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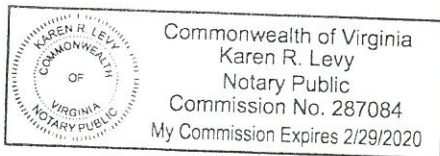
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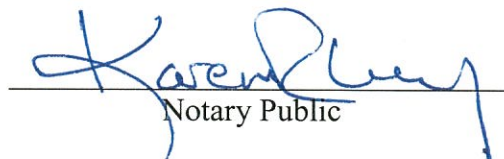
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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re: Case No. 17-10064 (KG)
Chieftain Sand and Proppant, LLC, et al. Chapter 11
Debtors. (Jointly Administered)

NOTICE OF BAR DATES FOR FILING CLAIMS TO ALL KNOWN CREDITORS OF THE ABOVE-CAPTIONED ENTITIES (COLLECTIVELY, THE "DEBTORS"):

On January 9, 2017 (the "Petition Date"), the above captioned debtors and debtors in possession (the "Debtors") each filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1532 (the "Bankruptcy Code"), in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court"). On February 3, 2017, the Court entered an order (the "Bar Date Order") establishing certain claims bar dates in these chapter 11 cases. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Bar Date Order. By the Bar Date Order, the Court established March 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) as the general claims bar date (the "General Bar Date"). Except as described below, the Bar Date Order requires all entities that have or assert any pre-petition claims (a "Claim") against the Debtors and their estates to file proofs of claim with Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc. ("DRC"), the claims and noticing agent in these chapter 11 cases, so that their proofs of claim are actually received by DRC on or before 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on the General Bar Date. The term "Claim" means, as to or against the Debtors and in accordance with section 101(15) of the Bankruptcy Code: (a) any right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, legal, equitable, secured or unsecured; or (b) any right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment, whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured, or unsecured.

The Bar Date Order establishes the following bar dates for filing Proofs of Claim in these chapter 11 cases:

The General Bar Date: Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, the last date and time for all persons and entities, (including, without limitation, individuals, partnerships, corporations, joint ventures, and trusts) that assert a Claim, including, without limitation, any claims under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code (each a "503(b)(9) Claim"), secured claims, and priority claims, which arose on or prior to the Petition Date, to file Proofs of Claim on account of such Claim is March 8, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) (the "General Bar Date").

The Government Bar Date: Pursuant to the Bar Date Order, the last date and time for governmental units (as defined in section 101(27) of the Bankruptcy Code) to file Proofs of Claim against the Debtors and their estates is July 10, 2017 at 5:29 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) (the "Government Bar Date").

The Amended Schedules Bar Date: If the Debtors amend or supplement their Schedules pursuant to the service of this Notice, the Debtors will give notice of any such amendment or supplement to the holders of Claims affected thereby, and such holders shall be afforded the later of (i) the applicable Bar Date or (ii) 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time) on the date that is thirty (30) days following the entry of the order approving the rejection of the executor contract or unexpired lease pursuant to which the entity asserting the Rejection Damages Claim is a party (collectively with the General Bar Date, the Government Bar Date, and the Amended Schedules Bar Date, each a "Bar Date").

Entities That Must File Proofs of Claim by the Applicable Bar Date: Subject to the terms described above for holders of a Rejection Damages Claim, without limitation, each of the following entities that fails to file a Proof of Claim by the applicable Bar Date with respect to a Claim shall not be permitted to (a) vote to accept or reject any plan filed in these chapter 11 cases, (b) participate in any distribution in these chapter 11 cases on account of such Claim, or (c) receive further notices regarding such Claim: (i) any entity whose Claim against the Debtors is not listed in the Debtors' Schedules or whose Claim is listed in the Schedules but is listed therein as disputed, contingent, and/or unliquidated; (ii) any entity that believes that its Claim is improperly classified in the Schedules or is listed in an incorrect amount and that desires to have its Claim allowed in a classification or amount other than that identified in the Schedules; and (iii) any entity that believes that its Claim as listed in the Schedules is not an obligation of the specific Debtor against which the Claim is listed and that desires to have its Claim allowed against a Debtor other than that identified in the Schedules.

