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# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FORT WORTH DIVISION

In re:	§	Chapter 11
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Vista Proppants and Logistics, LLC, et al., <sup>1</sup>	§	Case No. 20-42002-ELM-11
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Debtors.	8	Joint Administration Requested

DEBTORS' EIGHTH OMNIBUS MOTION TO REJECT CERTAIN EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES PURSUANT TO SECTION 365 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND BANKRUPTCY RULE 6006 AS OF THE PETITION DATE

IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS MOTION AND ARE A CONTRACT COUNTERPARTY OR LESSOR OF THE DEBTORS, PLEASE REVIEW EXHIBIT 1, ATTACHED HERETO, TO DETERMINE IF THIS MOTION AFFECTS YOUR RIGHTS THEREUNDER.

NO HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED HEREON UNLESS A WRITTEN RESPONSE IS FILED WITH THE CLERK OF THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT AT 501 W. 10<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ROOM 147, FORT WORTH, TEXAS 76102 BEFORE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JUNE 30, 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these Chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, include: Vista Proppants and Logistics, LLC (7817) ("<u>Vista OpCo</u>"); VPROP Operating, LLC (0269) ("<u>VPROP</u>"); Lonestar Prospects Management, L.L.C. (8451) ("<u>Lonestar Management</u>"); MAALT Specialized Bulk, LLC (2001) ("<u>Bulk</u>"); Denetz Logistics, LLC (8177) ("<u>Denetz</u>"); Lonestar Prospects, Ltd. (4483) ("<u>Lonestar Ltd.</u>"); and MAALT, LP (5198) ("<u>MAALT</u>"). The location of the Debtors' service address is 4413 Carey Street, Fort Worth, TX 76119-4219.



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WHICH IS AT LEAST 21 DAYS FROM THE DATE OF SERVICE HEREOF.

ANY RESPONSE SHALL BE IN WRITING AND FILED WITH THE CLERK, AND A COPY SHALL BE SERVED UPON COUNSEL FOR THE MOVING PARTY PRIOR TO THE DATE AND TIME SET FORTH HEREIN. IF A RESPONSE IS FILED A HEARING MAY BE HELD WITH NOTICE ONLY TO THE OBJECTING PARTY.

IF NO HEARING ON SUCH NOTICE OR MOTION IS TIMELY REQUESTED, THE RELIEF REQUESTED SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE UNOPPOSED, AND THE COURT MAY ENTER AN ORDER GRANTING THE RELIEF SOUGHT OR THE NOTICED ACTION MAY BE TAKEN.

Vista Proppants and Logistics, LLC and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors-inpossession in the above-referenced chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "<u>Debtors</u>") hereby file this

Debtors' Eighth Omnibus Motion to Reject Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

Pursuant to Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 6006 as of the Petition Date

(the "<u>Motion</u>"). In support of the Motion, the Debtors respectfully state as follows:

#### **Jurisdiction and Venue**

1. The United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas (the "District Court") has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. The District Court's jurisdiction has been referred to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157 and the District Court's Miscellaneous Order No. 33, *Order of Reference of Bankruptcy Cases and Proceedings Nunc Pro Tunc* dated August 3, 1984. This is a core matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), which may be heard and finally determined by this Court. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

#### **Background**

2. On June 9, 2020 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the Debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>") commencing the above captioned cases (the "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>"). The Debtors continue to manage and operate

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their businesses as debtors-in-possession pursuant to Sections 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 2. An official committee of unsecured creditors has not been appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases. Further, no trustee or examiner has been requested or appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases.
- 3. A detailed description of the Debtors and their businesses, and the facts and circumstances supporting the Motion and the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases are set forth in greater detail in the *Declaration of Kristin Whitley in Support of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions* and the *Declaration of Gary Barton in Support of the Debtors' Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Motions* (collectively, the "First Day Declarations"), which were filed on the Petition Date and are incorporated by reference in this Motion.
- 4. As set forth in the First Day Declarations, the Debtors' business operations have historically involved producing and transporting mine-to-wellhead, high-quality, fine-grade frac sand for oil and gas well completion in Texas and Oklahoma. In connection with the operation of their businesses, the Debtors have entered into numerous executory contracts and leases with various vendors and service providers, certain of which are no longer necessary for the Debtors' ongoing business operations.

