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

In re:	x :	Chapter 11
		Case No. 20-33505 (CML) (Jointly Administered)
Reorganized Debtors.	:	(Formerly Jointly Administered under Lead Case: Hi-Crush Inc., Case No. 20-33495) ²

REORGANIZED DEBTORS' SIXTH MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER EXTENDING THE TIME TO FILE AND SERVE OBJECTIONS TO CLAIMS

If you object to the relief requested, you must respond in writing. Unless otherwise directed by the Court, you must file your response electronically at https://ecf.txsb.uscourts.gov/ within twenty-one days from the date this motion was filed. If you do not have electronic filing privileges, you must file a written objection that is actually received by the clerk within twenty-one days from the date this motion was filed. Otherwise, the Court may treat the pleading as unopposed and grant the relief requested.

The above-captioned reorganized debtors (collectively, the "Reorganized Debtors")

respectfully state the following in support of this motion (this "<u>Motion</u>"):

Relief Requested

1. The Reorganized Debtors seek entry of an order, substantially in the form attached

hereto (the "Order"), extending the Claims Objection Deadline to December 31, 2024, without

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prejudice to the rights of the Reorganized Debtors to request further extensions of the Claims Objection Deadline to the extent provided by the *Joint Plan of Reorganization for Hi-Crush Inc. and Its Affiliate Debtors Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code* [Docket No. 289]³ (as amended, modified, and supplemented, the "<u>Plan</u>").⁴

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

2. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "<u>Court</u>") has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157, and this Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

3. The basis for the relief requested herein is section 105(a) of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101–1532 (the "<u>Bankruptcy Code</u>"), rule 9006 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "<u>Bankruptcy Rules</u>"), rule 9013-1 of the Bankruptcy Local Rules for the Southern District of Texas (the "<u>Local Rules</u>"), and the Procedures for Complex Cases in the Southern District of Texas.

BACKGROUND

4. On July 12, 2020 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the Debtors filed voluntary petitions for relief in this Court commencing cases (the "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>") under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The factual background regarding the Debtors, including their business operations, their capital and debt structures, and the events leading to the filing of the Chapter 11

³ All references to "Docket No." refer to the docket in the former lead case of Hi-Crush Inc., Case No. 20-33495 unless otherwise indicated.

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Cases, is set forth in detail in the *Declaration of J. Philip McCormick, Jr., Chief Financial Officer* of the Debtors, in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Pleadings [Docket No. 24].

5. On September 23, 2020, the Court entered the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order Confirming the Plan of Reorganization for Hi-Crush Inc. and Its Affiliate Debtors Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code [Docket No. 420] (the "<u>Confirmation Order</u>") confirming the Plan.

6. The Plan provides that the Reorganized Debtors are authorized to object to scheduled claims and proofs of claim and interests. *See* Plan Article VIII. On October 9, 2020, the Plan was substantially consummated, and the Effective Date (as defined in the Plan) occurred.⁵

7. On July 13, 2020, the Court entered the Order (I) Establishing (A) Bar Dates and (B) Related Procedures for Filing Proofs of Claim, (II) Approving the Form and Manner of Notice Thereof and (III) Granting Related Relief [Docket No. 88] (the "Bar Date Order") pursuant to which the Court, among other things, established August 16, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) (the "General Bar Date"), as the deadline for all non-governmental entities⁶ holding or wishing to assert a "claim" (as defined in section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code).

CLAIMS OBJECTION AND RECONCILIATION PROCESS

8. The Plan provides that the Claims Objection Deadline is to be the later of 180 days following the Effective Date or "such other date as may be specifically fixed by Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court for objecting to such claim."⁷ As the Effective Date occurred on October 9,

⁵ See Notice of (I) Effective Date of the Joint Plan or Reorganization for Hi-Crush Inc. and its Affiliate Debtors Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and (II) Establishing Deadline for the Filing of Administrative Claims Against the Debtors [Docket No. 452].

⁶ The deadline for all governmental units asserting a "claim" (as defined in section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code) against the Reorganized Debtors that arose on or prior to the Petition Date to file written proof of such claim was January 8, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) (together with the General Bar Date, the "<u>Bar Dates</u>").

⁷ Plan, Art. I.B.

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2020, the original Claims Objection Deadline was April 7, 2021. On April 1, 2021, the Reorganized Debtors filed a motion (the "<u>First Extension Motion</u>") [Case No. 20-33505, Docket No. 76] seeking to extend the Claims Objection Deadline to July 6, 2021. That same day, the Court entered an order [Case No. 20-33505, Docket No. 77] granting the First Extension Motion.

9. On July 2, 2021, the Reorganized Debtors filed a second motion (the "<u>Second</u> <u>Extension Motion</u>") [Case No. 20-33505, Docket No. 138] seeking to extend the Claims Objection Deadline to October 4, 2021. The Court entered an order on July 6, 2021 [Case No. 20-33505, Docket No. 77] granting the Second Extension Motion.

10. On September 29, 2021, the Reorganized Debtors filed a third motion (the "<u>Third</u> <u>Extension Motion</u>") [Case No. 20-33505, Docket No. 142] seeking to extend the Claims Objection Deadline to December 31, 2021. The Court entered an order on October 1, 2021 [Case No. 20-33505, Docket No. 143] granting the Third Extension Motion.

11. On December 17, 2021, the Reorganized Debtors filed a fourth motion (the "<u>Fourth Extension Motion</u>") [Case No. 20-33505, Docket No. 155] seeking to extend the Claims Objection Deadline to December 31, 2022. The Court entered an order on December 19, 2021 [Case No. 20-33505, Docket No. 156] granting the Fourth Extension Motion.

12. On October 24, 2022, the Reorganized Debtors filed a fifth motion (the "<u>Fifth</u> <u>Extension Motion</u>" and together with the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Extension Motions, the "<u>Extension Motions</u>") [Case No. 20-33505, Docket No. 166] seeking to extend the Claims Objection Deadline to December 31, 2023. The Court entered an order on October 26, 2022 [Case No. 20-33505, Docket No. 168] granting the Fifth Extension Motion, and the Claims Objection Deadline is currently December 31, 2023.

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13. Since the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors and their advisors have worked diligently to reconcile the over 800 claims filed in these Chapter 11 Cases. To date, the Reorganized Debtors have filed 15 omnibus claim objections as well as multiple individual claim objections resolving several hundred Disputed Claims in these Chapter 11 Cases. The Reorganized Debtors have also consensually resolved numerous other claims.

14. As set forth in the Extension Motions, while the Reorganized Debtors have worked diligently to complete the claims resolution process, they were not able to resolve certain claims before the original Claims Objection Deadline or the extended deadlines. In particular, certain of the claims filed by taxing authorities involved ongoing audits that would not be concluded by the Claims Objection Deadline. While almost all of the audits have now been concluded, one remains ongoing and is not expected to be resolved before the expiration of the current Claims Objection Deadline. While the Reorganized Debtors are hopeful that the final audit will be resolved soon, conversations between the Reorganized Debtors and the taxing authority indicate that it will continue into next year. As a result, it is necessary to extend the Claims Objection Deadline. At this time, the Reorganized Debtors are requesting an extension of the Claims Objection Deadline to December 31, 2024.

BASIS FOR RELIEF

15. Section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that the Court may issue an order that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.⁸ Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b)(1), "when an act is required or allowed to be done at or within a specified period . . . by order of the court, the court for cause may at any time in its discretion . . . with or without motion or notice order the period enlarged if the request therefore is made before the

⁸ 11 U.S.C. § 105(a).

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expiration of the period originally prescribed."⁹ As set forth above, the Plan also provides for an extended Claims Objection Deadline to be set by order of the Court.¹⁰

16. To allow the Reorganized Debtors and the taxing authorities to complete all the remaining audits and give the Reorganized Debtors sufficient time to review the remaining filed proofs of claim, the Reorganized Debtors respectfully request an extension of the Claims Objection Deadline to December 31, 2024. Rather than objecting to claims merely to satisfy the current Claims Objection Deadline, the Reorganized Debtors believe it is in the best interests of all parties in interest to continue the review and reconciliation process.

17. An extension of the Claims Objection Deadline will ensure that the Reorganized Debtors complete the claim reconciliation process, do not unnecessarily forfeit valid defenses to claims, do not expend resources in objecting to claims that could otherwise be resolved consensually, and do not otherwise permit claims to be allowed in amounts that are not justified. Accordingly, the Reorganized Debtors respectfully submit that an extension of the Claims Objection Deadline to December 31, 2024 is authorized by the Bankruptcy Code and the terms of the Plan and should be granted.

⁹ Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9006(b)

¹⁰ Plan, Art. I.B.

Dated: November 21, 2023 Houston, Texas Respectfully Submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on November 21, 2023, 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.

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ORDER GRANTING REORGANIZED DEBTORS' SIXTH MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER EXTENDING THE TIME TO FILE AND SERVE OBJECTIONS TO CLAIMS [Relates to Docket No.]

The Court has considered the Reorganized Debtors' Sixth Motion for Entry of an Order

Extending the Time to File and Serve Objections to Claims (the "Motion")³ filed by the above-

captioned reorganized debtors (collectively, the "Reorganized Debtors").

It is **HEREBY ORDERED THAT**:

- 1. The Claims Objection Deadline is hereby extended to December 31, 2024.
- 2. This Order is without prejudice to the rights of the Reorganized Debtors to seek

further extension of the Claims Objection Deadline.

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3. The Reorganized Debtors are authorized to take such actions and to execute such documents as may be necessary to implement the relief granted by this Order.

4. Notwithstanding any provision in the Bankruptcy Rules to the contrary, this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

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

Signed: _____, 2023

CHRIS LOPEZ UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE