| UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK | v |
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| SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, | |
| Plaintiff, | : : : No. 16-cv-6848 (BMC) |
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| 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. | • |
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TWENTY-SIXTH INTERIM APPLICATION OF GOLDIN ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

Goldin Associates, LLC (n/k/a Teneo) ("Goldin"),¹ 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 Master Fund L.P, Platinum Partners Credit 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"),² hereby submits its Twenty-Sixth Interim Application for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred During the Period October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 ("Twenty-Sixth Interim Application"). Goldin respectfully requests interim approval for payment of \$7,593.75 in professional fees incurred for the period October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 (the "Twenty-Sixth Application Period").

Goldin's Twenty-Sixth Interim Application contains the following sections:

(a) **Section I** contains a preliminary statement of Goldin's activities in this case during the Twenty-Sixth 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 Twenty-Sixth 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.

² 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 Twenty-Sixth Application Period, Goldin continued to assist the Receiver and her legal counsel in monitoring certain assets, as well as analyzing potential investor and creditor claims.

2. In addition, during the Twenty-Sixth 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 variance analyses regarding Platinum's cash position; (iii) oversaw the procedures governing the review and approval of disbursements (including payroll); and (iv) conducted 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, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

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 Twenty-Sixth Application Period is attached as **Exhibit B** (the "Fee Schedule"). The fees requested in this Twenty-Sixth 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 twenty-sixth 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 R | equested | Amount 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 | | | | | | |
| | No. 341 | | | | | | |

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

| Period | Order | Amount R | equested | Amount Allowed | | Amount Paid to Date | | |
|----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------------|----------|---------------------|----------|--|
| | Date | | | | | | | |
| | Docket | | | | | | | |
| | No. | | | | | | | |
| | | Fees | Expenses | Fees | Expenses | Fees | Expenses | |
| 7/1/21 - | 12/21/21 | \$52,170.75 | \$0.00 | \$52,170.75 | \$0.00 | \$41,736.60 | \$0.00 | |
| 9/30/21 | Docket | | | | | | | |
| | No. 616 | | | | | | | |
| 10/1/21- | 6/6/22 | \$37,514.25 | \$0.00 | \$37,514.25 | \$0.00 | \$30,011.40 | \$0.00 | |
| 12/31/21 | Docket | | | | | | | |
| | No. 636 | | | | | | | |
| 1/1/22 - | 7/29/22 | \$13,259.25 | \$0.00 | \$13,259.25 | \$0.00 | \$10,607.40 | \$0.00 | |
| 3/31/22 | Docket | | | | | | | |
| | No. 650 | | | | | | | |
| 4/1/22- | 11/7/22 | \$10,289.25 | \$0.00 | \$10,289.25 | \$0.00 | \$8,231.40 | \$0.00 | |
| 6/30/22 | Docket | | | | | | | |
| | No. 660 | | | | | | | |
| 7/1/22- | 12/9/22 | \$18,423.00 | \$0.00 | \$18,423.00 | \$0.00 | \$14,738.40 | \$0.00 | |
| 9/30/22 | Docket | | | | | | | |
| | No. 664 | | | | | | | |
| 10/1/22- | Docket | \$10,440.00 | \$0.00 | \$10,440.00 | \$0.00 | \$8,352.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 12/31/22 | No. 669 | | | | | | | |
| 1/1/23- | Docket | \$3,784.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,784.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,027.20 | \$0.00 | |
| 3/31/23 | No. 675 | | | | | | | |
| 4/1/23- | Docket | \$3,780.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,780.00 | \$0.00 | \$3,024.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 6/30/23 | No. 681 | | | | | | | |
| 7/1/23- | Docket | \$9,598.50 | \$0.00 | \$9,598.50 | \$0.00 | \$7,678.80 | \$0.00 | |
| 9/30/23 | No. 693 | | | | | | | |

B. Case Status

9. **Cash on Hand and Unencumbered Funds**. As of December 31, 2023, the Receivership Entities had approximately \$17.3 million in funds. Certain parties have claimed an interest in certain sold assets and have asserts claims to a person of the sale proceeds of such assets (as opposed to a general claim against the Receivership Entities). Other parties have presented documentation which purportedly grant them security interests in all or certain of Platinum's assets. These secured claims were challenged and have been substantially resolved pursuant to settlements in the Beechwood litigation and an agreement with Heartland Bank,

(a) Accrued Administrative Expenses. As of December 31, 2023, it is estimated that accrued, unpaid administrative expenses amount to approximately \$4.74 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.