#### **Relief Requested**

5. By this Motion, pursuant to Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 6006, the Debtors seek entry of an order, substantially in the form of **Exhibit A** (the "Proposed Order"), authorizing and approving the rejection of the executory contracts and unexpired leases listed on **Exhibit 1** of the Proposed Order (the "Contracts"). The Debtors further request that rejection of the Contracts be authorized and approved as of the Petition Date (the

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"Effective Date"), which is the date by which the Debtors anticipate that they will no longer be receiving services under the Contracts and will have returned any leased equipment or made such equipment available to the applicable counterparty for pickup.

### **Basis for Relief Requested**

#### A. Rejection of the Contracts is Supported by the Debtors' Sound Business Judgment

- 6. Section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides, in pertinent part, as follows: "the trustee, subject to the court's approval, may assume or reject any executory contract or unexpired lease of the debtor." 11 U.S.C. § 365(a). Rejection under Section 365 is generally intended to enable the debtor to relieve itself and the bankruptcy estate from burdensome and unprofitable contracts and leases in order to preserve and maximize the value of the bankruptcy estate. *See Stewart Title Gaur. Co. v. Old Rep. Nat'l Ins. Co.*, 83 F.3d 735, 741 (5th Cir. 1996) (noting that section 365 "allows a trustee to relieve the bankruptcy estate of burdensome agreements which have not been completely performed.") (citation omitted). Bankruptcy courts use the business judgment standard to determine whether to approve a lease or contract rejection. *See Richmond Leasing Co. v. Capital Bank, N.A.*, 762 F.2d 1303, 1309 (5th Cir. 1985) (quoting *Group of Inst. Inv. v. Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul & Pac. R.R. Co.*, 318 U.S. 523, 550 (1943)) ("It is well established that 'the question whether a lease should be rejected . . . is one of business judgment."").
- 7. Rule 6006 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rule(s)") allows a debtor to file an omnibus motion to reject multiple executory contracts or unexpired leases. FED. R. BANKR. P. 6006(f). Such an omnibus motion to reject multiple contracts and leases must (1) conspicuously state the parties subject to the rejection, (2) list such parties alphabetically and identify their contract or leases, (3) be numbered consecutively with other

omnibus motions, and (4) be limited to no more than 100 executory contracts or unexpired leases. Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6006(f).

- 8. In the sound exercise of their business judgment, the Debtors have determined that rejecting the Contracts is in the best interests of their estates and creditors. The Debtors have carefully reviewed the necessity of the Contracts and the fees and expenses associated with the Contracts. The Debtors, in their business judgment, believe that the cost and burden to the Debtors and their estates of maintaining the Contracts outweighs any benefits that the Debtors or their estates might receive. The Debtors do not have a need for the Contracts going forward. The Contracts are not necessary to the Debtors' business and are a drain on the Debtors' resources.
- 9. Additionally, the Debtors submit that they have satisfied the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6006. The Debtors have listed the parties that are subject to this Motion and counterparties to the Contracts in **Exhibit 1** and those parties are listed alphabetically. This Motion is numbered consecutively and no more than 100 Contracts are listed for rejection herein.
- 10. Based on the foregoing facts and circumstances, the Debtors submit that the rejection of the Contracts is supported by sound business judgment and is necessary, prudent, and is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates and the Debtors' creditors.

# **B.** The Effective Date for Rejection of the Contracts is Appropriate

11. The Debtors request that the rejection of the Contracts be effective as of the Effective Date, which is the date by which the Debtors anticipate that they will no longer be receiving services under the Contracts and will have returned any leased equipment or made such equipment available to the applicable counterparty for pickup. Although rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease is generally effective as of the date of the entry of an order of the court approving such rejection, there is substantial authority for permitting retroactive rejection if the

Debtor is no longer receiving the benefit of the executory contract or unexpired lease. *See, e.g., In re Cafeteria Operators, L.P.*, 299 B.R. 384 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 2003) (approving rejection of closed restaurants retroactively to the later of the date the motion to reject was filed or the date the leased space was vacated); *In re Amber's Stores, Inc.*, 193 B.R. 819, 827 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. 1996) ("nothing precludes a bankruptcy court, based on the equities of the case, from approving the trustee's rejection of a non-residential real property lease retroactively to an earlier date."); *see also In re Mid-Cities Home Med. Equip. Co., Inc.*, Case No. 19-41232-ELM-11 (Bankr. N.D. Tex. May 17, 2019) (Docket No. 140) (order granting debtor's omnibus motion to reject retroactively to the date the premises were vacated).

12. Here, the equities weigh in favor of granting the relief requested with respect to the Contracts as of the Effective Date. As of the Effective Date, the Debtors anticipate that they will no longer be receiving services under the Contracts and will have returned any leased equipment or made such equipment available to the applicable counterparty for pickup. The Contracts are no longer of value to the Debtors' estates and rejection effective as of the Effective Date will permit the Debtors to avoid paying for unnecessary services, thereby minimizing the Debtors' administrative expense obligations.

# **Notice**

13. Notice of this Motion will be provided to the Contract counterparties identified on Exhibit 1 of the Proposed Order and: (i) the Office of the United States Trustee; (ii) the Debtors' secured creditors; (iii) any party whose interests are directly affected by this specific pleading; (iv) those persons who have formally appeared and requested notice and service in these proceedings pursuant to Bankruptcy Rules 2002 and 3017; (v) counsel for Ares Capital Corporation; (vi) counsel for any official committees appointed by this Court; (vii) the 20 largest unsecured creditors

of each of the Debtors; and (viii) all governmental agencies having a regulatory or statutory interest in these cases (collectively, the "Notice Parties"). Based on the urgency of the circumstances surrounding this Motion and the nature of the relief requested herein, the Debtors respectfully submit that no further notice is required.

WHEREFORE the Debtors respectfully request that the Court (i) grant the Motion and (ii) grant such other and further relief as is just and proper.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 9th day of June, 2020.

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# Exhibit A

# **Proposed Order**

# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS FORT WORTH DIVISION

In re:

Vista Proppants and Logistics, LLC, et al.,

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ORDER GRANTING DEBTORS' EIGHTH OMNIBUS MOTION TO REJECT CERTAIN EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY CODE § 365 AND BANKRUPTCY RULE 6006 AS OF THE PETITION DATE

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On this date the Court considered the *Debtors' Eighth Omnibus Motion to Reject Certain Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases Pursuant to Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 6006 as of the Petition Date* (the "Motion"),<sup>2</sup> of Vista Proppants and Logistics, LLC, et al. (collectively, the "Debtors"). The Court finds that: (i) it has jurisdiction over the matters raised in the Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; (ii) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2); (iii) the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, and their creditors; (iv) proper and adequate notice of the Motion has been given and no other or further notice is necessary; and (v) upon the record herein after due deliberation thereon, good and sufficient cause exists for the granting of the relief as set forth herein.

Therefore,

#### IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. The Motion is GRANTED to the extent provided herein.
- 2. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Section 365 and Bankruptcy Rule 6006, the Contracts included on **Exhibit 1** attached hereto are hereby rejected as of the Petition Date without further order of the Court and without the need for further action by the Debtors or any other party.
- 3. The terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

### END OF ORDER ###

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to the such terms in the Motion.

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# Exhibit 1

**List of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases** 

#	Counterparty	Counterparty	Debtor	Contract	Contract
#	Name	Address	Counterparty	Description	Start Date
1	GBH Properties	4413 Carey St	Maalt	Lease	5/1/2016
	LLC	Fort Worth, Texas	Specialized	Agreement	
		76119-4219	Bulk, LLC		
2	GBH Properties	4413 Carey St	Maalt	Lease	5/1/2016
	LLC	Fort Worth, Texas	Specialized	Agreement	
		76119-4219	Bulk, LLC		
3	GBH Properties	4413 Carey St	Maalt, LP	Lease	5/1/2016
	LLC	Fort Worth, Texas		Agreement	
		76119-4219			
4	GBH Properties	4413 Carey St	Lonestar	Lease	12/1/2017
	LLC	Fort Worth, Texas	Prospects, Ltd.	Agreement	
		76119-4219			
5	GBH Properties	4413 Carey St	Maalt	Lease	5/1/2016
	LLC	Fort Worth, Texas	Specialized	Agreement	
		76119-4219	Bulk, LLC		
6	GBH Properties	4413 Carey St	Maalt, LP	Lease	5/1/2016
	LLC	Fort Worth, Texas		Agreement	
		76119-4219			
7	GHMR II, LLC	4413 Carey St	Maalt, LP	Lease	4/1/2019
		Fort Worth, Texas		Agreement	
		76119-4219			
8	GHMR II, LLC	4413 Carey St	Lonestar	Lease	6/1/2019
		Fort Worth, Texas	Prospects, Ltd.	Agreement	
		76119-4219			
9	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Lonestar	Lease	12/1/2014
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas	Prospects, Ltd.	Agreement	
	LLC	76119-4219			
10	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Maalt, LP	Lease	6/1/2015
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas		Agreement	
	LLC	76119-4219			
11	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Maalt, LP	Lease	5/1/2016
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas		Agreement	
	LLC	76119-4219		_	
12	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Maalt, LP	Lease	5/1/2016
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas		Agreement	
	LLC	76119-4219	36.1.75	-	<b>7</b> /4 /2 0 4 =
13	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Maalt, LP	Lease	7/1/2017
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas		Agreement	
	LLC	76119-4219		_	10/2= 15 2 1 1
14	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Maalt	Lease	10/27/2015
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas	Specialized	Agreement	
	LLC	76119-4219	Bulk, LLC		

	Counterparty	Counterparty	erparty Debtor		Contract
#	Name	Address	Counterparty	Contract Description	Start Date
15	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Maalt, LP	Lease	11/1/2015
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas		Agreement	
	LLC	76119-4219			
16	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Maalt, LP	Lease	5/1/2016
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas		Agreement	
	LLC	76119-4219			
17	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Maalt	Lease	5/1/2016
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas	Specialized	Agreement	
	LLC	76119-4219	Bulk, LLC		
18	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Maalt	Lease	10/1/2018
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas	Specialized	Agreement	
	LLC	76119-4219	Bulk, LLC		
19	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Maalt	Lease	3/1/2018
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas	Specialized	Agreement	
	LLC	76119-4219	Bulk, LLC		
20	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Maalt	Lease	5/1/2018
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas	Specialized	Agreement	
	LLC	76119-4219	Bulk, LLC		
21	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Maalt, LP	Assignment	12/15/2015
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas		Agreement	
	LLC	76119-4219			
22	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Maalt	Lease	5/1/2016
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas	Specialized	Agreement	
	LLC	76119-4219	Bulk, LLC		
23	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Lonestar	Lease	12/1/2017
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas	Prospects, Ltd.	Agreement	
	LLC	76119-4219			
24	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Maalt, LP	Lease	4/1/2019
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas		Agreement	
	LLC	76119-4219			
25	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Lonestar	Lease	1/1/2018
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas	Prospects, Ltd.	Agreement	
	LLC	76119-4219			
26	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Lonestar	Lease	12/31/2015
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas	Prospects, Ltd.	Agreement	
<u></u>	LLC	76119-4219			
27	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Lonestar	Lease	6/1/2019
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas	Prospects, Ltd.	Agreement	
	LLC	76119-4219			
28	GHMR	4413 Carey St	Maalt	Lease	12/1/2018
	Operations,	Fort Worth, Texas	Specialized	Agreement	
	LLC	76119-4219	Bulk, LLC		