UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 3, 2024

Mach Natural Resources LP (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	001-41849	93-1757616	
(State or other jurisdiction	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer	
of incorporation)		Identification No.)	
14201 Wireless Way, Suite 300, Oklahoma C	Sity, Oklahoma	73134	
(Address of principal executive of	iices)	(Zip Code)	

(405) 252-8100 Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not applicable. (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

□ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

□ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered	
Common units representing limited partner interests	MNR	New York Stock Exchange	

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Agreement with Daniel T. Reineke, Jr.

As previously disclosed, Daniel T. Reineke, Jr., Executive Vice President, Business Development of Mach Natural Resources GP LLC (the "General Partner"), the general partner of Mach Natural Resources LP (the "Partnership"), resigned from the General Partner effective as of the close of business on April 19, 2024. In recognition of his contributions to the growth and success of the Partnership, on May 4, 2024, the General Partner and Mach Resources LLC entered into an agreement with Mr. Reineke (the "Reineke Agreement") providing for (i) a lump sum payment to Mr. Reineke of \$760,000, less applicable taxes and withholding, and (ii) accelerated vesting of all of Mr. Reineke's 68,755 outstanding phantom units under the Mach Natural Resources LP 2023 Long-Term Incentive Plan (collectively, the "Benefits").

As consideration for the Benefits, Mr. Reineke agreed to a comprehensive release of claims in favor of the General Partner, Mach Resources LLC and their respective affiliates. Mr. Reineke also agreed to be bound by restrictive covenants concerning confidential information, non-disparagement and non-solicitation of customers and employees. If Mr. Reineke violates the comprehensive release in the Reineke Agreement or his restrictive covenants, in each case, within the first year following the effective date of the Reineke Agreement, he will be required to repay the net after-tax portion of the Benefits.

The foregoing description of the Reineke Agreement is a summary, does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the terms of the Reineke Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Executive Change in Control and Severance Plan

On May 3, 2024, the Board of Directors of the General Partner (the "Board") adopted the Mach Natural Resources LP Executive Change in Control and Severance Plan (the "Executive Severance Plan"). The Executive Severance Plan provides severance payments upon an Eligible Executive's Qualifying Termination. The Board has designated Tom Ward as a Tier 1 Executive and Kevin White as a Tier 2 Executive under the Executive Severance Plan. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings assigned to them in the Executive Severance Plan.

Upon an Eligible Executive's Qualifying Termination that occurs outside of a Change in Control Protection Period, so long as the Eligible Executive executes and does not revoke a general release of claims (the "Release Requirement") and continues to abide by the restrictive covenants in the Executive Severance Plan, the Eligible Executive will be entitled to receive (i) a cash severance payment equal to (a) for a Tier 1 Executive, such Eligible Executive's Base Salary, and (b) for a Tier 2 Executive, five weeks of such Eligible Executive's Base Salary for each full year of employment or service with the Partnership Group, with a minimum of five weeks of such Eligible Executive's Base Salary and a maximum of fifty-two (52) weeks of such Eligible Executive's Base Salary, in each case, payable in a lump sum on the Partnership's first regularly scheduled pay date on or after the date that is 60 days after such Eligible Executive's Date of Termination, and (ii) any Prior Year Bonus.

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Upon an Eligible Executive's Qualifying Termination that occurs during a Change of Control Protection Period, so long as the Eligible Executive satisfies the Release Requirement and continues to abide by the restrictive covenants in the Executive Severance Plan, the Eligible Executive will be entitled to receive (i) the Prior Year Bonus, and (ii) a cash severance payment equal to the sum of the following amounts, payable in a lump sum no later than 60 days after the Eligible Executive's Date of Termination: (a) an amount equal to the product of (I) 2.5 (for a Tier 1 Executive) or 1.5 (for a Tier 2 Executive) and (II) the sum of the Eligible Executive's (A) Base Salary and (B) Target Annual Bonus, (b) a pro-rated portion of the Eligible Executive's Target Annual Bonus, and (c) an amount equal to the product of (I) 12 and (II) the Monthly COBRA Amount. Outstanding equity incentive awards held by the Eligible Executive would be treated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the applicable award agreement and, as applicable, the Long-Term Incentive Plan.

The Executive Severance Plan generally supersedes the severance entitlements, if any, provided to the Eligible Executives under any prior agreements, plans or arrangements. If the payments or benefits payable under the Executive Severance Plan would be subject to the parachute payment excise tax imposed under Section 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, then those payments or benefits will be reduced (but not below zero) if such reduction would result in a better net after-tax position for the applicable Eligible Executive.

This summary of the Executive Severance Plan does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to the text of the Executive Severance Plan and form of Participation Agreement thereunder filed as Exhibits 10.2 and 10.3 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which are incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
10.1	Release Agreement, dated as of May 4, 2024, by and among Mach Natural Resources GP LLC, Mach Resources LLC and Daniel T. Reineke, Jr.
10.2	Mach Natural Resources LP Executive Change in Control and Severance Plan.
10.3	Form of Participation Agreement under the Mach Natural Resources LP Executive Change in Control and Severance Plan.
104	The cover page from this Current Report on Form 8-K, formatted in Inline XBRL

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Mach Natural Resources LP

- By: Mach Natural Resources GP LLC, its general partner
- By: /s/ Tom L. Ward
 - Name: Tom L. Ward Title: Chief Executive Officer

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RELEASE AGREEMENT

This Release Agreement (this "Agreement") is entered into by and among Daniel T. Reineke, Jr. ("Employee"), Mach Natural Resources GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "General Partner") and Mach Resources LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Employer" and, together with the General Partner, "Mach"). Employee, the General Partner and Employer are each referred to herein as a "Party" and together as the "Parties."

WHEREAS, Employee's employment with Employer and all other Mach Parties (as defined below) ended on April 19, 2024 (the Resignation Date");

WHEREAS, Employee has been instrumental in the growth and success of Mach Natural Resources LP (the '*Partnership*''), and in recognition of Employee's contributions to the Partnership during his employment, Mach desires to provide Employee with certain benefits as set forth in this Agreement, which benefits are conditioned upon Employee's timely execution (and non-revocation) of this Agreement and Employee's compliance with the terms of this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to resolve any and all claims or causes of action that Employee has or may have against Mach or any of the Mach Parties, including any claims or causes of action that Employee may have arising out of Employee's employment or the end of such employment.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises set forth herein, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged by the Parties, the Parties agree as follows:

1. <u>Resignation from Employment; Deemed Resignations</u>. Employee's employment with Mach ended on the Resignation Date and, as of the Resignation Date, Employee no longer has an employment relationship with Mach or any other Mach Party. Employee acknowledges and agrees that, as of the Resignation Date, Employee will be deemed to have automatically resigned as, to the extent applicable: (a) as an officer of the General Partner, the Partnership and Employer and each of their respective affiliates for which Employee served as an officer; and (b) from the board of directors or board of managers (or similar governing body) of any corporation, limited liability entity, unlimited liability entity or other entity in which the General Partner, the Partnership or Employee or any of their respective affiliates holds an equity interest and with respect to which board of directors or board of managers (or similar governing body) Employee served as the General Partner's, the Partnership's or Employer's or such other affiliate's designee or other representative.

2. <u>Benefits</u>. Provided that Employee (i) executes this Agreement within 21 days of May $[\bullet]$, 2024, which is the date this Agreement is presented to Employee, and returns such executed Agreement to the General Partner such that it is received by the General Partner, c/o Michael Reel at 14201 Wireless Way, Suite 300, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73134 or via email at mreel@machnr.com on or before 11:59 p.m., Central Standard Time, on $[\bullet]$, 2024, (ii) does not subsequently revoke this Agreement pursuant to <u>Section 5(c)</u>, and (iii) abides by each of Employee's commitments set forth herein, then:

(a) Employer shall pay or cause to be paid to Employee a total amount of \$760,000, less applicable taxes and withholdings (the **Payment**"). The Payment shall be paid in a single lump sum within 60 days after the Resignation Date, but in no event before the date that is eight days following the date on which Employee executes and returns this Agreement; and

(b) The General Partner will cause Employee's 68,755 outstanding phantom units in the Partnership (the "*Award Units*") and each Award Unit's corresponding distribution equivalent right (each, a "*DER*") granted to Employee on October 27, 2023, pursuant to that certain Mach Natural Resources LP 2023 Long-Term Incentive Plan Award Unit Agreement (the "*Award Agreement*") to fully vest as of the Resignation Date, which vested Award Units and DERs shall be paid in accordance with the Award Agreement.

The payments and benefits set forth in this Section 2 are referred to herein collectively as the "Benefits".

3. Satisfaction of All Leaves and Payment Amounts; Prior Rights and Obligations. In entering into this Agreement, Employee expressly acknowledges and agrees that Employee has received all leaves (paid and unpaid) to which Employee has been entitled during Employee's employment with Employer or any other Mach Party, and Employee has received all wages, bonuses and other compensation, been provided all benefits and been afforded all rights and been paid all sums that Employee is owed or has been owed by Mach or any other Mach Party, including all payments arising out of all incentive plans and any other bonus arrangements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Employee remains entitled to receive Employee's current annualized base salary and benefits for services performed prior to the Resignation Date, to the extent unpaid. For the avoidance of doubt, Employee acknowledges and agrees that Employee had no right to the Benefits (or any portion thereof) but for Employee's entry into this Agreement and satisfaction of the terms herein.

4. General Release of Claims.

(a) For good and valuable consideration (including the Benefits), Employee hereby forever releases, discharges and acquits Mach and the Partnership and each of their affiliates, and each of the foregoing entities' respective predecessors, successors, assigns, shareholders, members, partners, officers, managers, directors, fiduciaries, employees, contractors, representatives, insurers, agents, attorneys and benefit plans (and the trustees, administrators and fiduciaries of such plans), in their personal and representative capacities (collectively, the "Mach Parties" or any one, individually, a "Mach Party"), from liability for, and Employee hereby waives, any and all claims, damages, demands, or causes of action of any kind that Employee has or could have, whether known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, against any Mach Party, including any and all claims, damages, demands, or causes of action relating to Employee's employment, engagement or affiliation with any Mach Party, the termination of such employment, engagement or affiliation, status as an equityholder or shareholder of any Mach Party, or any other acts or omissions related to any matter occurring or existing on or prior to the time that Employee executes this Agreement, including, (i) any alleged violation through such time of: (A) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; (B) the Civil Rights Act of 1991; (C) Sections 1981 through 1988 of Title 42 of the United States Code; (D) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; (E) the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974; (F) the Immigration Reform Control Act; (G) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; (H) the Occupational Safety and Health Act; (I) the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 (including the Older Workers Benefit Protection Act); (J) the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act of 1988; (K) any federal, state, municipal or local anti-discrimination or anti-retaliation law; (L) any federal, state, municipal or local wage and hour law; (M) any other local, municipal, state, or federal law, regulation or ordinance; and (N) any public policy, contract, tort, or common law claim, including claims for breach of fiduciary duty, fraud, breach of implied or express contract, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, wrongful discharge or termination, promissory estoppel, defamation, infliction of emotional distress, or tortious interference; (ii) any allegation for costs, fees, or other expenses including attorneys' fees incurred in, or with respect to, a Released Claim (as defined below); (iii) any and all rights, benefits or claims Employee may have under any employment contract or offer letter, incentive compensation plan, equity-based plan, or other agreement with any Mach Party (including the Award Agreement); and (iv) any claim for compensation, paid time off, benefits, or damages of any kind not expressly set forth in this Agreement (collectively, the "Released Claims"). THIS RELEASE INCLUDES MATTERS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE SOLE OR PARTIAL NEGLIGENCE (WHETHER GROSS OR SIMPLE) OR OTHER FAULT, INCLUDING STRICT LIABILITY, OF ANY OF THE MACH PARTIES.

