our natural gas revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2025, respectively. A \$1.00 per Bbl change in NGL prices would have resulted in a \$0.1 million change and a less than \$0.1 million change in our NGL revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2025, respectively. Revenues from oil sales contributed 91.7% and 94.6%, revenues from natural gas sales contributed 3.4% and 1.9%, and revenues from NGL sales contributed 4.8% and 2.1% of our consolidated revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2025, respectively.

### ***Interest Rate Risk***

Our primary exposure to interest rate risk results from outstanding borrowings under our credit facilities, which bear interest at a floating rate. The average interest rate incurred when such facility was outstanding on our borrowings under the Fortress Credit Agreement during the three months ended March 31, 2025 was 11.4%. Assuming no change in the amount of borrowings under the Fortress Credit Agreement outstanding, a hypothetical 100 basis point increase or decrease in the average interest rate under these borrowings would increase or decrease our interest expense on those borrowings on an annual basis by approximately \$2.5 million. See “*Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations–Liquidity and Capital Resources–Indebtedness–Fortress Credit Agreement.*”

### ***Counterparty and Customer Credit Risk***

Our cash and cash equivalents are exposed to concentrations of credit risk. We manage and control this risk by investing these funds in major financial institutions. We often have balances in excess of the federally insured limits.

Our derivative contracts expose us to credit risk in the event of nonperformance by counterparties. We evaluate the credit standing of such counterparties as we deem appropriate. We have determined that our counterparties have an acceptable credit risk for the size of derivative position placed; therefore, we do not require collateral or other security from our counterparties. Additionally, we use master netting arrangements to minimize credit risk exposure.

Our principal exposures to credit risk are through receivables generated by the production activities of our operators and product sales from the delivery of commodities that we extract and deliver to purchasers. For the three months ended March 31, 2025, eleven third-party E&P operators made up 23% of our consolidated revenue, and one purchaser of our commodities made up 66% of our consolidated revenue, as compared to eight third-party E&P operators that made up 57% of our consolidated revenue and one purchaser of our commodities that made up 16% of our consolidated revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2024. Similarly, as of March 31, 2025, we had concentrations in accounts receivable of 20%, 15%, and 14% with three third-party E&P operators, as compared to 17%, 15%, and 13% with three third-party E&P operators as of December 31, 2024. Although we are exposed to a concentration of credit risk due to our reliance on our operators, we do not believe the loss of any single purchaser would materially impact our operating results as crude oil and natural gas are fungible products with well-established markets and numerous purchasers. If multiple purchasers were to cease making purchases at or around the same time, we believe there would be challenges initially, but there would be ample markets to handle the disruption. Additionally, recent rulings in bankruptcy cases involving our third-party E&P operators have stipulated that royalty owners must still be paid for oil, gas, and NGL extracted from their mineral acreage during the bankruptcy process. In light of this, we do not expect the entry of one of our operators into bankruptcy proceedings would materially affect our operating results.

Furthermore, as PhoenixOp increases the extent of its operations and generates revenue from the sale of crude oil and natural gas delivered to purchasers, we expect that our concentration of revenue and accounts receivable among a limited number of third-party E&P operators will decrease, and we will achieve greater control over the terms of the sales agreements entered into among PhoenixOp and the purchasers.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

***Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls and Procedures***

In designing and evaluating our disclosure controls and procedures, management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives. In addition, the design of disclosure controls and procedures must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints and that management is required to apply judgment in evaluating the benefits of possible controls and procedures relative to their costs.

***Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures***

Our management, with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, evaluated, as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report, the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as that term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act). Based on that evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective at the reasonable assurance level as of March 31, 2025 as a result of the material weaknesses described below.

A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of a company's annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. In connection with the audits of our consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, our auditors identified several material weaknesses, including material weaknesses concerning our internal control over financial reporting. These material weaknesses in internal controls were caused by inadequate separation of duties of our management within key financial areas. Other material weaknesses that were identified pertained to our lack of testing over our accounting systems and absence of a board of directors or an audit committee. As a result of these material weaknesses, we have relied, in part, on the assistance of outside advisors with expertise in these matters to assist us in the preparation of our condensed consolidated financial statements and in our compliance with SEC reporting obligations and expect to continue to do so while we remediate these material weaknesses.

***Management's Remediation Efforts***

Our management is committed to implementing changes to our internal control over financial reporting to ensure that the deficiencies that contributed to the material weaknesses are remediated. To that end, we are now in the process of enacting measures designed to improve our internal control over financial reporting and remediate the deficiencies that led to the material weaknesses. These measures include hiring additional accounting personnel to ensure the effectiveness of our controls and enforcement of proper segregation of duties, engaging with external consulting firms to assist with technical accounting matters and to improve the design and operating effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, and formalizing and documenting preparation and review procedures within significant accounts and cycles.

***Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting***

We are taking actions to remediate the material weaknesses relating to our internal control over financial reporting, as described above. Except as discussed above, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as that term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) of the Exchange Act) during the quarter ended March 31, 2025 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION****Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

We have been, are and/or may in the future be involved in various legal proceedings, lawsuits, regulatory investigations, and other claims in the ordinary course of business. In particular, due to the nature of our business, we are, from time to time, involved in routine litigation or subject to disputes or claims related to our business activities, including workers' compensation claims and employment-related disputes. Such matters are subject to many uncertainties, and outcomes are not predictable with certainty. In the opinion of our management, none of the matters, disputes, or claims we are involved in, if decided adversely, will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, cash flows, or results of operations. See "Part I. Item 1. Financial Statements—Note 12 – Commitments and Contingencies" of the notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors****Risks Related to Our Business and Operations**

*The businesses of direct drilling and extraction of minerals and acquisition of mineral rights are highly competitive. If we are unable to successfully compete within these businesses through our direct drilling operations conducted by PhoenixOp, we may not be able to identify and purchase attractive assets and successfully operate our properties.*

The key areas in which we face competition include:

- declines in oil and natural gas prices;
- acquisition of commercially viable mineral deposits offered for sale by other companies;
- access to capital for financing and operational purposes;
- hiring and retention of personnel to successfully operate drilling and extraction activities, and qualified third-party operators to assist in production activities;
- purchasing, leasing, hiring, chartering, or other procuring of equipment by us and our third-party operators; and
- employment of qualified and experienced management and other mineral professionals.

Competition in our markets is intense and depends, among other things, on the number of competitors in the market, their financial resources, their degree of geological, geophysical, engineering, and management expertise and capabilities, their pricing policies, their ability to develop properties on time and on budget, their ability to select, acquire, and develop reserves, and their ability to foster and maintain relationships with the relevant authorities.

Our competitors include entities with greater technical, physical, and financial resources than we have. Furthermore, companies and certain private equity firms not previously investing in minerals and their extraction may choose to acquire reserves to establish a firm supply or simply as an investment. If we are unable to successfully compete in operating our wells or acquisition of attractive assets, we may not be able to achieve or maintain profitable operations.

*The mineral rights investment business involves high-risk activities with many uncertainties.*

Our and our operating partners' activities relating to our mineral rights investment business are subject to many risks, including unanticipated problems relating to finding mineral rights assets and additional costs and expenses that may exceed current estimates. There can be no assurance that the expenditures we make in the exploration phase will result in the discovery of economic deposits of minerals, or that any investment we make in initially profitable assets will continue to be productive enough for associated revenues to be commercially viable. In addition, drilling and producing operations on the assets we invest in may be curtailed, delayed, or canceled by the operators of our properties as a result of various factors, including:

- declines in oil and natural gas prices;
- infrastructure limitations, such as gas gathering and processing constraints;

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the high cost, shortages, or delays in procurement of equipment, materials, and/or services;

unexpected operational events, adverse weather conditions and natural disasters, facility or equipment malfunctions, and equipment failures or accidents;

inability to obtain satisfactory title to the assets we acquire and other title-related issues;

pipe or cement failures and casing collapses;

lost or damaged oilfield development and service tools;

compliance with environmental, health, safety, and other governmental requirements;

increases in severance taxes;

regulations, restrictions, moratoria, and bans on hydraulic fracturing;

unusual or unexpected geological formations, and pressure or irregularities in formations;

loss of drilling fluid circulation;

environmental hazards, such as oil, natural gas, or well fluids spills or releases, pipeline or tank ruptures, and discharges of toxic gases;

fires, blowouts, craterings, and explosions;

uncontrollable flows of oil, natural gas, or well fluids;

pipeline capacity curtailments; and

evolving cybersecurity risks, such as those involving unauthorized access, third-party provider defects and service failures, denial of service attacks, malicious software, data privacy breaches by employees, insiders, or others with authorized access, cyber or phishing attacks, ransomware, social engineering, physical breaches, or other actions.

In addition to causing curtailments, delays, and cancellations of drilling and producing operations, many of these events can cause substantial losses, including personal injury or loss of life, damage to or destruction of property, natural resources, and equipment, pollution, environmental contamination, loss of wells, regulatory penalties, and third-party claims. The insurance we maintain against various losses and liabilities arising from our operations does not cover all operational risks involved in our investments. Additionally, we may elect not to obtain insurance if we believe that the cost of available insurance is excessive relative to the perceived risks. Losses could therefore occur for uninsurable or uninsured risks or in amounts in excess of existing insurance coverage. The occurrence of an event that is not fully covered by insurance could have a material adverse impact on our business activities, financial condition, and results of operations.

***We, through our investment in PhoenixOp and future assignment of oil and gas properties to PhoenixOp, conduct direct drilling and extraction activities. Such activities pose additional risks to us.***

We, through the operations of PhoenixOp, face numerous risks relating to our drilling activities, including:

failing to place a well bore in the desired target producing zone;

not staying in the desired drilling zone while drilling horizontally through the formation;

failing to run casing the entire length of the well bore; and

not being able to run tools and other equipment consistently through the horizontal well bore.

Risks we may face while completing our wells include, but are not limited to:

not being able to fracture stimulate the planned number of stages;

failing to run tools the entire length of the well bore during completion operations;

not successfully cleaning out the well bore after completion of the final fracture stimulation stage;



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increased seismicity in areas near our completion activities;

unintended interference of completion activities performed by us or by third parties with nearby operated or non-operated wells being drilled, completed, or producing; and

failure of our optimized completion techniques to yield expected levels of production.

Further, many factors may occur that cause us to curtail, delay, or cancel scheduled drilling and completion projects, including, but not limited to:

abnormal pressure or irregularities in geological formations;

shortages of or delays in obtaining equipment or qualified personnel;

shortages of or delays in obtaining components used in fracture stimulation processes, such as water and proppants;

delays associated with suspending our operations to accommodate nearby drilling or completion operations being conducted by other operators;

mechanical difficulties, fires, explosions, equipment failures, or accidents, including ruptures of pipelines or storage facilities, or train derailments;

restrictions on the use of underground injection wells for disposing of wastewater from oil and gas activities;

political events, public protests, civil disturbances, terrorist acts, or cyber-attacks;

decreases in, or extended periods of low, crude oil and natural gas prices;

title problems;

environmental hazards, such as uncontrollable flows of crude oil, natural gas, brine, well fluids, hydraulic fracturing fluids, toxic gas, or other pollutants into the environment, including groundwater and shoreline contamination;

adverse climatic conditions and natural disasters;

spillage or mishandling of crude oil, natural gas, brine, well fluids, hydraulic fracturing fluids, toxic gas, or other pollutants by us or by third-party service providers;

limitations in infrastructure, including transportation, processing, refining, and exportation capacity, or markets for crude oil and natural gas; and

delays imposed by or resulting from compliance with regulatory requirements, including permitting.

As we expand our direct drilling and extraction activities the impact of these risks on our overall business will only grow more significant. See “–The businesses of direct drilling and extraction of minerals and acquisition of mineral rights are highly competitive. If we are unable to successfully compete within these businesses through our direct drilling operations conducted by PhoenixOp, we may not be able to identify and purchase attractive assets and successfully operate our properties,” “–Our business is sensitive to the price of oil and gas and sustained declines in prices may adversely affect our financial position, financial results, cash flows, access to capital, and ability to grow,” “–Properties we acquire for our direct drilling and extraction operations, currently conducted through PhoenixOp, may not produce as projected, and we may be unable to determine reserve potential, identify liabilities associated with such properties, or obtain protection from sellers against such liabilities,” and “–Our development of successful operations relies extensively on our direct operations, through PhoenixOp and various third-party E&P operators, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.”



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We are not insured against all risks associated with our business. We and PhoenixOp may elect to not obtain insurance if we believe the cost of available insurance is excessive relative to the risks presented or for other reasons. In addition, some risks such as those stemming from certain environmental hazards are generally not fully insurable.

Losses and liabilities arising from any of the above events could reduce the value of our capital contributions to PhoenixOp, increase our need to provide additional capital to PhoenixOp, and otherwise harm our financial position, which could adversely affect us and our ability to pay our obligations.

***Our business is sensitive to the price of oil and gas and sustained declines in prices may adversely affect our financial position, financial results, cash flows, access to capital, and ability to grow.***

We are in the business of both drilling and extracting oil and gas minerals directly through our operations conducted by PhoenixOp, and purchasing mineral rights and non-operated working interests in land in the United States, including the rights to drill for oil and gas. The prices we receive for our oil and natural gas production heavily influence our revenue, operating results, profitability, access to capital, future rate of growth, and carrying value of our properties. Oil and natural gas are commodities and, therefore, their prices are subject to wide fluctuations in response to relatively minor changes in supply and demand, as well as costs and terms of transport to downstream markets.

Historically, the commodities markets have been volatile, and these markets will likely continue to be volatile in the future. For example, recently oil prices dropped significantly, going from \$71.20 per barrel as of April 1, 2025 to \$63.32 per barrel as of May 12, 2025. A decline in oil and natural gas prices can have an adverse effect on the value of our interests in the land and revenue from our own direct drilling production, which will materially and adversely affect our ability to generate cash flows and, in turn, our ability to make interest and principal payments.

The prices received for oil and natural gas produced on our land, and the levels of the production, depend on numerous factors beyond our control and include the following:

- changes in global supply and demand for oil and natural gas;
- the actions of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (“*OPEC*”);
- political and economic conditions and events in foreign oil, natural gas, and NGL producing countries, including elevated levels of inflation and interest rates, embargoes, and introduction of tariffs on oil and gas products;
- the level of global and domestic oil and natural gas E&P activity and the degree to which consolidation among our customers may affect spending on U.S. drilling and completions in the near-term;
- the level of global and domestic oil and natural gas inventories;
- the level of consumer product demand;
- inclement or hazardous weather conditions and natural disasters;
- the availability of storage for hydrocarbons and technological advances affecting energy consumption and energy supply;
- speculative trading in commodity markets, including expectations about future commodity prices;
- the proximity of our production operations to, and capacity, availability, and cost of, pipelines and other transportation and storage facilities, and other factors that result in differentials to benchmark prices;
- domestic, local, and foreign governmental regulation and taxes;
- fuel and energy conservation measures and technological advances affecting energy consumption;

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armed conflict, political instability, or civil unrest in oil and gas producing regions, including instability in the Middle East and the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, and the related potential effects on laws and regulations or the imposition of economic or trade sanctions;

changes in regulatory and trade policy, such as tariffs, as well as the potential for general market volatility and political uncertainty;

the occurrence or threat of epidemic or pandemic diseases, or any government response to such occurrence or threat; and

the price and availability of alternative fuels.

These factors and the volatility of oil and natural gas prices make it extremely difficult to predict future crude oil, natural gas, and NGL price movements or to estimate the value of producing properties for acquisition and often cause disruption in the market for oil and natural gas producing properties, as buyers and sellers have difficulty agreeing on such value. Certain actions by OPEC and other oil producing nations in the first half of 2020, combined with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and a shortage in available storage for hydrocarbons in the United States, contributed to the historic low price for crude oil in April 2020. While the prices for crude oil have generally increased since then, such prices have historically remained volatile, which has adversely affected the prices at which production from our properties is sold, as well as the production activities of operators on our properties, and may continue to do so in the future. This, in turn, has and will materially affect the amount of royalty payments that we receive from our third-party E&P operators and our income from direct drilling operations. Price volatility also makes it difficult to budget for and project the return on acquisitions and development and exploitation projects. In particular, our five-year development plan is based on assumed average oil and natural gas prices of \$64.39 per barrel and \$3.85 per MMBtu, respectively, and our outlook for 2025 is based on average benchmark commodity prices of \$71.98 per barrel for crude oil and \$3.94 per Mcf for natural gas, as compared to recent prices of \$63.32 per barrel and \$3.19 per MMBtu, respectively, as of May 12, 2025. This plan and outlook may need to be adjusted in the future as a result of any material sustained decrease in oil and natural gas prices as compared to our assumptions, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, and prospects. In addition, in response to a sustained decrease in oil and natural gas prices, we may determine to adjust our overall business plan by adjusting capital expenditures, decreasing drilling operations, and/or reducing production plans, among other actions. Such actions and circumstances would impact our revenue, operating expenses, and liquidity. For example, we may be required to raise additional capital, above our current expectations, in order to fully realize our current or adjusted business plan.

Our revenues, operating results, profitability, and future rate of growth depend primarily on the prices of oil and, to a lesser extent, natural gas that we sell. Any substantial decline in the price of crude oil, natural gas, and NGL or prolonged period of low commodity prices will materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows. Further, a slowdown in the timing of oil or natural gas production, especially if in connection with a decline in prices, may reduce our ability to collect lease payments from leaseholders, which could limit our ability to make interest and principal payments. Prices also affect the amount of cash flow available for capital expenditures and our ability to raise additional capital. In addition, we may need to record asset carrying value write-downs if prices fall. A significant decline in the prices of natural gas or oil could adversely affect our financial position, financial results, cash flows, access to capital, and ability to grow.

***We have a limited operating history and have experienced periods of significant business growth in a short time, making it difficult for you to evaluate our business and prospects. If we are unable to manage our business and growth effectively, our business could be materially and adversely affected.***

Since our formation in 2019, our business has grown considerably. Our limited operating history and the significant growth in operations and revenue we have experienced since then makes evaluation of our business and prospects difficult. Any growth that we experience in the future will require us to further expand our drilling and extraction activities and our acquisitions. There can be no assurance that growth in our revenue and operations will continue at a similar pace, or that we will be able to manage our growth effectively. Furthermore, the growth of our business places significant demands on our management, including managing increased numbers of personnel, properties, and business relations, such as our E&P operators. If we do not effectively manage the increased obligations brought by the growth of our operations, we may not be able to execute on our business plan, respond to competitive pressures, take advantage of market opportunities, or satisfy delivery requirements, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, and prospects.

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In addition, we may encounter risks and difficulties experienced by companies whose performance is dependent upon newly acquired assets, such as failing to integrate, or realizing the expected benefits of, such assets. As a result of the foregoing, we may be less successful in achieving consistent results and continue the growth of our business, as compared with companies that have longer operating histories and a more stable size of operations. In addition, we may be less equipped to identify and address risks and hazards in the conduct of our business than those companies that have longer operating histories.

***The acquisition and development of our properties, directly or through our third-party E&P operators, will require substantial capital, and we and our third-party E&P operators may be unable to obtain needed capital or financing on satisfactory terms or at all, including as a result of increases in the cost of capital resulting from Federal Reserve policies in the past few years and otherwise.***

The oil and gas industry is capital-intensive. We make, and will continue to make, substantial capital expenditures in connection with the acquisition of mineral and royalty interests. To date, we have financed capital expenditures primarily with funding from capital contributions, cash generated by operations, borrowings under credit facilities, and issuances of debt securities.

In the future, we may need capital in excess of the amounts we retain in our business, borrow under our existing credit facilities, or through issuances of debt securities. There can be no assurance that we can increase the borrowing amount available under our existing credit facilities or continue to raise sufficient funds through our debt securities issuances.

Furthermore, we cannot assure you that we will be able to access other external capital on terms favorable to us or at all. For example, a significant decline in prices for oil and natural gas, rising interest rates, inflationary pressure, and broader economic turmoil may adversely impact our ability to secure financing in the capital markets on favorable terms. Additionally, our ability to secure financing or access the capital markets could be adversely affected if financial institutions and institutional lenders elect not to provide funding for fossil fuel energy companies in connection with the adoption of sustainable lending initiatives or are required to adopt policies that have the effect of reducing the funding available to the fossil fuel sector. If we are unable to fund our capital requirements, we may be unable to complete acquisitions, take advantage of business opportunities, or respond to competitive pressures, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operation and financial condition.

Most of our third-party E&P operators are also dependent on the availability of external debt, equity financing sources, and operating cash flows to maintain their drilling programs. If those financing sources are not available to such E&P operators on favorable terms or at all, then we expect the development of our properties would be adversely affected. If the development of our properties is adversely affected, then revenues from our mineral and royalty interests may decline.

***Properties we acquire for our direct drilling and extraction operations, currently conducted through PhoenixOp, may not produce as projected, and we may be unable to determine reserve potential, identify liabilities associated with such properties, or obtain protection from sellers against such liabilities.***

Acquiring oil and natural gas properties requires us to assess reservoir and infrastructure characteristics, including recoverable reserves, development and operating costs, and potential liabilities, including, but not limited to, environmental liabilities. Such assessments are inexact and inherently uncertain. For these reasons, the properties we acquire may not produce as projected. In connection with these assessments we perform a review of the subject properties, but such a review may not reveal all existing or potential problems. While conducting due diligence, we may not review every well, pipeline, or associated facility. We cannot necessarily observe structural and environmental problems, such as pipe corrosion or groundwater contamination, when a review is performed. We may be unable to obtain contractual indemnities from any seller for liabilities arising from or attributable to the period prior to our purchase of the property. As a result, we may be required to assume the risk of the physical condition of the properties in addition to the risk that the properties may not perform in accordance with our expectations.

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### ***We may encounter obstacles to marketing our minerals, which could adversely impact our revenues and profits.***

The marketability of our production will depend upon numerous factors beyond our control, including the availability and capacity of natural gas gathering systems, pipelines, and other transportation and processing facilities owned by third parties.

Fuel conservation measures, alternative fuel requirements, increasing consumer demand for alternatives to oil and natural gas, technological advances in fuel economy and energy generation devices, and the increased competitiveness of alternative energy sources could reduce demand for oil and natural gas. Additionally, the increased competitiveness of alternative energy sources (such as electric vehicles, wind, solar, geothermal, tidal, fuel cells, and biofuels) could reduce demand for oil and natural gas and, therefore, our revenues.

The marketing of our production can also be affected by U.S. federal and state regulation of oil and natural gas production and transportation. The availability of markets for our production is beyond our control. If market factors dramatically change, the impact on our revenues could be substantial and could adversely affect our ability to produce and market mineral deposits.

If we have difficulty selling the minerals we discover, our profits may decline, and we may not be able to purchase other assets.

### ***A limited number of purchasers and operators currently generate a significant portion of our revenue and/or accounts receivable, and we may not have contracts or agreements directly with all such operators.***

A significant portion of our consolidated revenue is generated from product sales for the delivery of commodities that we extract and deliver to purchasers, and we currently deliver to a limited number of purchasers. For example, for the three months ended March 31, 2025 and 2024 and for the year ended December 31, 2024, one purchaser of our commodities made up 66%, 16% and 21% of our consolidated revenue, respectively. While we do not believe that the loss of any one purchaser would have a material impact on our revenue, to the extent there is a delay in transferring our commodity sales or entering into purchase contracts with another, new or replacement purchaser, there could be a delay in product sales or an adverse impact on our revenue during the respective period. A large portion of our current mineral rights and lease holdings are serviced by a limited number of third-party E&P operators and, as a result, we generate a significant portion of our revenue and accounts receivable from a limited number of third-party E&P operators. For the three months ended March 31, 2025, eleven third-party E&P operators made up 23% of our consolidated revenue, as compared to eight third-party E&P operators that made up 57% of our consolidated revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2024. Similarly, as of March 31, 2025, we had concentrations in accounts receivable of 20%, 15%, and 14% with three third-party E&P operators, as compared to 17%, 15%, and 13% with three third-party E&P operators as of December 31, 2024. A significant portion of our revenue and accounts receivable are generally derived from our diverse holdings of mineral rights and lease holdings and are generally not generated pursuant to agreements directly between us and the operators of the properties underlying our mineral rights and lease holdings. These interests generate revenue from the sale of crude oil and natural gas, which is paid monthly to us by various third-party oil and gas operators once any extracted crude oil and natural gas is delivered by such operators to purchasers. Those purchasers remit payment for production to the operators of the wells pursuant to sales agreements entered into among the purchasers and such operators, and the operators, in turn, remit payment to the owners in accordance with their ownership percentage in each well (or unit of wells). As is typical in the oil and gas industry, the third-party oil and gas operators generally remit payment to the interest owners pursuant to statute or orders from the oil and gas commission of the state in which the particular well (or unit of wells) is located. For example, the majority interest holders of a unit would petition to appoint a particular operator from the oil and gas commission of the state in which the unit is located (e.g., the Wyoming Oil and Gas Commission, North Dakota Industrial Commission, Texas Railroad Commission (the “*Texas RRC*”), Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation, and Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, among others). If the request is granted by the commission, the operator would become the designated operator for the unit and would be required to remit payments to the interest holders of the unit pursuant to permits or pooling orders from such commission. While our revenue and accounts receivable relating to our mineral rights and lease holdings are derived from a significant number of different units that are subject to different leases and pooling orders from various state oil and gas commissions, the incapacity or loss of one of the operators that generate a significant portion of our revenue and accounts receivable could negatively impact our revenue and accounts receivable and could result in a reduction or delay in revenue generated from the related mineral rights and lease holdings while a replacement operator is selected and designated. Further, although typical in the oil and gas industry, as we do not always have contracts or agreements directly with these operators, we do not always determine or control the rights, payments, discounts, or other terms related to leases or the extraction and sale of assets from the properties underlying our mineral rights and lease holdings.

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***Our development of successful operations relies extensively on our direct operations, through PhoenixOp and various third-party E&P operators, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.***

A significant portion of our assets consist of mineral and royalty interests. We utilize and will continue to utilize third-party E&P operators to perform the drilling and extraction operations on our assets to extract the natural resources we rely on to generate revenue. The success of our business operations depends on the timing of drilling activities and success of our direct operations and third-party E&P operators. In the three months ended March 31, 2025, and in each of the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, we received revenue from over 100 third-party E&P operators, with approximately 23 % of our consolidated revenue coming from the top eleven third-party operators in the three months ended March 31, 2025, approximately 35% of our consolidated revenue coming from the top ten third-party E&P operators in 2024, approximately 60% of our consolidated revenue coming from the top nine third-party E&P operators in 2023, and approximately 61% of our consolidated revenue coming from the top four third-party E&P operators in 2022. If we or our third-party E&P operators are not successful in the development, exploitation, production, and exploration activities relating to our ownership interests, or are unable or unwilling to perform, our financial condition and results of operation would be materially adversely affected.

With respect to our investments in which we have a non-operated working interest, third-party E&P operators will make decisions in connection with their operations, which may not be in our best interests. We may have no ability to exercise influence over the operational decisions of our third-party E&P operators, including the setting of capital expenditure budgets and drilling locations and schedules. Dependence on our unaffiliated E&P operators could prevent us from realizing target returns for those locations. The success and timing of development activities by our operators will depend on several factors that are largely outside of our control, including: the capital costs required for drilling activities by our E&P operators, which could be significantly more than anticipated; the ability of our operators to access capital; prevailing mineral prices and other factors generally affecting the industry operating environment; the timing of capital expenditures; their expertise and financial resources; approval of other participants in drilling wells; selection of drilling technology; the availability of storage for hydrocarbons; and the rate of production of reserves, if any.

Furthermore, our E&P operators are dependent on various supplies and equipment, as well as qualified personnel, to carry out our extraction operations. Any shortage, unavailability, or increase in the cost of such supplies, personnel, equipment, and parts could have a material adverse effect on their ability to carry out operations and therefore limit or increase the cost of production and, ultimately, our profitability.

The challenges and risks faced by our third-party E&P operators and contractors may be similar to or greater than our own, including with respect to their ability to service their debt, remain in compliance with their debt instruments, and, if necessary, access additional capital. Commodity prices and/or other conditions have in the past caused, and may in the future cause, mineral operators to file for bankruptcy. The insolvency of third-party E&P operators or contractors of any of our properties, their failure to adequately perform, or their breach of applicable agreements could reduce our production and revenue or result in our liability to governmental authorities for compliance with environmental, safety, and other regulatory requirements or to such operators' suppliers and vendors. Finally, with regards to any third-party E&P operator, they may have the right, if another non-operator fails to pay its share of costs because of its insolvency or otherwise, to require us to pay its proportionate share of the defaulting party's share of costs.

***We rely on our E&P operators, third parties, and government databases for information regarding our assets and, to the extent that information is incorrect, incomplete, or lost, our financial and operational information and projections may be incorrect.***

As an owner of mineral and royalty interests, we rely on the E&P operators of our properties to notify us and state regulators of information regarding production on our properties in a timely and complete manner, as well as the accuracy of information obtained from third parties and government databases. We use this information in conjunction with our specialized software to evaluate operations and cash flows, as well as to predict expected production and possible future locations. To the extent we do not timely receive this information or the information is incomplete or incorrect, our financial and operational information may be incorrect and our ability to project potential growth may be materially adversely affected. Furthermore, to the extent we have to update any publicly disclosed results or projections made in reliance on this incorrect or incomplete information, investors could lose confidence in our reported financial information. If any of such third parties' databases or systems were to fail for any reason, including as a result of a cyber-attack, possible consequences include loss of communication links and inability to automatically process commercial transactions or engage in similar automated or computerized business activities. Any of the foregoing consequences could materially adversely affect our business.

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***Our estimated mineral reserves quantities and future production rates are based on many assumptions that may prove to be inaccurate, and they have not been verified by an independent third-party reserve engineering report. Any material inaccuracies in the reserves estimates or the underlying assumptions will materially affect the quantities and present value of our reserves.***

It is not possible to measure underground accumulation of crude oil, natural gas, or NGL in an exact way. Numerous uncertainties are inherent in estimating quantities of mineral reserves. The process of estimating mineral reserves is complex, requiring significant expertise, decisions, and assumptions in the evaluation of available geological, engineering, and economic data for each reservoir, including assumptions regarding future natural gas and oil prices, subsurface characterization, production levels, and operating and development costs. For example, our estimates of our reserves are based on the unweighted first-day-of-the-month arithmetic average commodity prices over the prior 12 months in accordance with SEC guidelines. Future prices received for production and costs may vary, perhaps significantly, from the prices and costs assumed for purposes of those estimates. Sustained lower prices will cause the 12-month unweighted arithmetic average of the first-day-of-the-month price for each of the 12 months preceding to decrease over time as the lower prices are reflected in the average price, which may result in the estimated quantities and present values of our reserves being reduced. To the extent that prices become depressed or decline materially from current levels, such conditions could render uneconomic a portion of our proved and probable reserves, and we may be required to write down our proved and probable reserves.

Additionally, we do not have an independent third-party reserve engineering report that verifies our estimates of mineral reserves quantities. We rely on our own internal team to estimate our mineral reserves, only employing third parties in limited capacities to assess the reasonableness and appropriateness of our approach and methodology to estimate our reserves. Lack of an independent third-party reserve engineering report means there is no independent complete analysis of the accuracy of mineral reserve estimates and their present value.

Furthermore, SEC rules require that, subject to limited exceptions, proved and probable undeveloped reserves may only be recorded if they relate to wells scheduled to be drilled within five years after the date of booking. This rule may limit our potential to record additional proved and probable undeveloped reserves as we pursue our drilling program through PhoenixOp. To the extent that prices become depressed or decline materially from current levels, such condition could render uneconomic a number of our identified drilling locations, and we may be required to write down our proved and probable undeveloped reserves if we do not drill those wells within the required five-year time frame or choose not to develop those wells at all.

As a result, estimated quantities of reserves and projections of future production rates and the timing of development expenditures may prove to be inaccurate. Over time, we may make material changes to our reserves estimates. Any significant variance in our assumptions and actual results could greatly affect our estimates of reserves, the economically recoverable quantities of minerals attributable to any particular group of properties, the classifications of reserves based on risk of non-recovery, and estimates of future net cash flows.

In addition, estimates of probable reserves, and the future cash flows related to such estimates, are inherently imprecise and are more uncertain than estimates of proved reserves, and the future cash flows related to such estimates, but have not been adjusted for risk due to that uncertainty. Because of such uncertainty, estimates of probable reserves, and the future cash flows related to such estimates, may not be comparable to estimates of proved reserves, and the future cash flows related to such estimates, and should not be summed arithmetically with estimates of proved reserves and the future cash flows related to such estimates. When producing an estimate of the amount of minerals that are recoverable from a particular reservoir, an estimated quantity of probable reserves is an estimate of those additional reserves that are less certain to be recovered than proved reserves but which, together with proved reserves, are as likely as not to be recovered. Estimates of probable reserves are also continually subject to revisions based on production history, results of additional exploration, and development, price changes, and other factors. When deterministic methods are used, it is as likely as not that actual remaining quantities recovered will exceed the sum of estimated proved plus probable reserves. Probable reserves may be assigned to areas of a reservoir adjacent to proved reserves where data control or interpretations of available data are less certain, even if the interpreted reservoir continuity of structure or productivity does not meet the reasonable certainty criterion. Probable reserves may be assigned to areas that are structurally higher than the proved area if these areas are in communication with the proved reservoir. Probable reserves estimates also include potential incremental quantities associated with a greater percentage recovery of the hydrocarbons in place than assumed for proved reserves.



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***The development of our estimated proved and probable undeveloped reserves may take longer and may require higher levels of capital expenditures than we currently anticipate.***

Recovery of proved and probable undeveloped reserves requires significant capital expenditures and successful drilling operations. As of December 31, 2024, approximately 61% of our total estimated proved reserves and 100% of our total estimated probable reserves were undeveloped. Furthermore, as of December 31, 2024, we had 130.1 million Boe in total estimated probable undeveloped reserves, which is approximately 2.0 times our total proved reserves. Our reserves estimates assume that substantial capital expenditures will be made to develop non-producing reserves. As of December 31, 2024, we estimate that we will need to make approximately \$749.3 million and \$3,224.8 million in capital expenditures to develop all our proved and probable undeveloped reserves, respectively. Estimates of capital expenditures are subject to fluctuations in oil and natural gas prices, equipment availability, labor markets, and other factors that we may not foresee or control. As such, we cannot be sure that the estimated costs attributable to our reserves are accurate.

We anticipate that over the next several years our cash flows from operations alone will not be sufficient to finance the development of our estimated proved and probable undeveloped reserves over that period. As a result, we expect that we will need to raise additional capital to develop our reserves. However, we cannot be certain that additional financing will be available to us on acceptable terms, or at all. See “—*The acquisition and development of our properties, directly or through our third-party E&P operators, will require substantial capital, and we and our third-party E&P operators may be unable to obtain needed capital or financing on satisfactory terms or at all, including as a result of increases in the cost of capital resulting from Federal Reserve policies in the past few years and otherwise.*” Additionally, sustained or further declines in commodity prices may require use to revise the future net revenues of our estimated proved and probable undeveloped reserves and may result in some projects becoming uneconomical. Further, our drilling efforts may be delayed or unsuccessful and actual reserves may prove to be less than current reserves estimates, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, future cash flows, and results of operations.

The ability to develop our reserves is subject to a number of uncertainties, which could defer our drilling more than five years from the date undeveloped reserves were first assigned to a drilling location. Alternatively, our estimated reserves may not be ultimately developed or produced. Recovery of undeveloped reserves requires significant capital expenditures and successful drilling operations. If we choose not to spend the capital to develop these reserves, or if we are not otherwise able to successfully develop these reserves, we will be required to remove the associated volumes from our reported proved reserves. In addition, because undeveloped reserves may be booked only if they relate to wells scheduled to be drilled within five years of the date of booking, we may be required to remove any undeveloped reserves that are not developed within this five-year time frame or to reclassify the category of the applicable reserves. A removal or reclassification of reserves could reduce the quantity and present value of our natural gas and oil reserves, which would adversely affect our business and financial condition.

***We may experience delays in the payment of royalties and be unable to replace third-party E&P operators that do not make required royalty payments, and we may not be able to terminate our leases with defaulting lessees if any of such E&P operators on those leases declare bankruptcy.***

We may experience delays in receiving royalty payments from our E&P operators, including as a result of delayed division orders received by our E&P operators. A failure on the part of the E&P operators to make royalty payments typically gives us the right to terminate the lease, repossess the property, and enforce payment obligations under the lease. If we repossessed any of our properties, we would seek a replacement E&P operator. However, we might not be able to find a replacement E&P operator and, if we did, we might not be able to enter into a new lease on favorable terms within a reasonable period of time. In addition, the outgoing E&P operator could be subject to a proceeding under Title 11 of the United States Code (the “*Bankruptcy Code*”), in which case our right to enforce or terminate the lease for any defaults, including non-payment, may be substantially delayed or otherwise impaired. In general, in a proceeding under the Bankruptcy Code, the bankrupt E&P operator would have a substantial period of time to decide whether to ultimately reject or assume the lease, which could prevent the execution of a new lease or the assignment of the existing lease to another E&P operator. For example, certain of our E&P operators historically have undergone restructurings under the Bankruptcy Code and any future restructurings of our E&P operators may impact their future operations and ability to make royalty payments to us. If the E&P operator rejected the lease, our ability to collect amounts owed would be substantially delayed, and our ultimate recovery may be only a fraction of the amount owed or nothing. In addition, if we are able to enter into a new lease with a new E&P operator, the replacement E&P operator may not achieve the same levels of production or sell oil or natural gas at the same price as the E&P operator we replaced.

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### ***Our PV-10 will not necessarily be the same as the current market value of our estimated proved reserves.***

You should not assume that our PV-10 is the current market value of our estimated proved reserves. We currently base the estimated discounted future net revenues from our proved reserves on the 12-month unweighted arithmetic average of the first-day-of-the-month price for the preceding 12 months. Actual future net revenues from our reserves will be affected by factors such as:

- actual prices we receive for natural gas and oil;
- actual cost of development and production expenditures;
- the amount and timing of actual production;
- transportation and processing; and
- changes in governmental regulations or taxation.

The timing of both our production and our incurrence of expenses in connection with the development and production of our properties will affect the timing and amount of actual future net revenues from proved reserves and, thus, their actual present value. In addition, the 10% discount factor we use when calculating discounted future net revenues may not be the most appropriate discount factor based on interest rates in effect from time to time and risks associated with our business or the natural gas and oil industry in general. Actual future prices and costs may differ materially from those used in the present value estimate.

