| No. 16-cv-6848 (BMC) |
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# EIGHTEENTH INTERIM APPLICATION OF GOLDIN ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

Goldin Associates, LLC (n/k/a Teneo) ("Goldin"), <sup>1</sup> as financial advisor to Melanie L. Cyganowski, the Court-appointed receiver (the "Receiver") for Platinum Credit Management, L.P., Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Master Fund LP ("PPCO"), Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Fund (TE) LLC, Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Fund LLC, Platinum Partners Credit Opportunity Fund (BL) LLC, Platinum Liquid Opportunity Management (NY) LLC, Platinum Partners Liquid Opportunity Fund (USA) L.P., Platinum Partners Liquid Opportunity Fund (USA) L.P., Platinum Partners Liquid Opportunities Fund International Ltd, and Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Fund International (A) Ltd.

In August 2020, Goldin Associates, LLC was acquired by Teneo, the global advisory firm.

(collectively, the "Receivership Entities" or "Platinum"),<sup>2</sup> hereby submits its Eighteenth Interim Application for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred During the Period October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 ("Eighteenth Interim Application"). Goldin respectfully requests interim approval for payment of \$37,514.25 in professional fees incurred for the period October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 (the "Eighteenth Application Period").

Goldin's Eighteenth Interim Application contains the following sections:

- (a) **Section I** contains a preliminary statement on Goldin's activities in this case during the Eighteenth Application Period.
- (b) Section II contains information about Goldin and the case's status, as required by Section C of the Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions

  Commenced by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC Receivership Billing Instructions"). Section II also includes a description of each exhibit to this

  Eighteenth Interim Application, as well as the reduction in fees agreed to by Goldin in connection with its appointment as financial advisor to the Receiver.
- (c) Section III contains a narrative of the work that Goldin professionals performed under each activity category, as required by Section D of the SEC Receivership Billing Instructions.
- (d) **Section IV** summarizes the expenses for which Goldin seeks reimbursement, as required by Section E of the SEC Receivership Billing Instructions.

On December 29, 2017, the Court entered an order approving the expansion of the Receivership Estate to include the following entities: (i) Platinum Partners Liquid Opportunity Master Fund L.P.; (ii) Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Fund International Ltd; and (iii) Platinum Partners Credit Opportunities Fund International (A) Ltd [Docket No. 298].

- (e) **Section V** describes the standards to be applied by the Court in determining fee awards in SEC equity receiverships.
- (f) Section VI describes the holdback arrangement to which Goldin has agreed.

#### I. PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

- 1. During the Eighteenth Application Period, Goldin continued to assist the Receiver to devise disposition strategies for the remaining assets.
- 2. In addition, during the Eighteenth Application Period, Goldin assisted the Receiver and her legal counsel in analyzing potential investor and creditor claims, as well as in developing a proposed plan of distribution.
- 3. Finally, during the Eighteenth Application Period, Goldin continued to manage a variety of cash disbursement and budgeting protocols on behalf of the Receivership Estate. For instance, Goldin (i) prepared 13-Week cash receipts and disbursements forecasts; (ii) performed weekly actual vs. forecasted variance analyses regarding Platinum's cash position; (iii) oversaw the procedures governing the review and approval of disbursements (including payroll); and (iv) conducted daily and weekly reconciliations of Platinum's cash and brokerage accounts.

### II. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Information about the Applicant and the Application
- 4. **Application Period**. This application covers the period of October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- 5. **Appointment of the Receiver**. On December 19, 2016, the U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of New York unsealed an eight-count indictment (the "Indictment") against seven individuals who were formerly affiliated with Platinum, a purported \$1.7 billion hedge-fund family

based in New York. The Indictment alleged that the defendants defrauded Platinum investors through, among other things, the overvaluation of assets, the concealment of severe cash flow problems and the preferential payment of redemptions. The Indictment also charged four of the defendants with defrauding the independent bondholders of Black Elk Energy Offshore Operations, LLC, a portfolio company owned by Platinum, through a fraudulent offering document and diverting more than \$95 million in proceeds to Platinum by falsely representing in the offering document that Platinum controlled approximately \$18 million of the bonds when, in fact, Platinum controlled more than \$98 million of the bonds.

On December 19, 2016, the SEC filed this action, asserting violations of the anti-fraud provisions of federal securities laws and seeking, among other relief, temporary and permanent injunctive relief, disgorgement of ill-gotten gains, imposition of civil penalties, and appointment of a receiver [Docket No. 1].

On December 19, 2016, the Court entered an Order to Show Cause and Temporary Restraining Order against the defendants, granting certain specified relief to the SEC, including the appointment of a receiver, and granting the receiver control over the assets of the Receivership Entities [Docket No. 5].

Also on December 19, 2016, the Court entered the Order Appointing Receiver, as amended on January 30, 2017 [Docket Nos. 6 and 59], naming Bart Schwartz as the initial receiver.

On January 31, 2017, the initial receiver sought to retain Cooley LLP as his counsel and Guidepost Solutions LLC to advise, assist and support him with his duties as receiver. [Docket Nos. 63 and 65]. Such retention applications were approved by the Court on February 17, 2017.

On June 23, 2017, Mr. Schwartz requested that the Court approve his resignation as receiver, effective upon the Court's appointment of a successor receiver [Docket No. 170]. On July 6, 2017, the Court accepted the resignation of Mr. Schwartz and appointed Melanie L. Cyganowski as his successor [Docket No. 216].