(b) The Released Claims do not include (i) any rights or claims that may first arise after the time that Employee executes this Agreement (including any claims to the Benefits); (ii) any claim to vested 401(k) plan benefits; (iii) any claim relating to directors' and officers' liability insurance coverage or any right of indemnification under (A) that certain Indemnification Agreement, dated as of October 27, 2023, by and among Employee, the General Partner and the Partnership, or (B) the General Partner's, the Partnership's or Employer's organizational documents or otherwise or (iv) any claim that cannot be waived as a matter of law. Further notwithstanding this release of liability, nothing in this Agreement prevents Employee from filing any non-legally waivable claim (including a challenge to the validity of this Agreement) with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ("EEOC") or other governmental agency or participating in any investigation or proceeding conducted by the EEOC or other governmental agency or cooperating with such agency; however, Employee understands and agrees that, to the extent permitted by law, Employee is waiving any and all rights to recover any monetary or personal relief from any Mach Party as a result of such EEOC or other governmental agency proceeding or subsequent legal actions. Nothing herein waives Employee's right to receive an award for information provided to a governmental agency, including with respect to protected whistleblower activity.

(c) Employee hereby agrees not to bring or cause to be brought any Released Claims and represents and warrants that, as of the time Employee executes this Agreement, Employee has not brought or joined any lawsuit or filed any charge or claim against any of the Mach Parties in any court or before any government agency or arbitrator for or with respect to a matter, claim or incident that occurred or arose out of one or more occurrences that took place on or prior to the time at which Employee signs this Agreement. In addition, Employee shall not intentionally or voluntarily encourage, counsel or assist any non-governmental attorneys or their clients in the presentation or prosecution of any disputes, differences, grievances or Released Claims by any non-governmental third party against any of the Mach Parties. Employee hereby further represents and warrants that Employee has not assigned, sold, delivered, transferred or conveyed any rights Employee has asserted or may have against any of the Mach Parties to any person or entity, in each case, with respect to any Released Claims.

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5. Employee's Acknowledgements. By executing and delivering this Agreement, Employee acknowledges and agrees that:

(a) Employee has carefully read this Agreement;

(b) No material changes have been made to this Agreement since it was first provided to Employee and Employee has been given sufficient time (and at least 21 days) to review this Agreement and consider whether to accept this Agreement before signing it;

(c) Employee has seven days after signing this Agreement to revoke it. This Agreement will not become effective or enforceable until the revocation period has expired. Any notice of revocation of this Agreement is effective only if received by the General Partner, c/o Michael Reel at 14201 Wireless Way, Suite 300, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73134 or via email at mreel@machnr.com in writing by 11:59 p.m., Central Standard Time, on or before the seventh day after Employee signs and returns this Agreement. Employee understands that if Employee revokes Employee's acceptance of this Agreement pursuant to this <u>Section 5(c)</u>, <u>Sections 2</u> and <u>4</u> shall be of no force or effect and the remainder of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect;

(d) Employee has been advised, and hereby is advised in writing, to discuss this Agreement with an attorney of Employee's choice and Employee has had adequate opportunity to do so prior to executing and delivering this Agreement;

(e) Employee fully understands the final and binding effect of this Agreement; the only promises made to Employee to sign this Agreement are those stated within the four corners of this Agreement; and Employee is signing this Agreement knowingly, voluntarily and of Employee's own free will, and that Employee understands and agrees to each of the terms and conditions of this Agreement; and

(f) No Mach Party has provided any tax or legal advice regarding this Agreement and Employee has had an adequate opportunity to receive sufficient tax and legal advice from advisors of Employee's own choosing such that Employee enters into this Agreement with full understanding of the tax and legal implications thereof.

6. <u>Restrictive Covenants</u>. Employee acknowledges and agrees that, as a material inducement for Mach to enter into this Agreement and a condition of Employee's receipt of the Benefits, Employee agrees to the restrictive covenants set forth on <u>Exhibit A</u> (the "*Restrictive Covenant Agreement*"), the provisions of which are hereby fully incorporated herein by reference. Employee acknowledges that Employee has read and understands the terms of the restrictive covenant set forth in the Restrictive Covenant Agreement, including, specifically, the scope and duration thereof, and acknowledges and agrees that the terms of such Restrictive Covenant Agreement are in addition to any other restrictive covenants to which Employee is subject or otherwise bound (collectively, the "*Restrictive Covenants*"). In entering into this Agreement, Employee acknowledges the continued effectiveness and enforceability of the Restrictive Covenants and expressly reaffirms Employee's commitment to abide by, and promises to abide by, the terms of the Restrictive Covenants.

7. Repayment of Benefits Upon Breach of Agreement. If, during the Prohibited Period (as defined in the Restrictive Covenant Agreement), Employee breaches the Restrictive Covenants or any other material provision of this Agreement (as reasonably determined by the General Partner), Employee will (i) immediately and automatically forfeit without consideration any outstanding Award Units and any common units in the Partnership ("Common Units") to the extent such Common Units were paid to Employee in respect of the Award Units, and (ii) immediately repay to Mach any other Benefits paid to the Executive hereunder, including any payments in respect of the DERs, and any proceeds Employee receives from the sale of, or distributions paid in respect of, any Common Units Employee receives in respect of the Award Units, net of any taxes withheld by Mach in respect thereof.

8. Entire Agreement. This Agreement (including the Restrictive Covenant Agreement) and the other agreements referenced herein constitute the entire agreement between Employee, on the one hand, and the General Partner and Employer or any of their respective affiliates (as applicable), on the other hand, with respect to the matters herein provided. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the restrictions set forth in Section 6 complement and are in addition to (and do not supersede or replace) all of Employee's obligations (whether contractual, statutory or at common law) with respect to non-disclosure, and the protection of, confidential information. No modifications or waiver of any provision hereof shall be effective unless in writing and signed by each Party.