### ***Estimated reserves do not represent or measure the fair value of the respective property or asset and we may sell or divest an asset for much less than the amount of estimated reserves.***

Estimated proved reserves and estimated probable reserves do not represent or measure the fair value of the respective properties or the fair market value at which a property or properties could be sold. In the event of any such sale, proceeds to us may be significantly less than the value of the estimated reserves. The development of our estimated proved and probable undeveloped reserves may take longer and may require higher levels of capital expenditures than we currently anticipate. Estimates of probable reserves, and the future cash flows related to such estimates, are inherently imprecise and are more uncertain than estimates of proved reserves and the future cash flows related to such estimates but have not been adjusted for risk due to such uncertainty.

### ***Our future success depends on our ability to replace reserves.***

Because the rate of production from oil and natural gas properties generally declines as reserves are depleted, our future success depends upon our ability to economically find or acquire and produce additional oil and natural gas reserves. Except to the extent that we acquire additional properties containing proved reserves, conduct successful exploration and development activities, or, through engineering studies, identify additional behind-pipe zones or secondary recovery reserves, our proved reserves will decline as our reserves are produced. Future oil and natural gas production, therefore, is highly dependent upon our level of success in acquiring or finding additional reserves that are economically recoverable. We cannot assure you that we will be able to find or acquire and develop additional reserves at an acceptable cost. We may acquire significant amounts of unproved property to further our development efforts. Development and exploratory drilling and production activities are subject to many risks, including the risk that no commercially productive reservoirs will be discovered. We seek to acquire both proved and producing properties as well as undeveloped acreage that we believe will enhance growth potential and increase our earnings over time. However, we cannot assure you that all of these properties will contain economically viable reserves or that we will not abandon our initial investments. Additionally, we cannot assure you that unproved reserves or undeveloped acreage that we acquire will be profitably developed, that new wells drilled on our properties will be productive, or that we will recover all or any portion of our investments in our properties and reserves.

### ***We rely on our software system to identify attractive assets with oil and gas reserves and there can be no assurance that we will be able to continue to scale this software or that such software will be accurate in identifying assets.***

As of the date of this Report, we have built and operated our software system on a relatively limited scale. While we believe that our development and testing to date has proven the concept of our software, there can be no assurance that, as we commence larger-scale operations, we will not incur unexpected costs or hurdles that might restrict the desired scale of our



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intended operations or negatively impact our business prospects, financial condition, and results of operation. In addition, due to the limited and changing scale of use, there can be no assurance that the software will be accurate on an ongoing or continuous basis. If our software is unable to scale or to adopt to the changing nature of our operations, or is inaccurate, our ability to successfully invest in commercially viable mineral deposits and PhoenixOp's ability to successfully extract minerals from assets transferred to it by us could be significantly impacted and our business and operating results may suffer.

***We may be unable to realize all of the anticipated benefits from our acquisitions or successfully integrate future acquisitions of mineral rights into our business.***

Our ability to achieve the anticipated benefits of our completed and future acquisitions of mineral rights will depend in part upon whether we can integrate the acquired assets into our existing business in an efficient and effective manner. We may not be able to accomplish this integration process successfully. The successful acquisition of producing properties requires an assessment of several factors, including:

- recoverable reserves;
- future oil and natural gas prices and their appropriate differentials;
- availability and cost of transportation of production to markets;
- availability and cost of drilling equipment and of skilled personnel for our third-party operators;
- development and operating costs of PhoenixOp and our third-party E&P operators, including potential environmental and other liabilities; and
- regulatory, permitting, and similar matters.

The accuracy of these assessments is inherently uncertain, and we may not be able to identify attractive acquisition opportunities. In connection with these assessments, in conjunction with the use of our specialized software, we perform a review of the subject properties that we believe to be generally consistent with industry practices, given the nature of our interests. Our review will not reveal all existing or potential problems, nor will it permit us to become sufficiently familiar with the properties to assess fully their deficiencies and capabilities. Even when problems are identified, the seller may be unwilling or unable to provide effective contractual protection against all or part of such problems. Even if we identify attractive acquisition opportunities, we may not be able to complete the acquisition or do so on commercially acceptable terms. We depend on acquisitions to grow our reserves, production, and cash flows.

There is intense competition for acquisition opportunities in our industry. Competition for acquisitions may increase the cost of, or cause us to refrain from, completing acquisitions. Additionally, acquisition opportunities vary over time. Our ability to complete acquisitions is dependent upon, among other things, our ability to obtain the necessary financing and, in some cases, regulatory approvals. Further, these acquisitions may be in geographic regions in which we do not currently hold assets, which could result in unforeseen difficulties. In addition, if we acquire interests in new geographic regions, we may be subject to additional and unfamiliar legal and regulatory requirements. Moreover, the success of any completed acquisition will depend on our ability to effectively integrate the acquired business into our existing business. The process of integrating acquired businesses may involve unforeseen difficulties, including delays, and may require a disproportionate amount of our managerial and financial resources.

No assurance can be given that we will be able to identify suitable acquisition opportunities, negotiate acceptable terms, obtain financing for acquisitions on acceptable terms, or successfully acquire identified targets. Our failure to successfully integrate the acquired assets into our existing operations, achieve cost savings, or minimize any unforeseen difficulties could materially and adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows. The inability to effectively manage these acquisitions could reduce our focus on subsequent acquisitions and current operations, which, in turn, could negatively impact our growth, results of operations, and cash flows.

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***Our E&P operators' identified potential drilling locations, which are scheduled out over many years, are susceptible to uncertainties that could materially alter the occurrence or timing of their drilling.***

Proved and probable undeveloped drilling locations represent a significant part of our growth strategy. However, we do not fully control the development of these locations that we do not directly operate. The ability of our third-party E&P operators to drill and develop identified potential drilling locations depends on a number of uncertainties, including the availability of capital, construction of and limitations on access to infrastructure, the generation of additional seismic or geological information, seasonal conditions and inclement weather, regulatory changes and approvals, oil and gas prices, costs, negotiation of agreements with third parties, drilling results, lease expirations, and the availability of water. Further, our E&P operators' identified potential drilling locations are in various stages of evaluation, ranging from locations that are ready to drill to locations that will require substantial additional interpretation. The use of technologies and the study of producing fields in the same area will not enable our E&P operators, or us, to know conclusively prior to drilling whether mineral reserves will be present or, if present, whether such resources will be present in sufficient quantities to be economically viable. Even if sufficient amounts of such resources exist, our E&P operators may damage the potentially productive hydrocarbon-bearing formation or experience mechanical difficulties while drilling or completing the well, possibly resulting in a reduction in production from the well or abandonment of the well. If our E&P operators drill additional wells that they identify as dry holes in current and future drilling locations, their drilling success rate may decline and materially harm their business and ours.

There is no guarantee that the conclusions our E&P operators draw from available data from the wells on our acreage, more fully explored locations, or producing fields will be applicable to their drilling locations. Further, initial production rates reported by our or other E&P operators in the areas in which our reserves are located may not be indicative of future or long-term production rates. Additionally, actual production from wells may be less than expected. For example, several E&P operators have previously announced that newer wells drilled close in proximity to already producing wells have produced less oil and gas than forecast. Because of these uncertainties, we do not know if the potential drilling locations identified will ever be drilled or if our E&P operators will be able to produce oil and/or gas from these or any other potential drilling locations. As such, the actual drilling activities of our E&P operators may materially differ from those presently identified, which could adversely affect our business, results of operations, and cash flows.

Finally, the potential drilling locations we have identified are based on the geologic and other data available to us and our interpretation of such data through our specialized software. As a result, our E&P operators may have reached different conclusions about the potential drilling locations on our properties, and our E&P operators control the ultimate decision as to where and when a well is drilled.

***Acreage must be drilled before lease expiration, generally within three to five years, in order to hold the acreage by production. Our E&P operators' failure to drill sufficient wells to hold acreage may result in the deferral of prospective drilling opportunities.***

Leases on crude oil and natural gas properties typically have a term of three to five years, after which they expire unless, prior to expiration, production is established within the spacing units covering the undeveloped acres. In addition, even if production or drilling is established during such primary term, if production or drilling ceases on the leased property, the lease typically terminates, subject to certain exceptions.

Any reduction in our E&P operators' drilling programs, either through a reduction in capital expenditures or the unavailability of drilling rigs, could result in the expiration of existing leases. If the lease governing any of our mineral interests expires or terminates, all mineral rights revert back to us, and we will have to seek new lessees to explore and develop such mineral interests.

***We have limited control over the activities on properties that we do not operate.***

Some of the properties in which we have an interest are operated by other companies and involve third-party working interest owners. As a result, we have limited ability to influence or control the operation or future development of such properties, including compliance with environmental, safety, and other regulations, or the amount of capital expenditures that we will be required to fund with respect to such properties. Moreover, we are dependent on the other working interest owners of such projects to fund their contractual share of the capital expenditures of such projects. In addition, a third-party E&P operator could decide to shut-in or curtail production from wells, or plug and abandon marginal wells, on properties owned by that operator during periods of decreases in oil and gas prices. These limitations and our dependence on the E&P operators and third-party working interest owners for these projects could cause us to incur unexpected future costs, lower production, and materially and adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows.

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***We have completed numerous acquisitions of mineral and royalty interests for which separate financial information is not required or provided.***

We have completed numerous acquisitions of mineral and royalty interests that are not “significant” under Rule 3-05 of Regulation S-X (“**Rule 3-05**”). Therefore, we are not required to, and have elected not to, provide separate historical financial information in our public filings relating to those acquisitions. While these acquisitions are not individually or collectively significant for purposes of Rule 3-05, they have or will have an impact on our financial results and their aggregated effect on our business and results of operations may be material.

***The substantial majority of the wells in which we have a mineral or royalty interest and all the wells we directly operate are located in the Williston Basin, making us vulnerable to risks associated with concentration of our assets in a limited geographic area.***

The substantial majority of the wells in which we have a mineral or royalty interest and all the wells we directly operate are geographically concentrated in the Williston Basin. As a result, we may be disproportionately exposed to various factors, including, among others:

- the impact of regional supply and demand factors;
- delays or interruptions of production from wells in such areas caused by governmental regulation, including changes to field wide rules;
- processing or transportation capacity constraints;
- market limitations;
- availability of equipment and personnel;
- water shortages or other drought-related conditions; or
- interruption of the processing or transportation of natural gas.

This concentration in a limited geographic area also increases our exposure to changes in local laws and regulations, certain lease stipulations designed to protect wildlife, and unexpected events that may occur in the region, such as natural disasters, seismic events, industrial accidents, or labor difficulties. Any one of these factors has the potential to cause producing wells to be shut-in, delay operations, decrease cash flows, increase operating and capital costs, and prevent development of lease inventory before expirations. Any of the risks described above could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows.

***Cybersecurity attacks on our technological systems, or those of our third-party vendors, could significantly disrupt our business operations and subject us to liability.***

Our business, like other companies in the oil and gas industry, has become increasingly dependent upon digital technologies. We utilize digital technologies to, among other things, process and record financial and operating data, communicate with our business partners, analyze mineral deposits information, and estimate quantities of mineral reserves. Strategic targets, such as energy-related assets, may be at greater risk of future terrorist or cyber-attacks than other targets in the United States. Deliberate attacks on, or security breaches in, our systems or infrastructure, the systems or infrastructure of third parties, or cloud-based applications could lead to corruption or loss of our proprietary data and potentially sensitive data, delays in production or delivery, difficulty in completing and settling transactions, challenges in maintaining our books and records, environmental damage, communication interruptions, other operational disruptions, and third-party liability.

There is no guarantee that our security measures will provide absolute security. We may not be able to anticipate, detect, or prevent cyberattacks, particularly because the methodologies used by attackers change frequently or may not be recognized until launched, and because attackers are increasingly using techniques designed to circumvent controls and avoid

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detection. We and our third-party service providers may therefore be vulnerable to security events that are beyond our control, and we may be the target of cyber-attacks, as well as physical attacks, which could result in the unauthorized access to our information systems or data, the data of our E&P operators, and our employees, or significant disruption to our business. These attacks could adversely impact our business operations, our revenue and profits, our ability to comply with legal, contractual, and regulatory requirements, our reputation and goodwill, and could result in legal risk, enforcement actions, and litigation. As cyberattacks continue to evolve, we may be required to expend significant additional resources to respond to cyberattacks, to continue to modify or enhance our protective measures, or to investigate and remediate any information systems and related infrastructure security vulnerabilities. Additionally, the continuing and evolving threat of cybersecurity attacks has resulted in evolving legal and compliance matters, including increased regulatory focus on prevention, which could require us to expend significant additional resources to meet such requirements.

Security incidents can also occur as a result of non-technical issues, such as physical theft. More recently, advancements in artificial intelligence (“AI”) may pose serious risks for many of the traditional tools used to identify individuals, including voice recognition (whether by machine or the human ear), facial recognition, or screening questions to confirm identities. In addition, generative AI systems may also be used by malicious actors to create more sophisticated cyberattacks (*i.e.*, more realistic phishing or other attacks). The advancements in AI could lead to an increase in the frequency of identity fraud or cyberattacks (whether successful or unsuccessful), which could cause us or our E&P operators to incur increasing costs, including costs associated with additional personnel, protection technologies and policies and procedures, and third-party experts and consultants. If any of these security breaches were to occur, we could suffer disruptions to our operations and other aspects of our business.

### ***Our inability to retain or obtain key personnel could directly affect our efficiency and profitability.***

Our future success depends on retaining the services of our planned management team. Our executive officers possess a unique and comprehensive knowledge of our industry and related matters that are vital to our success within the industry. The knowledge, leadership, and technical expertise of these individuals would be difficult to replace. The loss of one or more of our officers could have a material adverse effect on our operating and financial performance, including our ability to develop and execute our long-term business strategy.

### ***We may incur losses as a result of title defects in the properties that we acquire.***

It is our practice in acquiring oil and natural gas leases or interests not to incur the expense of retaining lawyers to examine the title to the mineral interest at the time of acquisition. Rather, we rely upon the judgment of lease brokers or landmen who perform the fieldwork in examining records in the appropriate governmental office before attempting to acquire a lease or other interest in a specific mineral interest. The existence of a material title deficiency can render a lease or other interest worthless and can adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition. The failure of title on a lease, in a unit, or in any other mineral interest may not be discovered until after a well is drilled, in which case we may lose the lease and the right to produce all or a portion of the minerals under the property.

### ***If the E&P operators of our properties suspend our right to receive royalty payments due to title or other issues, our business, financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows may be adversely affected.***

We depend in part on acquisitions to grow our reserves, production, and cash generated from operations. In connection with these acquisitions, record title to mineral and royalty interests are conveyed to us by asset assignment, and we become the record owner of these interests. Upon such a change in ownership of mineral interests, and at regular intervals pursuant to routine audit procedures at each of our third-party E&P operators at its discretion, the E&P operator of the underlying property has the right to investigate and verify the title and ownership of mineral and royalty interests with respect to the properties it operates. If any title or ownership issues are not resolved to its reasonable satisfaction in accordance with customary industry standards, the E&P operator may suspend payment of the related royalty. If an E&P operator of our properties is not satisfied with the documentation we provide to validate our ownership, such E&P operator may suspend our royalty or mineral interest right payment until such issues are resolved, at which time we would receive in full payments that would have been made during the suspension, without interest. Certain of our third-party E&P operators impose significant documentation requirements for title transfer and may suspend royalty payments for significant periods of time. During the time that an E&P operator puts our assets in pay suspense, we would not receive the applicable mineral or royalty payment owed to us from sales of the underlying oil or natural gas related to such mineral or royalty interest. Placement of a significant amount of our royalty interests in suspense may have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

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### ***Our decommissioning costs are unknown and may be substantial and may force us to divert resources from our other operations.***

We may become responsible for costs associated with abandoning and reclaiming wells, facilities, and pipelines (“*decommissioning costs*”) we use for production of oil, natural gas, and NGL reserves. We accrue a liability for decommissioning costs associated with our wells but have not established any cash reserve account for these potential costs in respect of any of our properties. If decommissioning is required before economic depletion of our properties or if our estimates of the costs of decommissioning exceed the value of the reserves remaining at any particular time to cover such decommissioning costs, we may have to draw on funds from other sources to satisfy such costs. The use of other funds to satisfy such decommissioning costs could impair our ability to focus capital investment in other areas of our business.

### ***Limitation or restrictions on our ability to obtain water for our direct drilling and hydraulic fracturing processes may have an adverse effect on our operating results.***

Water is an essential component of shale oil and natural gas development during both the drilling and hydraulic fracturing processes. Our access to water to be used in these processes may be adversely affected due to reasons such as periods of extended drought, private, third-party competition for water in localized areas, or the implementation of local or state governmental programs to monitor or restrict the beneficial use of water subject to their jurisdiction for hydraulic fracturing to assure adequate local water supplies. In addition, treatment and disposal of water is becoming more highly regulated and restricted. Thus, our costs for obtaining and disposing of water could increase significantly. In addition, the use, treatment, and disposal of water has become a focus of certain investors and other stakeholders who may seek to engage with us on this and other environmental matters, which may result in activism, negative reputational impacts, increased costs, or other adverse effects on our business, results of operations, and financial condition. The inability to locate or contractually acquire and sustain the receipt of sufficient amounts of water could adversely impact our E&P operations and have a corresponding adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial condition.

### ***Weather conditions, which could become more frequent or severe due to climate change, could adversely affect our ability to conduct drilling, completion, and production activities in the areas where we operate.***

Exploration and development activities and equipment of PhoenixOp and our third-party operators operating on our lands can be adversely affected by severe weather, such as well freeze-offs, which may cause a loss of production from temporary cessation of activity or lost or damaged equipment. Our and our third-party operators’ planning for normal climatic variation, insurance programs, and emergency recovery plans may inadequately mitigate the effects of such weather conditions, and not all such effects can be predicted, eliminated, or insured against. In addition, demand for oil and gas are, to a degree, dependent on weather and climate, which impact the price we receive for the commodities we produce. These constraints could delay or temporarily halt our operations and materially increase our operating and capital costs, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

### ***Our hedging activities could result in financial losses and reduce earnings.***

To achieve a more predictable cash flow and to reduce our exposure to adverse fluctuations in the prices of oil and natural gas, we currently have entered, and may in the future enter, into derivative contracts for a portion of our future oil and natural gas production, including fixed price swaps, collars, and basis swaps. We have not designated and do not plan to designate any of our derivative contracts as hedges for accounting purposes and, as a result, record all derivative contracts on our balance sheet at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in current period earnings. Accordingly, our earnings may fluctuate significantly as a result of changes in the fair value of our derivative contracts. Derivative contracts also expose us to the risk of financial loss in some circumstances, including when:

- production is less than expected;
- the counterparty to the derivative contract defaults on its contract obligation; or
- the actual differential between the underlying price in the derivative contract or actual prices received are materially different from those expected.

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In addition, these types of derivative contracts can limit the benefit we would receive from increases in the prices for oil and natural gas.

### **Risks Related to Legal, Regulatory, and Environmental Matters**

*We are subject to significant governmental regulations, and governmental authorities can delay or deny permits and approvals or change legal requirements governing our operations, which could restrict our operations, increase costs of conducting our business, and delay our implementation of, or cause us to change, our business strategy.*

The current and future operations of our business and that of the third-party E&P operators on our land are and will be governed by complex and stringent federal, state, local, and other laws and regulations, including:

- laws and regulations governing mineral concession acquisition, prospecting, development, mining, production, transportation, marketing, and sales;
- laws and regulations related to exports, taxes, and fees;
- labor standards and regulations related to occupational health and mine safety;
- environmental standards and regulations related to waste disposal, pollution clean-up, toxic substances, land use, and environmental protection; and
- other matters.

Federal, state, and local agencies may assert overlapping authority to regulate in these areas. In addition, certain of these laws and regulations may apply retroactively and may impose strict or joint and several liability on us for events or conditions over which we and our predecessors had no control, without regard to fault, legality of the original activities, or ownership or control by third parties.

Companies engaged in exploration activities often experience increased costs and delays in production and other schedules as a result of the need to comply with applicable laws, regulations, and permits. Costs of compliance may increase, and operational delays or restrictions may occur, as existing laws and regulations are revised or reinterpreted, or as new laws and regulations become applicable to our operations. Government authorities and other organizations continue to study health, safety, and environmental aspects of mineral operations, including those related to air, soil, and water quality, ground movement or seismicity, and natural resources. Government authorities have also adopted or proposed new or more stringent requirements for permitting, well construction, and public disclosure or environmental review of, or restrictions on, mineral operations. Such requirements or associated litigation could result in potentially significant added costs to comply, delay, or curtail our exploration, development, disposal, or production activities, and preclude us from carrying out our exploration program, which could have a material adverse effect on our expected production, other operations, and financial condition.

To operate in compliance with these laws and regulations, we and our third-party E&P operators must obtain and maintain permits, approvals, and certificates from federal, state, and local government authorities for a variety of activities. These permits are generally subject to protest, appeal, or litigation, which could in certain cases delay or halt projects, production of wells, and other operations. Failure to comply with laws and regulations, including obtaining and maintaining permits, approvals, and certificates, may result in enforcement actions, including the forfeiture of claims, or orders issued by regulatory or judicial authorities requiring operations to cease or be curtailed, the assessment of administrative, civil, and criminal fines and penalties and liability for noncompliance, costs of corrective action, cleanup or restoration, including capital expenditures, installation of additional equipment, or remedial actions, compensation for personal injury, property damage or other losses, and the imposition of injunctive or declaratory relief restricting or limiting our operations.

Our operations may also be adversely affected by seasonal or permanent restrictions on drilling activities designed to protect various wildlife. Such restrictions may limit our ability to operate in protected areas and can intensify competition for drilling rigs, oilfield equipment, services, supplies, and qualified personnel, which may lead to periodic shortages when drilling is allowed. Permanent restrictions imposed to protect threatened or endangered species or their habitat could prohibit drilling in certain areas or require the implementation of expensive mitigation measures.



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***The development and enactment of climate change legislation and regulation regarding emissions of greenhouse gases (“GHGs”) could adversely affect the mineral industry and reduce demand for the oil and natural gas that we produce.***

The energy industry is affected from time to time in varying degrees by political developments and a wide range of federal, tribal, state, and local statutes, rules, orders, and regulations that may, in turn, affect the operations and costs of the companies engaged in the energy industry. In response to findings that emissions of GHGs present an endangerment to public health and the environment, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the “EPA”) has adopted regulations under existing provisions of the Clean Air Act of 1970 (as amended, the “CAA”) that, among other things, require preconstruction and operating permits for GHG emissions from certain large stationary sources that already emit conventional pollutants above a certain threshold. In addition, the EPA has adopted rules requiring the monitoring and reporting of GHG emissions from specified onshore and offshore oil and gas production sources in the United States on an annual basis, which may include operations on our properties. Further, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (the “IRA 2022”) includes billions of dollars in incentives for the development of renewable energy, clean hydrogen, clean fuels, electric vehicles, investments in advanced biofuels and supporting infrastructure, and carbon capture and sequestration. Additionally, the IRA 2022 includes a charge for methane emissions from specific types of facilities that emit 25,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent or more per year, and although the IRA 2022 generally provides for a conditional exemption under certain circumstances, the charge applies to emissions that exceed an established emissions threshold for each type of covered facility. On November 12, 2024, the EPA finalized the methane emissions charge rule, implementing the IRA 2022. To the extent the methane emissions charge rule is implemented as originally promulgated, it could increase the operating costs of our E&P operators and adversely affect our business.

Additional GHG regulation could also result from the agreement crafted during the United Nations climate change conference in Paris, France, in December 2015 (the “Paris Agreement”). Under the Paris Agreement, the United States committed to reducing its GHG emissions by 26-28% by the year 2025 as compared with 2005 levels; however, in January 2025, President Trump issued an executive order directing the United States’ withdrawal from the Paris Agreement. As a result, the effect of the Paris Agreement on our business is uncertain. Moreover, in November 2021, at the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change 26<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties, the United States and the European Union advanced a Global Methane Pledge to reduce global methane emissions at least 30% from 2020 levels by 2030, which over 100 countries have signed. While Congress has from time to time considered legislation to reduce emissions of GHGs, comprehensive legislation aimed at reducing GHG emissions has not yet been adopted at the federal level.

In the absence of comprehensive federal climate legislation, a number of state and regional efforts have emerged that are aimed at tracking or reducing GHG emissions by means of cap-and-trade programs. These programs typically require major sources of GHG emissions to acquire and surrender emission allowances in return for emitting those GHGs.

Although it is not possible at this time to predict how legislation or new regulations that may be adopted to address GHG emissions would impact us, any future laws and regulations imposing reporting obligations on, or limiting emissions of GHGs from, operators’ equipment and operations could require them to incur costs to reduce emissions of GHGs associated with their operations. In addition, substantial limitations on GHG emissions could adversely affect demand for the oil and gas produced from our properties. Restrictions on emissions of methane or carbon dioxide, such as restrictions on venting and flaring of natural gas, that may be imposed in various states, as well as state and local climate change initiatives, such as increased energy efficiency standards or mandates for renewable energy sources, could adversely affect the oil and gas industry, and, at this time, it is not possible to accurately estimate how potential future laws or regulations addressing GHG emissions would impact oil and gas assets. Finally, it should be noted that climate change may have significant physical effects, such as increased frequency and severity of storms, freezes, floods, drought, hurricanes, and other climatic events; if any of these effects were to occur, they could have a material adverse effect on us.

***Our and third-party E&P operators’ exploration and development activities are subject to environmental risks, which could expose us and E&P operators we work with to significant liability and delay, suspension, or termination of our or the third-party E&P operators’ operations.***

Our operations, through PhoenixOp and our third-party E&P operators, are subject to all of the hazards and operating risks associated with drilling for and production of crude oil, natural gas, and NGL, including the risk of fire, explosions, blowouts, surface cratering, uncontrollable flows of crude oil, natural gas, NGL, and formation water, pipe or pipeline failures, abnormally pressured formations, casing collapses, and environmental hazards, such as crude oil and NGL spills, natural gas leaks and ruptures, or discharges of toxic gases.

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In addition, their operations are subject to risks associated with hydraulic fracturing. These risks include any mishandling, surface spillage, or potential underground migration of fracturing fluids, including chemical additives. The occurrence of any of these events could result in substantial losses to us or our E&P operators due to injury or loss of life, severe damage to or destruction of property, natural resources, and equipment, pollution or other environmental damage, clean-up responsibilities, regulatory investigations and penalties, suspension of operations, and repairs required to resume operations, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows.

The exploration and possible future development phases of our business and the business of the E&P operators we work with are and will be subject to federal, state, and local environmental regulation. These regulations mandate, among other things, the maintenance of air and water quality standards and land reclamation. They also set out limitations on the generation, transportation, storage, and disposal of solid and hazardous waste. Future environmental legislation may require stricter standards and enforcement, increased fines and penalties for non-compliance, more stringent environmental assessments, and a heightened degree of responsibility for companies and their officers, directors, and employees. Future changes in environmental regulations, if any, may adversely affect our operations and the operations of the E&P operators on our land. If we fail to comply with any of the applicable environmental laws, regulations, or permit requirements, we could face regulatory or judicial sanctions. Penalties imposed by either the courts or administrative bodies could delay or stop our operations or the operations of the third-party E&P operators on our land or require considerable capital expenditures. Furthermore, certain groups opposed to exploration and mining may attempt to interfere with our operations through the legal or regulatory process or by engaging in disruptive protest activities.

Environmental hazards unknown to us, which have been caused by previous or existing owners or operators of the properties, may exist on the properties in which we hold an interest. Our properties could be located on or near the site of a Federal Superfund cleanup project, and that environmental cleanup or other environmental restoration procedures could remain to be completed or mandated by law, which may result in unexpected liabilities, with total costs that are difficult to predict.

The Comprehensive Environmental, Response, Compensation and Liability Act (“**CERCLA**”) and comparable state statutes impose strict joint and several liability on current and former owners and operators of sites and on persons who disposed of or arranged for the disposal of hazardous substances found at such sites. It is not uncommon for the government to file claims requiring cleanup actions, demands for reimbursement for government-incurred cleanup costs, or natural resource damages, or for neighboring landowners and other third parties to file claims for personal injury and property damage allegedly caused by hazardous substances released into the environment. The Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (“**RCRA**”) and comparable state statutes govern the disposal of solid waste and hazardous waste and authorize the imposition of substantial fines and penalties for noncompliance, as well as requirements for corrective actions. CERCLA, RCRA, and comparable state statutes can impose liability for clean-up of sites and disposal of substances found on exploration, mining, and processing sites long after activities on such sites have been completed.

The CAA restricts the emission of air pollutants from many sources, including mining and processing activities. The mining operations conducted by third parties on our land may produce air emissions, including fugitive dust and other air pollutants from stationary equipment, storage facilities, and the use of mobile sources such as trucks and heavy construction equipment, which are subject to review, monitoring, and/or control requirements under the CAA and state air quality laws. In undeveloped properties, third-party operators may be required to obtain permits before work can begin, and, in properties with existing facilities, our operators may need to incur capital costs in order to remain in compliance. In addition, permitting rules may impose limitations on their production levels or result in additional capital expenditures in order to comply with the rules.

The National Environmental Policy Act requires federal agencies to integrate environmental considerations into their decision-making processes by evaluating the environmental impacts of their proposed actions, including issuance of permits to mining facilities, and assessing alternatives to those actions. If a proposed action could significantly affect the environment, the agency must prepare a detailed statement known as an Environmental Impact Statement (“**EIS**”). The EPA, other federal agencies, and any interested third parties will review and comment on the scoping of the EIS and the adequacy of and findings set forth in the draft and final EIS. This process can cause delays in issuance of required permits or result in changes to a project to mitigate its potential environmental impacts, which can in turn adversely impact the economic feasibility of a proposed project.



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The Clean Water Act (the “**CWA**”) and comparable state statutes impose restrictions and controls on the discharge of pollutants into waters of the United States. The discharge of pollutants into regulated waters is prohibited, except in accordance with the terms of a permit issued by the EPA or an analogous state agency. The CWA regulates storm water mining facilities and requires a storm water discharge permit for certain activities. Such a permit requires the regulated facility to monitor and sample storm water run-off from its operations. The CWA and regulations implemented thereunder also prohibit discharges of dredged and fill material in wetlands and other waters of the United States unless authorized by an appropriately issued permit. The CWA and comparable state statutes provide for civil, criminal, and administrative penalties for unauthorized discharges of pollutants and impose liability on parties responsible for those discharges for the costs of cleaning up any environmental damage caused by the release and for natural resource damages resulting from the release.

The Safe Drinking Water Act (the “**SDWA**”) and the Underground Injection Control (the “**UIC**”) program promulgated thereunder regulate the drilling and operation of subsurface injection wells. The EPA directly administers the UIC program in some states and in others the responsibility for the program has been delegated to the state. The program requires that a permit be obtained before drilling a disposal or injection well. Violation of these regulations and/or contamination of groundwater by mining-related activities may result in fines, penalties, and remediation costs, among other sanctions and liabilities under the SDWA and state laws. In addition, third-party claims may be filed by neighboring landowners and other parties claiming damages for alternative water supplies, property damages, and bodily injury.

There can be no assurance that our defense of such claims will be successful. A successful claim against us or any of the third parties we contract with could have an adverse effect on our business prospects, financial condition, and results of operation.

### ***We or our third-party E&P operators could be subject to environmental lawsuits.***

The oil and natural gas business involves a variety of operating hazards and risks, such as well blowouts, pipe failures, casing collapse, explosions, uncontrollable flows of oil, natural gas, or well fluids, fires, spills, pollution, releases of toxic gas, and other environmental hazards and risks. These hazards and risks could result in substantial losses to us from, among other things, injury or loss of life, severe damage to or destruction of property, natural resources, and equipment, pollution or other environmental damage, cleanup responsibilities, regulatory investigation and penalties, and suspension of operations. In addition, we may be liable for environmental damages caused by previous owners of property purchased by us. Environmental hazards and damages resulting from such incidents may have adverse consequences beyond our land and neighboring landowners and other third parties could file claims based on environmental statutes and common law for personal injury and property damage allegedly caused by the release of hazardous substances or other waste material into the environment on or around our properties. There can be no assurance that our defense of such claims will be successful. A successful claim against us or any of the third parties we contract with to conduct operations on our land could have an adverse effect on our business prospects, financial condition, and results of operation.

### ***We do not currently own any registered intellectual property rights relating to our software system and may be subject to competitors developing the same technology.***

As of the date of this report, we do not own any registered intellectual property rights for our software system used in our mineral rights discovery, grading and estimates, and acquisition. We rely on trade secret laws to protect our software. There can be no assurance that these protections will be available in all cases or will be adequate to prevent third parties from copying, reverse engineering, or otherwise obtaining and using our software. We substantially rely on this software to identify profitable assets ahead of our competitors. If an existing competitor or anyone else replicates our software, then we may be unable to successfully compete and may be unable to identify, acquire, and invest in attractive assets, which would have a material adverse effect on our business and our ability to repay any of our debts, including the obligations.

### ***Third parties may initiate legal proceedings alleging that our use of our software system is infringing or otherwise violating their intellectual property rights, which could lead to costly disputes or disruptions.***

Our commercial success depends in part on our ability to continue to develop and use our proprietary mineral exploration software system without infringing the intellectual property or proprietary rights of third parties. However, from time to time, we may be subject to legal proceedings and claims in the ordinary course of business with respect to intellectual property. Intellectual property disputes can be costly to defend and may cause our business, operating results, and financial condition to suffer. As the applied science industry and investments in mineral rights in the United States expand, the risk

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increases that there may be patents issued to third parties that relate to our software of which we are not aware or that we must challenge to continue our operations as currently contemplated. Whether merited or not, we may face allegations that we or parties indemnified by us have infringed or otherwise violated the patents, trademarks, copyrights, or other intellectual property rights of third parties. Such claims may be made by competitors seeking to obtain a competitive advantage or by other parties. We may also face allegations that our employees have misappropriated the intellectual property or proprietary rights of their former employers or other third parties.

It may be necessary for us to initiate litigation to defend ourselves in order to determine the scope, enforceability, and validity of third-party intellectual property or proprietary rights, or to establish our respective rights. Regardless of whether claims that we are infringing patents or other intellectual property rights have merit, such claims can be time-consuming, can divert management's attention and financial resources, and can be costly to evaluate and defend. Results of any such litigation are difficult to predict and may require us to stop commercializing or using our products or technology, obtain licenses, modify our solutions and technology while we develop non-infringing substitutes, incur substantial damages or settlement costs, or face a temporary or permanent injunction prohibiting us from marketing or providing the affected products and solutions. If we require a third-party license, it may not be available on reasonable terms or at all, and we may have to pay substantial royalties or upfront fees or grant cross-licenses to intellectual property rights for the use of our software. We may also have to redesign our software so it does not infringe third-party intellectual property rights, which may not be possible or may require substantial monetary expenditures and time, during which our technology may not be available for use. Even if we have an agreement to indemnify us against such costs, the indemnifying party may be unable to uphold its contractual obligations. If we cannot or do not obtain a third-party license to the infringed technology, license the technology on reasonable terms, or obtain similar technology from another source, our operations could be adversely impacted.

Further, some third parties may be able to sustain the costs of complex litigation more effectively than we can because they have substantially greater resources. Even if resolved in our favor, litigation or other legal proceedings relating to intellectual property claims may cause us to incur significant expenses and could distract our technical and management personnel from their normal responsibilities. In addition, there could be public announcements of the results of hearings, motions, or other interim proceedings or developments, and if securities analysts or investors perceive these results to be negative, it could have a material adverse effect on our business. Moreover, any uncertainties resulting from the initiation and continuation of any legal proceedings could have a material adverse effect on our ability to raise the funds necessary to continue our operations. Assertions by third parties that we violate their intellectual property rights could therefore have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

### ***We could be subject to changes in our tax rates, the adoption of new tax legislation, or exposure to additional tax liabilities.***

Current economic and political conditions make tax rates in any jurisdiction subject to significant change. Our future effective tax rates could also be affected by changes in the valuation of our deferred tax assets and liabilities, or changes in tax laws or their interpretation, including changes in tax laws affecting our products and solutions and the oil and gas industry more generally. We are also subject to the examination of our tax returns and other documentation by the IRS and state tax authorities. We regularly assess the likelihood of an adverse outcome resulting from these examinations to determine the adequacy of our provision for taxes. There can be no assurance as to the outcome of these examinations or that our assessments of the likelihood of an adverse outcome will be correct. If our effective tax rates were to increase or if the ultimate determination of our taxes owed is for an amount in excess of amounts previously accrued, this could materially and adversely impact our financial condition and results of operations.

### ***Current and future litigation, regulatory, administrative, or other legal proceedings could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.***

Lawsuits and regulatory, administrative, or other legal proceedings that have arisen or may arise, including, but not limited to, in connection with our oil and gas operations and the financing thereof, can involve substantial costs, including the costs associated with investigation, litigation, and possible settlement, judgment, penalty, or fine. In addition, such matters may be time-consuming to defend or prosecute and may require a commitment of management and personnel resources that will be diverted from our normal business operations. There can be no assurance that costs associated with such matters will not exceed the limits of any applicable insurance policies that we may have. Moreover, we may be unable to continue to maintain any insurance at a reasonable cost, if at all, or to secure additional coverage, which may result in costs being uninsured. Our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be adversely affected if a matter is adversely determined and, irrespective of a final determination, any such matter could significantly impact our reputation and ability to conduct our business.

**Risks Related to Our Indebtedness**

***Our substantial indebtedness could adversely affect our financial condition and prevent us from fulfilling our obligations under the Registered Notes and our other indebtedness.***

We have a significant amount of indebtedness. We may not generate sufficient cash flow from operations, or have future borrowings available under credit facilities or other sources of financing, to enable us to repay our indebtedness, including the Registered Notes, or to fund our other liquidity needs. As of March 31, 2025, after giving effect to the borrowings of additional \$50.0 million under the Fortress Credit Agreement in April and May 2025, we had approximately \$1,134.4 million of indebtedness outstanding, which comprised \$300.0 million outstanding under the Fortress Credit Agreement, \$163.0 million outstanding under the Adamantium Loan Agreement (and corresponding amount of Adamantium Securities), \$571.7 million of Reg D Bonds outstanding, and \$99.6 million of Reg A Bonds outstanding. Furthermore, the Fortress Credit Agreement provides for an \$8.5 million tranche of loans that represents a contingent principal obligation that is only due and payable (together with accrued interest thereon) upon certain conditions occurring, including payment defaults under the Fortress Credit Agreement or a bankruptcy filing by the obligors thereunder. See “*Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations–Liquidity and Capital Resources–Indebtedness.*”

Specifically, our high level of indebtedness could have important consequences to holders of Registered Notes, including:

- making it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to the Registered Notes and our other indebtedness, and if we fail to comply with these requirements, an event of default could result;
- limiting our ability to obtain additional financing to fund future working capital, capital expenditures, investments, acquisitions, or other general corporate requirements;
- requiring a substantial portion of our cash flows to be dedicated to debt service payments instead of other purposes, thereby reducing the amount of cash flows available for working capital, capital expenditures, investments, acquisitions, and other general corporate purposes;
- increasing our vulnerability to general adverse economic and industry conditions;
- exposing us to the risk of increased interest rates, as borrowings under the Fortress Credit Agreement are at variable rates of interest;
- limiting our flexibility in planning for and reacting to changes in the industry in which we compete and to changing business and economic conditions;
- placing us at a disadvantage compared to other, less leveraged competitors or competitors with better access to capital resources, and generally affecting our ability to compete; and
- increasing our cost of borrowing.