10. **Summary of Receipts and Disbursements**. Cash disbursements during the Twenty-Sixth Application Period totaled \$222,569.00. This amount consisted of business assets expenses (primarily consisting of payroll and related expenses paid to Platinum employees, office rent, and payments to Epiq).

11. Cash receipts during the Twenty-Sith Application Period totaled \$59,375, consisting of receipt of restitution funds, interest and installment payments by the Schafer and Weiner law firm in connection with a previously approved settlement agreement.

12. **Closing of Case**. Goldin cannot at this time state when the Receiver will deem it appropriate to seek the conclusion of this case.

13. **Summary of Creditor Claims Proceedings**. Pursuant to the previouslyapproved 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.

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.

14. **Summary of Assets**. The primary assets of the Receivership Estate consist of the following:

(a) Cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$17.3 million.

(b) Remaining stock and royalty interests, litigation financing and other miscellaneous investments; and

(c) Potential litigation claims.

15. Liquidated and Unliquidated Claims. The Receiver currently holds no liquidated litigation recoveries. The Receiver and the Receivership Team have analyzed other pre-Receivership activities, including transfers made by PPCO and PPLO to other entities and individuals, and the professional services provided by, among others, valuation agents, fund administrators, auditors and legal advisors, to determine if any additional causes of action exist

that, on a cost-benefit basis, warrant the commencement of litigation. Where mutual releases are warranted, the Receiver has sought and obtained such releases. Whether and the extent to which the Receiver may commence additional affirmative actions against, among others, insiders of Platinum, if any, will likely be addressed as part of the proposed plan of distribution and likely reservation of rights.

C. SEC Review

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

D. Exhibits

17. The Twenty-Sixth Interim Application contains the following exhibits:

(a) **Exhibit A**: The Standardized Fund Accounting Report ("SFAR") for the period October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

(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 TWENTY-SIXTH APPLICATION PERIOD

18. 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.

19. Per Section D.3 of the SEC Receivership Billing Instructions, Goldin accounted for its time charges during the Twenty-Fourth Application Period by activity categories. Narrative summaries of these activity categories follow.

20. Accounting (01). \$3,159.00 requested. During the Twenty-Sixth Application Period, Goldin continued to manage a variety of cash disbursement and budgeting protocols. For example, Goldin 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. Mr. Karthik Bhavaraju is the only Goldin professional who billed time in this activity category during the Twenty-Sixth Application Period. Mr. Bhavaraju has principal responsibility for overseeing Platinum's cash disbursement and budgeting protocols.

21. **Asset Deposition (02).** \$4,434.75 requested. Review open issues and resolution strategy. Mr. Karthik Bhavaraju is the only Goldin professional who billed time in this activity category during the Twenty-Sixth Application Period.

IV. EXPLANATION OF EXPENSES AND RELATED POLICIES

22. Goldin did not incur any reimbursable out-of-pocket expenses during the Twenty-Sixth 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 \$7,593.75;
- (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: March 19, 2024 New York, NY

Respectfully submitted,

<u>/s/ Marc S. Kirschner</u> Marc S. Kirschner Senior Advisor Goldin Associates, LLC (n/k/a Teneo) Case 1:16-cv-06848-BMC Document 704 Filed 03/19/24 Page 14 of 14 PageID #: 22972

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EXHIBIT A

PLATINUM PARTNERS CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES MASTER FUND LP AND AFFILIATED ENTITIES

STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT

Reporting Period from 10/01/2023 to 12/31/2023

| | | Period f | rom 1 | 0/1/2023 to 12/ | 31/20 | 23 |
|---------------|--|------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|------------|
| | | PPCO | | PPLO | | Total |
| Line 1 | Beginning Balance (As of 10/01/2023) | \$ 13,984,200 | \$ | 3,484,524 | \$ | 17,468,724 |
| | Increases in Fund Balance: | | | | | |
| Line 2 | Business Income | - | | - | | - |
| Line 3 | Cash and Securities | - | | - | | - |
| Line 4 | Interest/Dividend Income | - | | - | | - |
| Lines 5, 6, 7 | Asset Liquidations and Third-Party Litigations Income | 59,375 | | - | | 59,375 |
| Line 8 | Miscellaneous - Other | - | | - | | - |
| | Total Funds Available (Lines 1-8) | \$ 14,043,575 | \$ | 3,484,524 | \$ | 17,528,099 |
| | Decreases in Fund Balance: | | | | | |
| Line 9 | Disbursements to Investors/Claimants | - | | - | | - |
| Line 10 | Disbursements for Receivership Operations | - | | - | | - |
| Line 10a | Disbursements to Receiver or Other Professionals | (99,170) | | - | | (99,17 |
| Line 10b | Business Asset Expenses | (123,399) | | - | | (123,39 |
| 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 | \$ (222,569) | \$ | - | \$ | (222,56) |
| Line 11 | Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund | - | | - | | - |
| Line 12 | Disbursements to Court/Other | - | | - | | - |
| | Total Funds Disbursed | \$ (222,569) | \$ | - | \$ | (222,56 |
| Line 13 | Ending Balance (As of 12/31/2023) | \$ 13,821,006 | \$ | 3,484,524 | \$ | 17,305,53 |

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EXHIBIT B

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Invoice Date 1/19/2024 Invoice # USFA1712847S 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 |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|------------|
| Karthik Bhavaraju | 12.50 | 607.50 | 7,593.75 |
| | | | |
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| | | Hours | Amount |
| Please Remit To: | | 12.50 | \$7,593.75 |
| Flease Kellit 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 | | | |
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EXHIBIT C

Summary by Task

| Totals for | Hours | Amount |
|-------------------|-------|----------|
| Accounting | 5.20 | 3,159.00 |
| Asset Disposition | 7.30 | 4,434.75 |
| TOTAL | 12.50 | 7,593.75 |

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EXHIBIT D

Time Narratives

Karthik Bhavaraju

| Date | Hours | Memo |
|------------|-------|--|
| 10/03/2023 | 1.10 | Month end expense reporting and analysis |
| 10/16/2023 | 1.10 | Prepare mid month expense analysis for approval |
| 11/15/2023 | 1.10 | Prepare mid month expenses |
| | | Review remaining remnant assets, including supporting materials, and discuss open issues and resolution strategy |
| 11/28/2023 | 2.30 | with Erik Weinick and Trey Rogers |
| İ İ | | Review remaining remnant assets, including supporting materials, and discuss open issues and resolution strategy |
| 11/29/2023 | 2.10 | with Erik Weinick and Trey Rogers |
| | | Review remaining remnant assets, including supporting materials, and discuss open issues and resolution strategy |
| 11/30/2023 | 1.80 | with Erik Weinick and Trey Rogers |
| İ İ | ĺ | Review remaining remnant assets, including supporting materials, and discuss open issues and resolution strategy |
| 12/01/2023 | 1.10 | with Erik Weinick and Trey Rogers |
| 12/01/2023 | 1.10 | Prepare month end expenses |
| 12/15/2023 | 0.80 | EXpense approval for mid month |
| TOTAL | 12.5 | |
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EXHIBIT E

Goldin did not incur any reimbursable expenses during the Twenty-Sixth Application Period.

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EXHIBIT F

| UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK | v |
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| SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION | 11 |
| 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. | : : X |

CERTIFICATION IN SUPPORT OF TWENTY-SIXTH INTERIM APPLICATION OF GOLDIN ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023

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 Advisor of Goldin (n/k/a Teneo), which is located at 280 Park

Avenue, New York, New York.

2. I have read Goldin's Twenty-Sixth Interim Application for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred During the Period October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 ("Twenty-Sixth Interim Application").

3. To the best of my knowledge, information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the Twenty-Sixth 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 Twenty-Sixth Interim Application are based on the rates listed in Goldin's Fee Schedule (**Exhibit B** to the Twenty-Sixth 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 Twenty-Sixth 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.

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Dated: March 19, 2024 New York, NY

> /s/ Marc S. Kirschner Marc S. Kirschner Certifying Professional

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| SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSIO | | |
| Plaintiff, | : | |
| -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. | · : V | |
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[PROPOSED] ORDER APPROVING TWENTY-SIXTH INTERIM APPLICATION OF GOLDIN ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED DURING <u>THE PERIOD OCTOBER 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023</u>

THIS MATTER coming before the Court on the Twenty-Sixth 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, 2023 through December 31, 2023 (the "Twenty-Sixth Interim Application")¹ [Dkt. No. <u>TBS</u>]; and the Court having considered the Twenty-Sixth Interim Application and exhibits and other documents filed in support of the Twenty-Sixth Interim Application; and the Court having found that the Twenty-Sixth Interim Application and the Court having found that the Twenty-Sixth Interim Application and the Court having found that the Twenty-Sixth 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

¹ Capitalized terms utilized but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Twenty-Sixth Interim Application.

ORDERED that the Twenty-Sixth Interim Application for the period covering October 1 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 (the "Twenty-Sixth Application Period") is granted; and it is further

ORDERED that Goldin's compensation for the Twenty-Sixth Application Period is allowed on an interim basis in the amount of \$7,593.75 (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.

Dated: , 2024 Brooklyn, New York

THE HON. BRIAN M. COGAN UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK