

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:

COBALT INTERNATIONAL ENERGY, INC., *et al.*,¹

Debtors.

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) Chapter 11
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) Case No. 17-36709 (MI)
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) (Joint Administration Requested)
) (Emergency Hearing Requested)

**DEBTORS' *EMERGENCY* APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN
ORDER AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO EMPLOY AND RETAIN
KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS LLC AS CLAIMS, NOTICING AND
SOLICITATION AGENT, EFFECTIVE *NUNC PRO TUNC* TO THE PETITION DATE**

THIS APPLICATION SEEKS ENTRY OF AN ORDER THAT MAY ADVERSELY AFFECT YOU. IF YOU OPPOSE THE APPLICATION, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT THE MOVING PARTY TO RESOLVE THE DISPUTE. IF YOU AND THE MOVING PARTY CANNOT AGREE, YOU MUST FILE A RESPONSE AND SEND A COPY TO THE MOVING PARTY. YOUR RESPONSE MUST STATE WHY THE APPLICATION SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED. IF YOU DO NOT FILE A TIMELY RESPONSE, THE RELIEF MAY BE GRANTED WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU. IF YOU OPPOSE THE APPLICATION AND HAVE NOT REACHED AN AGREEMENT, YOU MUST ATTEND THE HEARING. UNLESS THE PARTIES AGREE OTHERWISE, THE COURT MAY CONSIDER EVIDENCE AT THE HEARING AND MAY DECIDE THE APPLICATION AT THE HEARING.

EMERGENCY RELIEF HAS BEEN REQUESTED. IF THE COURT CONSIDERS THE MOTION ON AN EMERGENCY BASIS, THEN YOU WILL HAVE LESS THAN 21 DAYS TO ANSWER. IF YOU OBJECT TO THE REQUESTED RELIEF OR IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THE EMERGENCY CONSIDERATION IS NOT WARRANTED, YOU SHOULD FILE AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE. A HEARING WILL BE HELD ON THIS MATTER ON DECEMBER 14, 2017, AT 3:30 P.M. (CENTRAL TIME) BEFORE THE HONORABLE MARVIN ISGUR, 515 RUSK STREET, COURTROOM 404, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002.

REPRESENTED PARTIES SHOULD ACT THROUGH THEIR ATTORNEY.

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The above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) respectfully state as follows in support of this application (this “Application”).

Relief Requested

1. The Debtors hereby seek entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (the “Order”), appointing Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC (“KCC”) as claims, noticing, and solicitation agent (“Claims and Noticing Agent”) in the Debtors’ chapter 11 cases effective *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date (as defined below). Specifically, the Debtors request entry of the Order to appoint KCC as the Claims and Noticing Agent to, among other tasks, (i) serve as the noticing agent to mail notices to the estates’ creditors, equity security holders, and parties in interest, (ii) provide computerized claims, objection, solicitation, and balloting database services, and (iii) provide expertise, consultation, and assistance in claim and ballot processing and other administrative services with respect to the Debtors’ bankruptcy cases, pursuant to the provisions of the Services Agreement (as defined below). In support of this Application, the Debtors submit the *Declaration of Robert Jordan, Managing Director of Corporate Restructuring of KCC* (the “Jordan Declaration”), attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

Jurisdiction and Venue

2. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas*, dated May 24, 2012 (the “Amended Standing Order”). The Debtors confirm their consent, pursuant to rule 7008 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the “Bankruptcy Rules”), to the entry of a final order by the Court in connection with this Application to the extent that it is later determined that the Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter final orders or judgments in connection herewith consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

3. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

4. The statutory bases for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a), 327, 503, and 1107 of title 11 of the United States Code (the “Bankruptcy Code”), Bankruptcy Rules 2002(f), 2014(a), 2016, and 6003, and rule 9013-1 of the Bankruptcy Local Rules for the Southern District of Texas (the “Bankruptcy Local Rules”).

Background

5. The Debtors are a publicly held offshore oil exploration and production company with headquarters in Houston, Texas and operations primarily located off the coast of the United States in the deepwater of the Gulf of Mexico and offshore Angola and Gabon in West Africa. The Debtors have four named discoveries in the Gulf of Mexico, which include North Platte, Shenandoah, Anchor, and Heidelberg. Heidelberg began initial production in January of 2016 while North Platte, Shenandoah, and Anchor have been fully appraised and are now in development. Additionally, the Debtors have made seven aggregate discoveries in offshore Angola and maintain a non-operated interest in offshore Gabon, where the Debtors have one discovery.

6. On the date hereof (the “Petition Date”), each Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. A detailed description surrounding the facts and circumstances of these chapter 11 cases is set forth in the *Declaration of David D. Powell, Chief Financial Officer of Cobalt International Energy, Inc., in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions* (the “First Day Declaration”), filed contemporaneously with this motion.²

² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the First Day Declaration.

7. The Debtors continue to operate and manage their businesses as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors have concurrently filed a motion requesting procedural consolidation and joint administration of these chapter 11 cases pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b).

Services to Be Provided

8. The Debtors propose to employ KCC as the authorized claims, noticing, and balloting agent of the Court to, among other things, undertake mailings as directed by the Debtors, the Court, or the U.S. Trustee, and as required by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the Bankruptcy Local Rules, all in accordance with that certain Agreement for Services, dated as of October 30, 2017, between KCC and the Debtors (such agreement, together with all amendments, modifications, renewals thereof and all documents ancillary thereto or otherwise entered into in connection therewith, the “Services Agreement”), annexed as **Exhibit 1** to **Exhibit A** attached hereto. The proposed retention of KCC is the most effective and efficient manner of noticing the significant number of creditors, employees, vendors, and parties in interest of the commencement of these chapter 11 cases and other developments in these chapter 11 cases. The Debtors estimate that there will be thousands of persons and entities to be noticed in these chapter 11 cases. In light of the number of parties in interest and the complexity of the Debtors’ businesses, the Debtors submit that the appointment of a claims and noticing agent will provide the most effective and efficient means of, and relieve the Debtors and/or the Office of the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court (the “Clerk”) of the administrative burden of, noticing, administering claims, and soliciting and tabulating votes, and is in the best interests of both the Debtors’ estates and their creditors.

9. This Application pertains to the work to be performed by KCC under section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and under the Clerk’s delegation of duties permitted by 28 U.S.C.