Any such consequences could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial condition.

***Despite our current level of indebtedness, we will still be able to incur substantially more debt. This could further exacerbate the risks to our financial condition described above.***

We may incur significant additional indebtedness in the future. The indenture governing the Registered Notes does not contain any limitations on our ability to incur additional indebtedness, including Senior Debt. Although the Fortress Credit Agreement contains, and the terms of future indebtedness we incur may contain, restrictions on the incurrence of additional indebtedness, these restrictions are subject to a number of qualifications and exceptions, and the additional indebtedness incurred in compliance with these restrictions could be substantial. If we incur any additional Senior Debt, the holders of that indebtedness will be entitled to repayment in full from any proceeds distributed in connection with any insolvency, liquidation, reorganization, dissolution, or other winding up of our company prior to any payment to holders of Notes. If we incur any additional indebtedness that ranks equally with the Registered Notes, subject to collateral arrangements, the holders of that indebtedness will be entitled to share ratably with you in any proceeds distributed in connection with any insolvency,

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liquidation, reorganization, dissolution, or other winding up of our company. In either case, this could reduce the amount of proceeds paid to you. These restrictions also will not prevent us from incurring obligations that do not constitute indebtedness. If new indebtedness or other obligations are added to our current indebtedness levels, the related risks that we now face would increase.

***We may not be able to generate sufficient cash to service all of our existing and future indebtedness, including the Registered Notes, and may be forced to take other actions to satisfy our obligations under our indebtedness, which may not be successful.***

As a result of our substantial indebtedness, a significant amount of our cash flow will be required to pay interest and principal on our outstanding indebtedness. Our ability to make scheduled payments on or refinance our indebtedness, including the Registered Notes, depends on our financial condition and operating performance, which are subject to prevailing economic and competitive conditions and to certain financial, business, legislative, regulatory, and other factors beyond our control. We may be unable to maintain a level of cash flows from operating activities sufficient to permit us to pay the principal of, premium, if any, and interest on our indebtedness, including the Registered Notes, or to service our other obligations.

We recorded net income (loss) of \$(8.4) million and \$5.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2025, respectively. In 2023 and 2024, we incurred a significant amount of debt in order to accelerate the growth of our business by acquiring additional assets and establishing our direct drilling operations. As a result, our cash flows from operations alone would not have been sufficient to service required cash interest and principal payment obligations under our then-existing debt in 2023 and 2024. Furthermore, as of December 31, 2024, we estimate that we will need to make approximately \$749.3 million and \$3,224.8 million in capital expenditures to develop all our proved and probable undeveloped reserves, respectively, and that we will need to raise approximately \$658.9 million in additional capital through the end of 2028 to fund such development. Although we expect our cash flows from operations to be sufficient to service cash interest and principal payment obligations under our debt for the foreseeable future, there can be no assurance as to the sufficiency of our cash flows for that purpose, and we do not expect such cash flows alone to be adequate to fund both our debt service obligations and the development of our reserves. Therefore, we expect to require additional capital to fund our growth and may require additional liquidity to service our debt. As a result, we may use the proceeds of additional debt, including the Registered Notes, to make interest and principal payments on our existing debt. See “—Risks Related to Our Business and Operations—The acquisition and development of our properties, directly or through our third-party E&P operators, will require substantial capital, and we and our third-party E&P operators may be unable to obtain needed capital or financing on satisfactory terms or at all, including as a result of increases in the cost of capital resulting from Federal Reserve policies in the past few years and otherwise,” “—Despite our current level of indebtedness, we will still be able to incur substantially more debt. This could further exacerbate the risks to our financial condition described above,” and “Part I. Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.”

If our cash flows from operations and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we could face substantial liquidity problems and could be forced to reduce or delay investments and capital expenditures or to dispose of material assets or operations, seek additional debt or equity capital, or restructure or refinance our indebtedness, including the Registered Notes. We may not be able to effect any such alternative measures on commercially reasonable terms or at all and, even if successful, those alternative actions may not allow us to meet our scheduled debt service obligations. If we cannot make scheduled payments on our indebtedness, we will be in default and holders of such indebtedness could declare all outstanding principal of, premium on, and interest, if any, on such indebtedness to be due and payable, and the lenders under any revolving or delayed draw credit facilities, including the Fortress Credit Agreement, could terminate their commitments to loan money to us. As a result of a default, any secured lenders could foreclose against the assets securing their borrowings and we could be forced into bankruptcy or liquidation. All of these events could result in your losing all or a part of your investment in the Registered Notes.

Furthermore, the Fortress Credit Agreement restricts, and our future indebtedness may restrict, our ability to dispose of assets and use the proceeds from such dispositions and may also restrict our ability to raise debt or equity capital to be used to repay other indebtedness when it becomes due. We may not be able to consummate those dispositions or to obtain proceeds in an amount sufficient to meet any debt service obligations then due.

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***We will need to repay or refinance a substantial amount of our indebtedness prior to maturity of the Registered Notes. Failure to do so could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, and financial condition.***

Registered Notes have maturities ranging from three to eleven years from the date of initial issuance. As of March 31, 2025, after giving effect to the borrowings of additional \$50.0 million under the Fortress Credit Agreement in April and May 2025, we had approximately \$590.7 million of indebtedness maturing within three years, including all amounts under the Fortress Credit Agreement, \$674.0 million of indebtedness maturing within five years, \$811.2 million of indebtedness maturing within seven years, and \$1,134.4 million of indebtedness maturing within eleven years. Furthermore, the Fortress Credit Agreement provides for an \$8.5 million tranche of loans that represents a contingent principal obligation that is only due and payable (together with accrued interest thereon) upon certain conditions occurring, including payment defaults under the Fortress Credit Agreement or a bankruptcy filing by the obligors thereunder. The terms of the Adamantium Securities, the Reg A Bonds, the Subordinated Reg D Bonds, and the July 2022 506(c) Bonds contain mandatory redemption provisions providing the holders thereof with the ability to request redemption of their bonds at any time prior to maturity at a price equal to 100% (with respect to the Adamantium Secured Note), 90% (with respect to the July 2022 506(c) Bonds), or 95% (with respect to the Adamantium Bonds, the Reg A Bonds, and the Subordinated Reg D Bonds) of the principal amount being redeemed. The amount of such redemption is limited (i) on an annual basis to 10% of the aggregate principal amount of Adamantium Bonds, Reg A Bonds, or Subordinated Reg D Bonds, as applicable, then issued and outstanding and (ii) \$5.0 million in aggregate principal amount of the Adamantium Secured Note in any 12-month period. See “*Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations–Liquidity and Capital Resources–Indebtedness.*” Consequently, prior to the maturity of the Registered Notes, we will need to repay, refinance, replace, or otherwise extend the maturity of a substantial amount of our existing indebtedness. Our ability to repay, refinance, replace, or extend will be dependent on, among other things, business conditions, our financial performance, and the general condition of the financial markets. If a financial disruption were to occur at the time that we are required to repay such indebtedness, we could be forced to undertake alternate financings, negotiate for an extension of the maturity of such indebtedness, or sell assets and delay capital expenditures in order to generate proceeds that could be used to repay such indebtedness. We cannot assure you that we will be able to consummate any such transaction on terms that are commercially reasonable, on terms acceptable to us, or at all. Our failure to repay, refinance, replace, or otherwise extend the maturity of our indebtedness could result in an event of default under the documents governing our indebtedness, which could lead to an acceleration or repayment of substantially all of our outstanding indebtedness.

***The terms of our outstanding indebtedness restrict, and the terms of future indebtedness we may incur may restrict, our current and future operations, particularly our ability to respond to changes in the economy or our industry or to take certain actions, which could harm our long-term interests.***

The agreements governing certain of our existing indebtedness contain, and the agreements governing future indebtedness we may incur may contain, a number of restrictive covenants that impose significant operating and financial restrictions on us and may limit our ability to engage in acts that may be in our long-term best interest, including restrictions on our ability to:

- incur additional indebtedness and guarantee indebtedness;
- pay dividends or make other distributions in respect of, or repurchase or redeem, our capital stock;
- prepay, redeem, or repurchase certain indebtedness;
- make loans and investments;
- sell or otherwise dispose of assets;
- incur liens;
- enter into transactions with affiliates;
- designate any of our subsidiaries as unrestricted subsidiaries;
- enter into agreements restricting our subsidiaries’ ability to pay dividends;
- consolidate, merge, sell, or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets; and
- prepay subordinated or junior lien indebtedness, including the Registered Notes.

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In addition, the Fortress Credit Agreement contains financial covenants that require us to maintain (a) a maximum total secured leverage ratio (i) as of the last day of any fiscal quarter ending on or before December 31, 2025 of less than or equal to 2.00 to 1.00 (commencing with the fiscal quarter ending December 31, 2024) and (ii) as of the last day of any fiscal quarter ending on or after March 31, 2026 of less than or equal to 1.50 to 1.00, (b) a minimum current ratio as of the last day of each calendar month of (i) 0.90 to 1.00 from September 30, 2024 through October 31, 2024, (ii) 0.80 to 1.00 from November 30, 2024 through November 30, 2025, (iii) 0.90 to 1.00 from December 31, 2025 through December 31, 2026, and (iv) 1.00 to 1.00 for each calendar month ending thereafter, and (c) a minimum asset coverage ratio as of the last day of any fiscal quarter (i) ending during the period from June 30, 2024 through December 31, 2024, of at least 2.00 to 1.00, (ii) ending during the period from March 31, 2025 through September 30, 2025, of at least 1.70 to 1.00, and (iii) ending during the period from December 31, 2025 and thereafter, of at least 2.00 to 1.00. Our ability to meet the financial covenant could be affected by events beyond our control.

Furthermore, subject to certain conditions, the Reg A Bonds require that we offer to purchase all or any amount of the outstanding Reg A Bonds at a price equal to the then outstanding principal on the Reg A Bonds being repurchased plus any accrued but unpaid interest on such Reg A Bonds, upon a change of control.

These restrictions may affect our ability to service our indebtedness or grow in accordance with our strategy. As a result of all of these restrictions, we may be:

limited in how we conduct our business;

unable to raise additional indebtedness or equity financing to operate during general economic or business downturns; or

unable to compete effectively or to take advantage of new business opportunities.

A breach of the covenants under any such indebtedness could result in a default under the applicable indebtedness. Such a default may allow the creditors to accelerate the related indebtedness and may result in the acceleration of any other indebtedness to which a cross-acceleration or cross-default provision applies. In addition, an event of default under the Fortress Credit Agreement or any other revolving or delayed draw credit facilities would permit the lenders under those facilities to terminate all commitments to extend further credit thereunder.

Furthermore, if we were unable to repay the amounts due and payable under any secured indebtedness, including the Fortress Credit Agreement, those lenders could proceed against the collateral granted to them, including our available cash, to secure that indebtedness, subject to the provisions of any outstanding intercreditor arrangements. In the event our lenders accelerate the repayment of our borrowings, we and our subsidiaries may not have sufficient assets to repay that indebtedness.

### ***Our variable rate indebtedness subjects us to interest rate risk, which could cause our debt service obligations to increase significantly.***

Borrowings under the Fortress Credit Agreement are, and borrowings under indebtedness we may incur in the future may be, at variable rates of interest and expose us to interest rate risk. If interest rates were to increase, our debt service obligations on the variable rate indebtedness would increase even though the amount borrowed remained the same, and our net income and cash flows, including cash available for servicing our indebtedness, including the Registered Notes, will correspondingly decrease. In the future, we may enter into interest rate swaps that involve the exchange of floating-for fixed-rate interest payments in order to reduce interest rate volatility or risk. However, we may not maintain interest rate swaps with respect to any of our variable rate indebtedness, and any swaps we enter into may not fully or effectively mitigate our interest rate risk.

## **General Risks**

### ***Our business could be adversely affected by unfavorable economic and political conditions.***

Our future business and operations are sensitive to general business and economic conditions in the United States. National and regional economies and financial markets have become increasingly interconnected, which increases the possibilities that conditions in one country, region, or market might adversely impact companies in a different country, region, or market. Major economic or political disruptions, such as trade disputes between the United States and other countries, the slowing economy in China, the conflict between Hamas and Israel in Gaza, the war in Ukraine and sanctions on Russia, and a potential economic slowdown in the United Kingdom and Europe, may have global negative economic and market repercussions. While we do not have or intend to have operations in those countries, such disruptions may



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nevertheless cause fluctuations in oil prices, which could impact our ability to generate cash flows and, in turn, make interest and principal payments to you. Additionally, the resulting political instability and societal disruption from these events and other factors, such as declining business and consumer confidence, may contribute to an economic slowdown and a recession. If the economic climate in the United States or abroad deteriorates, worldwide demand for oil and natural gas products could diminish, which could impact our and our E&P operators' operations, affect our ability and the ability of our E&P operators to continue operations, and ultimately materially adversely impact our results of operations, financial condition, and cash flows.

Other significant factors that are likely to continue to affect commodity prices in future periods include, but are not limited to, the effect of U.S. energy, monetary, and trade policies and the new administration's energy and environmental policies, all of which are beyond our control. Our business may also be adversely impacted by any future government rule, regulation, or order that may impose production limits, as well as pipeline capacity and storage constraints. We cannot predict the ultimate impact of these factors on our business, financial condition, and cash flows.

### ***The lingering effects of the COVID-19 pandemic or any other future global or domestic health crisis and uncertainty in the financial markets may adversely affect our ability to generate revenues.***

The COVID-19 pandemic and other public health emergencies historically have had a material adverse effect on oil and gas businesses, due to governmental restrictions, associated repercussions, and operational challenges to supply and demand for oil and natural gas and the economy generally. The impacts of public health emergencies, including the COVID-19 pandemic, are uncertain and hard to predict. Although there has been economic recovery and higher oil prices since the COVID-19 pandemic, such negative impact may continue well beyond the containment of the COVID-19 pandemic or any other public health emergency. While oilfield activity has improved considerably and global inventories have rapidly normalized with continued demand growth since the low point experienced in 2020, considerable uncertainty remains. An extended period of global supply chain and economic disruption, as well as significantly decreased demand for oil and gas, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, any future public health emergencies, or otherwise, could have a material adverse effect on our business, access to sources of liquidity, and financial condition. Additionally, extended disruptions to the global economy are likely to cause fluctuations in oil prices and the timing of oil production, which could have a material adverse effect on our ability to generate cash flow, which in turn could limit our ability to pay principal and interest.

### ***Inflation could adversely impact our ability to control costs, including the operating expenses and capital costs of our third-party operating partners.***

Concerns over global economic conditions, energy costs, supply chain disruptions, increased demand, labor shortages associated with a fully employed U.S. labor force, the imposition of new tariffs, geopolitical issues, high levels of inflation, the availability and cost of credit and the U.S. financial market, and other factors have contributed to increased economic uncertainty and diminished expectations for the global economy. Although inflation in the United States had been relatively low for many years, there was a significant increase in inflation beginning in the second half of 2021, which continued through 2023, and while such inflation moderation moderated in 2024, inflation remains higher than the 2.0% inflation target of the U.S. Federal Reserve as of the first quarter of 2025. We continue to develop plans to address these pressures and protect our access to commodities and services. Nevertheless, we expect for the foreseeable future to experience supply chain constraints and inflationary pressure on operating costs.

High inflation may cause our third-party operators to experience increasing costs for their operations, including oilfield services and equipment and increased personnel costs. Our operating partners may pass on such increased costs to us and have a negative effect on our business and financial condition. Sustained levels of high inflation have likewise caused the U.S. Federal Reserve and other central banks to increase interest rates multiple times in an effort to curb inflationary pressure on the costs of goods and services across the United States, which has had the effects of raising the cost of capital and depressing economic growth, either of which, or the combination thereof, could hurt the financial results of our business. We cannot predict any future trends in the rate of inflation and any continued significant increase in inflation, to the extent we are unable to recover higher costs through higher prices and revenues for our products, would negatively impact our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

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**[Table of Contents](#)*****Increased attention to environmental, social, and governance (“ESG”) matters may impact our business.***

Businesses across all industries are facing increasing scrutiny from stakeholders related to their ESG practices. If we do not adapt to or comply with investor or stakeholder expectations and standards, which are evolving, or if we are perceived to have not responded appropriately to the growing concern for ESG issues, regardless of whether there is a legal requirement to do so, we may suffer from reputational damage and our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. Increasing attention to climate change, increasing societal expectations on businesses to address climate change, and potential consumer use of substitutes to energy commodities may result in increased costs, reduced demand for our hydrocarbon products, reduced profits, increased investigations and litigation, and negative impacts on our ability to access capital markets.

In addition, organizations that provided information to investors on corporate governance and related matters have developed rating processes for evaluating business entities on their approach to ESG matters. Currently, there are no universal standards for such scores or ratings, but the importance of sustainability evaluations is becoming more broadly accepted by investors and shareholders. Such ratings are used by some investors to inform their investment and voting decisions.

Additionally, certain investors use these scores to benchmark businesses against their peers. If we are perceived as lagging, our investors may engage with such third-party organizations to require improved ESG disclosure or performance.

Certain other stakeholders have also pressured commercial and investment banks to stop financing oil and gas and related infrastructure projects. Although the impact of future Trump Administration policies is currently unknown, if this negative sentiment continues, it may reduce the availability of capital funding for potential development projects, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows.

***Investment in new business ventures could prove unsuccessful and adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.***

In the future, we may invest in new business ventures. Such endeavors may involve risks and uncertainties, including greater-than-expected liabilities and expenses, as well as economic and regulatory challenges associated with operating in new businesses, regions, or countries. Investment into new business ventures may expose the company to additional risks that could delay or prevent us from completing an investment or otherwise limit our ability to fully realize the anticipated benefits of an investment. The failure of any significant investment could adversely affect our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

- (a) Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities: None.
- (b) Use of Proceeds: On May 14, 2025, the Registration Statement was declared effective, pursuant to which the Issuer intends to sell up to \$750.0 million aggregate principal amount of Registered Notes on a continuous basis. The offering of the Registered Notes is ongoing and, as of the date of this Quarterly Report, the Issuer has not sold any Registered Notes.
- (c) Purchases of Equity Securities by the Issuer and Affiliated Purchasers: None.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

None.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures**

Not applicable.



**Item 5. Other Information**

- (a) Disclosures in Lieu of Reporting on a Current Report on Form 8-K: On May 14, 2025, the Issuer entered into Indenture pursuant to which it may issue up to \$750.0 million aggregate principal amount of Registered Notes pursuant to the Registration Statement. Furthermore, on May 14, 2025, the Issuer effected the previously disclosed increase in the offering amount of its August 2023 506(c) Bonds from \$750.0 million to \$1,500.0 million and amended the indenture governing such bonds in connection therewith. Lastly, on May 15, 2025, the Issuer entered into an indenture with UMB Bank, N.A., as trustee, pursuant to which it may, from time to time, issue debt securities to holders of the Reg A Bonds in exchange for their Reg A Bonds in offerings exempt from registration under Section 3(a) (9) and/or 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act.
- (b) Material Changes to the Procedures by Which Security Holders May Recommend Nominees to the Board of Directors: None.
- (c) Insider Trading Arrangements and Policies: None.

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Exhibit No.	Exhibit Description+	Incorporated by Reference			Filed Herewith
		Form	Date of First Filing	Exhibit Number	
3.1	<a href="#">Certificate of Formation of Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC, dated as of April 16, 2019.</a>	S-1	10/ 29/ 2024	3.1	
3.2	<a href="#">Certificate of Amendment to the Certificate of Formation of Phoenix Energy One, LLC, dated as of January 23, 2025.</a>	S-1/A	03/ 28/ 2025	3.2	
3.3	<a href="#">Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Phoenix Energy One, LLC, dated as of January 23, 2025.</a>	S-1/A	03/ 28/ 2025	3.3	
4.1	<a href="#">Indenture, by and between Phoenix Energy One, LLC and UMB Bank, N.A., as trustee, dated May 14, 2025, governing the Registered Notes.</a>				*
4.2	<a href="#">Form of Cash Interest Note (included in Exhibit 4.1)</a>				*
4.3	<a href="#">Form of Compound Interest Note (included in Exhibit 4.1)</a>				*
4.4	<a href="#">Indenture, by and between Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC and UMB Bank, N.A., as trustee, dated as of January 12, 2022, governing the Reg A Bonds.</a>	S-1	10/ 29/ 2024	4.4	
4.5	<a href="#">First Supplemental Indenture, by and between Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC and UMB Bank, N.A., as trustee, dated as of February 1, 2022.</a>	S-1	10/ 29/ 2024	4.5	
4.6	<a href="#">Second Supplemental Indenture, by and between Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC and UMB Bank, N.A., as trustee, dated as of July 18, 2022.</a>	S-1	10/ 29/ 2024	4.6	
4.7	<a href="#">Third Supplemental Indenture, by and between Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC and UMB Bank, N.A., as trustee, dated as of May 25, 2023.</a>	S-1	10/ 29/ 2024	4.7	
4.8	<a href="#">Form of Reg A Bond.</a>	S-1	10/ 29/ 2024	4.8	
4.9	<a href="#">Form of Adamantium Bond.</a>	S-1	10/ 29/ 2024	4.9	
4.10	<a href="#">Form of 2020 506(b) Bond and 2020 506(c) Bond.</a>	S-1	10/ 29/ 2024	4.10	
4.11	<a href="#">Form of July 2022 506(c) Bond.</a>	S-1	10/ 29/ 2024	4.11	
4.12	<a href="#">Form of December 2022 506(c) Bond (Series AAA through Series D-1).</a>	S-1	10/ 29/ 2024	4.12	
4.13	<a href="#">Indenture, by and between Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC and UMB Bank, N.A., as trustee, dated as of August 25, 2023, governing the August 2023 506(c) Bonds.</a>	S-1	10/ 29/ 2024	4.13	
4.14	<a href="#">Form of August 2023 506(c) Bond (Series U through Series Z-1).</a>	S-1	10/ 29/ 2024	4.14	
4.15	<a href="#">First Supplemental Indenture, by and between Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC and UMB Bank, N.A., as trustee, dated as of August 20, 2024, governing the August 2023 506(c) Bonds.</a>	S-1	10/ 29/ 2024	4.15	



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4.17	<a href="#">Second Supplemental Indenture, by and between Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC and UMB Bank, N.A., as trustee, dated as of October 17, 2024, governing the August 2023 506(c) Bonds.</a>	S-1	10/29/2024	4.17
4.18	<a href="#">Third Supplemental Indenture, by and between Phoenix Energy One, LLC and UMB Bank, N.A., as trustee, dated as of May 14, 2025, governing the August 2023 506(c) Bonds.</a>			*
4.19	<a href="#">Indenture, by and between Phoenix Energy One, LLC and UMB Bank, N.A., as trustee, dated as of May 15, 2025, governing the Exchange Notes.</a>			*
4.20	<a href="#">Form of Cash Interest Exchange Note (included in Exhibit 4.19)</a>			*
4.21	<a href="#">Form of Compound Interest Exchange Note (included in Exhibit 4.19)</a>			*
10.1++	<a href="#">Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Phoenix Equity Holdings, LLC, dated as of December 4, 2024.</a>	S-1/A	12/30/2024	10.4
10.2	<a href="#">First Amendment to the Second Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of Phoenix Equity Holdings, LLC, dated as of April 25, 2025.</a>	S-1/A	04/25/2025	10.30
10.3	<a href="#">Commercial Credit Agreement, by and among Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC, Phoenix Operating LLC, and Amarillo National Bank, dated as of July 24, 2023.</a>	S-1	10/29/2024	10.1
10.4	<a href="#">Security Agreement, by and between Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC and Amarillo National Bank, LLC, dated as of July 24, 2023.</a>	S-1	10/29/2024	10.2
10.5	<a href="#">Promissory Note, by and among Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC, Phoenix Operating LLC, and Amarillo National Bank, LLC, dated as of July 24, 2023.</a>	S-1	10/29/2024	10.3
10.6	<a href="#">Modification of Promissory Note, by and among Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC, Phoenix Operating, LLC, and Amarillo National Bank, dated as of July 24, 2024.</a>	S-1	10/29/2024	10.13
10.7	<a href="#">Assignment of Loans and Liens, by and among Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC, Phoenix Operating LLC, Amarillo National Bank, and Fortress Credit Corp., as administrative agent, collateral agent, and lender, dated as of August 12, 2024.</a>	S-1	10/29/2024	10.15
10.8†	<a href="#">Unit Award Agreement, by and between Phoenix Equity Holdings, LLC and Curtis Allen, dated as of December 4, 2024.</a>	S-1/A	12/30/2024	10.5
10.9†	<a href="#">Unit Award Agreement, by and between Phoenix Equity Holdings, LLC and Sean Goodnight, dated as of December 4, 2024.</a>	S-1/A	12/30/2024	10.6
10.10++†	<a href="#">Employee Offer Letter, by and between Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC and Sean Goodnight, dated as of June 11, 2020.</a>	S-1/A	03/28/2025	10.7
10.11†	<a href="#">Commission Agreement, by and between Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC and Sean Goodnight, dated as of January 16, 2024.</a>	S-1/A	03/28/2025	10.13

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10.12†	<a href="#"><u>Employee Agreement, by and between Phoenix Equity Holdings, LLC and Adam Ferrari, effective as of January 1, 2025.</u></a>	S-1/A	05/09/2025	10.8
10.13†	<a href="#"><u>Employee Agreement, by and between Phoenix Equity Holdings, LLC and Curtis Allen, effective as of January 1, 2025.</u></a>	S-1/A	05/09/2025	10.9
10.14†	<a href="#"><u>Employee Agreement, by and between Phoenix Equity Holdings, LLC and Lindsey Wilson, effective as of January 1, 2025.</u></a>	S-1/A	05/09/2025	10.10
10.15†	<a href="#"><u>Employee Offer Letter, by and between Phoenix Operating LLC and Brandon Allen, dated as of March 2, 2023.</u></a>	S-1/A	03/28/2025	10.11
10.16†	<a href="#"><u>Performance Bonus Amendment, by and among Phoenix Operating LLC, Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC, and Brandon Allen, dated as of January 22, 2025.</u></a>	S-1/A	03/28/2025	10.12
10.17†	<a href="#"><u>2024 Long-Term Incentive Plan of Phoenix Equity Holdings, LLC.</u></a>	S-1/A	12/30/2024	10.20
10.18†	<a href="#"><u>Form of Unit Award Agreement of Phoenix Equity Holdings, LLC.</u></a>	S-1/A	12/30/2024	10.21
10.19†	<a href="#"><u>Form of Phantom Unit Award Agreement of Phoenix Equity Holdings, LLC.</u></a>	S-1/A	12/30/2024	10.22
10.20	<a href="#"><u>Loan Agreement, by and between Adamantium Capital LLC and Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC, dated as of September 14, 2023.</u></a>	S-1	10/29/2024	10.10
10.21	<a href="#"><u>Loan Agreement Amendment and Note Modification Agreement, by and among Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC, Phoenix Operating LLC, and Adamantium Capital LLC, dated as of October 30, 2023.</u></a>	S-1	10/29/2024	10.11
10.22	<a href="#"><u>Second Amendment to Loan Agreement, by and among Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC, Phoenix Operating LLC, and Adamantium Capital LLC, dated as of December 12, 2024.</u></a>	S-1/A	12/30/2024	10.19
10.23	<a href="#"><u>Third Amendment to Loan Agreement, by and among Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC, Phoenix Operating LLC, and Adamantium Capital LLC, dated as of January 3, 2025.</u></a>	S-1/A	03/29/2025	10.27
10.24	<a href="#"><u>Fourth Amendment to Loan Agreement, by and among Phoenix Energy One, LLC, Phoenix Operating LLC, and Adamantium Capital LLC, dated as of January 24, 2025.</u></a>	S-1/A	03/29/2025	10.28
10.25++	<a href="#"><u>Amended and Restated Senior Credit Agreement, by and among Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC, Phoenix Operating LLC, each of the lenders from time to time party thereto, and Fortress Credit Corp., dated as of August 12, 2024.</u></a>	S-1	10/29/2024	10.14
10.26	<a href="#"><u>Limited Waiver and Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Senior Credit Agreement, by and among Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC, Phoenix Operating LLC, each of the lenders from time to time party thereto, and Fortress Credit Corp., dated as of October 25, 2024.</u></a>	S-1/A	12/30/2024	10.16
10.27	<a href="#"><u>Amendment No. 2 to Amended and Restated Senior Credit Agreement, by and among Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC, Phoenix Operating LLC, each of the lenders from time to time party thereto, and Fortress Credit Corp., dated as of November 1, 2024.</u></a>	S-1/A	12/30/2024	10.17

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10.28++	<a href="#"><u>Amendment No. 3 to Amended and Restated Senior Credit Agreement, by and among Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC, Phoenix Operating LLC, each of the lenders from time to time party thereto, and Fortress Credit Corp., dated as of December 18, 2024.</u></a>	S-1/A	12/30/ 2024	10.18
10.29++	<a href="#"><u>Limited Waiver and Amendment No. 4 to Amended and Restated Senior Credit Agreement, by and among Phoenix Energy One, LLC, Phoenix Operating LLC, each of the lenders from time to time party thereto, and Fortress Credit Corp., dated as of April 16, 2025.</u></a>	S-1/A	04/25/ 2025	10.29
31.1	<a href="#"><u>Certifications of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u></a>			*
31.2	<a href="#"><u>Certifications of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u></a>			*
32.1	<a href="#"><u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u></a>			**
32.2	<a href="#"><u>Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u></a>			**
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document - the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.			***
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.			***
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.			***
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.			***
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.			***
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase.			***
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (the cover page XBRL tags)			***
+	Capitalized terms have the meanings assigned to them in the Report contained in this Quarterly Report.			
++	Certain annexes, schedules, and exhibits to this Exhibit have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(a)(5) of Regulation S-K. The Company hereby agrees to furnish supplementally a copy of any omitted annex, schedule, or exhibit to the SEC upon request.			
†	Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.			
*	Filed herewith.			
**	Furnished herewith.			
***	To be filed by amendment.			

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

May 16, 2025

**PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC**

/s/ Curtis Allen

Curtis Allen

Chief Financial Officer

PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC

INDENTURE

Dated as of May 14, 2025

UMB BANK, N.A.

Trustee

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<u>Trust Indenture Act Section</u>	<u>Indenture Section</u>
§310(a)(1)	7.10
(a)(2)	7.10
(a)(3)	Not Applicable
(a)(4)	Not Applicable
(a)(5)	7.10
(b)	7.10
§ 311(a)	7.11
(b)	7.11
§ 312(a)	2.5
(b)	11.3
(c)	11.3
§ 313(a)	7.6
(b)(1)	Not Applicable
(b)(2)	7.6; 7.7
(c)	7.6; 11.2
(d)	7.6
§ 314(a)	4.2; 11.2; 11.5
(b)	Not Applicable
(c)(1)	11.4
(c)(2)	11.4
(c)(3)	Not Applicable
(d)	Not Applicable
(e)	11.5
(f)	Not Applicable
§ 315(a)	7.1
(b)	7.5; 11.2
(c)	7.1
(d)	7.1
(e)	6.14
§ 316(a) (last sentence)	2.9
(a)(1)(A)	6.12
(a)(1)(B)	6.13
(a)(2)	Not Applicable
(b)	6.8
(c)	9.5(c)
§ 317(a)(1)	6.3
(a)(2)	6.4
(b)	2.4
§ 318(a)	11.1
(b)	Not Applicable
(c)	11.1

\* This Cross Reference Table shall not, for any purpose, be deemed to be part of this Indenture.

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INDENTURE, dated as of May 14, 2025, between PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and UMB BANK, N.A., a national banking association.

Each party agrees as follows for the benefit of the other party and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Notes issued under this Indenture (each as defined below).

ARTICLE I  
DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Section 1.1 Definitions.

“**Affiliate**” of any specified person means any other person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under common control with such specified person. For purposes of this definition, “**control**” (including, with correlative meanings, the terms “**controlled by**” and “**under common control with**”), as used with respect to any person, means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by agreement, or otherwise.

“**Agent**” means any Registrar, Paying Agent, or Notice Agent.

“**Bankruptcy Code**” means Title 11 of the United States Code, as amended.

“**Bankruptcy Law**” means the Bankruptcy Code or any similar federal or state law for the relief of debtors.

“**Board of Directors**” means: as to any person, the board of directors, board of managers, sole member, managing member, or other governing body of such person, or, at the election of the Issuer, if such person is owned or managed by a single entity or has a general partner, the board of directors, board of managers, sole member, managing member, or other governing body of such entity or general partner, or, in each case, any duly authorized committee thereof; and the term “**directors**” means members of the Board of Directors.

“**Business Day**” means any day except a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday in the City of New York, New York (or in connection with any payment, the place of payment), on which banking institutions are authorized or required by law, regulation, or executive order to close.

“**Capital Stock**” means:

- (a) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;
- (b) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights, or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;
- (c) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership interests (whether general or limited) or membership interests; and
- (d) any other interest or participation that confers on a person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing person, but excluding from all of the foregoing any debt securities convertible into Capital Stock, whether or not such debt securities include any right of participation with Capital Stock.

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“**Capitalized Lease Obligation**” means, at the time any determination thereof is to be made, the amount of the liability in respect of a capital lease that would at such time be required to be capitalized and reflected as a liability on a balance sheet (excluding the notes thereto) in accordance with GAAP.

“**Cash Interest Notes**” means the Issuer’s Fixed Rate Senior Subordinated Notes authenticated and delivered under this Indenture in the form of Exhibit A hereto.

“**Certificated Note**” means a certificated Note registered in the name of the Holder thereof and issued in accordance with the terms of this Indenture, substantially in the form of Exhibit A or B hereto, as applicable.

“**Company Order**” means a written order signed in the name of the Issuer by an Officer and delivered to the Trustee.

“**Compound Interest Notes**” means the Issuer’s Fixed Rate Senior Subordinated Notes authenticated and delivered under this Indenture in the form of Exhibit B hereto.

“**continuing**” means, with respect to any Default or Event of Default, that such Default or Event of Default has not been cured or waived.

“**Corporate Trust Office**” means the office of the Trustee at which at any particular time its corporate trust business related to this Indenture shall be principally administered.

“**Credit Facilities**” means one or more debt facilities (including, without limitation, the Fortress Credit Agreement), indentures, or commercial paper facilities, in each case, with banks or other institutional lenders, accredited investors, or institutional investors providing for revolving credit loans, term loans, term debt, debt securities, receivables financing (including through the sale of receivables to such lenders or to special purpose entities formed to borrow from such lenders against such receivables), or letters of credit, in each case, as amended, restated, modified, renewed, extended, increased, refunded, replaced in any manner (whether upon or after termination or otherwise), or refinanced (including by means of sales of debt securities to institutional investors) in whole or in part from time to time.

“**Custodian**” means any receiver, trustee, assignee, liquidator, or similar official under any Bankruptcy Law.

“**Default**” means any event which is, or after notice, passage of time, or both would be, an Event of Default.

“**Dollars**” and “**\$**” means the currency of the United States of America.

“**Equity Interests**” means Capital Stock and all warrants, options, or other rights to acquire Capital Stock (but excluding any debt security that is convertible into, or exchangeable for, Capital Stock).

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“**Exchange Act**” means the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“**Fortress Credit Agreement**” means that certain Amended and Restated Senior Secured Credit Agreement, dated as of August 12, 2024, by and among the Issuer, Phoenix Operating LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as borrower, each of the lenders from time to time party thereto, and Fortress Credit Corp., as administrative agent for the lenders, as the same may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

“**GAAP**” means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entity as have been approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession, which are in effect as of the date of determination.

“**Holder**” means a person in whose name a Note is registered on the Registrar’s books.

“**Indebtedness**” means, with respect to any person, without duplication:

(a) the principal of any indebtedness of such person, whether or not contingent, (i) in respect of borrowed money, (ii) evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures, or similar instruments, or letters of credit or bankers’ acceptances (or, without duplication, reimbursement agreements in respect thereof), (iii) representing the deferred and unpaid purchase price of any property, (iv) in respect of Capitalized Lease Obligations, or (v) representing any Swap Contracts, in each case, if and to the extent that any of the foregoing Indebtedness (other than letters of credit and Swap Contracts) would appear as a liability on a balance sheet (excluding the notes thereto) of such person prepared in accordance with GAAP;

(b) to the extent not otherwise included, any guarantee by such person of the Indebtedness of another person (other than by endorsement of negotiable instruments for collection in the ordinary course of business); and

(c) to the extent not otherwise included, Indebtedness of another person secured by a Lien on any asset owned by such person (whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by such person).

“**Indenture**” means this Indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

“**Issuer**” means Phoenix Energy One, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, until a successor replaces it and thereafter means the successor.

“**Lien**” means, with respect to any asset, any mortgage, lien, pledge, hypothecation, charge, security interest, preference, priority, or encumbrance of any kind in respect of such asset, whether or not filed, recorded, or otherwise perfected under applicable law (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any lease in the nature thereof, any option or other agreement to sell or give a security interest in, and any filing of or agreement to give any financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code of any jurisdiction).

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**“Maturity”** means, when used with respect to any Note, the date on which the principal of such Note becomes due and payable as therein or herein provided, whether at the Stated Maturity or by declaration of acceleration, call for redemption, or otherwise.

**“Note”** or **“Notes”** means the Issuer’s Fixed Rate Senior Subordinated Notes authenticated and delivered under this Indenture, which may be Cash Interest Notes or Compound Interest Notes.

**“Obligations”** means any principal, interest, penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements, damages, and other liabilities payable under the documentation governing any Indebtedness.

**“Officer”** means, with respect to any person, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer, or President, or any Vice President, Treasurer, Controller, Secretary, or Assistant Secretary (or any person serving the equivalent function of any of the foregoing) of such person (or of any direct or indirect parent, general partner, managing member, or sole member of such person), or any individual designated as an “Officer” for purposes of this Indenture by the Board of Directors of such person (or the Board of Directors of any direct or indirect parent, general partner, managing member, or sole member of such person).

**“Officer’s Certificate”** means a certificate signed on behalf of the Issuer or any direct or indirect parent of the Issuer by an Officer of the Issuer or such parent entity that meets the requirements set forth in Section 11.4(a) hereof.

**“Opinion of Counsel”** means an opinion of legal counsel who is reasonably acceptable to the Trustee that meets the requirements of Section 11.4(b) hereof. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Issuer, any Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Issuer, or the Trustee. The opinion may contain customary limitations, conditions, and exceptions.

**“Permitted Junior Securities”** means:

(a) Equity Interests in the Issuer; and

(b) debt securities that are subordinated to all Senior Debt and any debt securities issued in exchange for Senior Debt to substantially the same extent as, or to a greater extent than, the Notes are subordinated to Senior Debt under this Indenture.

**“person”** means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, limited liability company, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

**“Prospectus”** means the prospectus relating to the offering of the Notes by the Issuer, dated as of May 14, 2025, as the same may be amended, supplemented, or replaced from time to time.

**“Representative”** means the indenture trustee or other trustee, agent, or representative for any Senior Debt.



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**“Responsible Officer”** means any officer of the Trustee in its Corporate Trust Office having responsibility for administration of this Indenture and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom any corporate trust matter is referred because of his or her knowledge of and familiarity with a particular subject.

**“SEC”** means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

**“Senior Debt”** means:

(a) all Indebtedness of the Issuer or its Subsidiaries outstanding under Credit Facilities, all Swap Contracts, all Treasury Management Arrangements, and all Obligations with respect to any of the foregoing;

(b) any other Indebtedness of the Issuer or any Subsidiary or Affiliate thereof that the Issuer expressly determines is senior to the Notes; and

(c) all Obligations with respect to the items listed in the preceding clauses (a) and (b).

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, Senior Debt will not include:

(1) any liability for federal, state, local, or other taxes owed or owing by the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates;

(2) any Indebtedness incurred for the purchase of goods or materials or for services obtained in the ordinary course of business; or

(3) Indebtedness that is classified as non-recourse in accordance with GAAP or any unsecured claim arising in respect thereof by reason of the application of Section 1111(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.

**“Stated Maturity”** means, when used with respect to any Note, the date specified in such Note as the fixed date on which the principal of such Note is due and payable in cash.

**“Subsidiary”** of any specified person means: (a) any corporation, association, or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers, or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that person or a combination thereof; or (b) any partnership or limited liability company of which (1) more than 50% of the capital accounts, distribution rights, total equity, and voting interests or general and limited partnership interests, as applicable, are owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that person or a combination thereof, whether in the form of membership, general, special, or limited partnership interests or otherwise, and (2) such person or any Subsidiary of such person is a controlling general partner or otherwise controls such entity.

**“Swap Contract”** means (a) any and all rate swap transactions, basis swaps, credit derivative transactions, forward rate transactions, commodity swaps, commodity options, forward commodity contracts, equity or equity index swaps or options, bond or bond price or bond index swaps or options, forward bond or forward bond price or forward bond index transactions, interest rate options, forward foreign exchange transactions, cap transactions, floor transactions, collar transactions, currency swap transactions, cross-currency rate swap transactions, currency options, spot contracts, or any other similar transactions or any combination of any of the foregoing (including any options to enter into any of the foregoing), whether or not any such transaction is governed by or subject to any master agreement, and (b) any and all transactions of any kind, and the related confirmations, which are subject to the terms and conditions of, or governed by, any form of master agreement published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., any International Foreign Exchange Master Agreement, or any other master agreement, including any obligations or liabilities under any such master agreement.

**“TIA”** means the U.S. Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended.

**“Treasury Management Arrangement”** means any agreement or other arrangement governing the provision of treasury or cash management services, including deposit accounts, overdraft, credit or debit card, funds transfer, automated clearinghouse, zero balance accounts, returned check concentration, controlled disbursement, lockbox, account reconciliation and reporting and trade finance services, and other cash management services.

**“Trustee”** means UMB Bank, N.A. until a successor Trustee shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture and, thereafter, “Trustee” shall mean or include each person who is then a Trustee hereunder, and if at any time there is more than one such person, “Trustee” as used with respect to this Indenture and the Notes shall mean each such person.

**“U.S. Government Obligations”** means securities that are direct obligations of, or guaranteed by, the United States of America for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged and which are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof and shall also include a depositary receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any such U.S. Government Obligation or a specific payment of interest on or principal of any such U.S. Government Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of a depositary receipt; *provided* that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depositary receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the U.S. Government Obligation evidenced by such depositary receipt.

## Section 1.2 Other Definitions.

TERM	DEFINED IN SECTION
“10% Limit”	3.8
“Event of Default”	6.1
“Notice Agent”	2.3
“Paying Agent”	2.3
“Payment Blockage Notice”	10.3
“Registrar”	2.3
“Standstill Period”	10.10
“Specified Courts”	11.10
“successor person”	5.1

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Section 1.3 Incorporation by Reference of Trust Indenture Act. Whenever this Indenture refers to a provision of the TIA, the provision is incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Indenture. The following TIA terms used in this Indenture have the following meanings:

“*Commission*” means the SEC.

“*indenture securities*” means the Notes.

“*indenture security holder*” means a Holder.

“*indenture to be qualified*” means this Indenture.

“*indenture trustee*” or “*institutional trustee*” means the Trustee.

“*obligor*” on the indenture securities means the Issuer and any successor obligor upon the Notes.

All other terms used in this Indenture that are defined by the TIA, defined by TIA reference to another statute, or defined by SEC rule under the TIA and not otherwise defined herein are used herein as so defined.

#### Section 1.4 Rules of Construction.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) a term has the meaning assigned to it;
- (b) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with GAAP;
- (c) words in the singular include the plural, and in the plural include the singular;
- (d) “will” shall be interpreted to express a command;
- (e) provisions apply to successive events and transactions;
- (f) in the computation of periods of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word “from” means “from and including,” and the words “to” and “until” each mean “to but excluding”;
- (g) the phrase “in writing” as used herein shall be deemed to include .pdfs, e-mails, and other electronic means of transmission, unless otherwise indicated; and

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(h) references to sections of or rules under the Securities Act will be deemed to include substitute, replacement, or successor sections or rules adopted by the SEC from time to time.

## ARTICLE II THE NOTES

### Section 2.1 Form and Dating

(a) *General.* The aggregate principal amount of Notes that may be issued under this Indenture is unlimited. The Notes may be issued in one or more series. The Notes and the Trustee's certificate of authentication will be substantially in the form of Exhibit A or B hereto, as applicable. The Notes may have notations, legends, or endorsements required by law, stock exchange rule, or usage. Each Note will be dated the date of its issuance (or, for any Certificated Notes, the date of its authentication). The Notes shall be issued in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The terms and provisions contained in the Notes will constitute, and are hereby expressly made, a part of this Indenture, and the Issuer and the Trustee, by their execution and delivery of this Indenture, expressly agree to such terms and provisions and to be bound thereby. However, to the extent any provision of any Note conflicts with the express provisions of this Indenture, the provisions of this Indenture shall govern and be controlling.

(b) *Form of Notes.* The Notes may be issued in book-entry form, uncertificated form, or certificated form. Notes will only be certificated in the Issuer's sole discretion. Each Cash Interest Note will be issued in substantially the form of Exhibit A hereto, and each Compound Interest Note will be issued in substantially the form of Exhibit B hereto. Each Note shall provide that it represents the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect prepayments and redemptions. Any endorsement of a Note to reflect the amount of any increase or decrease in the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby will be made by the Trustee or the Registrar in accordance with terms of this Indenture.

### Section 2.2 Issuance, Execution, and Authentication.

(a) Notes shall be issued from time to time upon receipt by the Trustee of a Company Order stating the terms, conditions, and principal amount of Notes to be issued. At least one Officer must sign any Certificated Notes for the Issuer by manual, facsimile, or electronic signature. If an Officer whose signature is on a Certificated Note no longer holds that office at the time such Certificated Note is authenticated, the Certificated Note will nevertheless be valid. A Certificated Note will not be valid until authenticated by the signature of the Trustee. The signature will be conclusive evidence that the Certificated Note has been authenticated under this Indenture.

(b) The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent acceptable to the Issuer to authenticate Certificated Notes. An authenticating agent may authenticate Certificated Notes whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as an Agent to deal with Holders, the Issuer, or an Affiliate of the Issuer.

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### Section 2.3 Registrar, Paying Agent, and Notice Agent.

(a) The Issuer will maintain an office or agency in the United States where (a) Notes may be presented for registration of transfer or for exchange (the “**Registrar**”), (b) Notes may be presented or surrendered for payment (the “**Paying Agent**”), and (c) notices and demands to or upon the Issuer in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be delivered (the “**Notice Agent**”). The Registrar will keep a register of the Notes and of their transfer and exchange. The Issuer may from time to time appoint one or more co-registrars or additional registrars, one or more co-paying agents or additional paying agents, or one or more co-notice agents or additional notice agents and may from time to time rescind such designations. The term “Registrar” includes any co-registrar or additional registrar, the term “Paying Agent” includes any co-paying agent or additional paying agent, and the term “Notice Agent” includes any co-notice agent or additional notice agent. The Issuer may change any Registrar, Paying Agent, or Notice Agent without notice to any Holder. The Issuer will notify the Trustee in writing of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Indenture. If the Issuer fails to appoint or maintain another entity as Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall act as such; Upon written request from the Issuer, at any time when the Issuer is not the Registrar, the Registrar shall provide the Issuer with a copy of the register to enable the Issuer to maintain a register of the Notes at its registered office.

(b) The Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries or other Affiliates may act as Registrar, Paying Agent, or Notice Agent. The Issuer will initially act as the Registrar, Paying Agent and Notice Agent with respect to the Notes. The rights, powers, duties, obligations, and actions of each Agent under this Indenture are several and not joint or joint and several, and the Agents shall only be obliged to perform those duties expressly set out in this Indenture and shall have no implied duties.

Section 2.4 Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust. The Issuer will require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that the Paying Agent will hold in trust, for the benefit of the Holders or the Trustee, all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal of or interest, if any, on the Notes, and will notify the Trustee of any default by the Issuer in making any such payment. While any such default continues, the Trustee may require the Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. The Issuer at any time may require the Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. Upon payment over to the Trustee, the Paying Agent (if other than the Issuer or a Subsidiary of the Issuer) shall have no further liability for the money. If the Issuer or a Subsidiary of the Issuer acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of the Holders all money held by it as Paying Agent. Upon any bankruptcy, reorganization, or similar proceeding with respect to the Issuer, the Trustee shall serve as Paying Agent for the Notes. For the avoidance of doubt, the Paying Agent and the Trustee shall be held harmless and have no liability with respect to payments or disbursements (including to the Holders) until they have confirmed receipt of funds sufficient to make the relevant payment. No money held by an Agent needs to be segregated except as is required by law.

### Section 2.5 Holder Lists.

(a) If it is serving as Registrar, the Trustee shall preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of Holders and shall otherwise comply with TIA § 312(a). If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Issuer shall, within 30 days after the receipt by the Issuer of such request, furnish or cause to be furnished to the Trustee, at such times as the Trustee may reasonably request in writing, a list, in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of Holders; *provided* that the Issuer shall not be obligated to furnish or cause to be furnished such a list if the list of Holders does not differ in any material respect from the list most recently furnished to the Trustee by or at the direction of the Issuer.

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(b) Every Holder, by receiving and holding the Notes, agrees with the Issuer and the Trustee that neither the Issuer nor the Trustee or any agent of either of them shall be held accountable by reason of the disclosure of any such information as to the names and addresses of the Holders in accordance with TIA § 312, regardless of the source from which such information was derived, and that the Trustee shall not be held accountable by reason of mailing any material pursuant to a request made under TIA § 312(b).

Section 2.6 Transfer and Exchange.

(a) The Notes may not be transferred or exchanged without the prior written consent of the Issuer, which consent may be withheld in the Issuer's sole discretion. A Holder may request to transfer all or a portion of its Notes by submitting its request in writing to the Issuer as provided in this Indenture no earlier than 10 Business Days and no later than five Business Days prior to the requested transfer date (which date must be a Business Day). Such request must include (i) the name of the Holder, (ii) the Note(s) to be transferred, (iii) the identity of the transferee, and (iv) a completed subscription agreement by the transferee in a form satisfactory to the Issuer. The Issuer will use commercially reasonable efforts to respond to any such request on or prior to the Business Day immediately preceding the requested transfer date. The Issuer may request additional information regarding the transfer, the transferor, and the transferee as it desires in its sole discretion prior to determining whether to approve of the requested transfer. If a transfer of Notes is consented to in writing by the Issuer, a Holder may not transfer any Note until the Registrar has received, among other things, appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by this Indenture.

(b) Where Notes are presented to the Registrar with a request to register a transfer or to exchange them for an equal principal amount of Notes, subject to the prior written consent of the Issuer, which consent may be withheld in the Issuer's sole discretion, the Registrar shall register the transfer or make the exchange if its requirements for such transactions are met. To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Trustee shall authenticate Notes at the Registrar's request. No service charge will be made for any registration of transfer or exchange (except as otherwise expressly permitted herein), but the Issuer may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

(c) The Registrar will not be required to register the transfer of or exchange of any Note selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part.

(d) All Notes issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes will be the valid obligations of the Issuer, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as such Notes surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

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(e) Prior to due presentment for the registration of a transfer of any Note, the Trustee, any Agent, and the Issuer may deem and treat the person in whose name any Note is registered as the absolute owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and interest on such Notes and for all other purposes, and none of the Trustee, any Agent, or the Issuer shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

(f) The Registrar shall maintain, with respect to any Notes issued in uncertificated, book-entry form, a book-entry registration and transfer system in order to record the ownership, transfer, and exchange of such Notes. The Issuer (or its duly authorized agent) shall promptly notify the Registrar of the issuance of any such Notes and, upon receipt of such notice, the Registrar shall establish an account for such Notes by recording a credit in its book-entry registration and transfer system for the account of the Holders of such Notes for the principal amount of such Notes. The Registrar shall make appropriate credit and debit entries within each account to record the ownership, transfer, and exchange of such Notes. The Trustee may review the book-entry registration and transfer system upon reasonable written request.

#### Section 2.7 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost, and Stolen Notes.

(a) If any mutilated Certificated Note is surrendered to the Trustee and the Issuer or each of the Trustee and Issuer receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss, or theft of any Certificated Note, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer or the Trustee that such Certificated Note has been acquired by a *bona fide* purchaser, the Issuer shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a new Certificated Note of like tenor and principal amount and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

(b) If required by the Issuer or the Trustee, the Holder must supply such security or indemnity bond as may be required to hold the Trustee, the Issuer, the Agents, and any of their respective agents harmless.

(c) In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Certificated Note has become or is about to become due and payable, the Issuer in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Certificated Note, pay such Certificated Note.

(d) Upon the issuance of any new Certificated Note under this Section 2.7, the Issuer may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee) in connected therewith.

(e) Every new Certificated Note issued pursuant to this Section 2.7 in lieu of any destroyed, lost, or stolen Certificated Note shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Issuer, whether or not the destroyed, lost, or stolen Certificated Note shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Certificated Notes duly issued hereunder.

(f) The provisions of this Section 2.7 are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Certificated Notes.

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Section 2.8 Outstanding Notes.

(a) The Notes outstanding at any time are all the Notes issued under this Indenture except for those canceled by the Trustee, those delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, those reductions in the interest on any Notes effected by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions hereof, and those described in this Section 2.8 as not outstanding.

(b) If a Note is replaced pursuant to Section 2.7, it ceases to be outstanding unless the Trustee receives proof satisfactory to it that the replaced Note is held by a *bona fide* purchaser.

(c) If the principal amount of any Note is considered paid under Section 4.1 hereof, such Note ceases to be outstanding and interest on such Note will cease to accrue.

(d) If the Paying Agent (other than the Issuer, a Subsidiary of the Issuer, or an Affiliate of the Issuer) holds on the Maturity of any Note money sufficient to pay such Note payable on that date, then on and after that date such Note ceases to be outstanding and interest on such Note will cease to accrue.

(e) The Issuer may purchase or otherwise acquire Notes, whether by open-market purchases, negotiated transactions, or otherwise. Except as set forth in Section 2.9, a Note does not cease to be outstanding because the Issuer or an Affiliate of the Issuer holds the Note.

(f) In determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of outstanding Notes have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, or waiver hereunder, the principal amount of a Note that shall be deemed to be outstanding for such purposes shall be the amount of the principal thereof that would be due and payable as of the date of such determination upon a declaration of acceleration of the Stated Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.2.

Section 2.9 Treasury Notes. In determining whether the Holders of the required principal amount of Notes have concurred in any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, or waiver, Notes owned by the Issuer or any Affiliate of the Issuer shall be disregarded, except that for the purposes of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, or waiver only Notes that a Responsible Officer of the Trustee knows are so owned shall be so disregarded.

Section 2.10 Temporary Notes. Until certificates representing definitive Certificated Notes are ready for delivery, the Issuer may prepare and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order, will authenticate temporary Certificated Notes. Temporary Certificated Notes will be substantially in the form of definitive Certificated Notes but may have variations that the Issuer considers appropriate for temporary Certificated Notes and as may be reasonably acceptable to the Trustee. Without unreasonable delay, the Issuer will prepare and the Trustee will authenticate definitive Certificated Notes in exchange for temporary Certificated Notes. Until so exchanged, temporary Certificated Notes will have the same rights under this Indenture as definitive Certificated Notes.



Section 2.11 Cancellation. The Issuer at any time may deliver Notes to the Trustee for cancellation. The Registrar and the Paying Agent shall forward to the Trustee any Notes surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange, or payment. The Trustee shall cancel all Notes surrendered for transfer, exchange, payment, replacement, or cancellation and shall destroy such canceled Notes (subject to the record retention requirements of the Exchange Act) and deliver a certificate of such cancellation to the Issuer. The Issuer may not issue new Notes to replace Notes that it has paid or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation.

Section 2.12 Defaulted Interest. If the Issuer defaults in a payment of interest on any Notes, it shall pay the defaulted interest to the persons who are Holders of such Notes on a subsequent special record date, in each case at the rate provided in such Notes and in Section 4.1 hereof. The Issuer shall fix or cause to be fixed the special record date and payment date. At least 10 days before the special record date, the Issuer (or, upon the written request of the Issuer, the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuer) shall send to each Holder of such Notes a notice that states the special record date, the payment date, and the amount of interest to be paid. The Issuer may pay defaulted interest in any other lawful manner.

### ARTICLE III REDEMPTION

Section 3.1 Notice to Trustee. If the Issuer elects to redeem Notes pursuant to the optional redemption provisions of Section 3.7(a) hereof, it must furnish to the Trustee, at least five days but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, an Officer's Certificate setting forth:

- (a) the clause of this Indenture pursuant to which the redemption shall occur;
- (b) the redemption date;
- (c) the principal amount of Notes to be redeemed; and
- (d) the redemption price.

Section 3.2 Selection of Notes to be Redeemed. If less than all the Notes are to be redeemed, the specific Notes or portions thereof to be redeemed will be selected by the Issuer in its sole discretion. The Issuer may determine to redeem some or all of the Notes with specific maturities, interest payment methods, or interest rates. The Issuer will not be obligated to make *pro rata* redemptions. Provisions of this Indenture that apply to Notes called for redemption also apply to portions of Notes called for redemption.

#### Section 3.3 Notice of Redemption.

(a) At least five days but not more than 60 days before the date set for a redemption pursuant to the optional redemption provisions of Section 3.7(a) hereof, the Issuer shall send or cause to be sent by first-class mail or electronically a notice of redemption to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address, except that redemption notices may be mailed more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with a defeasance of such Notes or a satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture pursuant to Article 8 hereof.

(b) The notice shall identify the Notes to be redeemed and shall state:

- (1) the redemption date;

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- (2) the redemption price;
  - (3) the name and address of the Paying Agent;
  - (4) if any Note is being redeemed in part, the portion of the principal amount of such Note to be redeemed and that, after the redemption date upon surrender of such Note, a new Note or Notes in aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of such Note will be issued in the name of the Holder thereof upon cancellation of the original Note;
  - (5) that Notes called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the redemption price;
  - (6) the name and address of the Paying Agent;
  - (7) that interest on Notes or portions thereof called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the redemption date unless the Issuer defaults in the deposit of the redemption price; and
  - (8) the paragraph of the Notes and/or section of this Indenture pursuant to which the Notes called for redemption are being redeemed.

(c) At the Issuer' s request, the Trustee will give the notice of redemption in the Issuer' s name and at its expense; *provided, however*, that the Issuer has delivered to the Trustee, at least five days (unless a shorter time shall be acceptable to the Trustee) prior to the redemption date, an Officer' s Certificate requesting that the Trustee give such notice and setting forth the information to be stated in such notice as provided in the preceding paragraph.

(d) Any such redemption may, at the Issuer' s discretion, be subject to one or more conditions precedent. In addition, if such redemption is subject to the satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, the related notice shall describe each such condition and, if applicable, shall state that, in the Issuer' s discretion, the redemption date may be delayed until such time as any or all such conditions shall be satisfied (or waived by the Issuer in its sole discretion), or such redemption may not occur. The Issuer may modify any such redemption notice or rescind it in the event that any or all such conditions precedent shall not have been satisfied (or waived by the Issuer in its sole discretion) by the redemption date, or by the redemption date as so delayed (which may exceed 60 days from the date of the redemption notice in such case). In addition, such notice of redemption may be extended, if such conditions precedent have not been satisfied or waived by the Issuer, by providing notice to Holders whose Notes are to be redeemed.

Section 3.4 Effect of Notice of Redemption. Once notice of redemption is sent as provided in Section 3.3, Notes called for redemption become due and payable on the redemption date at the redemption price.

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### Section 3.5 Deposit of Redemption Price.

(a) On the redemption date, the Issuer shall, (i) if acting as the Paying Agent, pay the redemption price to the Holders of Notes being redeemed, or (ii) if the Issuer is not acting as the Paying Agent, deposit with the Paying Agent funds sufficient to pay the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the Notes to be redeemed.

(b) If the Issuer complies with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, on and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the Notes or the portions of Notes called for redemption.

Section 3.6 Notes Redeemed in Part. Upon surrender of a Note that is redeemed in part, the Issuer shall issue a new Note in a principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion thereof and in the name of the Holder thereof and cancel the original Note.

### Section 3.7 Optional Redemption.

(a) The Issuer may redeem the Notes, at its option, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, upon delivering a notice of redemption as described in Section 3.3, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of such Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of the redemption.

(b) The Issuer or its Affiliates may at any time and from time to time purchase Notes. Any such purchases may be made through open-market or privately negotiated transactions with third parties or pursuant to one or more tender or exchange offers or otherwise, upon such terms and at such prices, as well as with such consideration, as the Issuer or any such Affiliates may determine.

### Section 3.8 Mandatory Redemption; Repurchase at the Option of the Holders.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Article X, each Holder may request, in whole at any time and in part from time to time, by written notice to the Issuer, that the Issuer redeem such Holder's Notes at a redemption price equal to 95.0% of the principal amount of such Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption; *provided* that the Issuer will not be required to redeem any Notes at any time when the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates is prohibited by law or contract from doing so; *provided further* that the Issuer will not be required to redeem Notes in an amount that exceeds, in any calendar year, 10.0% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes issued and outstanding as of the first day of the calendar quarter in which such request is made (the "**10% Limit**"). The principal amount of any Notes held by the Issuer's manager, executive officers, or their respective family members during any calendar year will not be included in calculating the 10% Limit with respect to any other Holders for such calendar year.

(b) Such notice will set forth the maturity date, interest payment method, and interest rate on the Notes to be redeemed, the principal amount of Notes to be redeemed, and relevant payment information for receipt of funds.

(c) If required by the foregoing or otherwise permitted by the Issuer, in its sole discretion, the Issuer will redeem such Notes on a date to be determined by the Issuer that is no earlier than one and no later than 120 days from the date the Issuer receives written notice from the Holder.

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(d) Redemptions pursuant to the foregoing provisions will be processed in the order that requests for redemption are received by the Issuer.

(e) The Issuer is not otherwise required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes. The Issuer will also not be required to offer to purchase any Notes with the proceeds of asset sales, in the event of a change of control, or otherwise.

#### ARTICLE IV COVENANTS

Section 4.1 Payment of Principal and Interest. The Issuer covenants and agrees for the benefit of the Holders of Notes that it will duly and punctually pay the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the Notes in accordance with the terms of such Notes and this Indenture. On the applicable payment date, the Issuer shall, (i) if acting as the Paying Agent, pay the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the Notes or (ii) if the Issuer is not acting as the Paying Agent, deposit with the Paying Agent funds sufficient to pay the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the Notes, in each case, in accordance with the terms of such Notes and this Indenture.

#### Section 4.2 SEC Reports.

(a) To the extent any Notes are outstanding, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee, within 15 days after it files them with the SEC, copies of the annual reports and of the information, documents and other reports (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the SEC may by rules and regulations prescribe) that the Issuer is required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. The Issuer shall also comply with the other provisions of TIA § 314(a). Reports, information, and documents filed with the SEC via the EDGAR system (or any successor system) will be deemed to be delivered to the Trustee and transmitted to Holders at the time of such filing via EDGAR (or any successor system) for purposes of this Section 4.2.

(b) Delivery of reports, information, and documents to the Trustee under this Section 4.2 is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of the foregoing shall not constitute constructive or actual notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Issuer's compliance with any of the covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officer's Certificates).

#### Section 4.3 Compliance Certificates.

(a) To the extent any Notes are outstanding, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Issuer, an Officer's Certificate stating that a review of the activities of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries during the preceding fiscal year has been made under the supervision of the signing Officer with a view to determining whether the Issuer has kept, observed, performed, and fulfilled its obligations under this Indenture, and further stating, as to such Officer signing such certificate, that, to such Officer's knowledge, the Issuer has kept, observed, performed, and fulfilled each covenant contained in this Indenture and is not in default in the performance or observance of any of the terms, provisions, and conditions hereof (or, if a Default or Event of Default shall have occurred, describing all such Defaults or Events of Default of which the Officer may have knowledge).

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(b) The Issuer will provide the Trustee written notice of any Default or Event of Default within 30 days of any Officer becoming aware of the occurrence of such Default or Event of Default (unless such Default or Event of Default has been cured or waived within such 30-day time period), which notice will describe in reasonable detail the status of such Default or Event of Default and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take in respect thereof.

## ARTICLE V SUCCESSORS

### Section 5.1 When Issuer May Merge, Etc.

(a) The Issuer shall not consolidate with or merge with or into, or convey, transfer, or lease all or substantially all of its properties and assets to, any person (a “**successor person**”) unless:

- (1) the Issuer is the surviving entity or the successor person (if other than the Issuer) is a corporation, partnership, trust, or other entity organized and validly existing under the laws of any U.S. domestic jurisdiction and expressly assumes the Issuer’s obligations on the Notes and under this Indenture; and
- (2) immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

(b) The Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee prior to the consummation of any such proposed transaction contemplated by Section 5.1(a) an Officer’s Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the proposed transaction and any supplemental indenture comply with this Indenture.

(c) Notwithstanding the above, any Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Issuer may consolidate with, merge into, or transfer all or part of its properties to the Issuer. Neither an Officer’s Certificate nor an Opinion of Counsel shall be required to be delivered in connection therewith.

Section 5.2 Successor Company Substituted. Upon any consolidation or merger, or any sale, lease, conveyance, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, in accordance with Section 5.1, the successor corporation formed by such consolidation or into or with which the Issuer is merged or to which such sale, lease, conveyance, or other disposition is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Issuer under this Indenture and the Notes with the same effect as if such successor person has been named as the Issuer herein; *provided, however*, that the predecessor Issuer in the case of a sale, conveyance, or other disposition (other than a lease) shall be released from all obligations and covenants under this Indenture and the Notes.

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ARTICLE VI  
DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

Section 6.1 Events of Default.

(a) Wherever used herein with respect to any Note, “**Event of Default**,” means any one of the following events:

- (1) a default in the payment of any interest on any Note when due, continued for 60 days;
- (2) a default in the payment of principal of any Note when due at its Stated Maturity, upon optional redemption, upon acceleration, or otherwise, continued for 60 days;
- (3) the failure by the Issuer to comply for 120 days after receipt of written notice referred to below with any of its obligations, covenants, or agreements (other than a Default referred to in clause (1) or (2) above) contained in the Notes or this Indenture;
- (4) the Issuer, pursuant to or within the meaning of any Bankruptcy Law:
  - (i) commences a voluntary case;
  - (ii) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case;
  - (iii) consents to the appointment of a Custodian of it or for all or substantially all of its property;
  - (iv) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or
  - (v) generally is unable to pay its debts as the same become due; and
- (5) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:
  - (i) is for relief against the Issuer in an involuntary case;
  - (ii) appoints a Custodian of the Issuer or for all or substantially all of its property; or
  - (iii) orders the liquidation of the Issuer;and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 90 days.

(b) The foregoing will constitute Events of Default, whatever the reason for any such Event of Default and whether it is voluntary or involuntary or is effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree, or order of any court or any order, rule, or regulation of any administrative or governmental body.

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(c) No Event of Default under Section 6.1(a)(1) or (2) with respect to a particular Note will constitute an Event of Default with respect to any other Notes. A Default under Section 6.1(a)(3) will not constitute an Event of Default until the Trustee or the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes notify the Issuer in writing of the Default and such Default is not cured within the time specified in Section 6.1(a)(3) after receipt of such notice.

#### Section 6.2 Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission, and Annulment.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Article X, if an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default referred to in Section 6.1(a)(4) or (5)) occurs and is continuing, then the Trustee or the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes may, by a notice in writing to the Issuer (and to the Trustee if given by Holders), declare the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all outstanding Notes to be immediately due and payable. Subject to the provisions of Article X, if an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(a)(4) or (5) shall occur, the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all outstanding Notes shall become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holder.

(b) The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes, by written notice to the Issuer and the Trustee, may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Notes, waive, rescind, cancel, and annul any declaration of an existing or past Default or Event of Default and its consequences under this Indenture and the Notes, including an acceleration, if such waiver, rescission, cancellation, or annulment would not conflict with any judgment or decree (except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of interest on, or the principal of, the Notes (other than such nonpayment of principal or interest that has become due as a result of such acceleration), which may be waived, rescinded, canceled, or annulled by the Holder of such Note). Upon any such waiver, rescission, cancellation, or annulment of a Default or Event of Default, any such Default or Event of Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising from any such Default shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

#### Section 6.3 Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee.

(a) If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(a)(1) or (2) occurs and is continuing, then the Issuer will, upon demand of the Trustee, pay to it, for the benefit of the Holders of such Notes, the whole amount then due and payable on such Notes for principal and accrued and unpaid interest, and, in addition thereto, such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable and documented compensation, expenses, disbursements, and advances of the Trustee, its agents, and its counsel.

(b) If the Issuer fails to pay such amounts forthwith upon such demand, the Trustee, in its own name and as trustee of an express trust, may institute a judicial proceeding for the collection of the sums so due and unpaid, may prosecute such proceeding to judgment or final decree, and may enforce the same against the Issuer or any other obligor upon such Notes and collect the moneys adjudged or deemed to be payable in the manner provided by law out of the property of the Issuer or any other obligor upon such Notes, wherever situated.

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(c) If an Event of Default with respect to any Notes occurs and is continuing, the Trustee, subject to Article VII hereof, may in its discretion proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Holders of such Notes by such appropriate judicial proceedings as the Trustee shall deem most effectual to protect and enforce any such rights, whether for the specific enforcement of any covenant or agreement in this Indenture or in aid of the exercise of any power granted herein, or to enforce any other proper remedy.

Section 6.4 Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

(a) In case of the pendency of any receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, composition, or other judicial proceeding relative to the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Notes or the property of the Issuer or of such other obligor or their creditors, the Trustee (irrespective of whether the principal of the Notes shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Trustee shall have made any demand on the Issuer for the payment of overdue principal or interest) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise, (1) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Notes and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable and documented compensation, expenses, disbursements, and advances of the Trustee, its agents, and its counsel) and of the Holders allowed in such judicial proceeding, and (2) to collect and receive any moneys or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same, and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator, or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee and, in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due it for the reasonable and documented compensation, expenses, disbursements, and advances of the Trustee, its agents, and its counsel and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.7.

(b) Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Holder thereof or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding.

Section 6.5 Trustee May Enforce Claims Without Possession of Notes. All rights of action and claims under this Indenture or the Notes may be prosecuted and enforced by the Trustee without the possession of any of the Notes or the production thereof in any proceeding relating thereto, and any such proceeding instituted by the Trustee shall be brought in its own name as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment shall, after provision for the payment of the reasonable and documented compensation, expenses, disbursements, and advances of the Trustee, its agents, and its counsel, be for the ratable benefit of the Holders of the Notes in respect of which such judgment has been recovered.



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Section 6.6 Application of Money Collected. Any money or property collected by the Trustee pursuant to this Article VI shall be applied in the following order, at the date or dates fixed by the Trustee, and, in case of the distribution of such money or property on account of principal or interest, upon presentation of the Notes and the notation thereon of the payment if only partially paid and upon surrender thereof if fully paid:

- First:* to the payment of all amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.7;
- Second:* to the payment of the amounts then due and unpaid for principal of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the Notes in respect of which or for the benefit of which such money has been collected, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on such Notes for principal and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, respectively; and
- Third:* to the Issuer.

Section 6.7 Limitation on Suits. Subject to the provisions of Article X hereof, no Holder of any Note shall have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture or the Notes, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless:

- (a) such Holder has previously given written notice to the Trustee of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Notes; and
- (b) the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes have made a written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as trustee hereunder;
- (c) such Holder or Holders have offered to the Trustee indemnity or security satisfactory to the Trustee against the costs, expenses, and liabilities that might be incurred by the Trustee in compliance with such request;
- (d) the Trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request, and offer of indemnity has failed to institute any such proceeding; and
- (e) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the Trustee during such 60-day period by the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes;

it being understood, intended, and expressly covenanted by the Holder of every Note with every other Holder and the Trustee that no one or more of such Holders shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb, or prejudice the rights of any other of such Holders, or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other of such Holders or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided and for the equal and ratable benefit of all such Holders.

Section 6.8 Unconditional Right of Holders to Receive Principal and Interest. Subject to the other provisions in this Indenture, including Article X hereof, the Holder of any Note shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on such Note on the Maturity of such Note, including the Stated Maturity expressed in such Note (or, in the case of redemption, on the redemption date) and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such rights shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder.

Section 6.9 Restoration of Rights and Remedies. If the Trustee or any Holder has instituted any proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason or has been determined adversely to the Trustee or to such Holder, then and in every such case, subject to any determination in such proceeding, the Issuer, the Trustee, and the Holders shall be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Trustee and the Holders shall continue as though no such proceeding had been instituted.

Section 6.10 Rights and Remedies Cumulative. Except as otherwise provided with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Notes in Section 2.7, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Holders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not, to the extent permitted by law, prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

Section 6.11 Delay or Omission Not Waiver. No delay or omission of the Trustee or of any Holder of any Notes to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article VI or by law to the Trustee or to the Holders may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Trustee or by the Holders, as the case may be.

Section 6.12 Control by Holders. Subject to the provisions of Article X hereof, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes shall have the right to direct the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee, with respect to the Notes; *provided that*:

- (a) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with this Indenture,
- (b) the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction;
- (c) subject to the provisions of Section 7.1, the Trustee shall have the right to decline to follow any such direction if the Trustee in good faith shall, by a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, determine that the proceeding so directed would involve the Trustee in personal liability; and

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(d) prior to taking any action as directed under this Section 6.12, the Trustee shall be entitled to indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses, and liabilities that might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.

Section 6.13 Waiver of Past Defaults. The Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes may on behalf of the Holders of all the Notes, by written notice to the Trustee and the Issuer, waive any past Default hereunder with respect to such Notes and its consequences, except a Default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any Note (*provided, however*, that the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration). Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Indenture and the Notes; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 6.14 Undertaking for Costs. All parties to this Indenture agree, and each Holder of any Note by such Holder's acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or the Notes, or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken, suffered, or omitted by it as Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable and documented costs, including reasonable and documented attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant; but the provisions of this Section 6.14 shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Issuer, to any suit instituted by the Trustee, to any suit instituted by any Holder or group of Holders holding in the aggregate more than 10% in principal amount of the outstanding Notes, or to any suit instituted by any Holder for the enforcement of the payment of the principal of or interest on any Note on or after the Maturity of such Note, including the Stated Maturity expressed in such Note (or, in the case of redemption, on the redemption date).

## ARTICLE VII TRUSTEE

### Section 7.1 Duties of Trustee.

(a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

(b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:

- (1) the Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no others, and no implied covenants or obligations will be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and

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- (2) in the absence of bad faith, gross negligence, or willful misconduct on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon Officer' s Certificates or Opinions of Counsel furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture; *provided, however*, in the case of any such Officer' s Certificates or Opinions of Counsel that by any provisions hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall examine such Officer' s Certificates and Opinions of Counsel to determine whether or not they conform on their face to the form requirements of this Indenture.

(c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liability for its own bad faith, its own grossly negligent action, its own grossly negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

- (1) this paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of this Section 7.1;
- (2) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it is proved that the Trustee was grossly negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and
- (3) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken, suffered, or omitted to be taken by it with respect to the Notes in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes relating to the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee, under this Indenture with respect to the Notes in accordance with Section 6.12.

(d) Every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this Section 7.1.

(e) The Trustee may refuse to perform any duty or exercise any right or power unless it receives indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses, and liabilities that might be incurred by it in performing such duty or exercising such right or power.

(f) The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Issuer. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

(g) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if adequate indemnity against such risk is not assured to the Trustee in its satisfaction.

(h) The Paying Agent, the Notice Agent, the Registrar, any authenticating agent, and the Trustee when acting in any other capacity hereunder shall be entitled to the protections and immunities as are set forth in this Article VII.

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(i) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities, and benefits given to the Trustee, including its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and will be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities under this Indenture.

Section 7.2 Rights of Trustee.

(a) The Trustee may rely on and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any document (whether in its original or facsimile form) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document.

(b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officer's Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel or both. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.