- 6. **Appointment of the Applicant**. The Amended Receiver Order authorized the Receiver to engage professionals to assist in fulfilling her duties. On July 21, 2017, the Court approved Goldin's retention as the Receiver's financial advisor *nunc pro tunc* to July 6, 2017 [Docket No. 232].
- 7. **Fee Schedule**. The names and hourly rates of the Goldin professionals who billed time during the Eighteenth Application Period is attached as **Exhibit B** (the "Fee Schedule"). The fees requested in this Eighteenth Interim Application were determined on the basis of the hours worked by Goldin professionals and Goldin's usual and customary hourly rates in effect at the time of its retention in this matter, as modified by a 10% public service discount.
- 8. **Prior Applications**. This application is interim and is Goldin's eighteenth fee and expense application in this case. The fees and expenses requested by Goldin in its previous fee and expense applications were allowed and paid as follows:

| Period   | Order   | Amount Requested |            | Amount A      | Allowed    | Amount Paid  | to Date    |
|----------|---------|------------------|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|------------|
|          | Date    |                  |            |               |            |              |            |
|          | Docket  |                  |            |               |            |              |            |
|          | No.     |                  |            |               |            |              |            |
|          |         | Fees             | Expenses   | Fees Expenses |            | Fees         | Expenses   |
| 7/6/17-  | 12/5/17 | \$985,666.50     | \$1,350.24 | \$985,666.50  | \$1,360.24 | \$788,533.20 | \$1,350.24 |
| 9/30/17  | Docket  |                  |            |               |            |              |            |
|          | No. 290 |                  |            |               |            |              |            |
| 10/1/17- | 3/05/18 | \$629,210.25     | \$1,825.42 | \$629,210.25  | \$1,825.42 | \$471,907.69 | \$1,825.42 |
| 12/31/17 | Docket  |                  |            |               |            |              |            |
|          | No.     |                  |            |               |            |              |            |
|          | 310     |                  |            |               |            |              |            |

| 1/1/18-  | 6/17/18  | \$744,147.00 | \$1,689.42 | \$744,147.00 | \$1,689.42 | \$595,317.60 | \$1,689.42        |
|----------|----------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 3/31/18  | Docket   | 4            | -,,,,,,,,, | 4            | -,,,,,,,,, | <del>+</del> | 4 - , 0 0 5 1 1 - |
|          | No. 341  |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
| 4/1/18-  | 12/17/18 | \$970,161.75 | \$1,937.01 | \$970,161.75 | \$1,937.01 | \$776,129.40 | \$1,937.01        |
| 6/30/18  | Docket   |              |            |              |            | . ,          |                   |
|          | No.      |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
|          | 428      |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
| 7/1/18-  | 12/17/18 | \$805,900.50 | \$1,124.35 | \$805,900.50 | \$1,124.35 | \$644,720.40 | \$1,124.35        |
| 9/30/18  | Docket   |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
|          | No. 427  |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
| 10/1/18- | 7/16/19  | \$834,330.38 | \$1,956.81 | \$834,330.38 | \$1,956.81 | \$667,464.30 | \$1,956.81        |
| 12/31/18 | Docket   |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
|          | No.      |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
|          | 477      |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
| 1/1/19-  | 7/16/19  | \$504,528.79 | \$1,112.83 | \$504,528.79 | \$1,112.83 | \$444,807.08 | \$1,112.83        |
| 3/31/19  | Docket   |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
|          | No. 479  |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
| 4/1/19-  | 12/26/19 | \$259,250.84 | \$597.41   | \$259,250.84 | \$597.41   | \$220,358.85 | \$597.41          |
| 6/30/19  | Docket   |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
|          | No. 508  |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
| 7/1/19-  | 12/30/19 | \$101,240.21 | \$26.56    | \$101,240.21 | \$26.56    | \$89,147.40  | \$26.56           |
| 9/30/19  | Docket   |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
|          | No. 510  |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
| 10/1/19- | 3/9/20   | \$128,003.86 | \$84.48    | \$128,003.86 | \$84.48    | \$110,565.83 | \$84.48           |
| 12/31/19 | Docket   |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
|          | No. 528  |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
| 1/1/20-  | 6/4/20   | \$137,160.56 | \$41.29    | \$137,160.56 | \$41.29    | \$110,167.40 | \$41.29           |
| 3/31/20  | Docket   |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
|          | No. 534  |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
| 4/1/20-  | 11/12/20 | \$141,727.50 | \$19.51    | \$141,727.50 | \$19.51    | \$113,401.51 | \$19.51           |
| 6/30/20  | Docket   |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
|          | No. 545  |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
| 7/1/20-  | 12/21/20 | \$80,642.25  | \$51.55    | \$80,642.25  | \$51.55    | \$64,565.35  | \$51.55           |
| 9/30/20  | Docket   |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
|          | No. 558  |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
| 10/1/20- | 6/11/21  | \$89,599.50  | \$11.88    | \$89,599.50  | \$11.88    | \$71,679.60  | \$11.88           |
| 12/31/20 | Docket   |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
|          | No. 568  |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
| 1/1/21-  | 8/2/21   | \$52,069.50  | \$1.92     | \$52,069.50  | \$1.92     | \$41,655.60  | \$1.92            |
| 3/31/21  | Docket   |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
|          | No. 589  |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
| 4/1/21 - | 11/23/21 | \$91,842.50  | \$0.00     | \$91,842.50  | \$0.00     | \$73,474.00  | \$0.00            |
| 6/30/21  | Docket   |              |            |              |            |              |                   |
|          | No. 601  |              |            |              |            |              |                   |

| 7/1/ | /21 – | 12/21/21 | \$52,170.75 | \$0.00 | \$52,170.75 | \$0.00 | \$41,736.60 | \$0.00 |
|------|-------|----------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| 9/3  | 0/21  | Docket   |             |        |             |        |             |        |
|      |       | No. 616  |             |        |             |        |             |        |