Entities Not Required to File Proofs of Claim by the Applicable Bar Date: The Bar Date Order further provides that the following persons and entities need not file Proofs of Claim on or before the applicable Bar Date: (a) any

person or entity that already has filed a signed proof of claim against the respective Debtor(s) with the Clerk of the Court or with DRC in a form substantially similar to Official Form 410; (b) any person or entity whose claim is listed on the Schedules if: (i) the claim is not scheduled as any of "disputed," "contingent," or "unliquidated"; (ii) such person or entity agrees with the amount, nature, and priority of the claim as set forth in the Schedules; and (iii) such person or entity does not dispute that its claim is an obligation only of the specific Debtor against which the claim is listed in the Schedules; (c) any person or entity whose claim has previously been allowed by order of the Court; (d) any person or entity whose claim has been paid in full by the Debtors pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code or in accordance with an order of the Court; (e) either Debtor having a claim against the other Debtor; (f) any person or entity whose claim is based on an equity interest in either of the Debtors; (g) any current officer or manager for claims based on indemnification, contribution, or reimbursement; (h) any person or entity holding a claim for which a separate deadline is fixed by this Court; (i) any person or entity holding a claim allowable under sections 503(b) and 507(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code as an expense of administration incurred in the ordinary course, provided, however, that any person or entity asserting a claim entitled to priority under section 503(b)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code must assert such claims by filing a request for payment or a proof of claim on or prior to the Claims Bar Date; (j) Professionals retained by the Debtors or any statutory committees (each a "Committee") pursuant to orders of the Court who assert administrative claims for fees and expenses subject to the Court's approval pursuant to sections 328, 330, 331, and 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code or 28 U.S.C. § 156(d); (k) Any person or entity holding a Claim payable to the Court or the United States Trustee Program pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1930; and (l) the Prepetition Agent or the Prepetition Lender, for claims arising from or relating to the Prepetition Credit Facility.

Consequences of Failure to File Proof of Claim: Any person, entity, or governmental unit not excepted from filing a Proof of Claim pursuant to the Bar Date Order, that fails to do so by the applicable Bar Date and in the form and manner provided for in the Bar Date Order shall not be permitted to (a) vote to accept or reject any plan filed in these chapter 11 cases, (b) participate in any distribution in these chapter 11 cases on account of such Claim, or (c) receive further notices regarding such Claim. If it is unclear from the Schedules whether your Claim is disputed, contingent, and/or unliquidated or is otherwise properly listed and classified, you must file a Proof of Claim on or before the applicable Bar Date. Any person, entity, or governmental unit that relies on the information in the Schedules bears full and absolute responsibility for determining that its Claim is accurately listed therein.

Procedures for Filing Proofs of Claim: A Proof of Claim will be deemed timely only if the original Proof of Claim is actually received by DRC on or before the applicable Bar Date (i) by mail at the following address: Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc., Re: Chieftain Sand and Proppant, LLC, et al., P.O. Box 199043, Blythebourne Station, Brooklyn, NY 11219; or (ii) by courier, hand delivery, or overnight delivery at the following address: Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc., Re: Chieftain Sand and Proppant, LLC, et al., 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219. Proofs of Claim may not be sent by facsimile, teletype, or electronic mail. A claimant who wishes to receive acknowledgement of receipt of its Proof of Claim form may submit a copy of the Proof of Claim form and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to DRC along with the original Proof of Claim. If you file a Proof of Claim, your Proof of Claim must: (a) be written in the English language; (b) be denominated in lawful currency of the United States as of the Petition Date; (c) conform substantially to Official Bankruptcy Form No. 410; (d) set forth with specificity the legal and factual basis for the alleged Claim; (e) include supporting documentation, if such documentation is voluminous, a summary of such documentation, or an explanation as to why such documentation is not available; and (f) be signed by the claimant or, if the claimant is not an individual, by an authorized agent of the claimant.

Additional Information: Copies of the Schedules and the Bar Date Order are available for inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the Court, 3rd Floor, 824 N. Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. In addition, copies of the Schedules and the Bar Date Order may be viewed on the internet for a fee at the Court's website (http://www.dcb.uscourts.gov) by following directions for accessing the Court's electronic filing system on such website, or free of charge on DRC's website for these chapter 11 cases (http://www.donlinrecano.com/chieftain). Questions concerning the contents of this Notice and requests for additional Proof of Claim forms should be directed to DRC at (212) 771-1128. Please note that DRC's staff is not permitted to give legal advice. You should consult with your own attorney for assistance regarding any other inquiries, such as questions concerning the completion or filing of a Proof of Claim.

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The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, and the last four digits of their respective federal tax identification numbers, are Chieftain Sand and Proppant, LLC (1729) and Chieftain Sand and Proppant Barron, LLC (0418). The Debtors' service address is: 331 27th Street, New Auburn, WI 54757

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