(c) The Trustee may act through agents and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent appointed with due care.

(d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith that it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers.

(e) The Trustee may consult with counsel and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered, or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.

(f) The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses, and liabilities that might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.

(g) The Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness, or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit.

(h) The Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any Default or Event of Default unless written notice of any event that is in fact such a default is received by a Responsible Officer at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and such notice references the Notes generally and this Indenture.

(i) In no event shall the Trustee be liable to any person for special, punitive, indirect, consequential, or incidental loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including, but not limited to lost profits), even if the Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage.

(j) The permissive right of the Trustee to take the actions permitted by this Indenture shall not be construed as an obligation or duty to do so.

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(k) The Trustee will not be required to give any bond or surety in respect of the execution of this Indenture or otherwise.

Section 7.3 Individual Rights of Trustee. The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Issuer or an Affiliate of the Issuer with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. Any Agent may do the same with like rights. The Trustee is also subject to Sections 7.10 and 7.11.

Section 7.4 Trustee's Disclaimer. The Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Notes. The Trustee shall not be accountable for the Issuer's use of the proceeds from the Notes and shall not be responsible for any statement in the Notes other than its certificate of authentication.

Section 7.5 Notice of Defaults. If a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to the Notes and if a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has received notice of such Default or Event of Default in accordance with Section 7.2(h), the Trustee shall send to each Holder notice of a Default or Event of Default within 90 days after it occurs or, if later, after a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has received notice of such Default or Event of Default. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default in payment of principal of or interest on any Note, the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as it in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of Holders. The Trustee will not be deemed to have notice or be charged with knowledge of any Default or Event of Default unless written notice thereof has been received by a Responsible Officer, and such notice references the Notes and this Indenture and states on its face that a Default or Event of Default has occurred.

Section 7.6 Reports by Trustee to Holders.

(a) Within 60 days after each March 1, commencing March 1, 2026, for so long as Notes remain outstanding, the Trustee will mail to the Holders a brief report dated as of such reporting date in accordance with, and to the extent required under, TIA §313.

(b) A copy of each report at the time of its mailing to Holders of the Notes shall be filed with the SEC and each national securities exchange on which the Notes are listed in accordance with TIA §313(d). The Issuer shall promptly notify the Trustee in writing when the Notes are listed on any national securities exchange.

Section 7.7 Compensation and Indemnity.

(a) The Issuer shall pay to the Trustee from time to time compensation for its services as the Issuer and the Trustee shall from time to time agree upon in writing. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Issuer shall reimburse the Trustee upon request for all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by it. Such expenses shall include the reasonable and documented compensation and expenses of the Trustee's agents and counsel.

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(b) The Issuer shall indemnify each of the Trustee and any predecessor Trustee (including for the cost of defending itself) against any cost, expense, or liability, including taxes (other than taxes based upon, measured by or determined by the income of the Trustee) incurred by it except as set forth in the next paragraph in the performance of its duties under this Indenture as Trustee or Agent. The Trustee shall notify the Issuer promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Trustee to so notify the Issuer shall not relieve the Issuer of its obligations hereunder. The Issuer shall defend the claim and the Trustee shall cooperate in the defense. The Trustee may have separate counsel, and the Issuer shall pay the reasonable and documented fees and expenses of such counsel. The Issuer need not pay for any settlement made without its consent, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld. This indemnification shall apply to officers, directors, employees, shareholders, and agents of the Trustee.

(c) The Issuer need not reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss or liability incurred by the Trustee or by any officer, director, employee, shareholder, or agent of the Trustee through bad faith, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, as determined by a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction.

(d) To secure the Issuer's payment obligations in this Section 7.7, the Trustee will have a Lien prior to the Notes on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, except that held in trust to pay principal of and interest, if any, on particular Notes. Such Lien will survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

(e) When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(a)(4) or (5) occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

(f) The provisions of this Section 7.7 shall survive the termination of this Indenture and the resignation or removal of the Trustee.

#### Section 7.8 Replacement of Trustee.

(a) A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee shall become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this Section.

(b) The Trustee may resign in writing at any time and be discharged from the trust hereby created by so notifying the Issuer at least 30 days prior to the date of the proposed resignation. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then-outstanding Notes may remove the Trustee by so notifying the Trustee and the Issuer in writing. The Issuer may remove the Trustee if:

- (1) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10;
- (2) the Trustee is adjudged a bankrupt or an insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under any Bankruptcy Law;
- (3) a Custodian or public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or
- (4) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.

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(c) If the Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of the Trustee for any reason, the Issuer shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee. Within one year after the successor Trustee takes office, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then-outstanding Notes may appoint a successor Trustee to replace the successor Trustee appointed by the Issuer.

(d) If a successor Trustee with respect to the Notes does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee, the Issuer, or the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

(e) A successor Trustee will deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Issuer. Thereupon, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee will become effective, and the successor Trustee will have all the rights, powers, and duties of the Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Trustee will mail a notice of its succession to Holders. The retiring Trustee will promptly transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee; *provided* that all sums owing to the Trustee hereunder have been paid and subject to the Lien provided for in Section 7.7 hereof. Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section 7.8, the Issuer's obligations under Section 7.7 hereof will continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee with respect to expenses and liabilities incurred by it for actions taken or omitted to be taken in accordance with its rights, powers, and duties under this Indenture prior to such replacement.

Section 7.9 Successor Trustee by Merger, Etc. Any organization or entity into which the Trustee may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any organization or entity resulting from any merger, conversion, or consolidation to which the Trustee shall be a party, or any organization or entity succeeding to all or substantially all of the corporate trust business of the Trustee, shall be the successor of the Trustee hereunder, provided such organization or entity shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under Section 7.10, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto.

Section 7.10 Eligibility; Disqualification. This Indenture shall always have a Trustee who satisfies the requirements of TIA § 310(a)(1), (2), and (5). The Trustee shall always have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$25,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition. The Trustee shall comply with TIA § 310(b).

Section 7.11 Preferential Collection of Claims Against Issuer. The Trustee is subject to TIA § 311(a), excluding any creditor relationship listed in TIA § 311(b). A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to TIA § 311(a) to the extent indicated.

## ARTICLE VIII SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE; DEFEASANCE

### Section 8.1 Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture.

(a) This Indenture, the Notes, and any related guarantees will, upon a Company Order, be discharged and cease to be of further effect (except as hereinafter provided in this Section 8.1), and any collateral then securing the Notes shall be released as to all outstanding Notes, and the



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Trustee, at the expense of the Issuer, shall execute instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, when:

- (1) either:
  - (i) all of the Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than Notes that have been destroyed, lost, or stolen and that have been replaced or paid and Notes for whose payment has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Issuer and thereafter repaid to the Issuer or discharged from such trust) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or
  - (ii) all of the Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation (A) have become due and payable by reason of sending a notice of redemption or otherwise, (B) will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year, (C) have been called for redemption or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuer, or (D) are deemed paid and discharged pursuant to Section 8.4, as applicable, and the Issuer, in the case of clause (A), (B), or (C) above, has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust an amount of money or U.S. Government Obligations in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire Indebtedness on the Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal of and interest on the Notes to the date of maturity or redemption, as the case may be, together with irrevocable instructions from the Issuer directing the Trustee to apply such funds to the payment thereof at maturity or redemption, as the case may be;
- (2) the Issuer has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable under this Indenture by the Issuer; and
- (3) the Issuer has delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that all conditions precedent provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge contemplated by this Section have been complied with.

(b) Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, (x) the obligations of the Issuer to the Trustee under Section 7.7, (y) if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to clause (a) of this Section 8.1, the provisions of Sections 2.3, 2.6, 2.7, 8.2, and 8.7, and (z) the rights, powers, trusts, and immunities of the Trustee hereunder and the Issuer's obligations in connection therewith shall survive.

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## Section 8.2 Application of Trust Funds; Indemnification.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Section 8.6, all money and U.S. Government Obligations deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 8.1, 8.4, or 8.5, and all money received by the Trustee in respect of U.S. Government Obligations deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 8.1, 8.4, or 8.5, shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Issuer acting as its own Paying Agent), as the Trustee may determine, to the persons entitled thereto, of the principal and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with or received by the Trustee or to make analogous payments as contemplated by Sections 8.1, 8.4, and 8.5.

(b) The Issuer shall pay and shall indemnify the Trustee (which indemnity shall survive termination of this Indenture) against any tax, fee, or other charge imposed on or assessed against U.S. Government Obligations deposited pursuant to Sections 8.1, 8.4, or 8.5 or the interest and principal received in respect of such obligations other than any payable by or on behalf of Holders.

(c) The Trustee shall deliver or pay to the Issuer from time to time upon a Company Order any U.S. Government Obligations or money held by it as provided in Sections 8.4 and 8.5 that, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent certified public accountants or investment bank expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, are then in excess of the amount thereof that then would have been required to be deposited for the purpose for which such U.S. Government Obligations or money were deposited or received. This provision shall not authorize the sale by the Trustee of any U.S. Government Obligations held under this Indenture.

Section 8.3 Option to Effect Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance. The Issuer may at any time elect to have either Section 8.4 or 8.5 hereof be applied to all outstanding Notes upon compliance with the conditions set forth below in Section 8.6. The Issuer may exercise its legal defeasance option notwithstanding its prior exercised of its covenant defeasance option. If the Issuer exercises its legal defeasance option, payment of the Notes may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default with respect thereto. If the Issuer exercises its covenant defeasance option, payment of the Notes may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(a)(3). Upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth herein and upon request of the Issuer, the Trustee shall acknowledge in writing the discharge of those obligations that the Issuer terminates.

## Section 8.4 Legal Defeasance of Notes.

(a) Upon the Issuer's exercise under Section 8.3 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.4, the Issuer will, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.6, be deemed to have been discharged from its obligations with respect to any or all outstanding Notes and cure all then-existing Defaults or Events of Default on the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied (hereinafter, "**legal defeasance**"). For this purpose, legal defeasance means that the Issuer will be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire Indebtedness represented by the outstanding Notes, which will thereafter be deemed to be "outstanding" only for the purposes of Section 8.2 hereof and the other sections of this Indenture referred to in clauses (1) and (2) below, and to have satisfied all its other obligations under the Notes and this Indenture (and the Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Issuer, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except for the following provisions, which will survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder:

- (1) the rights of Holders to receive from the trust funds described in Section 8.2 payment of the principal of and interest on the outstanding Notes on the Stated Maturity of such Holder's Notes;

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- (2) the provisions of Sections 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7, 7.7, 8.2, 8.4, 8.6, 8.7, and 8.8; and
  - (3) the rights, powers, trusts, and immunities of the Trustee hereunder and the Issuer's obligations in connection therewith;

(b) For the avoidance of doubt, if the Issuer exercises its legal defeasance option under this Section 8.4, any Liens and guarantees as they pertain to the Notes will be released.

#### Section 8.5 Covenant Defeasance.

(a) Upon the Issuer's exercise under Section 8.3 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.5, the Issuer will, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.6, be released from its obligations under any term, provision, or condition of Sections 4.2, 4.3, and 5.1 (hereinafter, "**covenant defeasance**"), and the Notes will thereafter be deemed not "outstanding" for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent, or declaration or act of Holders (and the consequences of any thereof) in connection with such covenants, but will continue to be deemed "outstanding" for all other purposes hereunder (it being understood that such Notes will not be deemed outstanding for accounting purposes). For this purpose, covenant defeasance means that, with respect to the outstanding Notes, the Issuer may omit to comply with and will have no liability in respect of any term, condition, or limitation set forth in any such covenant, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein or in the Notes to any such covenant or by reason of any reference in any such covenant to any other provision herein or in any other document and such omission to comply will not constitute a Default or an Event of Default hereunder, but, except as specified above, the remainder of this Indenture and such Notes will be unaffected thereby. In addition, upon the Issuer's exercise under Section 8.1 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.3, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.6 hereof, Sections 6.1(a)(3) hereof will not constitute an Event of Default.

(b) For the avoidance of doubt, if the Issuer exercises its covenant defeasance option under this Section 8.5, any Liens and guarantees as they pertain to the Notes will be released.

#### Section 8.6 Conditions to Defeasance.

(a) The Issuer may exercise its legal defeasance option or its covenant defeasance option only if:

- (1) the Issuer shall have irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited (except as provided in Section 8.2(c)) with the Trustee as trust funds specifically pledged as security for and dedicated solely to the benefit of the Holders of such Notes cash in Dollars and/or U.S. Government Obligations, which

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through the payment of interest and principal in respect thereof in accordance with their terms will provide (and without reinvestment and assuming no tax liability will be imposed on such Trustee), not later than one day before the due date of any payment of money, an amount in cash sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants or investment bank expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay and discharge the principal of and interest in respect of all the Notes on the Stated Maturity of such Notes;

- (2) such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, this Indenture;
- (3) no Default or Event of Default under Section 6.1(a)(4) or (5) with respect to the Notes shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit or during the period ending on the 91st day after such date;
- (4) in the case of the legal defeasance option, the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that (i) the Issuer has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling or (ii) since the date of execution of this Indenture, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law, in either case, to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, the Holders of such Notes will not recognize income, gain, or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit, defeasance, and discharge and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit, defeasance, and discharge had not occurred;
- (5) in the case of the covenant defeasance option, the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the Holders of such Notes will not recognize income, gain, or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit and related covenant defeasance and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amounts and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit and related covenant defeasance had not occurred;
- (6) the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by the Issuer with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying, or defrauding any other creditors of the Issuer; and
- (7) the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent provided for relating to the defeasance as contemplated by this Article VIII have been complied with.

(b) Before or after a deposit, the Issuer may make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the redemption of such Notes at a future date in accordance with Article III.

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Section 8.7 Repayment to Issuer. Subject to applicable abandoned property law, the Trustee and the Paying Agent shall pay to the Issuer upon request any money held by them for the payment of principal and interest that remains unclaimed for two years. After that, Holders entitled to the money must look to the Issuer for payment as general creditors unless an applicable abandoned property law designates another person.

Section 8.8 Reinstatement. If the Trustee or the Paying Agent is unable to apply any money deposited with respect to Notes in accordance with this Article VIII by reason of any legal proceeding or by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining, or otherwise prohibiting such application, the obligations of the Issuer under this Indenture with respect to the Notes and under the Notes shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to this Article VIII until such time as the Trustee or the Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in accordance with this Article VIII; *provided, however*, that if the Issuer has made any payment of principal of or interest on any Notes because of the reinstatement of its obligations, the Issuer shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Notes to receive such payment from the money or U.S. Government Obligations held by the Trustee or Paying Agent after payment in full to the Holders.

## ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS AND WAIVERS

Section 9.1 Without Consent of Holders. Notwithstanding Section 9.2 hereof, without the consent of or notice to any Holder, the Issuer and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture or the Notes:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, mistake, defect, or inconsistency;
- (b) to conform the text of this Indenture (including any supplemental indenture or other instrument pursuant to which additional Notes are issued) or the Notes to the “Description of Notes” section of the Prospectus or, with respect to any additional Notes and any supplemental indenture or other instrument pursuant to which such additional Notes are issued, to the “Description of Notes” relating to the issuance of such additional Notes or any provision of a prospectus supplement intended to supplement such “Description of Notes,” solely to the extent that such “Description of Notes” provides for terms of such additional Notes that differ from the terms of the Notes offered hereby;
- (c) to comply with Article V hereof or to otherwise provide for the assumption by a successor person of the Issuer’s obligations under this Indenture and the Notes, or to add a co-issuer;
- (d) to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes, or to provide for global Notes;
- (e) to add guarantees with respect to the Notes or secure the Notes;
- (f) to surrender any of the Issuer’s rights or powers under this Indenture and/or the Notes;

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- (g) to add covenants or events of default for the benefit of the Holders;
  - (h) to comply with the applicable procedures of any applicable depository;
  - (i) to make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any Holder in any material respect;
  - (j) to provide for the issuance of and establish the form and terms and conditions of Notes as permitted by this Indenture;
  - (k) to make any amendment to the provisions of this Indenture relating to the transfer of the Notes as permitted by this Indenture, including, without limitation, to facilitate the issuance and administration of the Notes;
  - (l) to effect the appointment of a successor Trustee, a collateral agent, or a successor collateral agent with respect to the Notes and to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture to provide for or facilitate administration by a successor Trustee, a collateral agent, a successor collateral agent, and/or more than one Trustee and/or collateral agent;
  - (m) to authorize any collateral agent appointed under this Indenture from time to time to enter into and perform any security documentation;
  - (n) to add to, delete from, or revise the conditions, limitations, and restrictions on the authorized amount, terms, or purposes of the issue, authentication, and delivery of the Notes (prior to issuance thereof), in each case, as set forth herein; or
  - (o) to comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of this Indenture under the TIA.

Section 9.2 With Consent of Holders.

(a) Subject to Section 9.3, the Issuer and the Trustee may enter into a supplemental indenture with the written consent of the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes affected by such supplemental indenture (including consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, the Notes), for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or of any supplemental indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders. Except as provided in Section 6.13, and subject to Section 9.3, the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes affected by such waiver (including consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, any Notes) may waive compliance by the Issuer with any provision of this Indenture or the Notes.

(b) It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Holders under this Section 9.2 to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture or waiver, but it shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof. After a supplemental indenture or waiver under this Section 9.2 becomes effective, the Issuer shall send to the Holders affected thereby a notice briefly describing the supplemental indenture or waiver. Any failure by the Issuer to send such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such supplemental indenture or waiver.

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Section 9.3 Limitations. The Issuer may not make any modification, amendment, or waiver without the consent of the Holders of each affected Note then outstanding (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Notes held by Affiliates) if that modification, amendment, or waiver will (with respect to any Notes held by a non-consenting Holder):

- (a) reduce the percentage of the aggregate principal amount of Notes whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement, or waiver;
- (b) reduce the rate or extend the time for payment of interest (including defaulted interest) on any Note;
- (c) reduce the principal or change the Stated Maturity of any Note;
- (d) waive a Default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any Note (except a rescission of acceleration of the Notes by the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then-outstanding Notes and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);
- (e) make the principal of or interest, if any, on any Note payable in any currency other than that stated in such Note; or
- (f) make any change in Section 6.8, 6.13, or 9.3.

Section 9.4 Compliance with Trust Indenture Act. Every amendment to this Indenture or the Notes shall be set forth in a supplemental indenture hereto that complies with the TIA as then in effect.

Section 9.5 Revocation and Effect of Consents.

- (a) Until an amendment is set forth in a supplemental indenture or a waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder is a continuing consent by the Holder and every subsequent Holder of a Note or portion of a Note that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Note, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Note. However, any such Holder or subsequent Holder may revoke the consent as to such Holder's Note or portion of a Note if the Trustee receives the notice of revocation before the date of the supplemental indenture or the date the waiver becomes effective.
- (b) Any amendment or waiver once effective shall bind every Holder of a Note affected by such amendment or waiver unless it is of the type described in any of clauses (a) through (f) of Section 9.3. In that case, the amendment or waiver shall bind each Holder of a Note who has consented to it and every subsequent Holder of a Note or portion of a Note that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Note.

(c) The Issuer may, but shall not be obligated to, fix a record date for the purpose of determining the Holders entitled to give their consent or take any other action described above or required or permitted to be taken pursuant to this Indenture. If a record date is fixed, then notwithstanding paragraph (a) above, those persons who were Holders at such record date (or their duly designated proxies), and only those persons, shall be entitled to give such consent or to revoke any consent previously given or take any such action, whether or not such persons continue to be Holders after such record date. No such consent shall be valid or effective for more than 120 days after such record date.

Section 9.6 Notation on or Exchange of Notes. The Issuer or the Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, place an appropriate notation about an amendment or waiver on any Note thereafter authenticated. The Issuer in exchange for the Notes may issue and the Trustee shall authenticate upon receipt of a Company Order in accordance with Section 2.3 new Notes that reflect the amendment or waiver.

Section 9.7 Trustee Protected. In executing, or accepting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article XI or the modifications thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, upon request, an Officer' s Certificate and/or an Opinion of Counsel complying with Sections 11.4 and 11.5 and (subject to Section 7.1) shall be fully protected in relying upon such Officer' s Certificate and/or Opinion of Counsel. The Trustee shall sign all supplemental indentures upon delivery of such an Officer' s Certificate or Opinion of Counsel or both, except that the Trustee need not sign any supplemental indenture that adversely affects its rights, duties, liabilities, or immunities under this Indenture.

## ARTICLE X SUBORDINATION

Section 10.1 Agreement to Subordinate. The Issuer agrees, and each Holder by accepting a Note agrees, that the Indebtedness evidenced by the Notes is subordinated in right of payment, to the extent and in the manner provided in this Article X, to the prior payment in full of all Senior Debt (whether outstanding on the date hereof or hereafter created, incurred, assumed, or guaranteed), and that the subordination is for the benefit of the holders of Senior Debt.

Section 10.2 Liquidation; Dissolution; Bankruptcy. Upon any distribution to creditors of the Issuer in:

- (a) a liquidation or dissolution of the Issuer;
- (b) a bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, receivership, or similar proceeding relating to the Issuer or its property;
- (c) an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or
- (d) any marshaling of the Issuer' s assets and liabilities;

holders of Senior Debt will be entitled to receive payment in full of all Obligations due in respect of such Senior Debt (including interest after the commencement of any bankruptcy proceeding at the rate specified in the applicable Senior Debt) before the Holders will be entitled to receive any payment with respect to the Notes (except that Holders of Notes may receive and retain Permitted Junior Securities and payments made from any of the trusts created pursuant to Article VIII hereof).



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### Section 10.3 Default on Designated Senior Debt.

(a) The Issuer may not make any payment or distribution to the Trustee or any Holder in respect of Obligations with respect to the Notes and may not acquire from the Trustee or any Holder any Notes for cash or property (other than Permitted Junior Securities and payments made from any of the trusts created pursuant to Article VIII hereof) if:

- (1) a payment default on Senior Debt occurs and is continuing; or
- (2) any other default occurs and is continuing on any series of Senior Debt that permits holders of that series of Senior Debt to accelerate its Stated Maturity and the Trustee receives a notice of such default (a “**Payment Blockage Notice**”) from the Issuer of the holders of any Senior Debt.

(b) The Issuer may and will resume payments on and distributions in respect of the Notes and may acquire them beginning on the date on which such default is cured or waived if this Article X otherwise permits such payment, distribution, or acquisition at the time of such payment, distribution, or acquisition.

### Section 10.4 When Distribution Must Be Paid Over.

(a) In the event that the Trustee or any Holder receives any payment of any Obligations with respect to the Notes (other than Permitted Junior Securities and payments made from any of the trusts created pursuant to Article VIII hereof) at a time when the payment is prohibited by Section 10.3 and the Trustee or the Holder, as applicable, has actual knowledge that the payment is prohibited by Section 10.3 hereof, such payment will be held by the Trustee or such Holder, as the case may be, in trust for the benefit of, and will be paid forthwith over and delivered, upon proper written request, to, the holders of Senior Debt as their interests may appear or their Representative for application to the payment of all Obligations with respect to Senior Debt remaining unpaid to the extent necessary to pay such Obligations in accordance with their terms, after giving effect to any concurrent payment or distribution to or for the holders of Senior Debt.

(b) With respect to the holders of Senior Debt, the Trustee undertakes to perform only those obligations on the part of the Trustee as are specifically set forth in this Article X, and no implied covenants or obligations with respect to the holders of Senior Debt will be read into this Indenture against the Trustee. The Trustee will not be deemed to owe any fiduciary duty to the holders of Senior Debt, and will not be liable to any such holders if the Trustee pays over or distributes to or on behalf of Holders or the Issuer or any other person money or assets to which any holders of Senior Debt are then entitled by virtue of this Article X, except if such payment is made as a result of the bad faith, willful misconduct or gross negligence of the Trustee.

Section 10.5 Notice by Issuer. The Issuer will promptly notify the Trustee and the Paying Agent of any facts known to the Issuer that would cause a payment of any Obligations with respect to the Notes to violate this Article X, but failure to give such notice will not affect the subordination of the Notes to the Senior Debt as provided in this Article X.

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Section 10.6 Subrogation. After all Senior Debt is paid in full and until the Notes are paid in full, Holders will be subrogated (equally and ratably with all other Indebtedness *pari passu* with the Notes) to the rights of holders of Senior Debt to receive distributions applicable to Senior Debt to the extent that distributions otherwise payable to the Holders have been applied to the payment of Senior Debt. A distribution made under this Article X to holders of Senior Debt that otherwise would have been made to Holders is not, as between the Issuer and the Holders, a payment by the Issuer on the Notes.

Section 10.7 Relative Rights.

(a) This Article X defines the relative rights of Holders and holders of Senior Debt. Nothing in this Indenture will:

- (1) impair, as between the Issuer and the Holders, the obligation of the Issuer, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest, if any, on, the Notes in accordance with their terms;
- (2) affect the relative rights of Holders and creditors of the Issuer other than their rights in relation to holders of Senior Debt; or
- (3) prevent the Trustee or any Holder from exercising its available remedies upon a Default or Event of Default, subject to the rights of holders and owners of Senior Debt to receive distributions and payments otherwise payable to Holders of Notes.

(b) If the Issuer fails because of this Article X to pay the principal of or accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on, a Note on the due date, the failure shall not constitute a Default or Event of Default.

Section 10.8 Subordination May Not Be Impaired by Issuer. No right of any holder of Senior Debt to enforce the subordination of the Indebtedness evidenced by the Notes may be impaired by any act or failure to act by the Issuer or any Holder or by the failure of the Issuer or any Holder to comply with this Indenture.

Section 10.9 Distribution or Notice to Representative.

(a) Whenever a distribution is to be made or a notice given to holders of Senior Debt, the distribution may be made and the notice given to their Representative.

(b) Upon any payment or distribution of assets of the Issuer referred to in this Article X, the Trustee and the Holders will be entitled to rely upon any order or decree made by any court of competent jurisdiction or upon any certificate of such Representative or of the liquidating trustee or agent or other person making any distribution to the Trustee or to the Holders for the purpose of ascertaining the persons entitled to participate in such distribution, the holders of the Senior Debt and other Indebtedness of the Issuer, the amount thereof or payable thereon, the amount or amounts paid or distributed thereon, and all other facts pertinent thereto or to this Article X.

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Section 10.10 Standstill Period. So long as any Senior Debt remains outstanding, neither the Trustee nor the Holders shall, without the prior written consent of the holders of such Senior Debt:

(a) exercise or seek to exercise any right or remedy with respect to a Default or an Event of Default, including any collection or enforcement right or remedy;

(b) institute any action or proceeding against the Issuer or any of its assets, including, without limitation, any possession, sale, or foreclosure action or proceeding; or

(c) contest, protest, or object to any enforcement proceeding or other action commenced under such Senior Debt;

in each case, for a period of 90 days after delivery of notice of an Event of Default to the holders of such Senior Debt (the “*Standstill Period*”). The Trustee and the Holders shall only be permitted to commence such enforcement proceedings upon the receipt of written consent from the holders of such Senior Debt or upon the expiration of the Standstill Period.

Section 10.11 Rights of Trustee and Paying Agent.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article X or any other provision of this Indenture, the Trustee will not be charged with knowledge of the existence of any facts that would prohibit the making of any payment or distribution by the Trustee, and the Trustee and the Paying Agent may continue to make payments on the Notes unless the Trustee has received at its Corporate Trust Office at least five Business Days prior to the date of such payment written notice of facts that would cause the payment of any Obligations with respect to the Notes to violate this Article X. Only the Issuer or a Representative may give the notice. Nothing in this Article X will impair the claims of, or payments to, the Trustee under or pursuant to Section 7.7 hereof.

(b) The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may hold Senior Debt with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. Any Agent may do the same with like rights.

Section 10.12 Authorization to Effect Subordination. Each Holder of Notes, by the Holder’ s acceptance thereof, authorizes and directs the Trustee on such Holder’ s behalf to take such action as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the subordination as provided in this Article X, and appoints the Trustee to act as such Holder’ s attorney-in-fact for any and all such purposes. If the Trustee does not file a proper proof of claim or proof of debt in the form required in any proceeding referred to in Section 6.4 hereof at least 30 days before the expiration of the time to file such claim, the Representatives are hereby authorized to file an appropriate claim for and on behalf of the Holders of the Notes.

ARTICLE XI  
MISCELLANEOUS

Section 11.1 Trust Indenture Act Controls. If any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies, or conflicts with another provision that is required or deemed to be included in this Indenture by the TIA, such required or deemed provision shall control.

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Section 11.2 Notices.

(a) Any notice or communication by the Issuer or the Trustee to the other, or by a Holder to the Issuer or the Trustee, is duly given if in writing and delivered in person or mailed by first-class mail (registered or certified, return receipt requested), email, or overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery, to the others' address:

if to the Issuer:

Phoenix Energy One, LLC  
18575 Jamboree Road, Suite 830  
Irvine, California 92612  
Attention: Lindsey Wilson  
Telephone: (303) 749-0074  
Email: LW@phoenixenergy.com

with a copy to (which shall not constitute notice):

Latham & Watkins LLP  
555 11th Street, N.W., Suite 1000  
Washington, D.C. 20004  
Attention: Christopher J. Clark; Ross McAloon  
Telephone: (202) 637-2200  
Email: Christopher.J.Clark@lw.com; Ross.McAloon@lw.com

if to the Trustee:

UMB Bank, N.A.  
928 Grand Boulevard, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106  
Attention: Lara L. Stevens  
Telephone: (816) 860-3017  
Email: Lara.Stevens@umb.com

(b) The Issuer or the Trustee by notice to the other may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

(c) Any notice or communication to a Holder shall be sent electronically or by first-class mail or overnight air courier to such Holder's address shown on the register kept by the Registrar. Failure to send a notice or communication to a Holder or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Holders. Any notice or communication will also be so mailed to any person described in TIA §313(c), to the extent required by the TIA.

(d) Notices given by publication will be deemed given on the first date on which publication is made; notices given by first-class mail, postage prepaid, will be deemed given five calendar days after mailing; notices personally delivered will be deemed given at the time delivered by hand; notices given by facsimile or email will be deemed given when sent; and notices given by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery will be deemed given the next Business Day after timely delivery to the courier.

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(e) If a notice or communication is sent or published in the manner provided above, within the time prescribed, it is duly given, whether or not the Holder receives it.

(f) If the Issuer sends a notice or communication to Holders, it shall send a copy to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

(g) The Trustee shall not have any duty to confirm that the person sending any notice, instruction, or other communication by electronic transmission (including by e-mail, facsimile transmission, web portal, or other electronic methods) is, in fact, a person authorized to do so. Electronic signatures believed by the Trustee to comply with the ESIGN Act of 2000 or other applicable law (including electronic images of handwritten signatures and digital signatures provided by DocuSign, Orbit, Adobe Sign, or any other digital signature provider acceptable to the Trustee) shall be deemed original signatures for all purposes. The Issuer assumes all risks arising out of the use of electronic signatures and electronic methods to send communications to the Trustee, including, without limitation, the risk of the Trustee acting on an unauthorized communication, and the risk of interception or misuse by third parties.

Section 11.3 Communication by Holders with Other Holders. Holders may communicate pursuant to TIA § 312(b) with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Notes. The Issuer, the Trustee, the Registrar, and anyone else shall have the protection of TIA § 312(c).

Section 11.4 Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent. Upon any request or application by the Issuer to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Issuer shall furnish to the Trustee:

(a) an Officer's Certificate stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with; and

(b) an Opinion of Counsel stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent have been complied with.

Section 11.5 Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion.

(a) Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than a certificate provided pursuant to TIA § 314(a)(4)) shall comply with the provisions of TIA § 314(e) and shall include:

- (1) a statement that the person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;
- (2) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;

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- (3) a statement that, in the opinion of such person, such person has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable such person to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
  - (4) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such person, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

(b) In giving such Opinion of Counsel, counsel may rely as to factual matters on an Officer's Certificate or on certificates of public officials.

Section 11.6 Rules by Trustee and Agents. The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or at a meeting of Holders. Any Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions. By their acceptance of the Notes, the Holders will be deemed to have authorized any collateral agent appointed under this Indenture from time to time to enter into and perform any security documentation.

Section 11.7 Legal Holidays. If a payment date for any payment made under this Indenture is not a Business Day, payment may be made on the next succeeding Business Day, and no interest shall accrue for the intervening period. To the extent the date of delivery of any document required to be delivered pursuant to any provision of this Indenture falls on a day that is not a Business Day, the applicable required date of delivery shall be deemed to be the next succeeding day that is a Business Day.

Section 11.8 No Recourse Against Others. None of the past, present, or future managers, managing directors, directors, officers, employees, incorporators, or securityholders of the Issuer or any Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Issuer, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of the Issuer under the Notes or this Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of such obligations or their creation. Each Holder, by accepting a Note, waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issue of the Notes. However, this waiver and release may not be effective to waive liabilities under U.S. federal securities laws, and it is the view of the SEC that such a waiver is against public policy.

Section 11.9 Counterparts.

(a) This Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. The exchange of copies of this Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile or electronic format (e.g., ".pdf" or ".tif") transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Indenture as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or electronic format (e.g., ".pdf" or ".tif") shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.

(b) Unless otherwise provided herein or in the Notes, the words "execute," "execution," "signed," "signature," and words of similar import used in or related to any document to be signed in connection with this Indenture, any Notes, or any of the transactions contemplated hereby (including amendments, waivers, consents, and other modifications) shall be deemed to

include electronic signatures and the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity, or enforceability as a manually executed signature in ink or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as applicable, to the fullest extent and as provided for in any applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, and any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

Section 11.10 Governing Law; Waiver of Jury Trial; Consent to Jurisdiction.

**(A) THIS INDENTURE AND THE NOTES, INCLUDING ANY CLAIM OR CONTROVERSY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE OR THE NOTES, SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.**

**(B) THE COMPANY, THE TRUSTEE, AND EACH HOLDER (BY THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE NOTES) EACH HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES, OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY.**

(c) Any legal suit, action, or proceeding arising out of or based upon this Indenture, the Notes, or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby may be instituted in the federal courts of the United States of America located in the City of New York or the courts of the State of New York, in each case, located in the City of New York (collectively, the “*Specified Courts*”), and each party irrevocably submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of such courts in any such suit, action, or proceeding. Service of any process, summons, notice, or document by mail (to the extent allowed under any applicable statute or rule of court) to such party’s address set forth above shall be effective service of process for any suit, action, or other proceeding brought in any such court. The Issuer, the Trustee, and the Holders (by their acceptance of the Notes) each hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waive any objection to the laying of venue of any suit, action, or other proceeding in the Specified Courts and irrevocably and unconditionally waive and agree not to plead or claim any such suit, action, or other proceeding has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

Section 11.11 No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements. This Indenture and the Notes may not be used to interpret another indenture, loan, or debt agreement of the Issuer or a Subsidiary or other Affiliate of the Issuer. Any such indenture, loan, or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture or the Notes.

Section 11.12 Successors. All agreements of the Issuer in this Indenture and the Notes shall bind its successor. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successor.

Section 11.13 Severability. In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 11.14 Table of Contents, Headings, Etc. The Table of Contents, Cross Reference Table, and headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part hereof, and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

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Section 11.15 Force Majeure. In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its control, including, without limitation, strikes, work stoppages, accidents, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes, pandemics, epidemics or other public health emergencies, acts of God, and interruptions, loss, or malfunctions of utilities, communications, or computer (software and hardware) services, it being understood that the Trustee shall use reasonable best efforts that are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

Section 11.16 U.S.A. Patriot Act. The parties hereto acknowledge that, in accordance with Section 326 of the U.S.A. Patriot Act, the Trustee is required to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person or legal entity that establishes a relationship or opens an account with the Trustee. The parties to this Indenture agree that they will provide the Trustee with such information as it may request in order for the Trustee to satisfy the requirements of the U.S.A. Patriot Act.

*[Signature Pages Follow]*



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Indenture to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC

By: /s/Curtis Allen

Name: Curtis Allen

Title: Chief Financial Officer

UMB BANK, N.A., as Trustee

By: /s/ Lara L. Stevens

Name: Lara L. Stevens

Title: Vice President

*[Signature Page to Indenture]*

**Form of Cash Interest Note**

**[Attached]**

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[FACE OF NOTE]

PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC

\_\_\_\_\_% Senior Subordinated Notes due 20\_\_

Principal Amount of Notes: \$\_\_\_\_\_

PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, promises to pay \_\_\_\_\_, or registered assigns, the principal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Interest Payment Dates: The tenth day of each month.

Record Dates: The Business Day preceding an Interest Payment Date.

Additional provisions of this Note are set forth on the other side of this Note.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

This is one of the Notes referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture:

UMB BANK, N.A.,  
as Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signatory

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[REVERSE SIDE OF NOTE]

\_\_\_\_\_% Senior Subordinated Notes due 20\_\_\_\_

Capitalized terms used herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

(1) *INTEREST*. Phoenix Energy One, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “*Issuer*”), promises to pay or cause to be paid interest on the principal amount of this Note at the rate *per annum* shown above. The Issuer will pay interest, if any, on this Note monthly in arrears in cash on the tenth day of each month, or if any such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day (each, an “*Interest Payment Date*”). Interest on this Note will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid on this Note or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of issuance of this Note. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

(2) *METHOD OF PAYMENT*. The Issuer will pay interest on this Note (except defaulted interest), if any, to the Persons who are registered Holders of this Note at the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding each Interest Payment Date (such date, a “*Record Date*”) unless this Note is canceled, repurchased, or redeemed after a Record Date and on or before the related Interest Payment Date. Holders must surrender Notes to a Paying Agent to collect principal payments. If the Holder of this Note has given wire transfer instructions to the Issuer or the Paying Agent, the Paying Agent will distribute the payments received of principal of and, if applicable, interest and premium, if any, on this Note in accordance with those instructions. Distribution of all other payments on this Note will be made at the office or agency of the Paying Agent unless the Issuer elects to make interest payments through the Paying Agent by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders. Such payment will be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

(3) *PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR*. Initially, the Issuer will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Issuer may change the Paying Agent or Registrar without prior notice to the Holders. The Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates may act as Paying Agent or Registrar.

(4) *INDENTURE*. The Issuer issued this Note under an indenture, dated as of May 14, 2025 (as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof, the “*Indenture*”), between the Issuer and the Trustee. The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the TIA. The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and the TIA for a statement of such terms. To the extent any provision of this Note conflicts with the express provisions of the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling. The Notes are unsecured senior subordinated obligations of the Issuer. The Indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of Notes that may be issued thereunder.

(5) *OPTIONAL REDEMPTION*.

(a) The Issuer may redeem the Notes, at its option, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, upon delivering a notice of redemption as described in Section 3.3 of the Indenture, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of such Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of the redemption.

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(b) Any redemption of the Notes may, at the Issuer's discretion, be subject to one or more conditions precedent. If such redemption is subject to the satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, the related notice shall describe each such condition and, if applicable, shall state that, in the Issuer's discretion, the redemption date may be delayed until such time as any or all such conditions shall be satisfied (or waived by the Issuer in its sole discretion), or such redemption may not occur. The Issuer may modify any such redemption notice or rescind it in the event that any or all such conditions precedent shall not have been satisfied (or waived by the Issuer in its sole discretion) by the redemption date, or by the redemption date as so delayed (which may exceed 60 days from the date of the redemption notice in such case). In addition, such notice of redemption may be extended, if such conditions precedent have not been satisfied or waived by the Issuer, by providing notice to Holders whose Notes are to be redeemed.

(c) Unless the Issuer defaults in the payment of the redemption price, interest will cease to accrue on the Notes or portions thereof called for redemption on the applicable redemption date.

(d) Any redemption pursuant to this Paragraph 5 will be made pursuant to the provisions of Article III of the Indenture.

(6) *MANDATORY REDEMPTION; REPURCHASE AT THE OPTION OF THE HOLDERS.*

(a) Subject to the provisions of Article X of the Indenture, each Holder may request, in whole at any time and in part from time to time, by written notice to the Issuer, that the Issuer redeem such Holder's Notes at a redemption price equal to 95.0% of the principal amount of such Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption; *provided* that the Issuer will not be required to redeem any Notes at any time when the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates is prohibited by law or contract from doing so; *provided further* that the Issuer will not be required to redeem Notes in an amount that exceeds, in any calendar year, 10.0% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes issued and outstanding as of the first day of the calendar quarter in which such request is made (the "**10% Limit**"). The principal amount of any Notes held by the Issuer's manager, executive officers, or their respective family members during any calendar year will not be included in calculating the 10% Limit with respect to any other Holders for such calendar year.

(b) Any redemption pursuant to this Paragraph 6 will be made pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.8 of the Indenture.

(c) The Issuer is not otherwise required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes. The Issuer will also not be required to offer to purchase any Notes with the proceeds of asset sales, in the event of a change of control, or otherwise.

(7) *DENOMINATIONS, TRANSFER, EXCHANGE.* This Note was issued in registered form without coupons in minimum denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. For the avoidance of doubt, the principal amount of this Note may from time to time be in an amount other than a minimum denomination of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof as a result of redemptions and repurchases of the principal amount of this Note not

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prohibited by the Indenture. The Notes may not be transferred or exchanged without the prior written consent of the Issuer, which consent may be withheld in the Issuer's sole discretion. The transfer of Notes may be registered and Notes may be exchanged only as provided in the Indenture. If a transfer of Notes is consented to in writing by the Issuer, a Holder may not transfer any Note until the Registrar has received, among other things, appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Issuer need not exchange or register the transfer of any Note or portion of a Note selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part.

(8) *PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS*. The registered Holder of a Note may be treated as the owner of it for all purposes. Only registered Holders have rights under the Indenture.

(9) *DISCHARGE AND DEFEASANCE*. Subject to certain conditions set forth in the Indenture, the Issuer at any time may terminate some or all of its obligations under the Notes and the Indenture if the Issuer deposits in trust with the Trustee money or U.S. Government Obligations (sufficient, without reinvestment, in the opinion of a nationally recognized certified public accounting firm) for the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Notes to redemption or maturity, as the case may be.

(10) *AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT, AND WAIVER*. The Indenture and the Notes may be amended or waived as set forth in Article IX of the Indenture.

(11) *DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES*. Events of Default shall be as set forth in Article VI of the Indenture.

(12) *SUBORDINATION*. Payment of principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Notes is subordinated to the prior payment in full of all Senior Debt on the terms provided in the Indenture.

(13) *TRUSTEE DEALINGS WITH ISSUER*. The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Issuer or an Affiliate of the Issuer with the same rights it would have if it were not the Trustee.

(14) *NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS*. None of the past, present, or future managers, managing directors, directors, officers, employees, incorporators, or securityholders of the Issuer or any Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Issuer, as such, will have any liability for any obligations of the Issuer under the Notes or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes. The waiver may not be effective to waive liabilities under the U.S. federal securities laws, and it is the view of the SEC that such a waiver is against public policy.

(15) *AUTHENTICATION*. A Certificated Note will not be valid until authenticated by the signature of the Trustee (or an authenticating agent acting on its behalf).

(16) *ABBREVIATIONS*. Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (= tenants in common), TEN ENT (= tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (= joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (= Custodian), and U/G/M/A (= Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).

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(17) *GOVERNING LAW.* THE INTERNAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WILL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THE INDENTURE AND THIS NOTE WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY.

(18) *SUCCESSOR ENTITY.* When a successor entity assumes, in accordance with the Indenture, all the obligations of its predecessor under the Notes and the Indenture, and immediately before and thereafter no Default or Event of Default exists and all other conditions of the Indenture are satisfied, the predecessor entity shall be released from those obligations.

(19) *NOTICES.* The Issuer will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture. Requests may be made as provided in Section 11.2 of the Indenture.

**Form of Compound Interest Note**

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[FACE OF NOTE]

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Additional provisions of this Note are set forth on the other side of this Note.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

This is one of the Notes referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture:

UMB BANK, N.A.,  
as Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signatory

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\_\_\_\_\_% Senior Subordinated Notes due 20\_\_\_\_

Capitalized terms used herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

(1) *INTEREST*. Phoenix Energy One, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “*Issuer*”), promises to pay or cause to be paid interest on the principal amount of this Note at the rate per annum shown above. The Issuer will pay interest, if any, on this Note monthly in arrears by adding such interest to the then-outstanding principal amount of this Note on the tenth day of each month, or if any such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day (each, an “*Interest Payment Date*”). Interest on this Note will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid on this Note or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of issuance of this Note. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

(2) *METHOD OF PAYMENT*. The Issuer will pay interest on this Note (except defaulted interest), if any, to the Persons who are registered Holders of this Note at the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding each Interest Payment Date (such date, a “*Record Date*”) unless this Note is canceled, repurchased, or redeemed after a Record Date and on or before the related Interest Payment Date. Holders must surrender Notes to a Paying Agent to collect principal payments. If the Holder of this Note has given wire transfer instructions to the Issuer or the Paying Agent, the Paying Agent will distribute the payments received of principal of and, if applicable, interest and premium, if any, on this Note in accordance with those instructions. Distribution of all other cash payments on this Note will be made at the office or agency of the Paying Agent unless the Issuer elects to make interest payments through the Paying Agent by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders. Cash payments will be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

(3) *PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR*. Initially, the Issuer will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Issuer may change the Paying Agent or Registrar without prior notice to the Holders. The Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates may act as Paying Agent or Registrar.

(4) *INDENTURE*. The Issuer issued this Note under an indenture, dated as of May 14, 2025 (as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof, the “*Indenture*”), between the Issuer and the Trustee. The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the TIA. The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture and the TIA for a statement of such terms. To the extent any provision of this Note conflicts with the express provisions of the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling. The Notes are unsecured senior subordinated obligations of the Issuer. The Indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of Notes that may be issued thereunder.

(5) *OPTIONAL REDEMPTION*.

(a) The Issuer may redeem the Notes, at its option, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, upon delivering a notice of redemption as described in Section 3.3 of the Indenture, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of such Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of the redemption.

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(b) Any redemption of the Notes may, at the Issuer's discretion, be subject to one or more conditions precedent. If such redemption is subject to the satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, the related notice shall describe each such condition and, if applicable, shall state that, in the Issuer's discretion, the redemption date may be delayed until such time as any or all such conditions shall be satisfied (or waived by the Issuer in its sole discretion), or such redemption may not occur. The Issuer may modify any such redemption notice or rescind it in the event that any or all such conditions precedent shall not have been satisfied (or waived by the Issuer in its sole discretion) by the redemption date, or by the redemption date as so delayed (which may exceed 60 days from the date of the redemption notice in such case). In addition, such notice of redemption may be extended, if such conditions precedent have not been satisfied or waived by the Issuer, by providing notice to Holders whose Notes are to be redeemed.

(c) Unless the Issuer defaults in the payment of the redemption price, interest will cease to accrue on the Notes or portions thereof called for redemption on the applicable redemption date.

(d) Any redemption pursuant to this Paragraph 5 will be made pursuant to the provisions of Article III of the Indenture.

(6) *MANDATORY REDEMPTION; REPURCHASE AT THE OPTION OF THE HOLDERS.*

(a) Subject to the provisions of Article X of the Indenture, each Holder may request, in whole at any time and in part from time to time, by written notice to the Issuer, that the Issuer redeem such Holder's Notes at a redemption price equal to 95.0% of the principal amount of such Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption; *provided* that the Issuer will not be required to redeem any Notes at any time when the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates is prohibited by law or contract from doing so; *provided further* that the Issuer will not be required to redeem Notes in an amount that exceeds, in any calendar year, 10.0% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes issued and outstanding as of the first day of the calendar quarter in which such request is made (the "**10% Limit**"). The principal amount of any Notes held by the Issuer's manager, executive officers, or their respective family members during any calendar year will not be included in calculating the 10% Limit with respect to any other Holders for such calendar year.

(b) Any redemption pursuant to this Paragraph 6 will be made pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.8 of the Indenture.

(c) The Issuer is not otherwise required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes. The Issuer will also not be required to offer to purchase any Notes with the proceeds of asset sales, in the event of a change of control, or otherwise.

(7) *DENOMINATIONS, TRANSFER, EXCHANGE.* This Note was issued in registered form without coupons in minimum denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. For the avoidance of doubt, the principal amount of this Note may from time to time be in an amount other than a minimum denomination of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof as a result of redemptions and repurchases of the principal amount of this Note not

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prohibited by the Indenture or the payment of interest on this Note by adding such interest to the then-outstanding principal amount of this Note. The Notes may not be transferred or exchanged without the prior written consent of the Issuer, which consent may be withheld in the Issuer's sole discretion. The transfer of Notes may be registered and Notes may be exchanged only as provided in the Indenture. If a transfer of Notes is consented to in writing by the Issuer, a Holder may not transfer any Note until the Registrar has received, among other things, appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Issuer need not exchange or register the transfer of any Note or portion of a Note selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part.

(8) *PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS.* The registered Holder of a Note may be treated as the owner of it for all purposes. Only registered Holders have rights under the Indenture.

(9) *DISCHARGE AND DEFEASANCE.* Subject to certain conditions set forth in the Indenture, the Issuer at any time may terminate some or all of its obligations under the Notes and the Indenture if the Issuer deposits in trust with the Trustee money or U.S. Government Obligations (sufficient, without reinvestment, in the opinion of a nationally recognized certified public accounting firm) for the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Notes to redemption or maturity, as the case may be.

(10) *AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT, AND WAIVER.* The Indenture and the Notes may be amended or waived as set forth in Article IX of the Indenture.

(11) *DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES.* Events of Default shall be as set forth in Article VI of the Indenture.

(12) *SUBORDINATION.* Payment of principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Notes is subordinated to the prior payment in full of all Senior Debt on the terms provided in the Indenture.

(13) *TRUSTEE DEALINGS WITH ISSUER.* The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Issuer or an Affiliate of the Issuer with the same rights it would have if it were not the Trustee.

(14) *NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS.* None of the past, present, or future managers, managing directors, directors, officers, employees, incorporators, or securityholders of the Issuer or any Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Issuer, as such, will have any liability for any obligations of the Issuer under the Notes or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes. The waiver may not be effective to waive liabilities under the U.S. federal securities laws, and it is the view of the SEC that such a waiver is against public policy.

(15) *AUTHENTICATION.* A Certificated Note will not be valid until authenticated by the signature of the Trustee (or an authenticating agent acting on its behalf).

(16) *ABBREVIATIONS.* Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (= tenants in common), TEN ENT (= tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (= joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (= Custodian), and U/G/M/A (= Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).

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(17) *GOVERNING LAW.* THE INTERNAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WILL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THE INDENTURE AND THIS NOTE WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY.

(18) *SUCCESSOR ENTITY.* When a successor entity assumes, in accordance with the Indenture, all the obligations of its predecessor under the Notes and the Indenture, and immediately before and thereafter no Default or Event of Default exists and all other conditions of the Indenture are satisfied, the predecessor entity shall be released from those obligations.

(19) *NOTICES.* The Issuer will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture. Requests may be made as provided in Section 11.2 of the Indenture.

**THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE**

This THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INDENTURE (this “**Supplemental Indenture**”), dated as of May 14, 2025, is between Phoenix Energy One, LLC (formerly known as Phoenix Capital Group Holdings, LLC), a Delaware limited liability company (the “**Company**”), and UMB Bank, N.A., as trustee (the “**Trustee**”).

WHEREAS, the Company and the Trustee entered into that certain Indenture dated as of August 25, 2023 and further supplemented by that certain First Supplemental Indenture dated August 20, 2024 and that Second Supplemental Indenture dated October 17, 2024 (collectively, the “**Indenture**”) pursuant to which the Trustee agreed to serve as trustee under the Indenture, as more particularly described in the Indenture for the consideration specified therein.

WHEREAS, the Company desires to amend the Indenture as set forth herein and requests that the Trustee join with the Company in the execution and delivery of this Supplemental Indenture. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Indenture.

WHEREAS, the Company has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Supplemental Indenture to provide for the amendments to the Indenture set forth herein;

WHEREAS, all things necessary to make this Supplemental Indenture a valid indenture and agreement of the Company according to its terms have been done.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and mutual agreements contained herein, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Company and the Trustee agree for the equal and proportionate benefit of all Bondholders as follows:

1. The recitals and introductory paragraphs hereof form a part of this Supplemental Indenture as if fully set forth herein.
2. Recitals. The first recital of the Indenture is hereby amended to modify the maximum aggregate principal amount of the Bonds that may be issued by the Company to \$1,500,000,000, with a right to increase such maximum aggregate principal amount by an additional \$500,000,000, up to \$2,000,000,000 in the Company’s sole discretion.
3. Entire Agreement. The Indenture, as modified by this Supplemental Indenture, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the transactions contemplated therein. Except as modified by this Supplemental Indenture, the Indenture, including without limitation all exhibits and supplements thereto, remains unchanged and unmodified and in full force and effect, and the parties hereto hereby ratify and affirm the same.
4. Counterparts. This Supplemental Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts and it shall be sufficient that the signature of each party appear on one or more such counterparts. All counterparts shall collectively constitute a single agreement. Signatures to this Supplemental Indenture transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail shall be treated as originals in all respects.
5. The Trustee. The Trustee shall not be responsible in any manner whatsoever for or in respect of the validity, sufficiency or adequacy of this Supplemental Indenture or for or in respect of the statements or recitals contained herein, all of which recitals are made solely by the Company, and the Trustee assumes no responsibility for their correctness.

*[Signature Page Follows.]*

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Supplemental Indenture to be duly executed as of the date set forth above.

**PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC**

**(formerly known as Phoenix Capital Group Holdings,  
LLC)**

as Issuer

By: /s/ Lindsey Wilson

Name: Lindsey Wilson

Its: Chief Business Officer

**UMB BANK, N.A.**

as Trustee

By: /s/ Lara L. Stevens

Name: Lara L. Stevens

Title: Vice President

*[Signature Page to Third Supplemental Indenture]*

PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC  
EXCHANGE NOTES INDENTURE

Dated as of May 15, 2025

UMB BANK, N.A.

Trustee

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## EXHIBITS

Exhibit A - Form of Cash Interest Note  
Exhibit B - Form of Compound Interest Note

Each party agrees as follows for the benefit of the other party and for the equal and ratable benefit of the Holders of the Notes issued under this Indenture (each as defined below).

ARTICLE I  
DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Section 1.1 Definitions.

“**Affiliate**” of any specified person means any other person directly or indirectly controlling or controlled by or under common control with such specified person. For purposes of this definition, “**control**” (including, with correlative meanings, the terms “**controlled by**” and “**under common control with**”), as used with respect to any person, means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management or policies of such person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by agreement, or otherwise.

“**Agent**” means any Registrar, Paying Agent, or Notice Agent.

“**Bankruptcy Code**” means Title 11 of the United States Code, as amended.

“**Bankruptcy Law**” means the Bankruptcy Code or any similar federal or state law for the relief of debtors.

“**Board of Directors**” means: as to any person, the board of directors, board of managers, sole member, managing member, or other governing body of such person, or, at the election of the Issuer, if such person is owned or managed by a single entity or has a general partner, the board of directors, board of managers, sole member, managing member, or other governing body of such entity or general partner, or, in each case, any duly authorized committee thereof; and the term “**directors**” means members of the Board of Directors.

“**Business Day**” means any day except a Saturday, Sunday, or a legal holiday in the City of New York, New York (or in connection with any payment, the place of payment), on which banking institutions are authorized or required by law, regulation, or executive order to close.

“**Capital Stock**” means:

- (a) in the case of a corporation, corporate stock;
- (b) in the case of an association or business entity, any and all shares, interests, participations, rights, or other equivalents (however designated) of corporate stock;
- (c) in the case of a partnership or limited liability company, partnership interests (whether general or limited) or membership interests; and

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(d) any other interest or participation that confers on a person the right to receive a share of the profits and losses of, or distributions of assets of, the issuing person, but excluding from all of the foregoing any debt securities convertible into Capital Stock, whether or not such debt securities include any right of participation with Capital Stock.

“**Capitalized Lease Obligation**” means, at the time any determination thereof is to be made, the amount of the liability in respect of a capital lease that would at such time be required to be capitalized and reflected as a liability on a balance sheet (excluding the notes thereto) in accordance with GAAP.

“**Cash Interest Notes**” means the Issuer’s Fixed Rate Senior Subordinated Notes authenticated and delivered under this Indenture in the form of Exhibit A hereto.

“**Certificated Note**” means a certificated Note registered in the name of the Holder thereof and issued in accordance with the terms of this Indenture, substantially in the form of Exhibit A or B hereto, as applicable.

“**Company Order**” means a written order signed in the name of the Issuer by an Officer and delivered to the Trustee.

“**Compound Interest Notes**” means the Issuer’s Fixed Rate Senior Subordinated Notes authenticated and delivered under this Indenture in the form of Exhibit B hereto.

“**continuing**” means, with respect to any Default or Event of Default, that such Default or Event of Default has not been cured or waived.

“**Corporate Trust Office**” means the office of the Trustee at which at any particular time its corporate trust business related to this Indenture shall be principally administered.

“**Credit Facilities**” means one or more debt facilities (including, without limitation, the Fortress Credit Agreement), indentures, or commercial paper facilities, in each case, with banks or other institutional lenders, accredited investors, or institutional investors providing for revolving credit loans, term loans, term debt, debt securities, receivables financing (including through the sale of receivables to such lenders or to special purpose entities formed to borrow from such lenders against such receivables), or letters of credit, in each case, as amended, restated, modified, renewed, extended, increased, refunded, replaced in any manner (whether upon or after termination or otherwise), or refinanced (including by means of sales of debt securities to institutional investors) in whole or in part from time to time.

“**Custodian**” means any receiver, trustee, assignee, liquidator, or similar official under any Bankruptcy Law.

“**Default**” means any event which is, or after notice, passage of time, or both would be, an Event of Default.

“**Dollars**” and “**\$**” means the currency of the United States of America.

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**“Equity Interests”** means Capital Stock and all warrants, options, or other rights to acquire Capital Stock (but excluding any debt security that is convertible into, or exchangeable for, Capital Stock).

**“Exchange Act”** means the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

**“Fortress Credit Agreement”** means that certain Amended and Restated Senior Secured Credit Agreement, dated as of August 12, 2024, by and among the Issuer, Phoenix Operating LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, as borrower, each of the lenders from time to time party thereto, and Fortress Credit Corp., as administrative agent for the lenders, as the same may be amended or supplemented from time to time.

**“GAAP”** means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entity as have been approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession, which are in effect as of the date of determination.

**“Holder”** means a person in whose name a Note is registered on the Registrar’s books.

**“Indebtedness”** means, with respect to any person, without duplication:

(a) the principal of any indebtedness of such person, whether or not contingent, (i) in respect of borrowed money, (ii) evidenced by bonds, notes, debentures, or similar instruments, or letters of credit or bankers’ acceptances (or, without duplication, reimbursement agreements in respect thereof), (iii) representing the deferred and unpaid purchase price of any property, (iv) in respect of Capitalized Lease Obligations, or (v) representing any Swap Contracts, in each case, if and to the extent that any of the foregoing Indebtedness (other than letters of credit and Swap Contracts) would appear as a liability on a balance sheet (excluding the notes thereto) of such person prepared in accordance with GAAP;

(b) to the extent not otherwise included, any guarantee by such person of the Indebtedness of another person (other than by endorsement of negotiable instruments for collection in the ordinary course of business); and

(c) to the extent not otherwise included, Indebtedness of another person secured by a Lien on any asset owned by such person (whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by such person).

**“Indenture”** means this Exchange Notes Indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time.

**“Issuer”** means Phoenix Energy One, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, until a successor replaces it and thereafter means the successor.

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**“Lien”** means, with respect to any asset, any mortgage, lien, pledge, hypothecation, charge, security interest, preference, priority, or encumbrance of any kind in respect of such asset, whether or not filed, recorded, or otherwise perfected under applicable law (including any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any lease in the nature thereof, any option or other agreement to sell or give a security interest in, and any filing of or agreement to give any financing statement under the Uniform Commercial Code of any jurisdiction).

**“Maturity”** means, when used with respect to any Note, the date on which the principal of such Note becomes due and payable as therein or herein provided, whether at the Stated Maturity or by declaration of acceleration, call for redemption, or otherwise.

**“Memorandum”** means the exchange offer memorandum relating to the offering of the Notes by the Issuer, dated as of May 15, 2025, as the same may be amended, supplemented, or replaced from time to time.

**“Note”** or **“Notes”** means the Issuer’s Fixed Rate Senior Subordinated Notes authenticated and delivered under this Indenture, which may be Cash Interest Notes or Compound Interest Notes.

**“Obligations”** means any principal, interest, penalties, fees, indemnifications, reimbursements, damages, and other liabilities payable under the documentation governing any Indebtedness.

**“Officer”** means, with respect to any person, the Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Operating Officer, or President, or any Vice President, Treasurer, Controller, Secretary, or Assistant Secretary (or any person serving the equivalent function of any of the foregoing) of such person (or of any direct or indirect parent, general partner, managing member, or sole member of such person), or any individual designated as an “Officer” for purposes of this Indenture by the Board of Directors of such person (or the Board of Directors of any direct or indirect parent, general partner, managing member, or sole member of such person).

**“Officer’s Certificate”** means a certificate signed on behalf of the Issuer or any direct or indirect parent of the Issuer by an Officer of the Issuer or such parent entity that meets the requirements set forth in Section 11.3(a) hereof.

**“Opinion of Counsel”** means an opinion of legal counsel who is reasonably acceptable to the Trustee that meets the requirements of Section 11.3(b) hereof. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Issuer, any Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Issuer, or the Trustee. The opinion may contain customary limitations, conditions, and exceptions.

**“Permitted Junior Securities”** means:

(a) Equity Interests in the Issuer; and

(b) debt securities that are subordinated to all Senior Debt and any debt securities issued in exchange for Senior Debt to substantially the same extent as, or to a greater extent than, the Notes are subordinated to Senior Debt under this Indenture.

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**“person”** means any individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, association, limited liability company, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization, or government or any agency or political subdivision thereof.

**“Representative”** means the indenture trustee or other trustee, agent, or representative for any Senior Debt.

**“Responsible Officer”** means any officer of the Trustee in its Corporate Trust Office having responsibility for administration of this Indenture and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom any corporate trust matter is referred because of his or her knowledge of and familiarity with a particular subject.

**“SEC”** means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

**“Senior Debt”** means:

(a) all Indebtedness of the Issuer or its Subsidiaries outstanding under Credit Facilities, all Swap Contracts, all Treasury Management Arrangements, and all Obligations with respect to any of the foregoing;

(b) any other Indebtedness of the Issuer or any Subsidiary or Affiliate thereof that the Issuer expressly determines is senior to the Notes; and

(c) all Obligations with respect to the items listed in the preceding clauses (a) and (b).

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing, Senior Debt will not include:

(1) any liability for federal, state, local, or other taxes owed or owing by the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates;

(2) any Indebtedness incurred for the purchase of goods or materials or for services obtained in the ordinary course of business; or

(3) Indebtedness that is classified as non-recourse in accordance with GAAP or any unsecured claim arising in respect thereof by reason of the application of Section 1111(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code.

**“Stated Maturity”** means, when used with respect to any Note, the date specified in such Note as the fixed date on which the principal of such Note is due and payable in cash.

**“Subsidiary”** of any specified person means: (a) any corporation, association, or other business entity of which more than 50% of the total voting power of shares of Capital Stock entitled (without regard to the occurrence of any contingency) to vote in the election of directors, managers, or trustees thereof is at the time owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that person or a combination thereof; or (b) any partnership or limited liability company of which (1) more than 50% of the capital accounts, distribution rights, total equity, and voting interests or general and limited partnership interests, as applicable, are owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such person or one or more of the other Subsidiaries of that person or a combination thereof, whether in the form of membership, general, special, or limited partnership interests or otherwise, and (2) such person or any Subsidiary of such person is a controlling general partner or otherwise controls such entity.



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**“Swap Contract”** means (a) any and all rate swap transactions, basis swaps, credit derivative transactions, forward rate transactions, commodity swaps, commodity options, forward commodity contracts, equity or equity index swaps or options, bond or bond price or bond index swaps or options, forward bond or forward bond price or forward bond index transactions, interest rate options, forward foreign exchange transactions, cap transactions, floor transactions, collar transactions, currency swap transactions, cross-currency rate swap transactions, currency options, spot contracts, or any other similar transactions or any combination of any of the foregoing (including any options to enter into any of the foregoing), whether or not any such transaction is governed by or subject to any master agreement, and (b) any and all transactions of any kind, and the related confirmations, which are subject to the terms and conditions of, or governed by, any form of master agreement published by the International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc., any International Foreign Exchange Master Agreement, or any other master agreement, including any obligations or liabilities under any such master agreement.

**“TIA”** means the U.S. Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as in effect on the date hereof.

**“Treasury Management Arrangement”** means any agreement or other arrangement governing the provision of treasury or cash management services, including deposit accounts, overdraft, credit or debit card, funds transfer, automated clearinghouse, zero balance accounts, returned check concentration, controlled disbursement, lockbox, account reconciliation and reporting and trade finance services, and other cash management services.

**“Trustee”** means UMB Bank, N.A. until a successor Trustee shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture and, thereafter, “Trustee” shall mean or include each person who is then a Trustee hereunder, and if at any time there is more than one such person, “Trustee” as used with respect to this Indenture and the Notes shall mean each such person.

**“U.S. Government Obligations”** means securities that are direct obligations of, or guaranteed by, the United States of America for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged and which are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof and shall also include a depositary receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any such U.S. Government Obligation or a specific payment of interest on or principal of any such U.S. Government Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of a depositary receipt; *provided* that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depositary receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the U.S. Government Obligation evidenced by such depositary receipt.

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## Section 1.2 Other Definitions.

TERM	DEFINED IN SECTION
"10% Limit"	3.8
"Event of Default"	6.1
"Notice Agent"	2.3
"Paying Agent"	2.3
"Payment Blockage Notice"	10.3
"Registrar"	2.3
"Standstill Period"	10.10
"Specified Courts"	11.9(c)
"successor person"	5.1

## Section 1.3 Rules of Construction.

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) a term has the meaning assigned to it;
- (b) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with GAAP;
- (c) words in the singular include the plural, and in the plural include the singular;
- (d) "will" shall be interpreted to express a command;
- (e) provisions apply to successive events and transactions;
- (f) in the computation of periods of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word "from" means "from and including," and the words "to" and "until" each mean "to but excluding";
- (g) the phrase "in writing" as used herein shall be deemed to include .pdfs, e-mails, and other electronic means of transmission, unless otherwise indicated; and
- (h) references to sections of or rules under the Securities Act will be deemed to include substitute, replacement, or successor sections or rules adopted by the SEC from time to time.

## ARTICLE II THE NOTES

### Section 2.1 Form and Dating

(a) *General.* The aggregate principal amount of Notes that may be issued under this Indenture is unlimited. The Notes may be issued in one or more series. The Notes and the Trustee's certificate of authentication will be substantially in the form of Exhibit A or B hereto, as applicable. The Notes may have notations, legends, or endorsements required by law, stock exchange rule, or usage. Each Note will be dated the date of its issuance (or, for any Certificated Notes, the date of its authentication). The Notes shall be issued in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. The terms and provisions contained in the Notes will constitute, and are

hereby expressly made, a part of this Indenture, and the Issuer and the Trustee, by their execution and delivery of this Indenture, expressly agree to such terms and provisions and to be bound thereby. However, to the extent any provision of any Note conflicts with the express provisions of this Indenture, the provisions of this Indenture shall govern and be controlling.

(b) *Form of Notes.* The Notes may be issued in book-entry form, uncertificated form, or certificated form. Notes will only be certificated in the Issuer's sole discretion. Each Cash Interest Note will be issued in substantially the form of Exhibit A hereto, and each Compound Interest Note will be issued in substantially the form of Exhibit B hereto. Each Note shall provide that it represents the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect prepayments and redemptions. Any endorsement of a Note to reflect the amount of any increase or decrease in the aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes represented thereby will be made by the Trustee or the Registrar in accordance with terms of this Indenture.

#### Section 2.2 Issuance, Execution, and Authentication.

(a) Notes shall be issued from time to time upon receipt by the Trustee of a Company Order stating the terms, conditions, and principal amount of Notes to be issued. At least one Officer must sign any Certificated Notes for the Issuer by manual, facsimile, or electronic signature. If an Officer whose signature is on a Certificated Note no longer holds that office at the time such Certificated Note is authenticated, the Certificated Note will nevertheless be valid. A Certificated Note will not be valid until authenticated by the signature of the Trustee. The signature will be conclusive evidence that the Certificated Note has been authenticated under this Indenture.

(b) The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent acceptable to the Issuer to authenticate Certificated Notes. An authenticating agent may authenticate Certificated Notes whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as an Agent to deal with Holders, the Issuer, or an Affiliate of the Issuer.

#### Section 2.3 Registrar, Paying Agent, and Notice Agent.

(a) The Issuer will maintain an office or agency in the United States where (a) Notes may be presented for registration of transfer or for exchange (the "**Registrar**"), (b) Notes may be presented or surrendered for payment (the "**Paying Agent**"), and (c) notices and demands to or upon the Issuer in respect of the Notes and this Indenture may be delivered (the "**Notice Agent**"). The Registrar will keep a register of the Notes and of their transfer and exchange. The Issuer may from time to time appoint one or more co-registrars or additional registrars, one or more co-paying agents or additional paying agents, or one or more co-notice agents or additional notice agents and may from time to time rescind such designations. The term "Registrar" includes any co-registrar or additional registrar, the term "Paying Agent" includes any co-paying agent or additional paying agent, and the term "Notice Agent" includes any co-notice agent or additional notice agent. The Issuer may change any Registrar, Paying Agent, or Notice Agent without notice to any Holder. The Issuer will notify the Trustee in writing of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Indenture. If the Issuer fails to appoint or maintain another entity as Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall act as such; Upon written request from the Issuer, at any time when the Issuer is not the Registrar, the Registrar shall provide the Issuer with a copy of the register to enable the Issuer to maintain a register of the Notes at its registered office.

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(b) The Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries or other Affiliates may act as Registrar, Paying Agent, or Notice Agent. The Issuer will initially act as the Registrar, Paying Agent and Notice Agent with respect to the Notes. The rights, powers, duties, obligations, and actions of each Agent under this Indenture are several and not joint or joint and several, and the Agents shall only be obliged to perform those duties expressly set out in this Indenture and shall have no implied duties.

Section 2.4 Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust. The Issuer will require each Paying Agent other than the Trustee to agree in writing that the Paying Agent will hold in trust, for the benefit of the Holders or the Trustee, all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal of or interest, if any, on the Notes, and will notify the Trustee of any default by the Issuer in making any such payment. While any such default continues, the Trustee may require the Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. The Issuer at any time may require the Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. Upon payment over to the Trustee, the Paying Agent (if other than the Issuer or a Subsidiary of the Issuer) shall have no further liability for the money. If the Issuer or a Subsidiary of the Issuer acts as Paying Agent, it shall segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of the Holders all money held by it as Paying Agent. Upon any bankruptcy, reorganization, or similar proceeding with respect to the Issuer, the Trustee shall serve as Paying Agent for the Notes. For the avoidance of doubt, the Paying Agent and the Trustee shall be held harmless and have no liability with respect to payments or disbursements (including to the Holders) until they have confirmed receipt of funds sufficient to make the relevant payment. No money held by an Agent needs to be segregated except as is required by law.

#### Section 2.5 Holder Lists.

(a) If it is serving as Registrar, the Trustee shall preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of Holders and shall otherwise comply with TIA § 312(a). If the Trustee is not the Registrar, the Issuer shall, within 30 days after the receipt by the Issuer of such request, furnish or cause to be furnished to the Trustee, at such times as the Trustee may reasonably request in writing, a list, in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require, of the names and addresses of Holders; *provided* that the Issuer shall not be obligated to furnish or cause to be furnished such a list if the list of Holders does not differ in any material respect from the list most recently furnished to the Trustee by or at the direction of the Issuer.

(b) Every Holder, by receiving and holding the Notes, agrees with the Issuer and the Trustee that neither the Issuer nor the Trustee or any agent of either of them shall be held accountable by reason of the disclosure of any such information as to the names and addresses of the Holders in accordance with TIA § 312, regardless of the source from which such information was derived, and that the Trustee shall not be held accountable by reason of mailing any material pursuant to a request made under TIA § 312(b).

(a) The Notes may not be transferred or exchanged without the prior written consent of the Issuer, which consent may be withheld in the Issuer's sole discretion. A Holder may request to transfer all or a portion of its Notes by submitting its request in writing to the Issuer as provided in this Indenture no earlier than 10 Business Days and no later than five Business Days prior to the requested transfer date (which date must be a Business Day). Such request must include (i) the name of the Holder, (ii) the Note(s) to be transferred, (iii) the identity of the transferee, and (iv) a completed subscription agreement by the transferee in a form satisfactory to the Issuer. The Issuer will use commercially reasonable efforts to respond to any such request on or prior to the Business Day immediately preceding the requested transfer date. The Issuer may request additional information regarding the transfer, the transferor, and the transferee as it desires in its sole discretion prior to determining whether to approve of the requested transfer. If a transfer of Notes is consented to in writing by the Issuer, a Holder may not transfer any Note until the Registrar has received, among other things, appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by this Indenture.

(b) Where Notes are presented to the Registrar with a request to register a transfer or to exchange them for an equal principal amount of Notes, subject to the prior written consent of the Issuer, which consent may be withheld in the Issuer's sole discretion, the Registrar shall register the transfer or make the exchange if its requirements for such transactions are met. To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Trustee shall authenticate Notes at the Registrar's request. No service charge will be made for any registration of transfer or exchange (except as otherwise expressly permitted herein), but the Issuer may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

(c) The Registrar will not be required to register the transfer of or exchange of any Note selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part.

(d) All Notes issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Notes will be the valid obligations of the Issuer, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as such Notes surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

(e) Prior to due presentment for the registration of a transfer of any Note, the Trustee, any Agent, and the Issuer may deem and treat the person in whose name any Note is registered as the absolute owner of such Note for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and interest on such Notes and for all other purposes, and none of the Trustee, any Agent, or the Issuer shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

(f) The Registrar shall maintain, with respect to any Notes issued in uncertificated, book-entry form, a book-entry registration and transfer system in order to record the ownership, transfer, and exchange of such Notes. The Issuer (or its duly authorized agent) shall promptly notify the Registrar of the issuance of any such Notes and, upon receipt of such notice, the Registrar shall establish an account for such Notes by recording a credit in its book-entry registration and transfer system for the account of the Holders of such Notes for the principal amount of such Notes. The Registrar shall make appropriate credit and debit entries within each account to record the ownership, transfer, and exchange of such Notes. The Trustee may review the book-entry registration and transfer system upon reasonable written request.

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Section 2.7 Mutilated, Destroyed, Lost, and Stolen Notes.

(a) If any mutilated Certificated Note is surrendered to the Trustee and the Issuer or each of the Trustee and Issuer receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss, or theft of any Certificated Note, then, in the absence of notice to the Issuer or the Trustee that such Certificated Note has been acquired by a *bona fide* purchaser, the Issuer shall execute and the Trustee shall authenticate and deliver in exchange therefor a new Certificated Note of like tenor and principal amount and bearing a number not contemporaneously outstanding.

(b) If required by the Issuer or the Trustee, the Holder must supply such security or indemnity bond as may be required to hold the Trustee, the Issuer, the Agents, and any of their respective agents harmless.

(c) In case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Certificated Note has become or is about to become due and payable, the Issuer in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Certificated Note, pay such Certificated Note.

(d) Upon the issuance of any new Certificated Note under this Section 2.7, the Issuer may require the payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge that may be imposed in relation thereto and any other expenses (including the fees and expenses of the Trustee) in connected therewith.

(e) Every new Certificated Note issued pursuant to this Section 2.7 in lieu of any destroyed, lost, or stolen Certificated Note shall constitute an original additional contractual obligation of the Issuer, whether or not the destroyed, lost, or stolen Certificated Note shall be at any time enforceable by anyone, and shall be entitled to all the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with any and all other Certificated Notes duly issued hereunder.

(f) The provisions of this Section 2.7 are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Certificated Notes.

Section 2.8 Outstanding Notes.

(a) The Notes outstanding at any time are all the Notes issued under this Indenture except for those canceled by the Trustee, those delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, those reductions in the interest on any Notes effected by the Trustee in accordance with the provisions hereof, and those described in this Section 2.8 as not outstanding.

(b) If a Note is replaced pursuant to Section 2.7, it ceases to be outstanding unless the Trustee receives proof satisfactory to it that the replaced Note is held by a *bona fide* purchaser.

(c) If the principal amount of any Note is considered paid under Section 4.1 hereof, such Note ceases to be outstanding and interest on such Note will cease to accrue.

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(d) If the Paying Agent (other than the Issuer, a Subsidiary of the Issuer, or an Affiliate of the Issuer) holds on the Maturity of any Note money sufficient to pay such Note payable on that date, then on and after that date such Note ceases to be outstanding and interest on such Note will cease to accrue.

(e) The Issuer may purchase or otherwise acquire Notes, whether by open-market purchases, negotiated transactions, or otherwise. Except as set forth in Section 2.9, a Note does not cease to be outstanding because the Issuer or an Affiliate of the Issuer holds the Note.

(f) In determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of outstanding Notes have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, or waiver hereunder, the principal amount of a Note that shall be deemed to be outstanding for such purposes shall be the amount of the principal thereof that would be due and payable as of the date of such determination upon a declaration of acceleration of the Stated Maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.2.

Section 2.9 Treasury Notes. In determining whether the Holders of the required principal amount of Notes have concurred in any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, or waiver, Notes owned by the Issuer or any Affiliate of the Issuer shall be disregarded, except that for the purposes of determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in relying on any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, or waiver only Notes that a Responsible Officer of the Trustee knows are so owned shall be so disregarded.

Section 2.10 Temporary Notes. Until certificates representing definitive Certificated Notes are ready for delivery, the Issuer may prepare and the Trustee, upon receipt of a Company Order, will authenticate temporary Certificated Notes. Temporary Certificated Notes will be substantially in the form of definitive Certificated Notes but may have variations that the Issuer considers appropriate for temporary Certificated Notes and as may be reasonably acceptable to the Trustee. Without unreasonable delay, the Issuer will prepare and the Trustee will authenticate definitive Certificated Notes in exchange for temporary Certificated Notes. Until so exchanged, temporary Certificated Notes will have the same rights under this Indenture as definitive Certificated Notes.

Section 2.11 Cancellation. The Issuer at any time may deliver Notes to the Trustee for cancellation. The Registrar and the Paying Agent shall forward to the Trustee any Notes surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange, or payment. The Trustee shall cancel all Notes surrendered for transfer, exchange, payment, replacement, or cancellation and shall destroy such canceled Notes (subject to the record retention requirements of the Exchange Act) and deliver a certificate of such cancellation to the Issuer. The Issuer may not issue new Notes to replace Notes that it has paid or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation.

Section 2.12 Defaulted Interest. If the Issuer defaults in a payment of interest on any Notes, it shall pay the defaulted interest to the persons who are Holders of such Notes on a subsequent special record date, in each case at the rate provided in such Notes and in Section 4.1 hereof. The Issuer shall fix or cause to be fixed the special record date and payment date. At least 10 days before the special record date, the Issuer (or, upon the written request of the Issuer, the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuer) shall send to each Holder of such Notes a notice that states the special record date, the payment date, and the amount of interest to be paid. The Issuer may pay defaulted interest in any other lawful manner.

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ARTICLE III  
REDEMPTION

Section 3.1 Notice to Trustee. If the Issuer elects to redeem Notes pursuant to the optional redemption provisions of Section 3.7(a) hereof, it must furnish to the Trustee, at least five days but not more than 60 days before a redemption date, an Officer's Certificate setting forth:

- (a) the clause of this Indenture pursuant to which the redemption shall occur;
- (b) the redemption date;
- (c) the principal amount of Notes to be redeemed; and
- (d) the redemption price.

Section 3.2 Selection of Notes to be Redeemed. If less than all the Notes are to be redeemed, the specific Notes or portions thereof to be redeemed will be selected by the Issuer in its sole discretion. The Issuer may determine to redeem some or all of the Notes with specific maturities, interest payment methods, or interest rates. The Issuer will not be obligated to make *pro rata* redemptions. Provisions of this Indenture that apply to Notes called for redemption also apply to portions of Notes called for redemption.

Section 3.3 Notice of Redemption.

(a) At least five days but not more than 60 days before the date set for a redemption pursuant to the optional redemption provisions of Section 3.7(a) hereof, the Issuer shall send or cause to be sent by first-class mail or electronically a notice of redemption to each Holder whose Notes are to be redeemed at its registered address, except that redemption notices may be mailed more than 60 days prior to a redemption date if the notice is issued in connection with a defeasance of such Notes or a satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture pursuant to Article 8 hereof.

- (b) The notice shall identify the Notes to be redeemed and shall state:
- (1) the redemption date;
  - (2) the redemption price;
  - (3) the name and address of the Paying Agent;
  - (4) if any Note is being redeemed in part, the portion of the principal amount of such Note to be redeemed and that, after the redemption date upon surrender of such Note, a new Note or Notes in aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion of such Note will be issued in the name of the Holder thereof upon cancellation of the original Note;



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- (5) that Notes called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent to collect the redemption price;
  - (6) the name and address of the Paying Agent;
  - (7) that interest on Notes or portions thereof called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the redemption date unless the Issuer defaults in the deposit of the redemption price; and
  - (8) the paragraph of the Notes and/or section of this Indenture pursuant to which the Notes called for redemption are being redeemed.

(c) At the Issuer's request, the Trustee will give the notice of redemption in the Issuer's name and at its expense; *provided, however*, that the Issuer has delivered to the Trustee, at least five days (unless a shorter time shall be acceptable to the Trustee) prior to the redemption date, an Officer's Certificate requesting that the Trustee give such notice and setting forth the information to be stated in such notice as provided in the preceding paragraph.

(d) Any such redemption may, at the Issuer's discretion, be subject to one or more conditions precedent. In addition, if such redemption is subject to the satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, the related notice shall describe each such condition and, if applicable, shall state that, in the Issuer's discretion, the redemption date may be delayed until such time as any or all such conditions shall be satisfied (or waived by the Issuer in its sole discretion), or such redemption may not occur. The Issuer may modify any such redemption notice or rescind it in the event that any or all such conditions precedent shall not have been satisfied (or waived by the Issuer in its sole discretion) by the redemption date, or by the redemption date as so delayed (which may exceed 60 days from the date of the redemption notice in such case). In addition, such notice of redemption may be extended, if such conditions precedent have not been satisfied or waived by the Issuer, by providing notice to Holders whose Notes are to be redeemed.

Section 3.4 Effect of Notice of Redemption. Once notice of redemption is sent as provided in Section 3.3, Notes called for redemption become due and payable on the redemption date at the redemption price.

#### Section 3.5 Deposit of Redemption Price.

(a) On the redemption date, the Issuer shall, (i) if acting as the Paying Agent, pay the redemption price to the Holders of Notes being redeemed, or (ii) if the Issuer is not acting as the Paying Agent, deposit with the Paying Agent funds sufficient to pay the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the Notes to be redeemed.

(b) If the Issuer complies with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, on and after the redemption date, interest will cease to accrue on the Notes or the portions of Notes called for redemption.

Section 3.6 Notes Redeemed in Part. Upon surrender of a Note that is redeemed in part, the Issuer shall issue a new Note in a principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion thereof and in the name of the Holder thereof and cancel the original Note.

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### Section 3.7 Optional Redemption.

(a) The Issuer may redeem the Notes, at its option, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, upon delivering a notice of redemption as described in Section 3.3, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of such Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of the redemption.

(b) The Issuer or its Affiliates may at any time and from time to time purchase Notes. Any such purchases may be made through open-market or privately negotiated transactions with third parties or pursuant to one or more tender or exchange offers or otherwise, upon such terms and at such prices, as well as with such consideration, as the Issuer or any such Affiliates may determine.

### Section 3.8 Mandatory Redemption: Repurchase at the Option of the Holders.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Article X, each Holder may request, in whole at any time and in part from time to time, by written notice to the Issuer, that the Issuer redeem such Holder's Notes at a redemption price equal to 95.0% of the principal amount of such Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption; *provided* that the Issuer will not be required to redeem any Notes at any time when the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates is prohibited by law or contract from doing so; *provided further* that the Issuer will not be required to redeem Notes in an amount that exceeds, in any calendar year, 10.0% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes issued and outstanding as of the first day of the calendar quarter in which such request is made (the "**10% Limit**"). The principal amount of any Notes held by the Issuer's manager, executive officers, or their respective family members during any calendar year will not be included in calculating the 10% Limit with respect to any other Holders for such calendar year.

(b) Such notice will set forth the maturity date, interest payment method, and interest rate on the Notes to be redeemed, the principal amount of Notes to be redeemed, and relevant payment information for receipt of funds.

(c) If required by the foregoing or otherwise permitted by the Issuer, in its sole discretion, the Issuer will redeem such Notes on a date to be determined by the Issuer that is no earlier than one and no later than 120 days from the date the Issuer receives written notice from the Holder.

(d) Redemptions pursuant to the foregoing provisions will be processed in the order that requests for redemption are received by the Issuer.

(e) The Issuer is not otherwise required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes. The Issuer will also not be required to offer to purchase any Notes with the proceeds of asset sales, in the event of a change of control, or otherwise.

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ARTICLE IV  
COVENANTS

Section 4.1 Payment of Principal and Interest. The Issuer covenants and agrees for the benefit of the Holders of Notes that it will duly and punctually pay the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the Notes in accordance with the terms of such Notes and this Indenture. On the applicable payment date, the Issuer shall, (i) if acting as the Paying Agent, pay the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the Notes or (ii) if the Issuer is not acting as the Paying Agent, deposit with the Paying Agent funds sufficient to pay the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the Notes, in each case, in accordance with the terms of such Notes and this Indenture.

Section 4.2 SEC Reports.

(a) To the extent any Notes are outstanding, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee, within 15 days after it files them with the SEC, copies of the annual reports and of the information, documents and other reports (or copies of such portions of any of the foregoing as the SEC may by rules and regulations prescribe) that the Issuer is required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Reports, information, and documents filed with the SEC via the EDGAR system (or any successor system) will be deemed to be delivered to the Trustee and transmitted to Holders at the time of such filing via EDGAR (or any successor system) for purposes of this Section 4.2.

(b) Delivery of reports, information, and documents to the Trustee under this Section 4.2 is for informational purposes only and the Trustee's receipt of the foregoing shall not constitute constructive or actual notice of any information contained therein or determinable from information contained therein, including the Issuer's compliance with any of the covenants hereunder (as to which the Trustee is entitled to rely exclusively on Officer's Certificates).

Section 4.3 Compliance Certificates.

(a) To the extent any Notes are outstanding, the Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee, within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year of the Issuer, an Officer's Certificate stating that a review of the activities of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries during the preceding fiscal year has been made under the supervision of the signing Officer with a view to determining whether the Issuer has kept, observed, performed, and fulfilled its obligations under this Indenture, and further stating, as to such Officer signing such certificate, that, to such Officer's knowledge, the Issuer has kept, observed, performed, and fulfilled each covenant contained in this Indenture and is not in default in the performance or observance of any of the terms, provisions, and conditions hereof (or, if a Default or Event of Default shall have occurred, describing all such Defaults or Events of Default of which the Officer may have knowledge).

(b) The Issuer will provide the Trustee written notice of any Default or Event of Default within 30 days of any Officer becoming aware of the occurrence of such Default or Event of Default (unless such Default or Event of Default has been cured or waived within such 30-day time period), which notice will describe in reasonable detail the status of such Default or Event of Default and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take in respect thereof.

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ARTICLE V  
SUCCESSORS

Section 5.1 When Issuer May Merge, Etc.

(a) The Issuer shall not consolidate with or merge with or into, or convey, transfer, or lease all or substantially all of its properties and assets to, any person (a “**successor person**”) unless:

- (1) the Issuer is the surviving entity or the successor person (if other than the Issuer) is a corporation, partnership, trust, or other entity organized and validly existing under the laws of any U.S. domestic jurisdiction and expressly assumes the Issuer’s obligations on the Notes and under this Indenture; and
- (2) immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

(b) The Issuer shall deliver to the Trustee prior to the consummation of any such proposed transaction contemplated by Section 5.1(a) an Officer’s Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the proposed transaction and any supplemental indenture comply with this Indenture.

(c) Notwithstanding the above, any Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Issuer may consolidate with, merge into, or transfer all or part of its properties to the Issuer. Neither an Officer’s Certificate nor an Opinion of Counsel shall be required to be delivered in connection therewith.

Section 5.2 Successor Company Substituted. Upon any consolidation or merger, or any sale, lease, conveyance, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Issuer, in accordance with Section 5.1, the successor corporation formed by such consolidation or into or with which the Issuer is merged or to which such sale, lease, conveyance, or other disposition is made shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Issuer under this Indenture and the Notes with the same effect as if such successor person has been named as the Issuer herein; *provided, however*, that the predecessor Issuer in the case of a sale, conveyance, or other disposition (other than a lease) shall be released from all obligations and covenants under this Indenture and the Notes.

ARTICLE VI  
DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

Section 6.1 Events of Default.

(a) Wherever used herein with respect to any Note, “**Event of Default**,” means any one of the following events:

- (1) a default in the payment of any interest on any Note when due, continued for 60 days;

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- (2) a default in the payment of principal of any Note when due at its Stated Maturity, upon optional redemption, upon acceleration, or otherwise, continued for 60 days;
  - (3) the failure by the Issuer to comply for 120 days after receipt of written notice referred to below with any of its obligations, covenants, or agreements (other than a Default referred to in clause (1) or (2) above) contained in the Notes or this Indenture;
  - (4) the Issuer, pursuant to or within the meaning of any Bankruptcy Law:
    - (i) commences a voluntary case;
    - (ii) consents to the entry of an order for relief against it in an involuntary case;
    - (iii) consents to the appointment of a Custodian of it or for all or substantially all of its property;
    - (iv) makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or
    - (v) generally is unable to pay its debts as the same become due; and
  - (5) a court of competent jurisdiction enters an order or decree under any Bankruptcy Law that:
    - (i) is for relief against the Issuer in an involuntary case;
    - (ii) appoints a Custodian of the Issuer or for all or substantially all of its property; or
    - (iii) orders the liquidation of the Issuer;and the order or decree remains unstayed and in effect for 90 days.

(b) The foregoing will constitute Events of Default, whatever the reason for any such Event of Default and whether it is voluntary or involuntary or is effected by operation of law or pursuant to any judgment, decree, or order of any court or any order, rule, or regulation of any administrative or governmental body.

(c) No Event of Default under Section 6.1(a)(1) or (2) with respect to a particular Note will constitute an Event of Default with respect to any other Notes. A Default under Section 6.1(a)(3) will not constitute an Event of Default until the Trustee or the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of outstanding Notes notify the Issuer in writing of the Default and such Default is not cured within the time specified in Section 6.1(a)(3) after receipt of such notice.

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#### Section 6.2 Acceleration of Maturity; Rescission, and Annulment.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Article X, if an Event of Default (other than an Event of Default referred to in Section 6.1(a)(4) or (5)) occurs and is continuing, then the Trustee or the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes may, by a notice in writing to the Issuer (and to the Trustee if given by Holders), declare the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all outstanding Notes to be immediately due and payable. Subject to the provisions of Article X, if an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(a)(4) or (5) shall occur, the principal of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all outstanding Notes shall become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the Trustee or any Holder.

(b) The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes, by written notice to the Issuer and the Trustee, may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Notes, waive, rescind, cancel, and annul any declaration of an existing or past Default or Event of Default and its consequences under this Indenture and the Notes, including an acceleration, if such waiver, rescission, cancellation, or annulment would not conflict with any judgment or decree (except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of interest on, or the principal of, the Notes (other than such nonpayment of principal or interest that has become due as a result of such acceleration), which may be waived, rescinded, canceled, or annulled by the Holder of such Note). Upon any such waiver, rescission, cancellation, or annulment of a Default or Event of Default, any such Default or Event of Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising from any such Default shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

#### Section 6.3 Collection of Indebtedness and Suits for Enforcement by Trustee.

(a) If an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(a)(1) or (2) occurs and is continuing, then the Issuer will, upon demand of the Trustee, pay to it, for the benefit of the Holders of such Notes, the whole amount then due and payable on such Notes for principal and accrued and unpaid interest, and, in addition thereto, such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable and documented compensation, expenses, disbursements, and advances of the Trustee, its agents, and its counsel.

(b) If the Issuer fails to pay such amounts forthwith upon such demand, the Trustee, in its own name and as trustee of an express trust, may institute a judicial proceeding for the collection of the sums so due and unpaid, may prosecute such proceeding to judgment or final decree, and may enforce the same against the Issuer or any other obligor upon such Notes and collect the moneys adjudged or deemed to be payable in the manner provided by law out of the property of the Issuer or any other obligor upon such Notes, wherever situated.

(c) If an Event of Default with respect to any Notes occurs and is continuing, the Trustee, subject to Article VII hereof, may in its discretion proceed to protect and enforce its rights and the rights of the Holders of such Notes by such appropriate judicial proceedings as the Trustee shall deem most effectual to protect and enforce any such rights, whether for the specific enforcement of any covenant or agreement in this Indenture or in aid of the exercise of any power granted herein, or to enforce any other proper remedy.

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Section 6.4 Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.

(a) In case of the pendency of any receivership, insolvency, liquidation, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, composition, or other judicial proceeding relative to the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Notes or the property of the Issuer or of such other obligor or their creditors, the Trustee (irrespective of whether the principal of the Notes shall then be due and payable as therein expressed or by declaration or otherwise and irrespective of whether the Trustee shall have made any demand on the Issuer for the payment of overdue principal or interest) shall be entitled and empowered, by intervention in such proceeding or otherwise, (1) to file and prove a claim for the whole amount of principal and interest owing and unpaid in respect of the Notes and to file such other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable and documented compensation, expenses, disbursements, and advances of the Trustee, its agents, and its counsel) and of the Holders allowed in such judicial proceeding, and (2) to collect and receive any moneys or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and to distribute the same, and any custodian, receiver, assignee, trustee, liquidator, sequestrator, or other similar official in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder to make such payments to the Trustee and, in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders, to pay to the Trustee any amount due it for the reasonable and documented compensation, expenses, disbursements, and advances of the Trustee, its agents, and its counsel and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.7.

(b) Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment, or composition affecting the Notes or the rights of any Holder thereof or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder in any such proceeding.

Section 6.5 Trustee May Enforce Claims Without Possession of Notes. All rights of action and claims under this Indenture or the Notes may be prosecuted and enforced by the Trustee without the possession of any of the Notes or the production thereof in any proceeding relating thereto, and any such proceeding instituted by the Trustee shall be brought in its own name as trustee of an express trust, and any recovery of judgment shall, after provision for the payment of the reasonable and documented compensation, expenses, disbursements, and advances of the Trustee, its agents, and its counsel, be for the ratable benefit of the Holders of the Notes in respect of which such judgment has been recovered.

Section 6.6 Application of Money Collected. Any money or property collected by the Trustee pursuant to this Article VI shall be applied in the following order, at the date or dates fixed by the Trustee, and, in case of the distribution of such money or property on account of principal or interest, upon presentation of the Notes and the notation thereon of the payment if only partially paid and upon surrender thereof if fully paid:

- First:* to the payment of all amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.7;
- Second:* to the payment of the amounts then due and unpaid for principal of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on the Notes in respect of which or for the benefit of which such money has been collected, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on such Notes for principal and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, respectively; and

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*Third:* to the Issuer.

Section 6.7 Limitation on Suits. Subject to the provisions of Article X hereof, no Holder of any Note shall have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to this Indenture or the Notes, or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any other remedy hereunder, unless:

- (a) such Holder has previously given written notice to the Trustee of a continuing Event of Default with respect to the Notes; and
- (b) the Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes have made a written request to the Trustee to institute proceedings in respect of such Event of Default in its own name as trustee hereunder;
- (c) such Holder or Holders have offered to the Trustee indemnity or security satisfactory to the Trustee against the costs, expenses, and liabilities that might be incurred by the Trustee in compliance with such request;
- (d) the Trustee for 60 days after its receipt of such notice, request, and offer of indemnity has failed to institute any such proceeding; and
- (e) no direction inconsistent with such written request has been given to the Trustee during such 60-day period by the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes;

it being understood, intended, and expressly covenanted by the Holder of every Note with every other Holder and the Trustee that no one or more of such Holders shall have any right in any manner whatever by virtue of, or by availing of, any provision of this Indenture to affect, disturb, or prejudice the rights of any other of such Holders, or to obtain or to seek to obtain priority or preference over any other of such Holders or to enforce any right under this Indenture, except in the manner herein provided and for the equal and ratable benefit of all such Holders.

Section 6.8 Unconditional Right of Holders to Receive Principal and Interest. Subject to the other provisions in this Indenture, including Article X hereof, the Holder of any Note shall have the right, which is absolute and unconditional, to receive payment of the principal of and interest, if any, on such Note on the Maturity of such Note, including the Stated Maturity expressed in such Note (or, in the case of redemption, on the redemption date) and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment, and such rights shall not be impaired without the consent of such Holder.

Section 6.9 Restoration of Rights and Remedies. If the Trustee or any Holder has instituted any proceeding to enforce any right or remedy under this Indenture and such proceeding has been discontinued or abandoned for any reason or has been determined adversely to the Trustee or to such Holder, then and in every such case, subject to any determination in such proceeding, the Issuer, the Trustee, and the Holders shall be restored severally and respectively to their former positions hereunder and thereafter all rights and remedies of the Trustee and the Holders shall continue as though no such proceeding had been instituted.



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Section 6.10 Rights and Remedies Cumulative. Except as otherwise provided with respect to the replacement or payment of mutilated, destroyed, lost, or stolen Notes in Section 2.7, no right or remedy herein conferred upon or reserved to the Trustee or to the Holders is intended to be exclusive of any other right or remedy, and every right and remedy shall, to the extent permitted by law, be cumulative and in addition to every other right and remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or otherwise. The assertion or employment of any right or remedy hereunder, or otherwise, shall not, to the extent permitted by law, prevent the concurrent assertion or employment of any other appropriate right or remedy.

Section 6.11 Delay or Omission Not Waiver. No delay or omission of the Trustee or of any Holder of any Notes to exercise any right or remedy accruing upon any Event of Default shall impair any such right or remedy or constitute a waiver of any such Event of Default or an acquiescence therein. Every right and remedy given by this Article VI or by law to the Trustee or to the Holders may be exercised from time to time, and as often as may be deemed expedient, by the Trustee or by the Holders, as the case may be.

Section 6.12 Control by Holders. Subject to the provisions of Article X hereof, the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes shall have the right to direct the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the Trustee, with respect to the Notes; *provided that*:

- (a) such direction shall not be in conflict with any rule of law or with this Indenture,
- (b) the Trustee may take any other action deemed proper by the Trustee that is not inconsistent with such direction;
- (c) subject to the provisions of Section 7.1, the Trustee shall have the right to decline to follow any such direction if the Trustee in good faith shall, by a Responsible Officer of the Trustee, determine that the proceeding so directed would involve the Trustee in personal liability; and
- (d) prior to taking any action as directed under this Section 6.12, the Trustee shall be entitled to indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses, and liabilities that might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.

Section 6.13 Waiver of Past Defaults. The Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes may on behalf of the Holders of all the Notes, by written notice to the Trustee and the Issuer, waive any past Default hereunder with respect to such Notes and its consequences, except a Default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any Note (*provided, however*, that the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration). Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured, for every purpose of this Indenture and the Notes; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

Section 6.14 Undertaking for Costs. All parties to this Indenture agree, and each Holder of any Note by such Holder's acceptance thereof shall be deemed to have agreed, that any court may in its discretion require, in any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or the Notes, or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken, suffered, or omitted by it as Trustee, the filing by any party litigant in such suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of such suit, and that such court may in its discretion assess reasonable and documented costs, including reasonable and documented attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in such suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by such party litigant; but the provisions of this Section 6.14 shall not apply to any suit instituted by the Issuer, to any suit instituted by the Trustee, to any suit instituted by any Holder or group of Holders holding in the aggregate more than 10% in principal amount of the outstanding Notes, or to any suit instituted by any Holder for the enforcement of the payment of the principal of or interest on any Note on or after the Maturity of such Note, including the Stated Maturity expressed in such Note (or, in the case of redemption, on the redemption date).

## ARTICLE VII TRUSTEE

### Section 7.1 Duties of Trustee.

(a) If an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee shall exercise the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in their exercise as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

(b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:

- (1) the Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no others, and no implied covenants or obligations will be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and
- (2) in the absence of bad faith, gross negligence, or willful misconduct on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon Officer's Certificates or Opinions of Counsel furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture; *provided, however*, in the case of any such Officer's Certificates or Opinions of Counsel that by any provisions hereof are specifically required to be furnished to the Trustee, the Trustee shall examine such Officer's Certificates and Opinions of Counsel to determine whether or not they conform on their face to the form requirements of this Indenture.

(c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liability for its own bad faith, its own grossly negligent action, its own grossly negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

- (1) this paragraph does not limit the effect of paragraph (b) of this Section 7.1;

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- (2) the Trustee shall not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it is proved that the Trustee was grossly negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and
  - (3) the Trustee shall not be liable with respect to any action taken, suffered, or omitted to be taken by it with respect to the Notes in good faith in accordance with the direction of the Holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding Notes relating to the time, method, and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the Trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred upon the Trustee, under this Indenture with respect to the Notes in accordance with Section 6.12.

(d) Every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this Section 7.1.

(e) The Trustee may refuse to perform any duty or exercise any right or power unless it receives indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses, and liabilities that might be incurred by it in performing such duty or exercising such right or power.

(f) The Trustee shall not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Issuer. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

(g) No provision of this Indenture shall require the Trustee to risk its own funds or otherwise incur any financial liability in the performance of any of its duties or in the exercise of any of its rights or powers, if adequate indemnity against such risk is not assured to the Trustee in its satisfaction.

(h) The Paying Agent, the Notice Agent, the Registrar, any authenticating agent, and the Trustee when acting in any other capacity hereunder shall be entitled to the protections and immunities as are set forth in this Article VII.

(i) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities, and benefits given to the Trustee, including its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and will be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities under this Indenture.

#### Section 7.2 Rights of Trustee.

(a) The Trustee may rely on and shall be protected in acting or refraining from acting upon any document (whether in its original or facsimile form) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document.

(b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officer's Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel or both. The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel.

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(c) The Trustee may act through agents and shall not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent appointed with due care.

(d) The Trustee shall not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith that it believes to be authorized or within its rights or powers.

(e) The Trustee may consult with counsel and the advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel shall be full and complete authorization and protection in respect of any action taken, suffered, or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.

(f) The Trustee shall be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders unless such Holders shall have offered to the Trustee security or indemnity satisfactory to it against the costs, expenses, and liabilities that might be incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.

(g) The Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate, statement, instrument, opinion, report, notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, note, other evidence of indebtedness, or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit.

(h) The Trustee shall not be deemed to have notice of any Default or Event of Default unless written notice of any event that is in fact such a default is received by a Responsible Officer at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee, and such notice references the Notes generally and this Indenture.

(i) In no event shall the Trustee be liable to any person for special, punitive, indirect, consequential, or incidental loss or damage of any kind whatsoever (including, but not limited to lost profits), even if the Trustee has been advised of the likelihood of such loss or damage.

(j) The permissive right of the Trustee to take the actions permitted by this Indenture shall not be construed as an obligation or duty to do so.

(k) The Trustee will not be required to give any bond or surety in respect of the execution of this Indenture or otherwise.

Section 7.3 Individual Rights of Trustee. The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Issuer or an Affiliate of the Issuer with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. Any Agent may do the same with like rights. The Trustee is also subject to Sections 7.10 and 7.11.

Section 7.4 Trustee's Disclaimer. The Trustee makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Notes. The Trustee shall not be accountable for the Issuer's use of the proceeds from the Notes and shall not be responsible for any statement in the Notes other than its certificate of authentication.

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Section 7.5 Notice of Defaults. If a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to the Notes and if a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has received notice of such Default or Event of Default in accordance with Section 7.2(h), the Trustee shall send to each Holder notice of a Default or Event of Default within 90 days after it occurs or, if later, after a Responsible Officer of the Trustee has received notice of such Default or Event of Default. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default in payment of principal of or interest on any Note, the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as it in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of Holders. The Trustee will not be deemed to have notice or be charged with knowledge of any Default or Event of Default unless written notice thereof has been received by a Responsible Officer, and such notice references the Notes and this Indenture and states on its face that a Default or Event of Default has occurred.

Section 7.6 Reports by Trustee to Holders.

(a) Within 60 days after each April 1, commencing April 1, 2026, for so long as Notes remain outstanding, the Trustee will mail to the Holders a brief report dated as of such reporting date in accordance with, and to the extent required by, TIA § 313 (other than TIA § 313(d)).

(b) The Issuer shall promptly notify the Trustee in writing when the Notes are listed on any national securities exchange.

Section 7.7 Compensation and Indemnity.

(a) The Issuer shall pay to the Trustee from time to time compensation for its services as the Issuer and the Trustee shall from time to time agree upon in writing. The Trustee's compensation shall not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Issuer shall reimburse the Trustee upon request for all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses incurred by it. Such expenses shall include the reasonable and documented compensation and expenses of the Trustee's agents and counsel.

(b) The Issuer shall indemnify each of the Trustee and any predecessor Trustee (including for the cost of defending itself) against any cost, expense, or liability, including taxes (other than taxes based upon, measured by or determined by the income of the Trustee) incurred by it except as set forth in the next paragraph in the performance of its duties under this Indenture as Trustee or Agent. The Trustee shall notify the Issuer promptly of any claim for which it may seek indemnity. Failure by the Trustee to so notify the Issuer shall not relieve the Issuer of its obligations hereunder. The Issuer shall defend the claim and the Trustee shall cooperate in the defense. The Trustee may have separate counsel, and the Issuer shall pay the reasonable and documented fees and expenses of such counsel. The Issuer need not pay for any settlement made without its consent, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld. This indemnification shall apply to officers, directors, employees, shareholders, and agents of the Trustee.

(c) The Issuer need not reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss or liability incurred by the Trustee or by any officer, director, employee, shareholder, or agent of the Trustee through bad faith, willful misconduct, or gross negligence, as determined by a final decision of a court of competent jurisdiction.

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(d) To secure the Issuer's payment obligations in this Section 7.7, the Trustee will have a Lien prior to the Notes on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, except that held in trust to pay principal of and interest, if any, on particular Notes. Such Lien will survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

(e) When the Trustee incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(a)(4) or (5) occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

(f) The provisions of this Section 7.7 shall survive the termination of this Indenture and the resignation or removal of the Trustee.

#### Section 7.8 Replacement of Trustee.

(a) A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee shall become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this Section.

(b) The Trustee may resign in writing at any time and be discharged from the trust hereby created by so notifying the Issuer at least 30 days prior to the date of the proposed resignation. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then-outstanding Notes may remove the Trustee by so notifying the Trustee and the Issuer in writing. The Issuer may remove the Trustee if:

- (1) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10;
- (2) the Trustee is adjudged a bankrupt or an insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under any Bankruptcy Law;
- (3) a Custodian or public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or
- (4) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.

(c) If the Trustee resigns or is removed or if a vacancy exists in the office of the Trustee for any reason, the Issuer shall promptly appoint a successor Trustee. Within one year after the successor Trustee takes office, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then-outstanding Notes may appoint a successor Trustee to replace the successor Trustee appointed by the Issuer.

(d) If a successor Trustee with respect to the Notes does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee, the Issuer, or the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Notes then outstanding may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee.

(e) A successor Trustee will deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Issuer. Thereupon, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee will become effective, and the successor Trustee will have all the rights, powers, and duties of the Trustee under this Indenture. The successor Trustee will mail a notice of its succession to Holders. The retiring Trustee will promptly transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee; *provided* that all sums owing to the Trustee hereunder have been paid and subject to the

Lien provided for in Section 7.7 hereof. Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section 7.8, the Issuer's obligations under Section 7.7 hereof will continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee with respect to expenses and liabilities incurred by it for actions taken or omitted to be taken in accordance with its rights, powers, and duties under this Indenture prior to such replacement.

Section 7.9 Successor Trustee by Merger, Etc. Any organization or entity into which the Trustee may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or any organization or entity resulting from any merger, conversion, or consolidation to which the Trustee shall be a party, or any organization or entity succeeding to all or substantially all of the corporate trust business of the Trustee, shall be the successor of the Trustee hereunder, provided such organization or entity shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under Section 7.10, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto.

Section 7.10 Eligibility; Disqualification. This Indenture shall always have a Trustee who satisfies the requirements of TIA § 310(a)(1), (2), and (5). The Trustee shall always have a combined capital and surplus of at least \$25,000,000 as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition. The Trustee shall comply with TIA § 310(b).

Section 7.11 Preferential Collection of Claims Against Issuer. The Trustee is subject to TIA § 311(a), excluding any creditor relationship listed in TIA § 311(b). A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to TIA § 311(a) to the extent indicated.

## ARTICLE VIII SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE; DEFEASANCE

### Section 8.1 Satisfaction and Discharge of Indenture.

(a) This Indenture, the Notes, and any related guarantees will, upon a Company Order, be discharged and cease to be of further effect (except as hereinafter provided in this Section 8.1), and any collateral then securing the Notes shall be released as to all outstanding Notes, and the Trustee, at the expense of the Issuer, shall execute instruments acknowledging satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, when:

- (1) either:
  - (i) all of the Notes theretofore authenticated and delivered (other than Notes that have been destroyed, lost, or stolen and that have been replaced or paid and Notes for whose payment has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Issuer and thereafter repaid to the Issuer or discharged from such trust) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

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(ii) all of the Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation (A) have become due and payable by reason of sending a notice of redemption or otherwise, (B) will become due and payable at their Stated Maturity within one year, (C) have been called for redemption or are to be called for redemption within one year under arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuer, or (D) are deemed paid and discharged pursuant to Section 8.4, as applicable, and the Issuer, in the case of clause (A), (B), or (C) above, has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee as trust funds in trust an amount of money or U.S. Government Obligations in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire Indebtedness on the Notes not theretofore delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, for principal of and interest on the Notes to the date of maturity or redemption, as the case may be, together with irrevocable instructions from the Issuer directing the Trustee to apply such funds to the payment thereof at maturity or redemption, as the case may be;

(2) the Issuer has paid or caused to be paid all other sums payable under this Indenture by the Issuer; and

(3) the Issuer has delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that all conditions precedent provided for relating to the satisfaction and discharge contemplated by this Section have been complied with.

(b) Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture, (x) the obligations of the Issuer to the Trustee under Section 7.7, (y) if money shall have been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to clause (a) of this Section 8.1, the provisions of Sections 2.3, 2.6, 2.7, 8.2, and 8.7, and (z) the rights, powers, trusts, and immunities of the Trustee hereunder and the Issuer's obligations in connection therewith shall survive.

#### Section 8.2 Application of Trust Funds; Indemnification.

(a) Subject to the provisions of Section 8.6, all money and U.S. Government Obligations deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 8.1, 8.4, or 8.5, and all money received by the Trustee in respect of U.S. Government Obligations deposited with the Trustee pursuant to Section 8.1, 8.4, or 8.5, shall be held in trust and applied by it, in accordance with the provisions of the Notes and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Issuer acting as its own Paying Agent), as the Trustee may determine, to the persons entitled thereto, of the principal and interest for whose payment such money has been deposited with or received by the Trustee or to make analogous payments as contemplated by Sections 8.1, 8.4, and 8.5.

(b) The Issuer shall pay and shall indemnify the Trustee (which indemnity shall survive termination of this Indenture) against any tax, fee, or other charge imposed on or assessed against U.S. Government Obligations deposited pursuant to Sections 8.1, 8.4, or 8.5 or the interest and principal received in respect of such obligations other than any payable by or on behalf of Holders.



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(c) The Trustee shall deliver or pay to the Issuer from time to time upon a Company Order any U.S. Government Obligations or money held by it as provided in Sections 8.4 and 8.5 that, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent certified public accountants or investment bank expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, are then in excess of the amount thereof that then would have been required to be deposited for the purpose for which such U.S. Government Obligations or money were deposited or received. This provision shall not authorize the sale by the Trustee of any U.S. Government Obligations held under this Indenture.

Section 8.3 Option to Effect Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance. The Issuer may at any time elect to have either Section 8.4 or 8.5 hereof be applied to all outstanding Notes upon compliance with the conditions set forth below in Section 8.6. The Issuer may exercise its legal defeasance option notwithstanding its prior exercised of its covenant defeasance option. If the Issuer exercises its legal defeasance option, payment of the Notes may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default with respect thereto. If the Issuer exercises its covenant defeasance option, payment of the Notes may not be accelerated because of an Event of Default specified in Section 6.1(a)(3). Upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth herein and upon request of the Issuer, the Trustee shall acknowledge in writing the discharge of those obligations that the Issuer terminates.

Section 8.4 Legal Defeasance of Notes.

(a) Upon the Issuer's exercise under Section 8.3 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.4, the Issuer will, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.6, be deemed to have been discharged from its obligations with respect to any or all outstanding Notes and cure all then-existing Defaults or Events of Default on the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied (hereinafter, "**legal defeasance**"). For this purpose, legal defeasance means that the Issuer will be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire Indebtedness represented by the outstanding Notes, which will thereafter be deemed to be "outstanding" only for the purposes of Section 8.2 hereof and the other sections of this Indenture referred to in clauses (1) and (2) below, and to have satisfied all its other obligations under the Notes and this Indenture (and the Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Issuer, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except for the following provisions, which will survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder:

- (1) the rights of Holders to receive from the trust funds described in Section 8.2 payment of the principal of and interest on the outstanding Notes on the Stated Maturity of such Holder's Notes;
- (2) the provisions of Sections 2.3, 2.4, 2.6, 2.7, 7.7, 8.2, 8.4, 8.6, 8.7, and 8.8; and
- (3) the rights, powers, trusts, and immunities of the Trustee hereunder and the Issuer's obligations in connection therewith;

(b) For the avoidance of doubt, if the Issuer exercises its legal defeasance option under this Section 8.4, any Liens and guarantees as they pertain to the Notes will be released.

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#### Section 8.5 Covenant Defeasance.

(a) Upon the Issuer's exercise under Section 8.3 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.5, the Issuer will, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.6, be released from its obligations under any term, provision, or condition of Sections 4.2, 4.3, and 5.1 (hereinafter, "**covenant defeasance**"), and the Notes will thereafter be deemed not "outstanding" for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent, or declaration or act of Holders (and the consequences of any thereof) in connection with such covenants, but will continue to be deemed "outstanding" for all other purposes hereunder (it being understood that such Notes will not be deemed outstanding for accounting purposes). For this purpose, covenant defeasance means that, with respect to the outstanding Notes, the Issuer may omit to comply with and will have no liability in respect of any term, condition, or limitation set forth in any such covenant, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein or in the Notes to any such covenant or by reason of any reference in any such covenant to any other provision herein or in any other document and such omission to comply will not constitute a Default or an Event of Default hereunder, but, except as specified above, the remainder of this Indenture and such Notes will be unaffected thereby. In addition, upon the Issuer's exercise under Section 8.1 hereof of the option applicable to this Section 8.3, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.6 hereof, Sections 6.1(a)(3) hereof will not constitute an Event of Default.

(b) For the avoidance of doubt, if the Issuer exercises its covenant defeasance option under this Section 8.5, any Liens and guarantees as they pertain to the Notes will be released.

#### Section 8.6 Conditions to Defeasance.

(a) The Issuer may exercise its legal defeasance option or its covenant defeasance option only if:

- (1) the Issuer shall have irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited (except as provided in Section 8.2(c)) with the Trustee as trust funds specifically pledged as security for and dedicated solely to the benefit of the Holders of such Notes cash in Dollars and/or U.S. Government Obligations, which through the payment of interest and principal in respect thereof in accordance with their terms will provide (and without reinvestment and assuming no tax liability will be imposed on such Trustee), not later than one day before the due date of any payment of money, an amount in cash sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants or investment bank expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, to pay and discharge the principal of and interest in respect of all the Notes on the Stated Maturity of such Notes;
- (2) such deposit will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, this Indenture;
- (3) no Default or Event of Default under Section 6.1(a)(4) or (5) with respect to the Notes shall have occurred and be continuing on the date of such deposit or during the period ending on the 91st day after such date;

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- (4) in the case of the legal defeasance option, the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that (i) the Issuer has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling or (ii) since the date of execution of this Indenture, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law, in either case, to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, the Holders of such Notes will not recognize income, gain, or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit, defeasance, and discharge and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit, defeasance, and discharge had not occurred;
  - (5) in the case of the covenant defeasance option, the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that the Holders of such Notes will not recognize income, gain, or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such deposit and related covenant defeasance and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amounts and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit and related covenant defeasance had not occurred;
  - (6) the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by the Issuer with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying, or defrauding any other creditors of the Issuer; and
  - (7) the Issuer shall have delivered to the Trustee an Officer's Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent provided for relating to the defeasance as contemplated by this Article VIII have been complied with.

(b) Before or after a deposit, the Issuer may make arrangements satisfactory to the Trustee for the redemption of such Notes at a future date in accordance with Article III.

Section 8.7 Repayment to Issuer. Subject to applicable abandoned property law, the Trustee and the Paying Agent shall pay to the Issuer upon request any money held by them for the payment of principal and interest that remains unclaimed for two years. After that, Holders entitled to the money must look to the Issuer for payment as general creditors unless an applicable abandoned property law designates another person.

Section 8.8 Reinstatement. If the Trustee or the Paying Agent is unable to apply any money deposited with respect to Notes in accordance with this Article VIII by reason of any legal proceeding or by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining, or otherwise prohibiting such application, the obligations of the Issuer under this Indenture with respect to the Notes and under the Notes shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to this Article VIII until such time as the Trustee or the Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in accordance with this Article VIII; *provided, however*, that if the Issuer has made any payment of principal of or interest on any Notes because of the reinstatement of its obligations, the Issuer shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Notes to receive such payment from the money or U.S. Government Obligations held by the Trustee or Paying Agent after payment in full to the Holders.

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ARTICLE IX  
AMENDMENTS AND WAIVERS

Section 9.1 Without Consent of Holders. Notwithstanding Section 9.2 hereof, without the consent of or notice to any Holder, the Issuer and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture or the Notes:

- (a) to cure any ambiguity, omission, mistake, defect, or inconsistency;
- (b) to conform the text of this Indenture (including any supplemental indenture or other instrument pursuant to which additional Notes are issued) or the Notes to the “Description of Exchange Notes” section of the Memorandum or, with respect to any additional Notes and any supplemental indenture or other instrument pursuant to which such additional Notes are issued, to the “Description of Exchange Notes” relating to the issuance of such additional Notes or any provision of a supplement to the Memorandum intended to supplement such “Description of Exchange Notes,” solely to the extent that such “Description of Exchange Notes” provides for terms of such additional Notes that differ from the terms of the Notes offered hereby;
- (c) to comply with Article V hereof or to otherwise provide for the assumption by a successor person of the Issuer’s obligations under this Indenture and the Notes, or to add a co-issuer;
- (d) to provide for uncertificated Notes in addition to or in place of certificated Notes, or to provide for global Notes;
- (e) to add guarantees with respect to the Notes or secure the Notes;
- (f) to surrender any of the Issuer’s rights or powers under this Indenture and/or the Notes;
- (g) to add covenants or events of default for the benefit of the Holders;
- (h) to comply with the applicable procedures of any applicable depositary;
- (i) to make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any Holder in any material respect;
- (j) to provide for the issuance of and establish the form and terms and conditions of Notes as permitted by this Indenture;
- (k) to make any amendment to the provisions of this Indenture relating to the transfer of the Notes as permitted by this Indenture, including, without limitation, to facilitate the issuance and administration of the Notes;

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- (l) to effect the appointment of a successor Trustee, a collateral agent, or a successor collateral agent with respect to the Notes and to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture to provide for or facilitate administration by a successor Trustee, a collateral agent, a successor collateral agent, and/or more than one Trustee and/or collateral agent;
  - (m) to authorize any collateral agent appointed under this Indenture from time to time to enter into and perform any security documentation;
  - (n) to add to, delete from, or revise the conditions, limitations, and restrictions on the authorized amount, terms, or purposes of the issue, authentication, and delivery of the Notes (prior to issuance thereof), in each case, as set forth herein; or
  - (o) to comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of this Indenture under the TIA.

Section 9.2 With Consent of Holders.

(a) Subject to Section 9.3, the Issuer and the Trustee may enter into a supplemental indenture with the written consent of the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes affected by such supplemental indenture (including consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, the Notes), for the purpose of adding any provisions to or changing in any manner or eliminating any of the provisions of this Indenture or of any supplemental indenture or of modifying in any manner the rights of the Holders. Except as provided in Section 6.13, and subject to Section 9.3, the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding Notes affected by such waiver (including consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, any Notes) may waive compliance by the Issuer with any provision of this Indenture or the Notes.

(b) It shall not be necessary for the consent of the Holders under this Section 9.2 to approve the particular form of any proposed supplemental indenture or waiver, but it shall be sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof. After a supplemental indenture or waiver under this Section 9.2 becomes effective, the Issuer shall send to the Holders affected thereby a notice briefly describing the supplemental indenture or waiver. Any failure by the Issuer to send such notice, or any defect therein, shall not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such supplemental indenture or waiver.

Section 9.3 Limitations. The Issuer may not make any modification, amendment, or waiver without the consent of the Holders of each affected Note then outstanding (including, for the avoidance of doubt, any Notes held by Affiliates) if that modification, amendment, or waiver will (with respect to any Notes held by a non-consenting Holder):

- (a) reduce the percentage of the aggregate principal amount of Notes whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement, or waiver;
- (b) reduce the rate or extend the time for payment of interest (including defaulted interest) on any Note;

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- (c) reduce the principal or change the Stated Maturity of any Note;
  - (d) waive a Default in the payment of the principal of or interest on any Note (except a rescission of acceleration of the Notes by the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then-outstanding Notes and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);
  - (e) make the principal of or interest, if any, on any Note payable in any currency other than that stated in such Note; or
  - (f) make any change in Section 6.8, 6.13, or 9.3.

Section 9.4 Revocation and Effect of Consents.

(a) Until an amendment is set forth in a supplemental indenture or a waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder is a continuing consent by the Holder and every subsequent Holder of a Note or portion of a Note that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Note, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Note. However, any such Holder or subsequent Holder may revoke the consent as to such Holder's Note or portion of a Note if the Trustee receives the notice of revocation before the date of the supplemental indenture or the date the waiver becomes effective.

(b) Any amendment or waiver once effective shall bind every Holder of a Note affected by such amendment or waiver unless it is of the type described in any of clauses (a) through (f) of Section 9.3. In that case, the amendment or waiver shall bind each Holder of a Note who has consented to it and every subsequent Holder of a Note or portion of a Note that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Note.

(c) The Issuer may, but shall not be obligated to, fix a record date for the purpose of determining the Holders entitled to give their consent or take any other action described above or required or permitted to be taken pursuant to this Indenture. If a record date is fixed, then notwithstanding paragraph (a) above, those persons who were Holders at such record date (or their duly designated proxies), and only those persons, shall be entitled to give such consent or to revoke any consent previously given or take any such action, whether or not such persons continue to be Holders after such record date. No such consent shall be valid or effective for more than 120 days after such record date.

Section 9.5 Notation on or Exchange of Notes. The Issuer or the Trustee may, but shall not be obligated to, place an appropriate notation about an amendment or waiver on any Note thereafter authenticated. The Issuer in exchange for the Notes may issue and the Trustee shall authenticate upon receipt of a Company Order in accordance with Section 2.3 new Notes that reflect the amendment or waiver.

Section 9.6 Trustee Protected. In executing, or accepting the additional trusts created by, any supplemental indenture permitted by this Article XI or the modifications thereby of the trusts created by this Indenture, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, upon request, an Officer's Certificate and/or an Opinion of Counsel complying with Sections 11.3 and 11.4 and (subject to Section 7.1) shall be fully protected in relying upon such Officer's Certificate and/or Opinion of Counsel. The Trustee shall sign all supplemental indentures upon delivery of such an Officer's Certificate or Opinion of Counsel or both, except that the Trustee need not sign any supplemental indenture that adversely affects its rights, duties, liabilities, or immunities under this Indenture.

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ARTICLE X  
SUBORDINATION

Section 10.1 Agreement to Subordinate. The Issuer agrees, and each Holder by accepting a Note agrees, that the Indebtedness evidenced by the Notes is subordinated in right of payment, to the extent and in the manner provided in this Article X, to the prior payment in full of all Senior Debt (whether outstanding on the date hereof or hereafter created, incurred, assumed, or guaranteed), and that the subordination is for the benefit of the holders of Senior Debt.

Section 10.2 Liquidation; Dissolution; Bankruptcy. Upon any distribution to creditors of the Issuer in:

- (a) a liquidation or dissolution of the Issuer;
- (b) a bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, receivership, or similar proceeding relating to the Issuer or its property;
- (c) an assignment for the benefit of creditors; or
- (d) any marshaling of the Issuer's assets and liabilities;

holders of Senior Debt will be entitled to receive payment in full of all Obligations due in respect of such Senior Debt (including interest after the commencement of any bankruptcy proceeding at the rate specified in the applicable Senior Debt) before the Holders will be entitled to receive any payment with respect to the Notes (except that Holders of Notes may receive and retain Permitted Junior Securities and payments made from any of the trusts created pursuant to Article VIII hereof).

Section 10.3 Default on Designated Senior Debt.

(a) The Issuer may not make any payment or distribution to the Trustee or any Holder in respect of Obligations with respect to the Notes and may not acquire from the Trustee or any Holder any Notes for cash or property (other than Permitted Junior Securities and payments made from any of the trusts created pursuant to Article VIII hereof) if:

- (1) a payment default on Senior Debt occurs and is continuing; or
- (2) any other default occurs and is continuing on any series of Senior Debt that permits holders of that series of Senior Debt to accelerate its Stated Maturity and the Trustee receives a notice of such default (a "***Payment Blockage Notice***") from the Issuer of the holders of any Senior Debt.

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(b) The Issuer may and will resume payments on and distributions in respect of the Notes and may acquire them beginning on the date on which such default is cured or waived if this Article X otherwise permits such payment, distribution, or acquisition at the time of such payment, distribution, or acquisition.

Section 10.4 When Distribution Must Be Paid Over.

(a) In the event that the Trustee or any Holder receives any payment of any Obligations with respect to the Notes (other than Permitted Junior Securities and payments made from any of the trusts created pursuant to Article VIII hereof) at a time when the payment is prohibited by Section 10.3 and the Trustee or the Holder, as applicable, has actual knowledge that the payment is prohibited by Section 10.3 hereof, such payment will be held by the Trustee or such Holder, as the case may be, in trust for the benefit of, and will be paid forthwith over and delivered, upon proper written request, to, the holders of Senior Debt as their interests may appear or their Representative for application to the payment of all Obligations with respect to Senior Debt remaining unpaid to the extent necessary to pay such Obligations in accordance with their terms, after giving effect to any concurrent payment or distribution to or for the holders of Senior Debt.

(b) With respect to the holders of Senior Debt, the Trustee undertakes to perform only those obligations on the part of the Trustee as are specifically set forth in this Article X, and no implied covenants or obligations with respect to the holders of Senior Debt will be read into this Indenture against the Trustee. The Trustee will not be deemed to owe any fiduciary duty to the holders of Senior Debt, and will not be liable to any such holders if the Trustee pays over or distributes to or on behalf of Holders or the Issuer or any other person money or assets to which any holders of Senior Debt are then entitled by virtue of this Article X, except if such payment is made as a result of the bad faith, willful misconduct or gross negligence of the Trustee.

Section 10.5 Notice by Issuer. The Issuer will promptly notify the Trustee and the Paying Agent of any facts known to the Issuer that would cause a payment of any Obligations with respect to the Notes to violate this Article X, but failure to give such notice will not affect the subordination of the Notes to the Senior Debt as provided in this Article X.

Section 10.6 Subrogation. After all Senior Debt is paid in full and until the Notes are paid in full, Holders will be subrogated (equally and ratably with all other Indebtedness *pari passu* with the Notes) to the rights of holders of Senior Debt to receive distributions applicable to Senior Debt to the extent that distributions otherwise payable to the Holders have been applied to the payment of Senior Debt. A distribution made under this Article X to holders of Senior Debt that otherwise would have been made to Holders is not, as between the Issuer and the Holders, a payment by the Issuer on the Notes.

Section 10.7 Relative Rights.

(a) This Article X defines the relative rights of Holders and holders of Senior Debt. Nothing in this Indenture will:

- (1) impair, as between the Issuer and the Holders, the obligation of the Issuer, which is absolute and unconditional, to pay the principal of and interest, if any, on, the Notes in accordance with their terms;



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- (2) affect the relative rights of Holders and creditors of the Issuer other than their rights in relation to holders of Senior Debt; or
  - (3) prevent the Trustee or any Holder from exercising its available remedies upon a Default or Event of Default, subject to the rights of holders and owners of Senior Debt to receive distributions and payments otherwise payable to Holders of Notes.

(b) If the Issuer fails because of this Article X to pay the principal of or accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on, a Note on the due date, the failure shall not constitute a Default or Event of Default.

Section 10.8 Subordination May Not Be Impaired by Issuer. No right of any holder of Senior Debt to enforce the subordination of the Indebtedness evidenced by the Notes may be impaired by any act or failure to act by the Issuer or any Holder or by the failure of the Issuer or any Holder to comply with this Indenture.

Section 10.9 Distribution or Notice to Representative.

(a) Whenever a distribution is to be made or a notice given to holders of Senior Debt, the distribution may be made and the notice given to their Representative.

(b) Upon any payment or distribution of assets of the Issuer referred to in this Article X, the Trustee and the Holders will be entitled to rely upon any order or decree made by any court of competent jurisdiction or upon any certificate of such Representative or of the liquidating trustee or agent or other person making any distribution to the Trustee or to the Holders for the purpose of ascertaining the persons entitled to participate in such distribution, the holders of the Senior Debt and other Indebtedness of the Issuer, the amount thereof or payable thereon, the amount or amounts paid or distributed thereon, and all other facts pertinent thereto or to this Article X.

Section 10.10 Standstill Period. So long as any Senior Debt remains outstanding, neither the Trustee nor the Holders shall, without the prior written consent of the holders of such Senior Debt:

- (a) exercise or seek to exercise any right or remedy with respect to a Default or an Event of Default, including any collection or enforcement right or remedy;
- (b) institute any action or proceeding against the Issuer or any of its assets, including, without limitation, any possession, sale, or foreclosure action or proceeding; or
- (c) contest, protest, or object to any enforcement proceeding or other action commenced under such Senior Debt;

in each case, for a period of 90 days after delivery of notice of an Event of Default to the holders of such Senior Debt (the “*Standstill Period*”). The Trustee and the Holders shall only be permitted to commence such enforcement proceedings upon the receipt of written consent from the holders of such Senior Debt or upon the expiration of the Standstill Period.

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Section 10.11 Rights of Trustee and Paying Agent.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article X or any other provision of this Indenture, the Trustee will not be charged with knowledge of the existence of any facts that would prohibit the making of any payment or distribution by the Trustee, and the Trustee and the Paying Agent may continue to make payments on the Notes unless the Trustee has received at its Corporate Trust Office at least five Business Days prior to the date of such payment written notice of facts that would cause the payment of any Obligations with respect to the Notes to violate this Article X. Only the Issuer or a Representative may give the notice. Nothing in this Article X will impair the claims of, or payments to, the Trustee under or pursuant to Section 7.7 hereof.

(b) The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may hold Senior Debt with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. Any Agent may do the same with like rights.

Section 10.12 Authorization to Effect Subordination. Each Holder of Notes, by the Holder's acceptance thereof, authorizes and directs the Trustee on such Holder's behalf to take such action as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the subordination as provided in this Article X, and appoints the Trustee to act as such Holder's attorney-in-fact for any and all such purposes. If the Trustee does not file a proper proof of claim or proof of debt in the form required in any proceeding referred to in Section 6.4 hereof at least 30 days before the expiration of the time to file such claim, the Representatives are hereby authorized to file an appropriate claim for and on behalf of the Holders of the Notes.

ARTICLE XI  
MISCELLANEOUS

Section 11.1 Notices.

(a) Any notice or communication by the Issuer or the Trustee to the other, or by a Holder to the Issuer or the Trustee, is duly given if in writing and delivered in person or mailed by first-class mail (registered or certified, return receipt requested), email, or overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery, to the others' address:

if to the Issuer:

Phoenix Energy One, LLC  
18575 Jamboree Road, Suite 830  
Irvine, California 92612  
Attention: Lindsey Wilson  
Telephone: (303) 749-0074  
Email: LW@phoenixenergy.com

with a copy to (which shall not constitute notice):

Latham & Watkins LLP  
555 11th Street, N.W., Suite 1000  
Washington, D.C. 20004  
Attention: Christopher J. Clark; Ross McAloon  
Telephone: (202) 637-2200  
Email: Christopher.J.Clark@lw.com; Ross.McAloon@lw.com

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if to the Trustee:

UMB Bank, N.A.  
928 Grand Boulevard, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106  
Attention Lara L. Stevens  
Telephone: (816) 860-3017  
Email: Lara.Stevens@umb.com

(b) The Issuer or the Trustee by notice to the other may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

(c) Any notice or communication to a Holder shall be sent electronically or by first-class mail or overnight air courier to such Holder's address shown on the register kept by the Registrar. Failure to send a notice or communication to a Holder or any defect in it shall not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Holders.

(d) Notices given by publication will be deemed given on the first date on which publication is made; notices given by first-class mail, postage prepaid, will be deemed given five calendar days after mailing; notices personally delivered will be deemed given at the time delivered by hand; notices given by facsimile or email will be deemed given when sent; and notices given by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery will be deemed given the next Business Day after timely delivery to the courier.

(e) If a notice or communication is sent or published in the manner provided above, within the time prescribed, it is duly given, whether or not the Holder receives it.

(f) If the Issuer sends a notice or communication to Holders, it shall send a copy to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

(g) The Trustee shall not have any duty to confirm that the person sending any notice, instruction, or other communication by electronic transmission (including by e-mail, facsimile transmission, web portal, or other electronic methods) is, in fact, a person authorized to do so. Electronic signatures believed by the Trustee to comply with the ESIGN Act of 2000 or other applicable law (including electronic images of handwritten signatures and digital signatures provided by DocuSign, Orbit, Adobe Sign, or any other digital signature provider acceptable to the Trustee) shall be deemed original signatures for all purposes. The Issuer assumes all risks arising out of the use of electronic signatures and electronic methods to send communications to the Trustee, including, without limitation, the risk of the Trustee acting on an unauthorized communication, and the risk of interception or misuse by third parties.

Section 11.2 Communication by Holders with Other Holders. Holders may communicate pursuant to TIA § 312(b) with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Notes. The Issuer, the Trustee, the Registrar, and anyone else shall have the protection of TIA § 312(c).

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Section 11.3 Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent. Upon any request or application by the Issuer to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Issuer shall furnish to the Trustee:

(a) an Officer's Certificate stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been complied with; and

(b) an Opinion of Counsel stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent have been complied with.

Section 11.4 Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion.

(a) Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than a certificate provided pursuant to TIA § 314(a)(4)) shall comply with the provisions of TIA § 314(e) and shall include:

- (1) a statement that the person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;
- (2) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;
- (3) a statement that, in the opinion of such person, such person has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable such person to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been complied with; and
- (4) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such person, such condition or covenant has been complied with.

(b) In giving such Opinion of Counsel, counsel may rely as to factual matters on an Officer's Certificate or on certificates of public officials.

Section 11.5 Rules by Trustee and Agents. The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or at a meeting of Holders. Any Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions. By their acceptance of the Notes, the Holders will be deemed to have authorized any collateral agent appointed under this Indenture from time to time to enter into and perform any security documentation.

Section 11.6 Legal Holidays. If a payment date for any payment made under this Indenture is not a Business Day, payment may be made on the next succeeding Business Day, and no interest shall accrue for the intervening period. To the extent the date of delivery of any document required to be delivered pursuant to any provision of this Indenture falls on a day that is not a Business Day, the applicable required date of delivery shall be deemed to be the next succeeding day that is a Business Day.

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Section 11.7 No Recourse Against Others. None of the past, present, or future managers, managing directors, directors, officers, employees, incorporators, or securityholders of the Issuer or any Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Issuer, as such, shall have any liability for any obligations of the Issuer under the Notes or this Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of such obligations or their creation. Each Holder, by accepting a Note, waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for the issue of the Notes. However, this waiver and release may not be effective to waive liabilities under U.S. federal securities laws, and it is the view of the SEC that such a waiver is against public policy.

Section 11.8 Counterparts.

(a) This Indenture may be executed in any number of counterparts and by the parties hereto in separate counterparts, each of which when so executed shall be deemed to be an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same agreement. The exchange of copies of this Indenture and of signature pages by facsimile or electronic format (e.g., “.pdf” or “.tif”) transmission shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Indenture as to the parties hereto and may be used in lieu of the original Indenture for all purposes. Signatures of the parties hereto transmitted by facsimile or electronic format (e.g., “.pdf” or “.tif”) shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.

(b) Unless otherwise provided herein or in the Notes, the words “execute,” “execution,” “signed,” “signature,” and words of similar import used in or related to any document to be signed in connection with this Indenture, any Notes, or any of the transactions contemplated hereby (including amendments, waivers, consents, and other modifications) shall be deemed to include electronic signatures and the keeping of records in electronic form, each of which shall be of the same legal effect, validity, or enforceability as a manually executed signature in ink or the use of a paper-based recordkeeping system, as applicable, to the fullest extent and as provided for in any applicable law, including the Federal Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, the New York State Electronic Signatures and Records Act, and any other similar state laws based on the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act.

Section 11.9 Governing Law; Waiver of Jury Trial; Consent to Jurisdiction.

(a) **THIS INDENTURE AND THE NOTES, INCLUDING ANY CLAIM OR CONTROVERSY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE OR THE NOTES, SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.**

(b) **THE COMPANY, THE TRUSTEE, AND EACH HOLDER (BY THEIR ACCEPTANCE OF THE NOTES) EACH HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS INDENTURE, THE NOTES, OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY OR THEREBY.**

(c) Any legal suit, action, or proceeding arising out of or based upon this Indenture, the Notes, or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby may be instituted in the federal courts of the United States of America located in the City of New York or the courts of the State of New

York, in each case, located in the City of New York (collectively, the “*Specified Courts*”), and each party irrevocably submits to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of such courts in any such suit, action, or proceeding. Service of any process, summons, notice, or document by mail (to the extent allowed under any applicable statute or rule of court) to such party’s address set forth above shall be effective service of process for any suit, action, or other proceeding brought in any such court. The Issuer, the Trustee, and the Holders (by their acceptance of the Notes) each hereby irrevocably and unconditionally waive any objection to the laying of venue of any suit, action, or other proceeding in the Specified Courts and irrevocably and unconditionally waive and agree not to plead or claim any such suit, action, or other proceeding has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

Section 11.10 No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements. This Indenture and the Notes may not be used to interpret another indenture, loan, or debt agreement of the Issuer or a Subsidiary or other Affiliate of the Issuer. Any such indenture, loan, or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture or the Notes.

Section 11.11 Successors. All agreements of the Issuer in this Indenture and the Notes shall bind its successor. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture shall bind its successor.

Section 11.12 Severability. In case any provision in this Indenture or in the Notes shall be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.

Section 11.13 Table of Contents, Headings, Etc. The Table of Contents, Cross Reference Table, and headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part hereof, and shall in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

Section 11.14 Force Majeure. In no event shall the Trustee be responsible or liable for any failure or delay in the performance of its obligations hereunder arising out of or caused by, directly or indirectly, forces beyond its control, including, without limitation, strikes, work stoppages, accidents, acts of war or terrorism, civil or military disturbances, nuclear or natural catastrophes, pandemics, epidemics or other public health emergencies, acts of God, and interruptions, loss, or malfunctions of utilities, communications, or computer (software and hardware) services, it being understood that the Trustee shall use reasonable best efforts that are consistent with accepted practices in the banking industry to resume performance as soon as practicable under the circumstances.

Section 11.15 U.S.A. Patriot Act. The parties hereto acknowledge that, in accordance with Section 326 of the U.S.A. Patriot Act, the Trustee is required to obtain, verify, and record information that identifies each person or legal entity that establishes a relationship or opens an account with the Trustee. The parties to this Indenture agree that they will provide the Trustee with such information as it may request in order for the Trustee to satisfy the requirements of the U.S.A. Patriot Act.

Section 11.16 TIA § 314(d) Not Applicable. For the avoidance of doubt, the Issuer and any guarantors of the Notes shall not be subject to TIA § 314(d).

*[Signature Pages Follow]*

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Indenture to be duly executed as of the day and year first above written.

PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC

By: /s/ Adam Ferrari  
Name: Adam Ferrari  
Title: CEO

UMB BANK, N.A., as Trustee

By: /s/ Lara L. Stevens  
Name: Lara L. Stevens  
Title: Vice President

*[Signature Page to Indenture]*

**Form of Cash Interest Note**  
**[Attached]**



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[FACE OF NOTE]

**PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC**

**\_\_\_\_ % Senior Subordinated Notes due 20 \_\_\_\_**

Principal Amount of Notes: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, promises to pay \_\_\_\_\_,  
or registered assigns, the principal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS on \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

Interest Payment Dates: The tenth day of each month.

Record Dates: The Business Day preceding an Interest Payment Date.

Additional provisions of this Note are set forth on the other side of this Note.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

This is one of the Notes referred to  
in the within-mentioned Indenture:

UMB BANK, N.A.,  
as Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signatory

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\_\_\_\_ % Senior Subordinated Notes due 20 \_\_\_\_

Capitalized terms used herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Indenture referred to below unless otherwise indicated.

(1) *INTEREST*. Phoenix Energy One, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “*Issuer*”), promises to pay or cause to be paid interest on the principal amount of this Note at the rate *per annum* shown above. The Issuer will pay interest, if any, on this Note monthly in arrears in cash on the tenth day of each month, or if any such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day (each, an “*Interest Payment Date*”). Interest on this Note will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid on this Note or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of issuance of this Note. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

(2) *METHOD OF PAYMENT*. The Issuer will pay interest on this Note (except defaulted interest), if any, to the Persons who are registered Holders of this Note at the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding each Interest Payment Date (such date, a “*Record Date*”) unless this Note is canceled, repurchased, or redeemed after a Record Date and on or before the related Interest Payment Date. Holders must surrender Notes to a Paying Agent to collect principal payments. If the Holder of this Note has given wire transfer instructions to the Issuer or the Paying Agent, the Paying Agent will distribute the payments received of principal of and, if applicable, interest and premium, if any, on this Note in accordance with those instructions. Distribution of all other payments on this Note will be made at the office or agency of the Paying Agent unless the Issuer elects to make interest payments through the Paying Agent by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders. Such payment will be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

(3) *PAYING AGENT AND REGISTRAR*. Initially, the Issuer will act as Paying Agent and Registrar. The Issuer may change the Paying Agent or Registrar without prior notice to the Holders. The Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates may act as Paying Agent or Registrar.

(4) *INDENTURE*. The Issuer issued this Note under an indenture, dated as of May 15, 2025 (as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms thereof, the “*Indenture*”), between the Issuer and the Trustee. The terms of the Notes include those stated in the Indenture. The Notes are subject to all such terms, and Holders are referred to the Indenture for a statement of such terms. To the extent any provision of this Note conflicts with the express provisions of the Indenture, the provisions of the Indenture shall govern and be controlling. The Notes are unsecured senior subordinated obligations of the Issuer. The Indenture does not limit the aggregate principal amount of Notes that may be issued thereunder.

(5) *OPTIONAL REDEMPTION*.

(a) The Issuer may redeem the Notes, at its option, in whole at any time or in part from time to time, upon delivering a notice of redemption as described in Section 3.3 of the Indenture, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount of such Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of the redemption.

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(b) Any redemption of the Notes may, at the Issuer's discretion, be subject to one or more conditions precedent. If such redemption is subject to the satisfaction of one or more conditions precedent, the related notice shall describe each such condition and, if applicable, shall state that, in the Issuer's discretion, the redemption date may be delayed until such time as any or all such conditions shall be satisfied (or waived by the Issuer in its sole discretion), or such redemption may not occur. The Issuer may modify any such redemption notice or rescind it in the event that any or all such conditions precedent shall not have been satisfied (or waived by the Issuer in its sole discretion) by the redemption date, or by the redemption date as so delayed (which may exceed 60 days from the date of the redemption notice in such case). In addition, such notice of redemption may be extended, if such conditions precedent have not been satisfied or waived by the Issuer, by providing notice to Holders whose Notes are to be redeemed.

(c) Unless the Issuer defaults in the payment of the redemption price, interest will cease to accrue on the Notes or portions thereof called for redemption on the applicable redemption date.

(d) Any redemption pursuant to this Paragraph 5 will be made pursuant to the provisions of Article III of the Indenture.

(6) *MANDATORY REDEMPTION; REPURCHASE AT THE OPTION OF THE HOLDERS.*

(a) Subject to the provisions of Article X of the Indenture, each Holder may request, in whole at any time and in part from time to time, by written notice to the Issuer, that the Issuer redeem such Holder's Notes at a redemption price equal to 95.0% of the principal amount of such Notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, to, but excluding, the date of redemption; *provided* that the Issuer will not be required to redeem any Notes at any time when the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries or Affiliates is prohibited by law or contract from doing so; *provided further* that the Issuer will not be required to redeem Notes in an amount that exceeds, in any calendar year, 10.0% of the aggregate principal amount of the Notes issued and outstanding as of the first day of the calendar quarter in which such request is made (the "**10% Limit**"). The principal amount of any Notes held by the Issuer's manager, executive officers, or their respective family members during any calendar year will not be included in calculating the 10% Limit with respect to any other Holders for such calendar year.

(b) Any redemption pursuant to this Paragraph 6 will be made pursuant to the provisions of Section 3.8 of the Indenture.

(c) The Issuer is not otherwise required to make mandatory redemption or sinking fund payments with respect to the Notes. The Issuer will also not be required to offer to purchase any Notes with the proceeds of asset sales, in the event of a change of control, or otherwise.

(7) *DENOMINATIONS, TRANSFER, EXCHANGE.* This Note was issued in registered form without coupons in minimum denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof. For the avoidance of doubt, the principal amount of this Note may from time to time be in an amount other than a minimum denomination of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000 in excess thereof as a result of redemptions and repurchases of the principal amount of this Note not

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prohibited by the Indenture. The Notes may not be transferred or exchanged without the prior written consent of the Issuer, which consent may be withheld in the Issuer's sole discretion. The transfer of Notes may be registered and Notes may be exchanged only as provided in the Indenture. If a transfer of Notes is consented to in writing by the Issuer, a Holder may not transfer any Note until the Registrar has received, among other things, appropriate endorsements and transfer documents and any taxes and fees required by law or permitted by the Indenture. The Issuer need not exchange or register the transfer of any Note or portion of a Note selected for redemption, except for the unredeemed portion of any Note being redeemed in part.

(8) *PERSONS DEEMED OWNERS*. The registered Holder of a Note may be treated as the owner of it for all purposes. Only registered Holders have rights under the Indenture.

(9) *DISCHARGE AND DEFEASANCE*. Subject to certain conditions set forth in the Indenture, the Issuer at any time may terminate some or all of its obligations under the Notes and the Indenture if the Issuer deposits in trust with the Trustee money or U.S. Government Obligations (sufficient, without reinvestment, in the opinion of a nationally recognized certified public accounting firm) for the payment of principal, premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Notes to redemption or maturity, as the case may be.

(10) *AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT, AND WAIVER*. The Indenture and the Notes may be amended or waived as set forth in Article IX of the Indenture.

(11) *DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES*. Events of Default shall be as set forth in Article VI of the Indenture.

(12) *SUBORDINATION*. Payment of principal of and premium, if any, and interest, if any, on the Notes is subordinated to the prior payment in full of all Senior Debt on the terms provided in the Indenture.

(13) *TRUSTEE DEALINGS WITH ISSUER*. The Trustee, in its individual or any other capacity, may become the owner or pledgee of Notes and may otherwise deal with the Issuer or an Affiliate of the Issuer with the same rights it would have if it were not the Trustee.

(14) *NO RECOURSE AGAINST OTHERS*. None of the past, present, or future managers, managing directors, directors, officers, employees, incorporators, or securityholders of the Issuer or any Subsidiary or Affiliate of the Issuer, as such, will have any liability for any obligations of the Issuer under the Notes or the Indenture or for any claim based on, in respect of, or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. Each Holder by accepting a Note waives and releases all such liability. The waiver and release are part of the consideration for issuance of the Notes. The waiver may not be effective to waive liabilities under the U.S. federal securities laws, and it is the view of the SEC that such a waiver is against public policy.

(15) *AUTHENTICATION*. A Certificated Note will not be valid until authenticated by the signature of the Trustee (or an authenticating agent acting on its behalf).

(16) *ABBREVIATIONS*. Customary abbreviations may be used in the name of a Holder or an assignee, such as: TEN COM (= tenants in common), TEN ENT (= tenants by the entireties), JT TEN (= joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common), CUST (= Custodian), and U/G/M/A (= Uniform Gifts to Minors Act).

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(17) *GOVERNING LAW.* THE INTERNAL LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WILL GOVERN AND BE USED TO CONSTRUE THE INDENTURE AND THIS NOTE WITHOUT GIVING EFFECT TO APPLICABLE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAW TO THE EXTENT THAT THE APPLICATION OF THE LAWS OF ANOTHER JURISDICTION WOULD BE REQUIRED THEREBY.

(18) *SUCCESSOR ENTITY.* When a successor entity assumes, in accordance with the Indenture, all the obligations of its predecessor under the Notes and the Indenture, and immediately before and thereafter no Default or Event of Default exists and all other conditions of the Indenture are satisfied, the predecessor entity shall be released from those obligations.

(19) *NOTICES.* The Issuer will furnish to any Holder upon written request and without charge a copy of the Indenture. Requests may be made as provided in Section 11.2 of the Indenture.

**Form of Compound Interest Note**  
**[Attached]**

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[FACE OF NOTE]

PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC

\_\_\_\_\_% Senior Subordinated Notes due 20\_\_

Initial Principal Amount of Notes: \$\_\_\_\_\_

PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, promises to pay \_\_\_\_\_,  
or registered assigns, the principal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ DOLLARS (which principal amount will be increased  
as provided for herein) on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

Interest Payment Dates: The tenth day of each month.

Record Dates: The Business Day preceding an Interest Payment Date.

Additional provisions of this Note are set forth on the other side of this Note.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

PHOENIX ENERGY ONE, LLC

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name:

Title:

This is one of the Notes referred to  
in the within-mentioned Indenture:

UMB BANK, N.A.,  
as Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signatory

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[REVERSE SIDE OF NOTE]

\_\_\_\_\_% Senior Subordinated Notes due 20\_\_\_\_

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(1) *INTEREST*. Phoenix Energy One, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “*Issuer*”), promises to pay or cause to be paid interest on the principal amount of this Note at the rate per annum shown above. The Issuer will pay interest, if any, on this Note monthly in arrears by adding such interest to the then-outstanding principal amount of this Note on the tenth day of each month, or if any such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day (each, an “*Interest Payment Date*”). Interest on this Note will accrue from the most recent date to which interest has been paid on this Note or, if no interest has been paid, from the date of issuance of this Note. Interest will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year comprised of twelve 30-day months.

(2) *METHOD OF PAYMENT*. The Issuer will pay interest on this Note (except defaulted interest), if any, to the Persons who are registered Holders of this Note at the close of business on the Business Day immediately preceding each Interest Payment Date (such date, a “*Record Date*”) unless this Note is canceled, repurchased, or redeemed after a Record Date and on or before the related Interest Payment Date. Holders must surrender Notes to a Paying Agent to collect principal payments. If the Holder of this Note has given wire transfer instructions to the Issuer or the Paying Agent, the Paying Agent will distribute the payments received of principal of and, if applicable, interest and premium, if any, on this Note in accordance with those instructions. Distribution of all other cash payments on this Note will be made at the office or agency of the Paying Agent unless the Issuer elects to make interest payments through the Paying Agent by check mailed to the Holders at their addresses set forth in the register of Holders. Cash payments will be in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment is legal tender for payment of public and private debts.

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## CERTIFICATION

I, Adam Ferrari, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Phoenix Energy One, LLC;
2. based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. the registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) [omitted];
  - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. the registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

May 16, 2025

By: /s/ Adam Ferrari

Adam Ferrari  
Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

## CERTIFICATION

I, Curtis Allen, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Phoenix Energy One, LLC;
2. based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. the registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) [omitted];
  - (c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. the registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

May 16, 2025

By: /s/ Curtis Allen

Curtis Allen  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

**CERTIFICATION**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Phoenix Energy One, LLC (the “Company”) on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2025, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as added by §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

1. the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

May 16, 2025

By: /s/ Adam Ferrari  
Adam Ferrari  
Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

**CERTIFICATION**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Phoenix Energy One, LLC (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2025, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as added by §906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:

1. the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

May 16, 2025

By: /s/ Curtis Allen

Curtis Allen

Chief Financial Officer

*(Principal Financial Officer)*