#### **B.** Case Status

- 9. **Cash on Hand and Unencumbered Funds**. As of December 31, 2021, the Receivership Entities had approximately \$19.4 million in funds.
  - (a) Accrued Administrative Expenses. As of December 31, 2021, it is estimated that accrued, unpaid administrative expenses amount to approximately \$5.25 million. These administrative expenses primarily consist of accrued and unpaid professional fees. In addition to these unpaid administrative expenses, the Receivership Estate paid remaining in-house Platinum staff and other operating expenses during the Eighteenth Application Period.
- 10. **Summary of Receipts and Disbursements**. Cash disbursements during the Eighteenth Application Period totaled \$1,324,698. This amount consisted primarily of (i) \$1,097,922 in professional expenses; and (ii) \$226,775 in business asset expenses (payroll and related expenses paid to Platinum employees, as well as office rent).

Cash receipts during the Eighteenth Application Period totaled \$13,283, consisting of interest and a return of a security deposit with respect to a prior office lease.

- 11. **Closing of Case**. Goldin cannot at this time state when the Receiver will deem it appropriate to seek the conclusion of this case.
- 12. **Summary of Creditor Claims Proceedings**. Pursuant to the previously-approved bar date procedures motion [Docket No. 453], the bar date to file a proof of claim asserting a claim arising before the Receivership was March 29, 2019 and the bar date for

governmental units to file a proof of claim was April 12, 2019. In total, 327 claims were filed prior to the applicable bar date. Some of these claims may be duplicate claims and some may be asserted against non-Receivership Entities. Parties holding investor claims, claims for unpaid redemptions and administrative claims were not required to file proofs of claim.

The Receiver will likely be objecting to certain of the filed and/or deemed filed claims in whole or in part. To facilitate the objection process, the Receiver filed a motion seeking to implement procedures for the reconciliation of claims and the verification of the investment and withdrawal amounts with respect to the interests held by investors (the "Claims Procedures Motion"). The Court entered an Order approving the Claims Procedures Motion on December 1, 2020 [Docket No. 554].

The Claims Procedures Motion only sought the Court's approval of the Receiver's proposed procedures for finalizing the reconciliation and verification of claims and interests; it did not seek approval of the validity, amount, classification, or distribution methodology on account of any claims against, or interests in, any of the Receivership Entities. The Receiver will be filing a separate motion with the Court to approve a plan for making distributions to claimants and investors. The formulation of the plan is ongoing.

- 13. **Summary of Assets**. The primary assets of the Receivership Estate consist of the following:
  - (a) Cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$19.4 million.
  - (b) Remaining stock and royalty interests, litigation financing and other miscellaneous investments; and
    - (c) Potential litigation claims.

14. **Liquidated and Unliquidated Claims**. The Receiver currently holds no liquidated litigation recoveries.

### C. SEC Review

15. Goldin submitted this Eighteenth Interim Application to the SEC and allowed for a thirty-day review period, as required by the SEC Receivership Billing Instructions.

#### D. Exhibits

- 16. The Eighteenth Interim Application contains the following exhibits:
- (a) **Exhibit A**: The Standardized Fund Accounting Report ("SFAR") for the period October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- (b) **Exhibit B**: A Fee Schedule showing the total fees billed, hours worked and hourly rates of each Goldin professional involved.
- (c) **Exhibit C**: A summary of the total fees billed and hours worked by activity category.
- (d) **Exhibit D**: Time records of Goldin professionals listed chronologically by activity category, as required by Section D.5 of the SEC Receivership Billing Instructions.
- (e) **Exhibit E**: A summary of all expenses incurred by Goldin, organized by expense category, as required by Section E.1a of the SEC Receivership Billing Instructions.
- (f) **Exhibit F**: The certification contemplated by Section A.1 of the SEC Receivership Billing Instructions.

### III. SERVICES RENDERED BY GOLDIN DURING THE EIGHTEENTH APPLICATION PERIOD

- 17. Goldin professionals recorded services performed in time increments of one tenth (0.1) of an hour. Goldin made use of a lean team; the senior professionals involved each brought distinct, but essential, expertise to the engagement and were the primary responsible party on different tasks.
- 18. Per Section D.3 of the SEC Receivership Billing Instructions, Goldin accounted for its time charges during the Eighteenth Application Period by activity categories. Narrative summaries of these activity categories follow.
- 19. Accounting (01). \$2,733.75 requested. During the Eighteenth Application
  Period, Goldin continued to manage a variety of cash disbursement and budgeting protocols. For example, on a weekly basis, Goldin prepared 13-week cash flow forecasts and variance analyses, which enhanced the Receivership Estate's ability to monitor and manage its cash position. Goldin also conducted periodic reconciliations of Platinum's cash and brokerage accounts as a control. Additionally, Goldin provided day-to-day oversight of Platinum's accounting function, which included monitoring work performed by Platinum's Chief Financial Officer. Karthik Bhavaraju is the only Goldin professional who billed time in this activity category during the Eighteenth Application Period. Mr. Bhavaraju has principal responsibility for overseeing Platinum's cash disbursement and budgeting protocols.
- 20. **Asset Disposition (03)**. \$20,925.00 requested. During the Eighteenth Application Period, Goldin assisted the Receiver with respect to the monetization of Platinum's portfolio positions. Curtis Solsvig and William Edwards are the only Goldin professionals who billed time in this activity category during the Eighteenth Application Period. Mr. Solsvig has principal responsibility for executing disposition strategies on behalf of the Receivership Team.

