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

UNITED STATES SECURITIES	§
AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,	§
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Plaintiff,	§
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<b>v.</b>	§
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THE HEARTLAND GROUP VENTURES, LLC;	§
HEARTLAND PRODUCTION AND RECOVERY	§
LLC; HEARTLAND PRODUCTION AND	§
RECOVERY FUND LLC; HEARTLAND	§
PRODUCTION AND RECOVERY FUND II LLC;	§
THE HEARTLAND GROUP FUND III, LLC;	§
HEARTLAND DRILLING FUND I, LP; CARSON	§
OIL FIELD DEVELOPMENT FUND II, LP;	§
ALTERNATIVE OFFICE SOLUTIONS, LLC;	§
ARCOOIL CORP.; BARRON PETROLEUM LLC;	§
JAMES IKEY; JOHN MURATORE; THOMAS	§
BRAD PEARSEY; MANJIT SINGH (AKA ROGER	No. 4:21-cv-1310-O-BP
SAHOTA; and RUSTIN BRUNSON,	§
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# JOINT MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AGREED ORDER RESOLVING RECEIVER'S MOTION TO DETERMINE REASONABLE CAUSE EXISTS TO ABATE IRS PENALTIES, INTEREST, AND LATE FILING FEES [ECF NO. 743]

TO THE HONORABLE U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE HAL R. RAY, JR.:

Deborah D. Williamson, in her capacity as the Court-appointed Receiver (the "Receiver") for the Receivership Parties (as defined in the Receivership Order), and the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS"), through the United States Department of Justice, file this *Joint Motion for Entry of Agreed Order Resolving Receiver's Motion to Determine Reasonable Cause Exists to Abate IRS Penalties, Interest, and Late Filing Fees [ECF No. 743]* (the "Motion") and respectfully submit to the Court as follows:

- 1. On June 3, 2025, the Receiver filed *Receiver's Motion to Determine Reasonable Cause Exists to Abate IRS Penalties, Interest, and Late Filing Fees* [ECF No. 743] (the "<u>Abatement Motion</u>").
- 2. The Receiver and the IRS have reached an agreement resolving the Abatement Motion and respectfully request that this Court enter the Agreed Order Resolving Receiver's Motion to Determine Reasonable Cause Exists to Abate IRS Penalties, Interest, and Late Filing Fees (the "Agreed Order") attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which resolves the Abatement Motion in all respects.

WHEREFORE, the Receiver and the IRS respectfully request that the Court grant the Motion and enter the Agreed Order attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

Dated: July 15, 2025

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## **CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

The Receiver, through the undersigned counsel, conferred with counsel for Plaintiff, Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>Commission</u>") on July 15, 2025, regarding the relief requested in the Motion. The Commission supports to the relief requested in the Motion.

/s/ Danielle Rushing Behrends
Danielle Rushing Behrends

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on July 15, 2025, the foregoing document was served via CM/ECF on all parties appearing in this Case, including counsel for Plaintiff, Securities and Exchange Commission, and on the following via U.S. first-class mail:

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# EXHIBIT A

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

#### **Plaintiff**

v.

THE HEARTLAND GROUP VENTURES, LLC; HEARTLAND PRODUCTION AND RECOVERY LLC; HEARTLAND PRODUCTION AND RECOVERY FUND LLC; HEARTLAND PRODUCTION AND RECOVERY FUND II LLC; THE **HEARTLAND GROUP FUND III, LLC; HEARTLAND DRILLING FUND I, LP;** CARSON OIL FIELD DEVELOPMENT **FUND II, LP; ALTERNATIVE OFFICE** SOLUTIONS, LLC; ARCOOIL CORP.: BARRON PETROLEUM LLC; JAMES **IKEY; JOHN MURATORE; THOMAS BRAD** PEARSEY; MANJIT SINGH (AKA ROGER) **SAHOTA: and RUSTIN** BRUNSON,

# Defendants,

#### and

DODSON PRAIRIE OIL & GAS LLC; PANTHER CITY ENERGY LLC; MURATORE FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.; BRIDY IKEY; ENCYPHER BASTION, LLC; IGROUP ENTERPRISES LLC; HARPRIT SAHOTA; MONROSE SAHOTA; SUNNY SAHOTA; BARRON ENERGY CORPORATION; DALLAS RESOURCES INC.; LEADING EDGE ENERGY, LLC; SAHOTA CAPITAL LLC; and 1178137 B.C. LTD.,

## **Relief Defendants**

No. 4:21-cv-01310-O-BP

AGREED ORDER RESOLVING RECEIVER'S MOTION TO DETERMINE REASONABLE CAUSE EXISTS TO ABATE IRS PENALTIES, INTEREST, AND LATE FILING FEES

Before the Court is the Receiver's Motion to Determine Reasonable Cause Exists to Abate

IRS Penalties, Interest, and Late Filing Fees ("Abatement Motion") (ECF No. 743). Being

apprised that the United States (IRS) and the Receiver agree to the terms set forth in this order as

a resolution of the Abatement Motion, the Court finds that good cause exists for the entry of this

order.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the Receiver is authorized to remit to the United States

payment of \$197,128.04 to be applied to the federal tax liabilities, interest, and penalties of the

Receivership Parties identified in the Abatement Motion. Upon this payment being received by the

United States, the Receiver and Receivership Estate(s) are released from any liability under the

Internal Revenue Code (Title 26 U.S.C.) for any of the parties identified in the Order Appointing

Receiver (ECF No. 17) as Receivership Parties for any period ending prior to the filing of the

Abatement Motion. This includes that the Receiver is released from any potential liability arising

pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3713, 26 U.S.C. § 6901, or other provision of law with respect to any of

the Receivership Parties for any such liability.

To the extent any other relief sought in the Abatement Motion is inconsistent with or not

expressly granted herein, the Abatement Motion is Denied in Part.

It is so **ORDERED**.

**SIGNED** this day of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

HAL R. RAY, JR.

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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# **AGREED TO:**

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