§ 156(c). Under the Services Agreement, KCC will perform the following services, as the Claims and Noticing Agent, at the request of the Debtors or the Clerk's office:

- a. assist the Debtors with the preparation and distribution of all required notices in these chapter 11 cases, including: (i) notice of the commencement of the case, (ii) notice of any claims bar dates, to the extent ordered by the Court, (iii) notices of transfers of claims, (iv) notice of any hearings or combined hearing on chapter 11 plan(s) and disclosure statement(s) filed in these chapter 11 cases, including under Bankruptcy Rule 3017(d), (v) notice of the effective date of the chapter 11 plan, and (vi) all other notices, orders, pleadings, publications, and other documents as the Debtors may deem necessary or appropriate for an orderly administration of the cases;
- b. assist with the preparation of the Debtors' schedules of assets and liabilities and statements of financial affairs, to the extent the Debtors are required to file such schedules and statements;
- c. assist the Debtors with plan-solicitation services including: (i) balloting and solicitation materials, (ii) tabulation and calculation of votes, (iii) determining with respect to each ballot cast, its timeliness and its compliance with the Bankruptcy Code, (iv) preparing an official ballot certification and testifying, if necessary, in support of the ballot tabulation results, and (v) in connection with the foregoing services, process requests for documents from parties in interest, including, if applicable, brokerage firms, bank back-offices, and institutional holders;
- d. maintain (i) a list of all potential creditors, equity holders and other parties in interest and (ii) a "core" mailing list consisting of all parties described in Bankruptcy Rule 2002(i), (j) and (k) and those parties that have filed a notice of appearance pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9010; update and make said lists available upon request by a party-in-interest or the Clerk;
- e. maintain a post office box or address for the purpose of receiving correspondence, ballots, and returned mail, and process all mail received;
- f. for all notices, motions, orders, or other pleadings or documents served, prepare and file or cause to be filed with the Clerk an affidavit or certificate of service no more frequently than every seven (7) days that includes (i) either a copy of each notice served for the proceeding seven (7) days or the docket number(s) and title(s) of the pleading(s) served during such period, (ii) a list of persons to whom it was mailed (in alphabetical order) with their addresses, (iii) the manner of service, and (iv) the date served;

- g. receive and process all proofs of claim received, including those received by the Clerk, check said processing for accuracy, and maintain any original proofs of claim received in a secure area; for the avoidance of doubt, claims shall be filed with the Clerk and the Clerk shall continue to maintain its own claim register;
- h. provide an electronic interface for filing proofs of claim;
- i. if a claims bar date is established, maintain an unofficial claims register (the “Unofficial Claims Register”) fully accessible via KCC’s website, which register shall include all claims filed either with the Clerk or otherwise with KCC, and specify therein the following information for each claim docketed: (i) any claim number assigned, (ii) the date received, (iii) the name and address of the claimant and agent, if applicable, who filed the claim, (iv) the address for payment, if different from the notice address; (v) the amount asserted, (vi) the asserted classification(s) of the claim (e.g., secured, unsecured, priority, etc.), and (vii) any disposition of the claim;
- j. implement necessary security measures to ensure the completeness and integrity of the Unofficial Claims Register and the safekeeping of any original claims;
- k. record all transfers of claims and provide any notices of such transfers as required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(e);
- l. relocate, by messenger, overnight delivery, or electronically, all of the proofs of claim filed with the Clerk to the offices of KCC, and all the claims filed with KCC to the Clerk not less than weekly;
- m. monitor the Court’s docket for all notices of appearance, address changes, and claims-related pleadings and orders filed and make necessary notations on and/or changes to the claims register and any service or mailing lists, including to identify and eliminate duplicative names and addresses from such lists;
- n. assist in the dissemination of information to the public and respond to requests for administrative information regarding these chapter 11 cases as directed by the Debtors or the Court, including through the use of a case website and/or call center;
- o. comply with applicable federal, state, municipal, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, regulations, orders, and other requirements;
- p. if these chapter 11 cases are converted to cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, contact the Clerk’s office within three (3) days of notice to KCC of entry of the order converting the cases;

- q. thirty (30) days prior to the close of these chapter 11 cases, to the extent practicable, request that the Debtors submit to the Court a proposed order dismissing KCC as Claims and Noticing Agent and terminating its services in such capacity upon completion of its duties and responsibilities and upon the closing of these chapter 11 cases;
- r. within seven (7) days of notice to KCC of entry of an order closing these chapter 11 cases, provide to the Court the final version of the Unofficial Claims Register as of the date immediately before the close of these chapter 11 cases;
- s. at the close of these chapter 11 cases, (i) box and transport all original documents, in proper format, as provided by the Clerk's office, to (A) the Philadelphia Federal Records Center, 14700 Townsend Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154 or (B) any other location requested by the Clerk's office; and (ii) docket a completed SF-135 Form indicating the accession and location numbers of the archived claims;
- t. provide a confidential data room if requested; and
- u. provide such other processing, solicitation, balloting, and other administrative services described in the Services Agreement that may be requested from time to time by the Debtors, the Court or the Clerk's office.

10. In connection with these activities, KCC will follow the notice and claims procedures that conform to the guidelines promulgated by the Clerk's Office and the Judicial Conference of the United States, and as may be ordered by the Court. For the avoidance of doubt, KCC shall not act as the agent of the Clerk of Court. The Clerk of the Court shall maintain its own claims register, which shall be the official claims register (the "Official Claims Register"). If a claims bar date is established, parties filing proofs of claim or interest shall file such proofs of claim or interest in the Official Claims Register.

KCC's Qualifications

11. KCC is a bankruptcy administrator that specializes in providing comprehensive chapter 11 administrative services including noticing, claims processing, solicitation, balloting, and other related services critical to the effective administration of chapter 11 cases. Indeed,

KCC has developed efficient and cost-effective methods to properly handle the voluminous mailings associated with the noticing, claims processing, solicitation, and balloting portions of chapter 11 cases to ensure the orderly and fair treatment of creditors, equity security holders, and all other parties in interest. Further, KCC will work with the Clerk's office to ensure that such methodology conforms to all of the Court's procedures, the Bankruptcy Local Rules, and the requirements of any Court orders. Appointing KCC as Claims and Noticing Agent in these chapter 11 cases will expedite the distribution of notices and the processing of claims, and relieve the Clerk's office of the administrative burdens related thereto.

12. KCC has substantial experience in matters of this size and complexity and has acted as the official claims, noticing, and solicitation agent in many large bankruptcy cases pending in this and other districts. *See In re Goodman Networks Inc.*, No. 17-31575 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Mar. 15, 2017); *In re Azure Midstream Partners, LP*, No. 17-30461 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Jan. 30, 2017); *In re Forbes Energy Servs., Ltd.*, No. 17-20023 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Jan. 22, 2017); *In re Linc USA GP*, No. 16-32689 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. May 29, 2016); *In re Midstates Petrol. Co.*, No. 16-32237 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. May 2, 2016); *In re Sherwin Alumina Co.*, No. 16-20012 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Jan. 13, 2016); *In re BPZ Res., Inc.*, No. 15-60016 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Mar. 26, 2015); *In re ATP Oil & Gas Corp.*, No. 12-36187 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Aug. 17, 2012); *In re Seahawk Drilling, Inc.*, No. 11-20089 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Feb. 11, 2011); *In re Erickson Inc.*, No. 16-34393 (HDH) (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Nov. 8, 2016); *In re Connect Transp., LLC*, No. 16-33971 (HDH) (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Oct. 4, 2016); *In re TPP Acquisition, Inc. d/b/a The Picture People*, No. 16-33437 (HDH) (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Sept. 2, 2016); *In re CHC Grp. Ltd.*, No. 16-31854 (BJH) (Bankr. N.D. Tex. May 5, 2016); *In re Reddy Ice Holdings, Inc.*, No. 12-32349 (SGJ) (N.D. Tex. April

12, 2012); *In re Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc.*, No. 14-12303 (SHL) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Sept. 22, 2014); *In re Source Home Entm't, LLC*, No. 14-11553 (KG) (Bankr. D. Del. Jun. 23, 2014); *In re ConnectEdu, Inc.*, No. 14-11238 (SCC) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. May 1, 2014); *In re MPM Silicones, LLC*, No. 14-22503 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Apr. 15, 2014); *In re Brookstone Holdings Corp.*, No. 14-10752 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 3, 2014); *In re Physiotherapy Holdings, Inc.*, No. 13-12965 (KG) (Bankr. D. Del. Nov. 12, 2013); *In re Glob. Aviation Holdings Inc.*, No. 13-12945 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. Nov. 12, 2013); *In re Metro Affiliates, Inc.*, No. 13-13591 (SHL) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 7, 2013); *In re Glob. Aviation Holdings Inc.*, No. 12-40783 (CEC) (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. Nov. 14, 2013); *In re Residential Capital, LLC*, No. 12-12020 (MG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. May 16, 2012).³

Compensation and Representation of Disinterestedness

13. The Debtors respectfully request that the undisputed fees and expenses incurred by KCC in the performance of the above services be treated as administrative expenses of the Debtors' chapter 11 estates pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) and section 503(b)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors further request the authority to pay such undisputed fees and expenses in the ordinary course of business pursuant to the Services Agreement without further application to or order of the Court. KCC agrees to maintain records of all services showing dates, categories of services, fees charged, and expenses incurred, and to serve monthly invoices on the Debtors, the Office of the United States Trustee, counsel for the Debtors, counsel for any official committee monitoring the expenses of the Debtors, and any party in interest who specifically requests service of the monthly invoices. If any dispute arises relating to the

³ Because of the voluminous nature of the orders cited herein, such orders have not been attached to this Application. Copies of these orders are available upon request of the Debtors' proposed counsel.

Services Agreement or monthly invoices, the parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve the dispute; if resolution is not achieved, the parties may seek resolution of the matter from the Court.

14. Prior to the Petition Date, the Debtors provided KCC a retainer in the amount of \$20,000. KCC seeks to first apply the retainer to all prepetition invoices, and thereafter, have the retainer replenished to the original retainer amount. KCC further seeks to hold the retainer under the Services Agreement during these chapter 11 cases as security for the payment of fees and expenses incurred under the Services Agreement.

15. In connection with its retention as the Claims and Noticing Agent, KCC represents in the Jordan Declaration, among other things, that:

- a. KCC, its members and employees are not and were not, within two years before the date of the filing of these chapter 11 cases, creditors, equity security holders, insiders or employees of the Debtors;
- b. KCC will not consider itself employed by the United States Government and shall not seek any compensation from the United States Government in its capacity as the Claims and Noticing Agent in these chapter 11 cases;
- c. by accepting employment in these chapter 11 cases, KCC waives any rights to receive compensation from the United States Government in connection with these chapter 11 cases;
- d. in its capacity as the Claims and Noticing Agent in these chapter 11 cases, KCC will not be an agent of the United States and will not act on behalf of the United States;
- e. KCC will not employ any past or present employees of the Debtors in connection with its work as the Claims and Noticing Agent in these chapter 11 cases;
- f. KCC is a “disinterested person” as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the matters regarding which it is engaged;
- g. in its capacity as Claims and Noticing Agent in these chapter 11 cases, KCC will not intentionally misrepresent any fact to any person;

- h. KCC shall be under the supervision and control of the Clerk's office with respect to the receipt and recordation of claims and claim transfers;
- i. KCC will comply with all requests of the Clerk's office and the guidelines promulgated by the Judicial Conference of the United States for the implementation of 28 U.S.C. § 156(c);
- j. none of the services provided by KCC as Claims and Noticing Agent in these chapter 11 cases shall be at the expense of the Clerk's office; and
- k. KCC will supplement its disclosure to the Court if any facts or circumstances are discovered that would require such additional disclosure.

16. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between this Application, the proposed Order, and the Services Agreement, the Debtors respectfully submit that the proposed Order, once entered by the Court, shall govern.

Indemnification

17. As part of the overall compensation payable to KCC under the terms of the Services Agreement, the Debtors have agreed to certain indemnification and contribution obligations as specifically enumerated in the Services Agreement, to the extent permitted by applicable law and as modified in the Order attached hereto.

18. The terms of the Services Agreement and indemnification provisions included therein were negotiated at arm's-length between the Debtors and KCC, and the Debtors respectfully submit that these provisions of the Services Agreement are reasonable and in the best interests of the Debtors and their estates and creditors. Moreover, consistent with practice in this jurisdiction, the Debtors requested, and KCC has agreed, that the Court approve the indemnification provisions reflected in the Services Agreement subject to the modifications set forth in the Order. The Debtors believe that the proposed modifications to the indemnification provisions of the Services Agreement are appropriate under the circumstances and should be approved.

Nunc Pro Tunc Relief is Appropriate

19. At the Debtors' request, KCC has acted as the Claims and Noticing Agent since the Petition Date with the understanding that the Debtors would seek approval of its employment and retention, effective *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date, so that KCC may be compensated for its services prior to entry of an order approving KCC's retention. The Debtors believe that no party in interest will be prejudiced by the granting of the *nunc pro tunc* employment, because KCC has provided and will continue to provide valuable services to the Debtors' estates in the interim period.⁴

20. Based on the foregoing, the Debtors respectfully submit that they have satisfied the requirements of the Judicial Code and the Bankruptcy Local Rules. Accordingly, the Debtors respectfully request entry of an order pursuant to section 156(c) of the Judicial Code authorizing the Debtors to retain and employ KCC to act as noticing, claims, and balloting agent for the Debtors, effective *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date.

Emergency Consideration

21. Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(i), the Debtors respectfully request emergency consideration of this Application pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 6003, which empowers a court to grant relief within the first 21 days after the commencement of a chapter 11 case "to the extent that relief is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm." As set forth in this Application, the Debtors believe authorizing KCC to act as the Claims and Noticing Agent within 21 days of the Petition Date is critical to provide administrative continuity and avoid

⁴ Pursuant to Bankruptcy Local Rule 2014-1(b)(1), an application for approval of employment made within 30 days of the commencement of the provisions of services is deemed contemporaneous. Nonetheless, the Debtors are requesting *nunc pro tunc* approval in an abundance of caution.

confusion among parties in interest from the outset of these chapter 11 cases. Accordingly, the Debtors submit that they have satisfied the “immediate and irreparable harm” standard of Bankruptcy Rule 6003 and, therefore, respectfully request that the Court approve the relief requested in this Application on an emergency basis.

Waiver of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and 6004(h)

22. To implement the foregoing successfully, the Debtors request that the Court enter an order providing that notice of the relief requested herein satisfies Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and that the Debtors have established cause to exclude such relief from the 14-day stay period under Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h).

Notice

23. The Debtors will provide notice of this motion to: (a) the Office of the U.S. Trustee for the Southern District of Texas; (b) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (c) the indenture trustee for the Debtors’ first lien notes; (d) the indenture trustee for the Debtors’ second lien notes; (e) the indenture trustee for the Debtors’ 2.625-percent senior convertible notes; (f) the indenture trustee for the Debtors’ 3.125-percent senior convertible notes; (g) counsel to the parties referenced in clauses (c) to (f); (h) the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Texas; (i) the Internal Revenue Service; (j) the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; (k) the state attorneys general for states in which the Debtors conduct business; and (l) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. The Debtors submit that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice is required.

No Prior Request

24. No prior request for the relief sought in this Application has been made to this or any other court.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter the Order, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, granting the relief requested in this Application and granting such other and further relief as is appropriate under the circumstances.

Dated: December 14, 2017
Houston, Texas

By: 
David D. Powell
Chief Financial Officer
Cobalt International Energy, Inc.

Certificate of Service

I certify that on December 14, 2017, I caused a copy of the foregoing document to be served by the Electronic Case Filing System for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas.

/s/ Zack A. Clement

Zack A. Clement

Exhibit A

Proposed Order

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Upon the application (the “Application”)² of the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the “Debtors”) for entry of an order (this “Order”), authorizing the retention and appointment of Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC (“KCC”) as claims, noticing, and solicitation agent (“Claims and Noticing Agent”), all as more fully set forth in the Application; and upon the Jordan Declaration and the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 156, 157, and 1334 and the Amended Standing Order; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); and this Court having found that it may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Application in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409;

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and this Court having found that the relief requested in the Application is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and this Court having found that the Debtors' notice of the Application and opportunity for a hearing on the Application were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Application and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at a hearing, if any, before this Court (the "Hearing"); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application is granted on a final basis as set forth herein.
2. Notwithstanding the terms of the Services Agreement attached to the Application, the Application is approved solely as set forth in this Order.
3. The Debtors are authorized to retain KCC as Claims and Noticing Agent effective *nunc pro tunc* to the Petition Date under the terms of the Services Agreement, and KCC is authorized and directed to perform noticing services, and all related tasks, all as described in the Application and the Services Agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit 1**.
4. KCC is authorized and directed to maintain an Unofficial Claims Register for each of the Debtors and to provide the Clerk with a certified duplicate thereof upon request by the Clerk. KCC is authorized to provide an electronic interface for filing of proofs of claim and to obtain a post office box or address for the receipt of proofs of claim. Claims received by KCC to the exclusion of the Clerk, whether electronically or by mail, shall be forwarded to the Clerk, electronically or otherwise, and treated as filed as of the date received by KCC. KCC shall relocate, electronically, by messenger, or otherwise, all of the proofs of claim filed with the

Clerk to the exclusion of KCC. For the avoidance of doubt, KCC shall not act as the agent of the Clerk. The Clerk shall maintain the Official Claims Register, and to the extent applicable, creditors shall be permitted to file claims with the Clerk pursuant to the procedures of the Clerk. KCC shall work cooperatively with, assist, and support the Clerk in any way consistent with this Order.

5. KCC is authorized to take such other action to comply with all duties and services set forth in the Application.

6. The Debtors are authorized to compensate KCC in accordance with the terms of the Services Agreement upon the receipt of reasonably detailed invoices setting forth the services provided by KCC and the rates charged for each, and to reimburse KCC for all reasonable and necessary expenses it may incur, upon the presentation of appropriate documentation, without the need for KCC to file fee applications or otherwise seek Court approval for the compensation of its services and reimbursement of its expenses.

7. KCC shall maintain records of all services showing dates, categories of services, fees charged and expenses incurred, and shall serve monthly invoices on the Debtors, the Office of the United States Trustee, counsel for the Debtors, counsel for any official committee monitoring the expenses of the Debtors, and any party in interest who specifically requests service of the monthly invoices.

8. The parties shall meet and confer in an attempt to resolve any dispute that may arise relating to the Services Agreement or monthly invoices; *provided* that the parties may seek resolution of the matter from the Court if resolution is not achieved.

9. Pursuant to section 503(b)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code, the fees and expenses of KCC under this Order shall be an administrative expense of the Debtors' estates.

10. KCC may apply its retainer to all prepetition invoices, which retainer may be replenished to the original retainer amount, and thereafter, KCC may hold its retainer under the Services Agreement during these chapter 11 cases as security for the payment of fees and expenses incurred under the Services Agreement.

11. The Debtors shall indemnify KCC under the terms of the Services Agreement, as modified pursuant to this Order.

12. KCC shall not be entitled to indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement pursuant to the Services Agreement for services other than the services provided under the Services Agreement, unless such services and the indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement therefor are approved by the Court.

13. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Services Agreement, the Debtors shall have no obligation to indemnify KCC, or provide contribution or reimbursement to KCC, for any claim or expense that is either: (i) judicially determined (the determination having become final) to have arisen from KCC's gross negligence, willful misconduct, or fraud; (ii) for a contractual dispute in which the Debtors allege the breach of KCC's contractual obligations if the Court determines that indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement would not be permissible under applicable law; or (iii) settled prior to a judicial determination under (i) or (ii), but determined by this Court, after notice and a hearing, to be a claim or expense for which KCC should not receive indemnity, contribution, or reimbursement under the terms of the Services Agreement as modified by this Order.

14. If, before the earlier of (i) the entry of an order confirming a chapter 11 plan in these chapter 11 cases (that order having become a final order no longer subject to appeal), or (ii) the entry of an order closing these chapter 11 cases, KCC believes that it is entitled to the

payment of any amounts by the Debtors on account of the Debtors' indemnification, contribution, and/or reimbursement obligations under the Services Agreement (as modified by this Order), including the advancement of defense costs, KCC must file an application therefor in this Court, and the Debtors may not pay any such amounts to KCC before the entry of an order by this Court approving the payment. This paragraph is intended only to specify the period of time under which the Court shall have jurisdiction over any request for fees and expenses by KCC for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement, and not a provision limiting the duration of the Debtors' obligation to indemnify KCC. All parties in interest shall retain the right to object to any demand by KCC for indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement.

15. In the event KCC is unable to provide the services set out in this Order, KCC will immediately notify the Clerk and counsel for the Debtors and, upon approval of the Court, cause to have all information turned over to another claims ad noticing agent with the advice and consent of the Clerk and counsel for the Debtors.

16. The contents of the Application satisfy the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6003.

17. Notice of the Application as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Application and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Bankruptcy Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

18. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

19. The Debtors and KCC are authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Order in accordance with the Application.

20. Notwithstanding any term in the Services Agreement to the contrary, the Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Order.

21. In the event of any inconsistency between the Services Agreement, the Application and the Order, the Order shall govern.

22. This Court retains exclusive jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

Dated: _____, 2017
Houston, Texas

THE HONORABLE MARVIN ISGUR
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

Exhibit 1

Services Agreement



KCC AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES

This Agreement is entered into as of the 30 day of October 2017, between Cobalt International Energy Inc. (together with its affiliates and subsidiaries, the "Company"),¹ and Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC (together with its affiliates and subcontractors, "KCC"). In consideration of the premises set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto agree as follows:

Terms and Conditions

I. SERVICES

A. KCC agrees to provide the Company with consulting services regarding noticing, claims management and reconciliation, plan solicitation, balloting, disbursements and any other services agreed upon by the parties or otherwise required by applicable law, government regulations or court rules or orders.

B. KCC further agrees to provide (i) computer software support and training in the use of the support software, (ii) KCC's standard reports as well as consulting and programming support for the Company requested reports, (iii) program modifications, (iv) data base modifications, and/or (v) other features and services in accordance with the fees outlined in a pricing schedule provided to the Company (the "KCC Fee Structure").

C. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, KCC may, upon request by the Company, (i) provide a communications plan including, but not limited to, preparation of communications materials, dissemination of information and a call center staffed by KCC and/or (ii) provide confidential on-line workspaces or virtual data rooms and publish documents to such workspaces or data rooms (which publication shall not be deemed to violate the confidentiality provisions of this Agreement).

D. The price listed for each service in the KCC Fee Structure represents a bona fide proposal for such services, which may be accepted in whole or in part. Services will be provided when requested by the Company or required by applicable law, government regulations or court rules or orders. Services are mutually exclusive and are deemed delivered and accepted by the Company when provided by KCC.

E. The Company acknowledges and agrees that KCC will often take direction from the Company's representatives, employees, agents and/or professionals (collectively, the "Company Parties") with respect to the services being provided under this Agreement. The parties agree that KCC may rely upon, and the Company agrees to be bound by, any requests, advice or information provided by the Company Parties to the same extent as if such requests, advice or information were provided by the Company. The Company agrees and understands that KCC shall not provide the Company or any other party with any legal advice.

¹ The term Company shall include, to the extent applicable, the Company, as debtor and debtor in possession in its chapter 11 case, together with any affiliated debtors and debtors in possession whose chapter 11 cases are jointly administered with the Company's chapter 11 case.



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II. PRICES, CHARGES AND PAYMENT

A. KCC agrees to charge and the Company agrees to pay KCC for its services at the rates and prices set by KCC that are in effect as of the date of this Agreement and in accordance with the KCC Fee Structure. KCC's prices are generally adjusted periodically to reflect changes in the business and economic environment and are inclusive of all charges. KCC reserves the right to reasonably increase its prices, charges and rates; provided, however, that if any such increase exceeds 15%, KCC will give thirty (30) days written notice to the Company.

B. In addition to fees and charges for services, the Company agrees to pay KCC's reasonable transportation, lodging, and meal expenses incurred in connection with services provided under this Agreement.

C. In addition to all fees for services and expenses hereunder, the Company shall pay to KCC (i) any fees and charges related to, arising out of, or as a result of any error or omission made by the Company or the Company Parties, as mutually determined by KCC and the Company, and (ii) all taxes that are applicable to this Agreement or that are measured by payments made under this Agreement and are required to be collected by KCC or paid by KCC to a taxing authority.

D. Where the Company requires services that are unusual or beyond the normal business practices of KCC, or are otherwise not provided for in the KCC Fee Structure, the cost of such services shall be charged to the Company at a competitive rate.

E. KCC agrees to submit its invoices to the Company monthly and the Company agrees that the amount invoiced is due and payable upon the Company's receipt of the invoice. KCC's invoices will contain reasonably detailed descriptions of charges for both hourly (fees) and non-hourly (expenses) case specific charges. Where total invoice amounts are expected to exceed \$10,000 in any single month and KCC reasonably believes it will not be paid, KCC may require advance payment from the Company due and payable upon demand and prior to the performance of services hereunder. If any amount is unpaid as of thirty (30) days from the receipt of the invoice, the Company further agrees to pay a late charge, calculated as one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) of the total amount unpaid every thirty (30) days. In the case of a dispute in the invoice amount, the Company shall give written notice to KCC within ten (10) days of receipt of the invoice by the Company. The undisputed portion of the invoice will remain due and payable immediately upon receipt of the invoice. Late charges shall not accrue on any amounts in dispute or any amounts unable to be paid due to Court order or applicable law. Unless otherwise agreed to in writing, the fees for print notice and media publication (including commissions) must be paid at least three (3) days in advance of those fees and expenses being incurred.

F. In the event that the Company files for protection pursuant to chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (a "Chapter 11 Filing"), the parties intend that KCC shall be employed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c) to the extent possible and otherwise in accordance with applicable Bankruptcy law and that all amounts due under this Agreement shall, to the extent possible, be paid as administrative expenses of the Company's chapter 11 estate. As soon as practicable following a Chapter 11 Filing (and otherwise in accordance with applicable law and rules and orders of the Bankruptcy Court), the Company shall cause pleadings to be filed with the Bankruptcy Court seeking entry of an order or orders approving this Agreement (the "Retention



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Order"). The form and substance of the pleadings and the Retention Order shall be reasonably acceptable to KCC. If any Company chapter 11 case converts to a case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, KCC will continue to be paid for its services in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The parties recognize and agree that if there is a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the Retention Order, the terms of the Retention Order shall govern during the chapter 11 or other proceeding.

G. To the extent permitted by applicable law, KCC shall receive a retainer in the amount of \$100,000 (the "Retainer") that may be held by KCC as security for the Company's payment obligations under the Agreement. The Retainer is due upon execution of this Agreement. KCC shall be entitled to hold the Retainer until the termination of the Agreement. Following termination of the Agreement, KCC shall return to the Company any amount of the Retainer that remains following application of the Retainer to the payment of unpaid invoices.

III. RIGHTS OF OWNERSHIP

A. The parties understand that the software programs and other materials furnished by KCC pursuant to this Agreement and/or developed during the course of this Agreement by KCC are the sole property of KCC. The term "program" shall include, without limitation, data processing programs, specifications, applications, routines, and documentation. The Company agrees not to copy or permit others to copy the source code from the support software or any other programs or materials furnished pursuant to this Agreement.

B. The Company further agrees that any ideas, concepts, know-how or techniques relating to data processing or KCC's performance of its services developed or utilized during the term of this Agreement by KCC shall be the exclusive property of KCC. Fees and expenses paid by the Company do not vest in the Company any rights in such property, it being understood that such property is only being made available for the Company's use during and in connection with the services provided by KCC under this Agreement.

IV. NON-SOLICITATION

The Company agrees that neither it nor its subsidiaries or other affiliated companies shall directly or indirectly solicit for employment, employ or otherwise retain employees of KCC during the term of this Agreement and for a period of twelve (12) months after termination of this Agreement unless KCC provides prior written consent to such solicitation or retention.

V. CONFIDENTIALITY

Each of KCC and the Company, on behalf of themselves and their respective employees, agents, professionals and representatives, agrees to keep confidential all non-public records, systems, procedures, software and other information received from the other party in connection with the services provided under this Agreement; provided, however, that if either party reasonably believes that it is required to produce any such information by order of any governmental agency or other regulatory body it may, upon not less than five (5) business days' written notice to the other party, release the required information.



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VI. SUSPENSION OF SERVICE AND TERMINATION

A. This Agreement shall remain in force until terminated or suspended by either party (i) upon thirty (30) days' written notice to the other party or (ii) immediately upon written notice for Cause (defined herein). As used herein, the term "Cause" means (i) gross negligence or willful misconduct of KCC that causes serious and material harm to the Company's reorganization under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, (ii) the failure of the Company to pay KCC invoices for more than sixty (60) days from the date of invoice, or (iii) the accrual of invoices or unpaid services in excess of the retainer held by KCC where KCC reasonably believes it will not be paid.

B. In the event that this contract is terminated, regardless of the reason for such termination, KCC shall coordinate with the Company and, to the extent applicable, the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, to maintain an orderly transfer of record keeping functions and KCC shall provide all necessary staff, services and assistance required for an orderly transfer. The Company agrees to pay for such services in accordance with KCC's then existing prices for such services. If such termination occurs following entry of the Retention Order, the Company shall immediately seek entry of an order (in form and substance reasonably acceptable to KCC) that discharges KCC from service and responsibility in the Company's bankruptcy case.

C. Any data, programs, storage media or other materials furnished by the Company to KCC or received by KCC in connection with the services provided under the terms of this Agreement may be retained by KCC until the services provided are paid for, or until this Agreement is terminated with the services paid in full. The Company shall remain liable for all fees and expenses imposed under this Agreement as a result of data or physical media maintained or stored by KCC. KCC shall dispose of the data and media in the manner requested by the Company. The Company agrees to pay KCC for reasonable expenses incurred as a result of the disposition of data or media. If the Company has not utilized KCC's services under this Agreement for a period of at least ninety (90) days, KCC may dispose of the data or media, and be reimbursed by the Company for the expense of such disposition, after giving the Company thirty (30) days' notice. Notwithstanding any term herein to the contrary, following entry of the Retention Order, the disposition of any data or media by KCC shall be in accordance with any applicable instructions from the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, local Bankruptcy Court rules and orders of the Bankruptcy Court.

VII. SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

KCC strives to provide continuous improvements in the quality of service to its clients. KCC, therefore, reserves the right to make changes in operating procedure, operating systems, programming languages, general purpose library programs, application programs, time period of accessibility, types of terminal and other equipment and the KCC data center serving the Company, so long as any such changes do not materially interfere with ongoing services provided to the Company in connection with the Company's chapter 11 case.



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VIII. BANK ACCOUNTS

At the Company's request and subject to Court approval following any chapter 11 filing, KCC may be authorized to establish accounts with financial institutions in the name of and as agent for the Company. To the extent that certain financial products are provided to the Company pursuant to KCC's agreement with financial institutions, KCC may receive compensation from such financial institutions for the services KCC provides pursuant to such agreement.

IX. LIMITATIONS OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

A. The Company shall indemnify and hold KCC, its affiliates, members, directors, officers, employees, consultants, subcontractors and agents (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties") harmless, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, from and against any and all losses, claims, damages, judgments, liabilities and expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) (collectively, "Losses") resulting from, arising out of or related to KCC's performance under this Agreement. Such indemnification shall exclude Losses resulting from KCC's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, Losses include any liabilities resulting from claims by any third-parties against any Indemnified Party. The Company shall notify KCC in writing promptly upon the assertion, threat or commencement of any claim, action, investigation or proceeding that the Company becomes aware of with respect to the services provided by KCC under this Agreement. The Company's indemnification obligations hereunder shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

B. Except as provided herein, KCC's liability to the Company or any person making a claim through or under the Company for any Losses of any kind, even if KCC has been advised of the possibility of such Losses, whether direct or indirect and unless due to gross negligence or willful misconduct of KCC, shall be limited to the total amount billed or billable to the Company for the portion of the particular work which gave rise to the alleged Loss. In no event shall KCC be liable for any indirect, special or consequential damages such as loss of anticipated profits or other economic loss in connection with or arising out of the services provided for in this Agreement. In no event shall KCC's liability to the Company for any Losses, whether direct or indirect, arising out of this Agreement exceed the total amount billed to the Company and actually paid to KCC for the services contemplated under the Agreement; provided, however, that this limitation shall not apply to the Company during any chapter 11 case in which the Company is a debtor.

C. The Company is responsible for the accuracy of the programs, data and information it or any Company Party submits for processing to KCC and for the output of such information. KCC does not verify information provided by the Company and, with respect to the preparation of schedules and statements, all decisions are at the sole discretion and direction of the Company. The Company reviews and approves all schedules and statements filed on behalf of, or by, the Company; KCC bears no responsibility for the accuracy or contents therein. The Company agrees to initiate and maintain backup files that would allow the Company to regenerate or duplicate all programs and data submitted by the Company to KCC.

D. The Company agrees that except as expressly set forth herein, KCC makes no representations or warranties, express or implied, including, but not limited to, any implied or



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express warranty of merchantability, fitness or adequacy for a particular purpose or use, quality, productiveness or capacity.

X. FORCE MAJEURE

Whenever performance by KCC of any of its obligations hereunder is materially prevented or impacted by reason of any act of God, strike, lock-out or other industrial or transportation disturbance, fire, lack of materials, law, regulation or ordinance, war or war condition, or by reason of any other matter beyond KCC's reasonable control, then such performance shall be excused and this Agreement shall be deemed suspended during the continuation of such prevention and for a reasonable time thereafter.

XI. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

The Company and KCC are and shall be independent contractors of each other and no agency, partnership, joint venture or employment relationship shall arise, directly or indirectly, as a result of this Agreement.

XII. NOTICES

All notices and requests in connection with this Agreement shall be given or made upon the respective parties in writing and shall be deemed as given as of the third day following the day it is deposited in the U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid or on the day it is given if sent by facsimile or electronic mail or on the day after the day it is sent if sent by overnight courier to the appropriate address set forth below:

Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC
2335 Alaska Ave.
El Segundo, CA 90245
Attn: Drake D. Foster
Tel: (310) 823-9000
Fax: (310) 823-9133
E-Mail: dfoster@kccllc.com

Cobalt International Energy Inc.
Address
City, ST Zip
Attn:
Tel:
Fax:

Or to such other address as the party to receive the notice or request so designates by written notice to the other.

XIII. APPLICABLE LAW

The validity, enforceability, and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

XIV. ENTIRE AGREEMENT/MODIFICATIONS

Each party acknowledges that it has read this Agreement, understands it, and agrees to be bound by its terms and further agrees that it is the complete and exclusive statement of the agreement between the parties, which supersedes and merges all prior proposals, understandings, other agreements, and communications oral and written between the parties relating to the subject



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matter of this Agreement. The Company represents that it has the authority to enter into this Agreement, and the Agreement is non-dischargeable under any applicable statute or law. If any provision of this Agreement shall be held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall in no way be affected or impaired thereby. This Agreement may be modified only by a written instrument duly executed by an authorized representative of the Company and an officer of KCC.

XV. COUNTERPARTS; EFFECTIVENESS

This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement will become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed by each of the parties and delivered to the other parties, which delivery may be made by exchange of copies of the signature page by facsimile or electronic mail.

XVI. ASSIGNMENT

This Agreement and the rights and duties hereunder shall not be assignable by the parties hereto except upon written consent of the other, with the exception that this Agreement can be assigned without written consent by KCC to a wholly-owned subsidiary or affiliate of KCC.

XVII. ATTORNEYS' FEES

In the event that any legal action, including an action for declaratory relief, is brought to enforce the performance or interpret the provisions of this Agreement, the parties agree to reimburse the prevailing party's reasonable attorneys' fees, court costs, and all other related expenses, which may be set by the court in the same action or in a separate action brought for that purpose, in addition to any other relief to which the prevailing party may be entitled.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement effective as of the first date mentioned above.

Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC

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BY: Evan Gershbein

DATE:

TITLE: Senior Vice President

Cobalt International Energy Inc.

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BY: David Powell

DATE:

TITLE: CFO



November 2, 2017

Cobalt International Energy Inc
David Powell, CFO
Cobalt Center
920 Memorial Ci Way, Suite 100
Houston TX 77024

Re: Cobalt International Energy Inc
USBC Case No.

Dear David Powell:

Enclosed please find Kurtzman Carson Consultants' ("KCC") retainer invoice in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the above referenced matter. Pursuant to our services agreement, KCC's invoice is due upon receipt.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (310) 776-7377 or gmullins@kcellc.com.

Sincerely,
Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC

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Gerry Mullins
Chief Financial Officer

Enclosures

Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC

11/01/2017 - 11/30/2017

Expenses

<u>Description</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Retainer			\$100,000.00
	Total Expenses		\$100,000.00

Exhibit B

Jordan Declaration

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:)	
)	Chapter 11
)	
COBALT INTERNATIONAL ENERGY, INC., <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	Case No. 17-36709 (MI)
)	
Debtors.)	(Joint Administration Requested)
)	

**DECLARATION OF
ROBERT JORDAN IN SUPPORT OF THE DEBTORS'
*EMERGENCY APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER
AUTHORIZING THE DEBTORS TO EMPLOY AND RETAIN
KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS LLC AS CLAIMS, NOTICING AND
SOLICITATION AGENT, EFFECTIVE NUNC PRO TUNC TO THE PETITION DATE***

I, Robert Jordan, under penalty of perjury, declare as follows:

1. I am the Managing Director of Corporate Restructuring at Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC ("KCC"),² a company specializing in the administration of large bankruptcy cases. The matters set forth herein are made of my own personal knowledge and, if called and sworn as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.

2. This declaration is submitted in support of the *Debtors' Emergency Application for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Debtors to Employ and Retain Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC as Claims, Noticing, and Solicitation Agent to the Debtors, Effective Nunc Pro Tunc to the Petition Date* (the "Application") to which this declaration is attached. The statements contained herein are based upon personal knowledge.

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are: Cobalt International Energy, Inc. (1169); Cobalt International Energy GP, LLC (7374); Cobalt International Energy, L.P. (2411); Cobalt GOM LLC (7188); Cobalt GOM # 1 LLC (7262); and Cobalt GOM # 2 LLC (7316). The Debtors' service address is: 920 Memorial City Way, Suite 100, Houston, Texas 77024.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

3. KCC has substantial experience in matters of this size and complexity and has acted as the official claims, noticing, and solicitation agent in many large bankruptcy cases pending in this and other districts. *See In re Goodman Networks Inc.*, No. 17-31575 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Mar. 15, 2017); *In re Azure Midstream Partners, LP*, No. 17-30461 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Jan. 30, 2017); *In re Forbes Energy Servs., Ltd.*, No. 17-20023 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Jan. 22, 2017); *In re Linc USA GP*, No. 16-32689 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. May 29, 2016); *In re Midstates Petrol. Co.*, No. 16-32237 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. May 2, 2016); *In re Sherwin Alumina Co.*, No. 16-20012 (DRJ) (Bank. S.D. Tex. Jan. 13, 2016); *In re BPZ Res., Inc.*, No. 15-60016 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Mar. 26, 2015); *In re ATP Oil & Gas Corp.*, No. 12-36187 (MI) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Aug. 17, 2012); *In re Seahawk Drilling, Inc.*, No. 11-20089 (DRJ) (Bankr. S.D. Tex. Feb. 11, 2011); *In re Erickson Inc.*, No. 16-34393 (HDH) (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Nov. 8, 2016); *In re Connect Transp., LLC*, No. 16-33971 (HDH) (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Oct. 4, 2016); *In re TPP Acquisition, Inc. d/b/a The Picture People*, No. 16-33437 (HDH) (Bankr. N.D. Tex. Sept. 2, 2016); *In re CHC Grp. Ltd.*, No. 16-31854 (BJH) (Bankr. N.D. Tex. May 5, 2016); *In re Reddy Ice Holdings, Inc.*, No. 12-32349 (SGJ) (N.D. Tex. April 12, 2012); *In re Eagle Bulk Shipping Inc.*, No. 14-12303 (SHL) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Sept. 22, 2014); *In re Source Home Entm't, LLC*, No. 14-11553 (KG) (Bankr. D. Del. Jun. 23, 2014); *In re ConnectEdu, Inc.*, No. 14-11238 (SCC) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. May 1, 2014); *In re MPM Silicones, LLC*, No. 14-22503 (RDD) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Apr. 15, 2014); *In re Brookstone Holdings Corp.*, No. 14-10752 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 3, 2014); *In re Physiotherapy Holdings, Inc.*, No. 13-12965 (KG) (Bankr. D. Del. Nov. 12, 2013); *In re Glob. Aviation Holdings Inc.*, No. 13-12945 (MFW) (Bankr. D. Del. Nov. 12, 2013); *In re Metro Affiliates, Inc.*, No. 13-13591 (SHL) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. Nov. 7,

2013); *In re Glob. Aviation Holdings Inc.*, No. 12-40783 (CEC) (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. Nov. 14, 2013); *In re Residential Capital, LLC*, No. 12-12020 (MG) (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. May 16, 2012).³

4. As the Claims and Noticing Agent, KCC will perform at the request of the Clerk⁴ the services specified in the Application and the Services Agreement. In addition, at the Debtors' request, KCC will perform such other services specified in the Application.

5. KCC represents, among other things, the following:

- a. KCC, its members and employees are not and were not, within two years before the date of the filing of these chapter 11 cases, creditors, equity security holders, insiders or employees of the Debtors;
- b. KCC will not consider itself employed by the United States Government and shall not seek any compensation from the United States Government in its capacity as the Claims and Noticing Agent in these chapter 11 cases;
- c. by accepting employment in these chapter 11 cases, KCC waives any rights to receive compensation from the United States Government in connection with these chapter 11 cases;
- d. in its capacity as the Claims and Noticing Agent in these chapter 11 cases, KCC will not be an agent of the United States and will not act on behalf of the United States;
- e. KCC will not employ any past or present employees of the Debtors in connection with its work as the Claims and Noticing Agent in these chapter 11 cases;
- f. KCC is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code with respect to the matters upon which it is engaged;
- g. in its capacity as Claims and Noticing Agent in these chapter 11 cases, KCC will not intentionally misrepresent any fact to any person;

³ Because of the voluminous nature of the orders cited herein, such orders have not been attached to this Application. Copies of these orders are available upon request of the Debtors' proposed counsel.

⁴ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

- h. KCC shall be under the supervision and control of the Clerk's office with respect to the receipt and recordation of claims and claim transfers;
- i. KCC will comply with all requests of the Clerk's office and the guidelines promulgated by the Judicial Conference of the United States for the implementation of 28 U.S.C. § 156(c);
- j. none of the services provided by KCC as Claims and Noticing Agent in these chapter 11 cases shall be at the expense of the Clerk's office; and
- k. KCC will supplement its disclosure to the Court if any facts or circumstances are discovered that would require such additional disclosure.

6. In connection with the preparation of this Declaration, I caused to be submitted for review by our conflicts system the names of all known potential parties in interest (the "Potential Parties in Interest") in these cases. The list of Potential Parties in Interest was provided by the Debtors and included the Debtors, the Debtors' current and former directors and officers, significant stockholders, secured creditors, top 30 unsecured creditors, and other parties. The results of the conflicts check were compiled and reviewed by employees of KCC, under my supervision. At this time, KCC is not aware of any relationship which would present a disqualifying conflict of interest. KCC currently serves, or in the past may have served, in a neutral capacity as claims, noticing, and/or solicitation agent or class action settlement administrator for these parties or related parties. However, given KCC's neutral position as claims, noticing, and/or solicitation agent, administrative advisor, or settlement administrator in the listed-parties' cases, or any other cases, KCC does not view such relationships as real or potential conflicts. Further, to the best of my knowledge, any such relationship is completely unrelated to these chapter 11 cases. Accordingly, to the best of my knowledge, KCC and each of its employees are "disinterested persons," as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, and neither KCC nor any of its employees hold or represent an interest

materially adverse to the Debtors' estates related to any matter for which KCC will be employed.

7. To the best of my knowledge, neither KCC nor any of its personnel have any relationship with the Debtors that would impair KCC's ability to serve as Claims and Noticing Agent. KCC may have relationships with certain of the Debtors' creditors as vendors or in connection with cases in which KCC serves or has served in a neutral capacity as claims, noticing, and/or solicitation agent for another chapter 11 debtor or as class action settlement administrator. To the best of my knowledge, such relationships are completely unrelated to these chapter 11 cases. KCC's personnel may have relationships with some of the Debtors' creditors or other parties in interest. To the best of my knowledge, however, such relationships, to the extent they exist, are of a personal financial nature and completely unrelated to these chapter 11 cases. KCC has, and will continue to represent clients in matters unrelated to these chapter 11 cases. In addition, KCC has had, and will continue to have, relationships in the ordinary course of its business with certain vendors, professionals, and other parties in interest that may be involved in the Debtors' cases in matters unrelated to these cases.

8. KCC is an indirect subsidiary of Computershare Limited ("Computershare"). Computershare is a financial services and technologies provider for the global securities industry. Within the Computershare corporate structure, KCC operates as a separate, segregated business unit. As such, any relationships that Computershare and its affiliates maintain do not create an interest of KCC that would be materially adverse to the Debtors' estate or any class of creditors or equity security holders.

9. KCC may have relationships with other professionals to be retained by the Debtors. Certain former partners and associates of Kirkland & Ellis LLP ("K&E"), proposed

counsel to the Debtors, currently are employed by KCC. Albert Kass, KCC's Executive Vice President of Corporate Restructuring Services, is a former K&E associate. Mr. Kass' work at K&E was unrelated to the Debtors and these chapter 11 cases. Adam Gorman, a Senior Consultant with KCC's Corporate Restructuring Services, is a former K&E project assistant. Mr. Gorman's work at K&E was also unrelated to the Debtors and these chapter 11 cases.

10. If any new facts or relationships are discovered, KCC will supplement its disclosure to the Court.

11. In performing the services of the Claims and Noticing Agent, KCC will charge the Debtors the rates set forth in the Services Agreement.

12. Prior to the Petition Date, the Debtors provided KCC a retainer in the amount of \$20,000. KCC seeks to first apply the retainer to all pre-petition invoices, which retainer shall be replenished to the original retainer amount, and thereafter, KCC may hold such retainer under the Services Agreement during these chapter 11 cases as security for the payment of fees and expenses incurred under the Services Agreement.

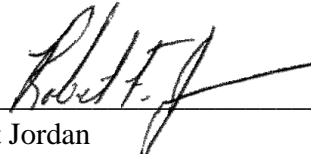
13. KCC will comply with all requests of the Clerk's office, including the guidelines promulgated by the Judicial Conference of the United States for the implementation of 28 U.S.C. § 156(c).

14. The services provided by KCC will be administrative in nature, and KCC will not provide services in the nature of legal representation and/or advice to the Debtors.

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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Executed on: 12/12, 2017

By: 
Robert Jordan
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