21. Case Administration (06). \$13,855.50 requested. The Receivership Team endeavored throughout the Eighteenth Application Period to administer the Receivership Estate efficiently. Accordingly, Goldin conferred frequently with the Receiver and her legal counsel to ensure that efforts were coordinated to maximize efficiency. In addition, Goldin's internal team members met to plan their approach to necessary tasks.

The effective administration of the Receivership Estate also entails communicating with third parties about the status of the Receivership, and addressing questions related thereto. In addition, Goldin assisted the Receiver and her legal counsel in drafting the status report filed with the Court on October 20, 2021. Goldin professionals who billed time in this activity category during the Eighteenth Application Period included Marc Kirschner, William Edwards, and Curtis Solsvig. Mr. Kirschner and Mr. Edwards have principal responsibility for organizing Goldin personnel to ensure that their assigned tasks are executed effectively and efficiently. The time billed by Mr. Solsvig in this category relates in significant measure to his participation in coordination meetings with members of the Receivership Team.

#### IV. EXPLANATION OF EXPENSES AND RELATED POLICIES

22. Goldin did not incur any reimbursable out-of-pocket expenses during the Eighteenth Application Period.

#### V. FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE COURT IN AWARDING FEES

23. The case law on equity receiverships sets forth the standards for approving receiver compensation and the fees and expenses for the receiver's retained professionals. The District Court has discretion to determine compensation to be awarded to a court-appointed equity receiver and her retained professionals and "may consider all of the factors involved in a particular receivership in determining the appropriate fee." *Gaskill v. Gordon*, 27 F.3d 248, 253 (7th Cir. 1994). Many authorities (some quite dated) provide "convenient guidelines," but in the

final analysis, "the unique fact situation renders direct reliance on precedent impossible." Securities & Exchange Comm'n v. W.L. Moody & Co., 374 F. Supp. 465, 480 (S.D. Tex. 1974), aff'd, 519 F. 2d 1087 (5th Cir. 1975).

- 24. In allowing professional fees in receiverships, "[t]he court will consider . . . the complexity of problems faced, the benefit to the receivership estate, the quality of work performed, and the time records presented." *Securities & Exchange Comm'n v. Fifth Ave. Coach Lines, Inc.*, 364 F. Supp. 1220, 1222 (S.D.N.Y. 1973); *see also United States v. Code Prods.*, 362 F.2d 669, 673 (3rd Cir. 1966) (court should consider the time, labor and skill required (but not necessarily expended), the fair value of such time, labor and skill, the degree of activity, the dispatch with which the work is conducted and the result obtained). "[R]esults are always relevant." *Securities & Exchange Comm'n v. Elliott*, 953 F.2d 1560, 1577 (11th Cir. 1992), *quoting Moody*, 374 F. Supp. at 480, as are the extent to which "a receiver reasonably and diligently discharges his duties." *Id*.
- 25. Under these standards Goldin has demonstrated that the amount of fees requested is appropriate. Goldin, in concert with the rest of the Receivership Team, has acted with appropriate dispatch to develop and execute monetization strategies for the Platinum assets. In addition, Goldin, again acting in concert with the rest of the Receivership Team, has expended meaningful effort to analyze potential claims in connection with the preparation of a plan of distribution.

#### VI. HOLDBACK

26. Goldin has agreed to hold back twenty percent (20%) of its allowed fees for all activity categories, save for the "Litigation Consulting" category. With regard to allowed fees associated with the "Litigation Consulting" category, Goldin has agreed to hold back five percent

(5%) of these fees. The holdbacks described in this section, collectively, constitute the Holdback Amount. All payments will be made from the Receivership assets.

WHEREFORE, Goldin respectfully requests that the Court:

- (a) grant interim approval of Goldin's request for compensation in the amount of \$37,514.25;
- (b) authorize the Receiver to immediately pay from the Receivership assets (i) the allowed fees of Goldin, less the Holdback Amount; and
  - (c) grant such other relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Dated: April 5, 2022 New York, NY

Respectfully submitted,

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## EXHIBIT A

### PLATINUM PARTNERS CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES MASTER FUND LP AND AFFILIATED ENTITIES STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT

Reporting Period from 10/01/2021 to 12/31/2021

| FUND ACCOUNTING | (See Instructions) |
|-----------------|--------------------|
|-----------------|--------------------|

|               |  |    | Period fr   | om 10 | 0/01/2021 to 12/ | /31/20 | 021        |
|---------------|--|----|-------------|-------|------------------|--------|------------|
|               |  | _  | PPCO        |       | PPLO             |        | Total      |
| Line 1        | Beginning Balance (As of 10/01/2021)                     | \$ | 17,263,731  | \$    | 3,508,514        | \$     | 20,772,245 |
|               | Increases in Fund Balance:                               |    |             |       |                  |        |            |
| Line 2        | Business Income  |    | -           |       | -                |        | _          |
| Line 3        | Cash and Securities                                      |    | -           |       | -                |        | -          |
| Line 4        | Interest/Dividend Income                                 |    | 2,258       |       | -                |        | 2,258      |
| Lines 5, 6, 7 | Asset Liquidations and Third-Party Litigations Income    |    | _           |       | 11,025           |        | 11,025     |
| Line 8        | Miscellaneous - Other                                    |    | -           |       | -                |        | -          |
|               | Total Funds Available (Lines 1-8)                        | \$ | 17,265,989  | \$    | 3,519,539        | \$     | 20,785,528 |
|               | Decreases in Fund Balance:                               |    |             |       |                  |        |            |
| Line 9        | Disbursements to Investors/Claimants                     |    | -           |       | -                |        | -          |
| Line 10       | Disbursements for Receivership Operations                |    | -           |       | -                |        | -          |
| Line 10a      | Disbursements to Receiver or Other Professionals         |    | (1,097,922) |       | -                |        | (1,097,922 |
| Line 10b      | Business Asset Expenses                                  |    | (191,760)   |       | (35,015)         |        | (226,775   |
| Line 10c      | Personal Asset Expenses                                  |    | -           |       | _                |        | -          |
| Line 10d      | Investment Expenses                                      |    | -           |       | -                |        | -          |
| Line 10e      | Third-Party Litigation Expenses                          |    |             |       |                  |        | -          |
|               | 1. Attorney Fees   |    | -           |       | -                |        | -          |
|               | 2. Litigation Expenses                                   |    | -           |       | -                |        | -          |
|               | Total Third-Party Litigation Expenses                    |    | -           |       | -                |        | -          |
| Line 10f      | Tax Administrator Fees and Bonds                         |    |             |       |                  |        |            |
| Line 10g      | Federal and State Tax Payments                           |    |             |       |                  |        |            |
|               | Total Disbursements for Receivership Operations          | \$ | (1,289,683) | \$    | (35,015)         | \$     | (1,324,698 |
| Line 11       | Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund |    | _           |       | _                |        | -          |
| Line 12       | Disbursements to Court/Other                             |    | -           |       | -                |        | -          |
|               | Total Funds Disbursed                                    | \$ | (1,289,683) | \$    | (35,015)         | \$     | (1,324,698 |
| Line 13       | Ending Balance (As of 12/31/2021)                        | \$ | 15,976,306  | \$    | 3,484,524        | \$     | 19,460,830 |

## EXHIBIT B

Invoice
Date 1/19/2022
Invoice # TCAP1712036S
Terms Net
Due Date
PO #
Currency USD
Bill To



Teneo Capital LLC 280 Park Avenue 4th Floor New York NY 10017

| Name              | Hours | Rate   | Amount    |
|-------------------|-------|--------|-----------|
| Marc Kirschner    | 2.1   | 855.00 | 1,795.50  |
| Curtis Solsvig    | 34.6  | 787.50 | 27,247.50 |
| William Edwards   | 7.5   | 765.00 | 5,737.50  |
| Karthik Bhavaraju | 4.5   | 607.50 | 2,733.75  |
|                   |       |        |           |
|                   |       |        |           |
|                   |       | Hours  | Amount    |
|                   |       | 48.70  | 37,514.25 |

Please Remit To:

Wire Instructions:

Bank Name: HSBC Bank USA Account Number: 048402737 ABA Number: 021001088 SWIFT Code: MRMDUS33

For Check Payments: Teneo Capital LLC PO Box 200299

Pittsburgh, PA 15251-0299

## EXHIBIT C

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**Summary by Task** 

| Totals for          | Hours | Amount    |
|---------------------|-------|-----------|
| Accounting          | 4.50  | 2,733.75  |
| Case Administration | 17.60 | 13,855.50 |
| Asset Disposition   | 26.60 | 20,925.00 |
|                     |       |           |
| TOTAL               | 48.70 | 37,514.25 |

## EXHIBIT D

### Detail by Task

### Accounting

| Timekeeper        | Date       | Hours | Rate   | Amount   | Description  |
|-------------------|------------|-------|--------|----------|--|
| Karthik Bhavaraju | 10/12/2021 | 0.50  | 607.50 | 303.75   | Mid-month expense calculations                         |
| Karthik Bhavaraju | 10/31/2021 | 1.10  | 607.50 | 668.25   | End of month expenses calculations                     |
| Karthik Bhavaraju | 11/15/2021 | 1.50  | 607.50 | 911.25   | Prepare midmonth expense review                        |
|                   |            |       |        |          | Conference call with T. Rogers to discuss certain      |
| Karthik Bhavaraju | 11/30/2021 | 0.40  | 607.50 | 243.00   | expense items, including Deloitte tax preparation fees |
| Karthik Bhavaraju | 11/30/2021 | 1.00  | 607.50 | 607.50   | Prepare month end expense summary                      |
|                   |            |       |        |          |  |
| TOTAL             |            | 4.50  |        | 2,733.75 |  |

### **Asset Disposition**

| T'                  | Dete       | Marina | Dete   | A        | December 11 and 12 and |
|---------------------|------------|--------|--------|----------|---|
| Timekeeper          | Date       | Hours  | Rate   | Amount   | Description   |
|                     |            |        |        |          | Update with P. Burg (Otterbourg) re SEC meeting follow  |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 10/01/2021 | 0.80   | 787.50 | 630.00   | up on Yellow River  |
|                     |            |        |        |          | Review A. Clingman's background in preparation for  |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 10/01/2021 | 0.60   | 787.50 | 472.50   | Yellow River follow up with SEC   |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 10/05/2021 | 0.80   | 787.50 | 630.00   | Discuss SEC comments with Receiver team   |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 10/05/2021 | 0.40   | 787.50 | 315.00   | Meet with SEC re Yellow River SPAC  |
|                     |            |        |        |          | Review SEC filings, company documents and   |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 10/05/2021 | 1.60   | 787.50 | 1,260.00 | background materials re SEC comments  |
|                     |            |        |        |          | Discuss follow-up action plan for SEC comments with   |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 10/06/2021 | 0.60   | 787.50 | 472.50   | Receiver team   |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 10/06/2021 | 0.50   | 787.50 | 393.75   | Draft notes on outstanding issues from SEC comments   |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 10/06/2021 | 0.40   | 787.50 | 315.00   | Discuss Yellow River issues with PPVA   |
|                     |            |        |        |          | Correspond with A Clingman (Chrm) re updates and  |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 10/07/2021 | 0.50   | 787.50 | 393.75   | status of SPAC  |
|                     |            |        |        |          | Draft background materials for PPVA discussions re  |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 10/08/2021 | 0.40   | 787.50 | 315.00   | SEC comments  |
|                     |            |        |        |          | Discuss SEC issues and PPVA considerations with P   |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 10/08/2021 | 0.40   | 787.50 | 315.00   | Berg  |
|                     |            |        |        |          | Correspond with Receiver team re ownership  |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 10/27/2021 | 0.50   | 787.50 | 393.75   | documentation   |
|                     |            |        |        |          | Update with E Weinick (Otterbourg) re Yellow River  |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 10/27/2021 | 0.40   | 787.50 | 315.00   | issues  |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 11/01/2021 | 0.80   | 787.50 | 630.00   | Correspond with Receiver team re Yellow River updates   |
| and a second        |            |        |        |          | Correspond with Receiver team re Pro Player   |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 11/01/2021 | 0.60   | 787.50 | 472.50   | documentation   |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 11/02/2021 | 1.40   | 787.50 | 1,102.50 | Participate in Plan and Claims Meeting  |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 11/02/2021 | 0.80   | 787.50 | 630.00   | Prep for Plan and Claims Meeting  |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 11/02/2021 | 0.20   | 787.50 | 157.50   | Correspond with Receiver team re Pro Player   |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 11/03/2021 | 0.60   | 787.50 | 472.50   | Follow up on SEC call with PPCO team  |
| Cartio Colovig      | 11/00/2021 | 0.00   | 707.00 | 472.00   | Meet with PPVA, PPCO team and SEC to discuss  |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 11/03/2021 | 1.20   | 787.50 | 945.00   | Yellow River SPAC   |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 11/12/2021 | 1.00   | 787.50 | 787.50   | Participate in Weekly Receiver Update   |
| Cut its Solsvig     | 11/12/2021 | 1.00   | 707.50 | 707.50   | Correspond with A Clingman (Chrm) re status of Yellow   |
| Curtio Solovia      | 11/22/2021 | 0.30   | 787.50 | 236.25   | River SPAC  |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 11/22/2021 | 0.30   | 767.50 | 230.23   |   |
| Curtia Calquia      | 11/20/2021 | 0.40   | 707.50 | 245.00   | Correspond with A Clingman (Chrm) re status of Yellow   |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 11/29/2021 | 0.40   | 787.50 | 315.00   | River SPAC  |
| Counties Contention | 40/00/0004 | 0.40   | 707.50 | 045.00   | Correspond with A Clingman (Chrm) re status of Yellow   |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 12/02/2021 | 0.40   | 787.50 | 315.00   | River SPAC  |
|                     | 40/00/0004 | 0.50   | 707.50 | 202 75   | Meet with Receiver Team to review status of Yellow  |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 12/06/2021 | 0.50   | 787.50 | 393.75   | River SPAC  |
|                     |            |        |        |          | Draft update memo to Receiver re status of Yellow River   |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 12/06/2021 | 1.50   | 787.50 | 1,181.25 | SPAC  |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 12/07/2021 | 0.30   | 787.50 | 236.25   | Discuss Yellow River SPAC with Will Edwards   |
|                     |            |        |        |          | Review correspondence re Yellow River SPAC for E  |
|                     |            |        |        |          | Weineck (Otterbourg) and send summary to Receiver   |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 12/08/2021 | 1.60   | 787.50 | 1,260.00 | Team  |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 12/10/2021 | 0.50   | 787.50 | 393.75   | Participate in Receiver Weekly Update Call  |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 12/10/2021 | 0.30   | 787.50 | 236.25   | Prepare for Receiver Weekly Update Call   |
|                     |            |        |        |          | Follow up on Yellow River matters arising from Receiver   |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 12/10/2021 | 0.80   | 787.50 | 630.00   | Weekly Call   |
|                     |            |        |        |          | Correspond with Receiver team and PPVA re status of   |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 12/13/2021 | 0.80   | 787.50 | 630.00   | Yellow River SPAC   |
|                     |            |        |        | į        | Prepare memo for Teneo M&A team on Yellow River   |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 12/13/2021 | 1.60   | 787.50 | 1,260.00 | stock sale  |
|                     |            |        |        |          | Prepare memo for Teneo M&A team on Yellow River   |
| Curtis Solsvig      | 12/14/2021 | 0.80   | 787.50 | 630.00   | stock sale  |
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| Timekeeper      | Date       | Hours | Rate   | Amount    | Description   |
|-----------------|------------|-------|--------|-----------|---|
|                 |            |       |        |           | Correspond with Receiver team and PPVA re status of |
| Curtis Solsvig  | 12/15/2021 | 0.60  | 787.50 | 472.50    | Yellow River SPAC                                   |
| William Edwards | 12/15/2021 | 1.00  | 765.00 | 765.00    | Review and comment on China Horizon teaser          |
|                 |            |       |        |           | Prepare memo for Teneo M&A team on Yellow River     |
| Curtis Solsvig  | 12/17/2021 | 0.70  | 787.50 | 551.25    | stock sale  |
|                 |            |       |        |           |   |
| TOTAL           |            | 26.60 |        | 20,925.00 |   |

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|-----------------|------------|-------|--------|-----------|--|
| Timekeeper      | Date       | Hours | Rate   | Amount    | Description  |
| William Edwards | 10/01/2021 | 0.70  | 765.00 | 535.50    | Participate in Otterbourg-Goldin team meeting              |
| L.,,,,,         |            |       |        |           | Participate in teleconference re: China Horizon with       |
| William Edwards | 10/05/2021 | 0.50  | 765.00 | 382.50    | SEC, with E. Weinick, C. Solsvig, P. Berg                  |
| William Edwards | 10/08/2021 | 0.80  | 765.00 | 612.00    | Participate in Otterbourg-Goldin team meeting              |
|                 |            |       |        |           | Discuss approach to PPVA re SEC comments with              |
| Curtis Solsvig  | 10/14/2021 | 1.20  | 787.50 | 945.00    | Receiver team  |
|                 |            |       |        |           | Update with A Clingman (Chrm) re status of SPAC and        |
| Curtis Solsvig  | 10/14/2021 | 0.40  | 787.50 | 315.00    | financing  |
|                 |            |       |        |           | Discuss approach to PPVA re SEC comments with              |
| Curtis Solsvig  | 10/15/2021 | 1.20  | 787.50 | 945.00    | Receiver team  |
| Curtis Solsvig  | 10/15/2021 | 0.80  | 787.50 | 630.00    | Join weekly Receiver update call                           |
| L.,,,,,         |            |       |        |           | Participate in call re: PGS/PPVA/China Horizon with E.     |
| William Edwards | 10/15/2021 | 0.40  | 765.00 | 306.00    | Weinick, T. Rogers, P. Berg and C. Solsvig                 |
| L               |            |       |        |           | Meeting re: China Horizon, with E. Weinick and N.          |
| William Edwards | 10/18/2021 | 0.40  | 765.00 | 306.00    | Jacobson   |
|                 |            |       |        |           | Update with Receiver team re status of SPAC and PPVA       |
| Curtis Solsvig  | 10/22/2021 | 0.60  | 787.50 | 472.50    | meeting  |
|                 |            |       |        |           | Correspond with PPVA re Yellow River SPAC and              |
| Curtis Solsvig  | 10/25/2021 | 0.40  | 787.50 | 315.00    | related issues   |
|                 |            |       |        |           | Correspond with A Clingman (Chrm) re updates and           |
| Curtis Solsvig  | 10/26/2021 | 0.20  | 787.50 | 157.50    | meeting  |
|                 |            |       |        |           | Meet with PPVA to discuss Yellow River SPAC and            |
| Curtis Solsvig  | 10/26/2021 | 0.80  | 787.50 | 630.00    | related issues   |
| Curtis Solsvig  | 10/28/2021 | 0.30  | 787.50 | 236.25    | Correspond with PPVA re ownership documentation            |
|                 |            |       |        |           | Correspond with Receiver team re ownership                 |
| Curtis Solsvig  | 10/28/2021 | 0.70  | 787.50 | 551.25    | documentation and prep for upcoming calls                  |
|                 |            |       |        |           | Update Receiver team on discussions with Clingman          |
| Curtis Solsvig  | 10/29/2021 | 0.60  | 787.50 | 472.50    | and PPVA   |
| Curtis Solsvig  | 10/29/2021 | 0.50  | 787.50 | 393.75    | Update with P. Burg (Otterbourg) re Yellow River           |
|                 |            |       |        |           | Meet with PPVA and A Clingman (Chrm) for update on         |
| Curtis Solsvig  | 10/29/2021 | 0.70  | 787.50 | 551.25    | SPAC   |
| Curtis Solsvig  | 10/30/2021 | 0.60  | 787.50 | 472.50    | Update E Wienick re Yellow River issues                    |
| Marc Kirschner  | 11/02/2021 | 0.50  | 855.00 | 427.50    | Strategy Conference with Receiver Team                     |
| William Edwards | 11/02/2021 | 0.50  | 765.00 | 382.50    | Participate in Otterbourg-Goldin team status meeting       |
| L               |            |       |        |           | Participate in call with PPVA representatives, and SEC     |
| William Edwards | 11/03/2021 | 0.50  | 765.00 | 382.50    | re: China Horizon  |
| Marc Kirschner  | 11/12/2021 | 0.30  | 855.00 | 256.50    | Strategy meeting with Receiver Team                        |
| William Edwards | 11/12/2021 | 0.40  | 765.00 | 306.00    | Participate in Goldin-Otterbourg strategy session          |
| Marc Kirschner  | 11/19/2021 | 0.50  | 855.00 | 427.50    | Strategy meeting at Receiver                               |
|                 |            |       |        |           | Call re: China Horizon, with E. Weinick, C. Solsvig and T. |
| William Edwards | 12/06/2021 | 0.60  | 765.00 | 459.00    | Rogers   |
|                 |            |       |        |           | Prep for call re: China Horizon, incl. review of memos     |
| William Edwards | 12/06/2021 | 0.40  | 765.00 | 306.00    | and correspondence   |
| William Edwards | 12/07/2021 | 0.30  | 765.00 | 229.50    | Review status update memo re: China Horizon                |
| William Edwards | 12/07/2021 | 0.30  | 765.00 | 229.50    | Discuss Yellow River SPAC with C. Solsvig                  |
| William Edwards | 12/07/2021 | 0.20  | 765.00 | 153.00    | Call with E. Weinick re: China Horizon                     |
| Marc Kirschner  | 12/10/2021 | 0.30  | 855.00 | 256.50    | Attend strategy meeting with Receiver team                 |
| William Edwards | 12/10/2021 | 0.50  | 765.00 | 382.50    | Participate in Otterbourg-Goldin team call                 |
| Marc Kirschner  | 12/27/2021 | 0.50  | 855.00 | 427.50    | Attend Strategy meeting with Receiver                      |
|                 |            |       |        |           |  |
| TOTAL           |            | 17.60 |        | 13,855.50 |  |

| TOTAL DETAIL BY TASK | 48.70 | 37,514.25 |  |
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## EXHIBIT E

Goldin did not incur any reimbursable expenses during the Eighteenth Application Period.

## EXHIBIT F

| UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  | V                                       |                      |
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| SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSIO  |   |                      |
| Plaintiff,   | : | No. 16-cv-6848 (BMC) |
| -V-  | :                                       |                      |
| PLATINUM MANAGEMENT (NY) LLC; PLATINUM CREDIT MANAGEMENT, L.P.; MARK NORDLICHT; DAVID LEVY; DANIEL SMALL; URI LANDESMAN; JOSEPH MANN; JOSEPH SANFILIPPO; and JEFFREY SHULSE, |   |                      |
| Defendants.  | :<br>:<br>X                             |                      |

# CERTIFICATION IN SUPPORT OF EIGHTEENTH INTERIM APPLICATION OF GOLDIN ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

- I, Marc S. Kirschner (the "Certifying Professional"), hereby certify that Goldin Associates, LLC (n/k/a Teneo) ("Goldin") has designated me as the Certifying Professional with respect to the Certification required by Section A of the *Billing Instructions for Receivers in Civil Actions Commenced by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* (the "SEC Receivership Billing Instructions") and certify that:
- 1. I am a Senior Managing Director of Goldin (n/k/a Teneo), which is located at 280 Park Avenue, New York, New York.

- 2. I have read Goldin's Eighteenth Interim Application for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred During the Period October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 ("Eighteenth Interim Application").
- 3. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the Eighteenth Interim Application and all fees and expenses sought are true and accurate and comply with the SEC Receivership Billing Instructions.
- 4. All fees contained in the Eighteenth Interim Application are based on the rates listed in Goldin's Fee Schedule (**Exhibit B** to the Eighteenth Interim Application) and all such fees are reasonable, necessary and commensurate with the skill and expertise required for the activity performed.
- 5. Goldin has not included in the amounts for which expense reimbursement is sought the amortization of the cost of any investment, equipment or capital outlay (except to the extent any such amortization is included within the permitted allowable amounts for photocopies and fax transmission).
- 6. In seeking reimbursement for a service which Goldin justifiably purchased or contracted for from a third party (such as copying, messenger services and overnight courier), Goldin requests reimbursement only for the amount billed to Goldin by the third party vendor and paid by Goldin to such vendor. Goldin is not making a profit on such reimbursable service.
- 7. The fees and expenses contained in the Eighteenth Interim Application were incurred in the best interests of the Receivership Estate.
- 8. With the exception of the Billing Instructions, Goldin has not entered into any agreement, written or oral, express or implied, with any person or entity concerning the amount of compensation paid or to be paid from the Receivership Estate, or any sharing thereof.

Dated: April 5, 2022 New York, NY

/s/ Marc S. Kirschner

Marc S. Kirschner Certifying Professional

| UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  | 37          |                      |
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| SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION   |             |                      |
| Plaintiff,   | :<br>:      |                      |
| -V-  | :           | No. 16-cv-6848 (BMC) |
| PLATINUM MANAGEMENT (NY) LLC; PLATINUM CREDIT MANAGEMENT, L.P.; MARK NORDLICHT; DAVID LEVY; DANIEL SMALL; URI LANDESMAN; JOSEPH MANN; JOSEPH SANFILIPPO; and JEFFREY SHULSE, |             |                      |
| Defendants.  | :<br>:<br>X |                      |

# [PROPOSED] ORDER APPROVING EIGHTEENTH INTERIM APPLICATION OF GOLDIN ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021

THIS MATTER coming before the Court on the Eighteenth Interim Application of Goldin Associates, LLC (n/k/a Teneo) ("Goldin") for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred During the Period October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 (the "Eighteenth Interim Application")<sup>1</sup> [Dkt. No. \_\_\_\_]; and the Court having considered the Eighteenth Interim Application and exhibits and other documents filed in support of the Eighteenth Interim Application; and the Court having found that the Eighteenth Interim Application complies with applicable standards for awarding fees and expenses; and after due deliberation and for good and sufficient cause shown; it is hereby

Capitalized terms utilized but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Eighteenth Interim Application.

**ORDERED** that the Eighteenth Interim Application for the period covering October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 (the "Eighteenth Application Period") is granted; and it is further

**ORDERED** that Goldin's compensation for the Eighteenth Application Period is allowed on an interim basis in the amount of \$37,514.25 (the "Allowed Fees"); and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Receiver is authorized to immediately pay from the Receivership assets (i) the Allowed Fees, less the Holdback Amount; plus (ii) 100% of the allowed out-of-pocket expenses of Goldin.