9. Governing Law and Jurisdiction. This Agreement shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Oklahoma without regard to its conflict of laws principles that would result in the application of the laws of another jurisdiction.

10. <u>Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. EACH OF THE PARTIES HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY OR A COURT TRIAL IN ANY ACTION, PROCEEDING, OR COUNTERCLAIM ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT.

11. <u>Headings: Interpretation</u>. Titles and headings to Sections hereof are for the purpose of reference only and shall in no way limit, define or otherwise affect the provisions hereof. Unless the context requires otherwise, all references herein to a law, regulation, agreement, instrument or other document shall be deemed to refer to such law, regulation, agreement, instrument or other document as amended, supplemented, modified and restated from time to time to the extent permitted by the provisions thereof, and references to particular provisions of laws or regulations include a reference to the corresponding provisions of any succeeding law or regulation. The word "or" as used

herein is not exclusive and is deemed to have the meaning "and/or." The words "herein," "hereof," "hereunder" and other compounds of the word "here" shall refer to the entire Agreement, and not to any particular provision hereof. The use herein of the word "including" following any general statement, term or matter shall not be construed to limit such statement, term or matter to the specific items or matters set forth immediately following such word or to similar items or matters, whether or not non-limiting language (such as "without limitation," "but not limited to," or words of similar import) is used with reference thereto, but rather shall be deemed to refer to all other items or matters that could reasonably fall within the broadest possible scope of such general statement, term or matter. Neither this Agreement nor any uncertainty or ambiguity herein shall be construed or resolved against any Party, whether under any rule of construction or otherwise. On the contrary, this Agreement has been reviewed by each of the Parties and shall be construed and interpreted as if drafted jointly by the Parties and according to the ordinary meaning of the words used so as to fairly accomplish the purposes and intentions of the Parties.

12. <u>Third Party Beneficiaries</u> Each Mach Party that is not a signatory hereto shall be a third-party beneficiary of Employee's covenants, warranties, representations and release of claims set forth in this Agreement and entitled to enforce such provisions as if it was a party hereto.

13. <u>Return of Property</u>. Employee represents and warrants to the other Parties that Employee has returned, or within ten days following the Resignation Date Employee will have returned, to the General Partner and Employer all property belonging to the General Partner and Employer, respectively, and any other Mach Party, including all computer files and other electronically stored information, applicable passwords and other materials provided to Employee by the General Partner, Employer or any other Mach Party in the course of Employee's employment, and Employee further represents and warrants to the other Parties that Employee has not maintained or, after the date that is ten days following the Resignation Date, Employee will not maintain, a copy of any such materials in any form.

14. <u>Cooperation</u>. Following the Resignation Date, upon request from the General Partner, Employer or any other Mach Party, Employee agrees to cooperate with members of the Mach Party as well as their respective counsel, agents or other designees, in order to provide such information and assistance as the General Partner, Employer or such other Mach Party may reasonably request with respect to the duties that Employee had performed for any Mach Party.

15. <u>No Waiver</u>. No failure by any Party at any time to give notice of any breach by the other Party of, or to require compliance with, any condition or provision of this Agreement shall be deemed a waiver of similar or dissimilar provisions or conditions at the same or at any prior or subsequent time.

16. <u>Assignment</u>. This Agreement is personal to Employee and may not be assigned by Employee. The General Partner or Employer may assign its rights and obligations under this Agreement without Employee's consent, including to any other Mach Party and to any successor (whether by merger, purchase or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the equity, assets or businesses of the General Partner or Employer.

17. <u>Severability and Modification</u>. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Parties agree that any term or provision of this Agreement (or part thereof) that renders such term or provision (or part thereof) or any other term or provision (or part thereof) of this Agreement invalid or unenforceable in any respect shall be severable and shall be modified or severed to the extent necessary to avoid rendering such term or provision (or part thereof) invalid or unenforceable, and such severance or modification shall be accomplished in the manner that most nearly preserves the benefit of the Parties' bargain hereunder.

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18. Withholding of Taxes and Other Employee Deductions. The General Partner or Employer may, or may direct any other Mach Party to, withhold from any payment made pursuant to this Agreement all federal, state, local, and other taxes as may be required pursuant to any law or governmental regulation or ruling.

19. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts (including portable document format (.pdf) and facsimile counterparts), each of which shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same agreement.

20. Section 409A. This Agreement and the payments provided hereunder are intended be exempt from the requirements of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the Treasury regulations and interpretive guidance issued thereunder (collectively, "Section 409A") and shall be construed and administered in accordance with such intent. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Mach makes no representations that the benefits provided under this Agreement are exempt from the requirements of Section 409A and in no event shall Mach or any other Mach Party be liable for all or any portion of any taxes, penalties, interest, or other expenses that may be incurred by Employee on account of non-compliance with Section 409A.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Employee, the General Partner and Employer each have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the dates set forth beneath their names below and effective for all purposes as provided above.

EMPLOYEE

/s/ Daniel T. Reineke, Jr. Daniel T. Reineke, Jr.

Date: May 4, 2024

MACH NATURAL RESOURCES GP LLC

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By:	/S/	Michael	Reel

Name: Michael Reel Title: General Counsel

Date: May 4, 2024

MACH RESOURCES LLC

By: /s/ Michael Reel Name: Michael Reel Title: General Counsel

Date: May 4, 2024

Signature Page to Release Agreement

EXHIBIT A

RESTRICTIVE COVENANT AGREEMENT

1. <u>Confidentiality</u>. In the course of Employee's employment with Mach, the Partnership or their applicable affiliates and in the performance of Employee's duties on behalf of Mach, the Partnership and each of their respective direct and indirect past, present and future subsidiaries and affiliates (collectively, the "*Partnership Group*"), Employee has been provided with, and has had access to, Confidential Information (as defined below). In consideration of Employee's receipt of Confidential Information and access to such Confidential Information and in exchange for other valuable consideration provided under the Release Agreement, and as a condition to Employee's receipt of such valuation consideration, Employee shall be subject to the covenants and restrictions in this <u>Section 1</u> and in <u>Sections 2, 3, 4</u> and <u>5</u>.

(a) In General. During the period following the Resignation Date, except as expressly permitted by this Restrictive Covenant Agreement, Employee shall not, and shall cause Employee's affiliates not to, disclose any Confidential Information to any person or entity and shall not use any Confidential Information except for the benefit of the Partnership Group. Employee shall follow all Partnership Group policies and protocols regarding the security of all documents and other materials containing Confidential Information (regardless of the medium on which Confidential Information is stored).

(b) <u>Permitted Disclosures</u>. Notwithstanding any provision of <u>Section 1(a)</u> to the contrary, Employee may make the following disclosures and uses of Confidential Information: (i) disclosures to other employees of a member of the Partnership Group who have a need to know the information in connection with the businesses of the Partnership; (ii) disclosures and uses that are approved in writing by the General Partner; or (iii) disclosures to a person or entity that has (A) been retained by a member of the Partnership Group to provide services to one or more members of the Partnership Group and (B) agreed in writing to abide by the terms of a confidentiality agreement in a form acceptable to the General Partner.

(c) <u>Return of Confidential Information</u>. Within ten days following the Resignation Date, and at any other time upon request of any member of the Partnership Group, Employee shall promptly surrender and deliver to such member of the Partnership Group all documents (including electronically stored information) and all copies thereof and all other materials of any nature containing or pertaining to all Confidential Information and any other Partnership Group property (including any Partnership-Group-issued computer, mobile device or other property or equipment) in Employee's possession, custody or control and Employee shall not retain any such documents or other materials or property of the Partnership Group. Within five days of any such request, Employee shall certify to the General Partner or Employer in writing that all such documents, materials and property have been returned to the applicable member of the Partnership Group.

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(d) <u>Additional Permitted Disclosures</u>. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Restrictive Covenant Agreement shall prohibit or restrict Employee from lawfully (i) initiating communications directly with, cooperating with, providing information to, causing information to be provided to, or otherwise assisting in an investigation by, any governmental authority (including the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission) regarding a possible violation of any law; (ii) responding to any inquiry or legal process directed to Employee from any such governmental authority; (iii) testifying, participating or otherwise assisting in any action or proceeding by any such governmental authority relating to a possible violation of law or pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act; (iv) accepting any U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission awards or other awards in connection with the whistleblower provisions of federal or other applicable law or regulation; or (v) making any other disclosures that are protected under the whistleblower provisions of any applicable law or regulation. Additionally, pursuant to the federal Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016, 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b), Employee shall not be held criminally or civilly liable under any federal or state trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret that: (A) is made (x) in confidence to a federal, state or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney and (y) solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; (B) is made to Employee's attorney in relation to a lawsuit for retaliation against Employee for enporting a suspected violation of law or (C) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or proceeding, if such filing is made under seal. Nothing in this Restrictive Covenant Agreement requires Employee to obtain prior authorization from any member of the Partnership Group or any other person or entity before engaging in any conduct described in this <u>Section 1(d)</u>, or to notify any member of

(e) For purposes of this Restrictive Covenants Agreement, "Confidential Information" means all information that is conceived, made, developed or acquired by or disclosed to any member of the Partnership Group (whether conveyed orally or in writing), individually or in conjunction with others, including: (i) technical information of any member of the Partnership Group, its affiliates, its investors, customers, vendors, suppliers or other third parties, including computer programs, software, databases, data, ideas, know-how, formulae, compositions, processes, discoveries, machines, inventions (whether patentable or not), designs, developmental or experimental work, techniques, improvements, work in process, research or test results, original works of authorship, training programs and procedures, diagrams, charts, business and product development plans, and similar items; (ii) information relating to any member of the Partnership Group's businesses or properties, products or services (including all such information relating to corporate opportunities, operations, future plans, methods of doing business, business plans, strategies for developing business and market share, research, financial and sales data, pricing terms, evaluations, opinions, interpretations, acquisition prospects, the identity of customers or acquisition targets or their requirements, the identity of key contacts within customers' organizations or within the organization of acquisition prospects, or marketing and merchandising techniques, prospective names and marks) or pursuant to which any member of the Partnership Group owes a confidentiality obligation; and (iii) other valuable, confidential information and trade secrets of any member of the Partnership Group, its affiliates, its customers or other third parties. Moreover, all documents, videotapes, written presentations, brochures, drawings, memoranda, notes, records, files, correspondence, manuals, models, specifications, computer programs, e-mail, voice mail, electronic databases, maps, drawings, architectural renditions, models and all other writings or materials of any type including or embodying any of such information, ideas, concepts, improvements, discoveries, inventions and other similar forms of expression are and shall be the sole and exclusive property of the applicable member of the Partnership Group and be subject to the same restrictions on disclosure applicable to all Confidential Information pursuant to this Restrictive Covenant Agreement. For purposes of this Restrictive Covenant Agreement, Confidential Information shall not include any information that is or becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure or wrongful act of Employee or any of Employee's agents.

2. Employee and Contractor Non-Solicitation.

(a) As an express condition for Mach to pay or provide the Benefits to Employee, Employee has voluntarily agreed to the covenants set forth in this Section 2. Employee agrees and acknowledges that the limitations and restrictions set forth herein, including temporal restrictions on certain non-solicitation activities, are reasonable in all respects, do not interfere with public interests, will not cause Employee undue hardship, and are intended and necessary to protect the Partnership Group's Confidential Information, goodwill and legitimate business interests.

(b) During the twelve (12)-month period immediately following the Resignation Date (the "*Prohibited Period*"), except on behalf of the Partnership Group in connection with the business of the Partnership or with the prior express written approval of the General Partner, Employee shall not and shall cause Employee's affiliates to not, directly or indirectly, for Employee or on behalf of or in conjunction with any other person or entity of any nature: (i) solicit, canvass, approach, encourage, entice, recruit, influence or induce any person who is an employee or a contractor of the Partnership Group to terminate or reduce his, her or its employment or engagement with any member of Partnership Group, or (ii) hire or retain, solicit for employment or engagement, or attempt to hire, retain, or solicit for employment or engagement any employee or contractor of the Partnership Group, or otherwise adversely interfere with any such relationship. An employee or contractor shall be deemed covered by this <u>Section 2(b)</u> while so employed or engaged by any member of the Partnership Group and for a period of six months thereafter.

(c) Because of the difficulty of measuring economic losses to the Partnership Group as a result of a breach or threatened breach of the covenants set forth in <u>Section 1</u> and in this <u>Section 2</u>, and because of the immediate and irreparable damage that would be caused to the members of the Partnership Group for which they would have no other adequate remedy, Mach and each other member of the Partnership Group shall be entitled to (i) enforce the foregoing covenants, in the event of a breach or threatened breach, by injunctions and restraining orders from any court of competent jurisdiction, without the necessity of showing any actual damages or that money damages would not afford an adequate remedy, and without the necessity of posting any bond or other security, (ii) indemnification by Employee from any loss or harm caused by a breach of this Restrictive Covenant Agreement, and (iii) recover any costs or attorneys' fees, arising out of or in connection with any breach by Employee forup's exclusive remedy for a breach but instead shall be in addition to all other rights and remedies available to the General Partner, Employer and each other member of the Partnership Group, at law and equity.

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(d) The covenants in this <u>Section 2</u>, and each provision and portion hereof, are severable and separate, and the unenforceability of any specific covenant (or portion thereof) shall not affect the provisions of any other covenant (or portion thereof). Moreover, in the event any arbitrator or court of competent jurisdiction shall determine that the scope, time or territorial restrictions set forth are unreasonable, then it is the intention of the parties that such restrictions be severed or reformed, and then enforced to the fullest extent which such arbitrator or court deems reasonable, and this Restrictive Covenant Agreement shall thereby be reformed.

(e) Employee agrees that Employee will not challenge the reasonableness or enforceability of any of the covenants set forth in Restrictive Covenant Agreement and that Employee will reimburse the applicable member of the Partnership Group for all costs (including reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred in connection with any action to enforce any of the provisions of this Restrictive Covenant Agreement if such member of the Partnership Group prevails on any material issue involved in such dispute.

3. <u>Non-Disparagement</u>. Subject to <u>Section 1(d)</u>, Employee agrees that Employee will not at any time now, or in the future, defame, disparage or make statements which could cause harm or damage the reputation, goodwill, or business of any member of the Partnership Group or the names and reputations of any of their respective owners, members, officers, directors, managers, partners, shareholders, equity holders, employees, agents or representatives.

4. <u>Consent to Notification</u>. Employee hereby grants consent to notification by the Partnership Group to any new employer, any third party engaging Employee's services, or any entity to which Employee becomes a partner, member, employee or otherwise engaged about Employee's rights and obligations under this Restrictive Covenant Agreement.

5. *EMPLOYEE REPRESENTATION*. EMPLOYEE REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS THAT EMPLOYEE HAS (a) READ AND UNDERSTOOD EACH PROVISION OF THIS RESTRICTIVE COVENANT AGREEMENT, (b) HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN ADVICE FROM LEGAL COUNSEL OF EMPLOYEE'S CHOICE IN ORDER TO INTERPRET ANY AND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS RESTRICTIVE COVENANT AGREEMENT, (c) HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THE GENERAL PARTNER AND/OR EMPLOYER QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS RESTRICTIVE COVENANT AGREEMENT AND ANY OF SUCH QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED TO EMPLOYEE'S SATISFACTION, AND (d) BEEN GIVEN A COPY OF THIS RESTRICTIVE COVENANT AGREEMENT.

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MACH NATURAL RESOURCES LP

EXECUTIVE CHANGE IN CONTROL AND SEVERANCE PLAN

1. <u>Purpose</u>. Mach Natural Resources GP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "<u>Company</u>"), the general partner of Mach Natural Resources LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "<u>Partnership</u>"), has adopted this Mach Natural Resources LP Executive Change in Control and Severance Plan (this <u>Plan</u>") to provide severance pay and benefits to eligible officers and management employees who are Eligible Executives (as defined below) and whose employment is terminated on or after January 1, 2024 (the "<u>Effective Date</u>"). This Plan is intended to be maintained primarily for the purpose of providing benefits for a select group of management or highly compensated employees.

2. <u>Definitions</u>. For purposes of this Plan, the following terms shall have the respective meanings set forth below:

(a) "Accrued Amounts" means (i) all accrued and unpaid Base Salary through the Date of Termination, which shall be paid within ten (10) business days following the Date of Termination (or earlier if required by applicable law); (ii) reimbursement for all incurred but unreimbursed expenses for which an Eligible Executive is entitled to reimbursement in accordance with the expense reimbursement policies of the Partnership in effect as of the Date of Termination; and (iii) benefits to which an Eligible Executive is entitled through the Date of Termination pursuant to the terms of any plan or policy sponsored by the Partnership or any of its Affiliates as in effect from time to time.

(b) "<u>Affiliate</u>" means, with respect to any person, any other person that directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries controls, is controlled by or is under common control with, the person in question. As used herein, the term "control" means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of a person, whether through ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

(c) "Base Salary" means the amount an Eligible Executive is entitled to receive as base salary on an annualized basis, calculated as of the Date of Termination, including any amounts that an Eligible Executive could have received in cash had such Eligible Executive not elected to contribute to an employee benefit plan maintained by the Partnership, but excluding all annual cash incentive awards, bonuses, equity or equity-based awards, and incentive compensation payable by the Partnership as consideration for an Eligible Executive's services.

(d) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.

(e) "Cause" has the meaning set forth in the Long-Term Incentive Plan.

(f) "Change in Control" has the meaning set forth in the Long-Term Incentive Plan.

(g) "Change in Control Protection Period" means the period commencing on the date on which a Change in Control is consummated and ending on the 12month anniversary of the date on which such Change in Control is consummated.

(h) "COBRA" means the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985.

(i) "Code" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

(j) "<u>Committee</u>" means the Compensation Committee of the Board or such other committee designated by the Board to administer this Plan. If no committee is duly authorized by the Board to administer this Plan, the term "Committee" shall be deemed to refer to the Board for all purposes under this Plan.

(k) "Confidential Information" means all information that is conceived, made, developed or acquired by or disclosed to any member of the Partnership Group (whether conveyed orally or in writing), individually or in conjunction with others, including: (i) technical information of any member of the Partnership Group, its Affiliates, its investors, customers, vendors, suppliers or other third parties, including computer programs, software, databases, data, ideas, know-how, formulae, compositions, processes, discoveries, machines, inventions (whether patentable or not), designs, developmental or experimental work, techniques, improvements, work in process, research or test results, original works of authorship, training programs and procedures, diagrams, charts, business and product development plans, and similar items; (ii) information relating to any member of the Partnership Group's businesses or properties, products or services (including all such information relating to corporate opportunities, operations, future plans, methods of doing business, business plans, strategies for developing business and market share, research, financial and sales data, pricing terms, evaluations, opinions, interpretations, acquisition prospects, the identity of customers or acquisition targets or their requirements, the identity of key contacts within customers' organizations or within the organization of acquisition prospects, or marketing and merchandising techniques, prospective names and marks) or pursuant to which any member of the Partnership Group owes a confidentiality obligation; and (iii) other valuable, confidential information and trade secrets of any member of the Partnership Group, its Affiliates, its customers or other third parties. Moreover, all documents, videotapes, written presentations, brochures, drawings, memoranda, notes, records, files, correspondence, manuals, models, specifications, computer programs, e-mail, voice mail, electronic databases, maps, drawings, architectural renditions, models and all other writings or materials of any type including or embodying any of such information, ideas, concepts, improvements, discoveries, inventions and other similar forms of expression are and shall be the sole and exclusive property of the Partnership or the other applicable member of the Partnership Group and be subject to the same restrictions on disclosure applicable to all Confidential Information pursuant to this Plan. For purposes of this Plan, Confidential Information shall not include any information that is or becomes generally available to the public other than as a result of a disclosure or wrongful act of an Eligible Executive or any of such Eligible Executive's agents.

(1) "Date of Termination" means the effective date of the termination of an Eligible Executive's employment with the Partnership and its Affiliates, as applicable, such that such Eligible Executive is no longer employed by any member of the Partnership Group.

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(m) "Disability" has the meaning set forth in the Long-Term Incentive Plan.

(n) "Eligible Executive" means any employee of any member of the Partnership Group who (i) is designated by the Committee as an "Eligible Executive" who is eligible to participate in this Plan; (ii) has executed and returned a Participation Agreement to the Partnership; (iii) is not covered under any other severance plan, policy, program or arrangement sponsored or maintained by any member of the Partnership Group; and (iv) is not a party to an employment or severance agreement with any member of the Partnership Group pursuant to which such employee is eligible for severance payments or benefits or has waived such employee's rights to severance payments or benefits.

thereunder pursuant to such employee's Participation Agreement. The Committee shall have the sole discretion to determine whether an employee is an Eligible Executive. Eligible Executives shall be limited to a select group of management or highly compensated employees within the meaning of Sections 201, 301 and 401 of ERISA.

(o) "Employment Period" means the period during which an Eligible Executive is employed or engaged by or affiliated with the Partnership or any other member of the Partnership Group.

(p) "ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974.

(q) "Good Reason" means, with respect to an Eligible Executive, the occurrence of any of the following events without such Eligible Executive's written consent: (i) a material diminution in such Eligible Executive's title, position or duties with any member of the Partnership Group; (ii) a material reduction in base salary or target annual bonus opportunity; provided that, a reduction in the base salary or target annual bonus opportunity that occurs in connection with an across-the-board base salary or target bonus opportunity reduction affecting all other members of the management team of the Partnership on a proportionate basis shall not constitute Good Reason for purposes of this clause (ii); (iii) a relocation of such Eligible Executive's principal place of employment to a location that is more than fifty (50) miles from such Eligible Executive's then-current principal place of employment at the direction of any member of the Partnership Group; or (iv) any material breach by any member of the Partnership Group of any obligation under this Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such Eligible Executive's termination shall not be considered to be on account of Good Reason unless: (A) within forty-five (45) days following the initial occurrence of one of the events set forth in clauses (i)-(iv), such Eligible Executive provides written notice to the Company of the applicable facts and circumstances alleged to constitute Good Reason, (B) the applicable members of the Partnership Group does not remedy, cure or rectify the event within forty-five (45) days following the date on which written notice is received, and (C) such Eligible Executive actually terminates his or her employment within ninety (90) days after the initial occurrence of the event.

(r) "Long-Term Incentive Plan" means the Mach Natural Resources LP 2023 Long-Term Incentive Plan, as amended or restated from time to time, or any successor equity incentive plan adopted by the Company.

(s) "Participation Agreement" means the participation agreement delivered to each Eligible Executive by the Committee prior to his or her participation in this Plan evidencing such Eligible Executive's agreement to participate in this Plan and to comply with all terms, conditions and restrictions within this Plan.

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(t) "Partnership Group" means the Partnership, the Company and each of their respective direct and indirect past, present and future subsidiaries.

(u) "Prohibited Period" means, with respect to an Eligible Executive, such Eligible Executive's Employment Period and the 12-month period immediately

thereafter.

(v) "Qualifying Termination" means the termination of an Eligible Executive's employment (i) by any member of the Partnership Group without Cause (which, for the avoidance of doubt, does not include a termination due to death or Disability); or (ii) due to an Eligible Executive's resignation for Good Reason, in each case, such that such Eligible Executive is no longer employed by any member of the Partnership Group.

(w) "<u>Release Requirement</u>" means the requirement that an Eligible Executive execute and deliver to the Partnership a general release of claims, in a form acceptable to the Partnership (the "<u>Release</u>"), on or prior to the date that is twenty-one (21) days following the date upon which the Partnership delivers the Release to an Eligible Executive (which shall occur no later than seven (7) days following the Date of Termination) or, in the event that such termination of employment is "in connection with an exit incentive or other employment termination program" (as such phrase is defined in the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967), the date that is forty-five (45) days following such delivery date. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision in this Plan to the contrary, the Release Requirement shall not be considered satisfied if such Eligible Executive revokes the Release within any time provided by the Partnership for such revocation.

(x) "Section 409A" means Section 409A of the Code.

(y) "Severance Amount" means, collectively, the cash payments set forth in Sections 5(a) or 5(b), as applicable.

(z) "<u>Target Annual Bonus</u>" means an Eligible Executive's target annual bonus for the calendar year that includes such Eligible Executive's Date of Termination.

(aa) "<u>Tier</u>" means an "Executive Tier" used for purposes of determining the level of severance benefits an Eligible Executive is eligible to receive. Each Eligible Executive shall be designated by the Committee as a "Tier 1 Executive" or "Tier 2 Executive" pursuant to such Eligible Executive's Participation Agreement.

3. Administration of this Plan.

(a) <u>Administration by the Committee</u>. The Committee shall be responsible for the management and control of the operation and the administration of this Plan, including interpretation of this Plan, decisions pertaining to eligibility to participate in this Plan, computation of severance benefits, granting or denial of severance benefit claims and review of claims denials. The Committee has absolute discretion in the exercise of its powers and responsibilities. For this purpose, the Committee's powers shall include the following authority, in addition to all other powers provided by this Plan:

(i) to make and enforce such rules and regulations as it deems necessary or proper for the efficient administration of this Plan;

(ii) to interpret this Plan, the Committee's interpretation hereof to be final and conclusive on all persons claiming benefits under this Plan;

applicable Tier;

(iii) to decide all questions concerning this Plan and the eligibility of any person to participate in this Plan, and to designate each Eligible Executive's

(iv) to make a determination as to the right of any person to a benefit under this Plan (including to determine whether and when there has been a termination of an Eligible Executive's employment and the cause of such termination);

(v) to appoint such agents, counsel, accountants, consultants, claims administrator and other persons as may be required to assist in administering

this Plan;

(vi) to allocate and delegate its responsibilities under this Plan and to designate other persons to carry out any of its responsibilities under this Plan,

any such allocation, delegation or designation to be in writing;

(vii) to sue or cause suit to be brought in the name of this Plan; and

(viii) to obtain from the Partnership, its Affiliates and from Eligible Executives such information as is necessary for the proper administration of this

(b) Indemnification of the Committee. The Partnership shall, without limiting any rights that the Committee may have under the Partnership's governing documents, applicable law or otherwise, indemnify and hold harmless the Committee and each member thereof (and any other individual acting on behalf of the Committee or any member thereof) against any and all expenses and liabilities arising out of such person's administrative functions or fiduciary responsibilities, excepting only expenses and liabilities arising out of the person's own gross negligence or willful misconduct. Expenses against which such person shall be indemnified hereunder include the amounts of any settlement, judgment, attorneys' fees, costs of court, and any other related charges reasonably incurred in connection with a claim, proceeding, settlement, or other action under this Plan.

(c) <u>Compensation and Expenses</u>. The Committee shall not receive additional compensation with respect to services for this Plan. To the extent required by applicable law, but not otherwise, the Committee shall furnish bond or security for the performance of their duties hereunder. Any expenses properly incurred by the Committee incident to the administration, termination or protection of this Plan, including the cost of furnishing bond, shall be paid by the Partnership.

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4. <u>Eligibility; Plan Supersedes Prior Agreements</u>. Only individuals who are Eligible Executives may participate in this Plan. The Committee has full and absolute discretion to determine and select which employees of the Partnership and its Affiliates are Eligible Executives. Once an employee has been designated as an Eligible Executive, such individual shall automatically continue to be an Eligible Executive until such Eligible Executive ceases to be an employee or is removed as an Eligible Executive by the Committee. This Plan shall supersede all prior agreements, practices, policies, procedures and plans relating to severance benefits sponsored, maintained or entered into by any and all members of the Partnership Group with respect to the Eligible Executives.

5. Plan Benefits.

(a) <u>Qualifying Termination Outside of a Change in Control Protection Period</u> In the event an Eligible Executive's employment with any member of the Partnership Group ends due to a Qualifying Termination that occurs outside of a Change in Control Protection Period, such Eligible Executive shall be entitled to receive the Accrued Amounts, and so long as such Eligible Executive satisfies the Release Requirement and abides by the terms of <u>Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10</u> below, such Eligible Executive shall also be entitled to receive: (i) a cash severance payment in an amount equal to (A) for a Tier 1 Executive, such Eligible Executive's Base Salary, and (B) for a Tier 2 Executive, five weeks of such Eligible Executive's Base Salary for each full year of employment or service with the Partnership Group, with a minimum of five weeks of such Eligible Executive's Base Salary and a maximum of fifty-two (52) weeks of such Eligible Executive's Base Salary, in each case, payable in a lump sum on the Partnership's first regularly scheduled pay date on or after the date that is sixty (60) days after such Eligible Executive's Date of Termination, and (ii) any earned but unpaid annual bonus with respect to the calendar year ending on or preceding such Eligible Executive's Date of Termination, payable on the otherwise applicable payment date (the "**Prior Year Bonus**").

(b) <u>Qualifying Termination During a Change in Control Protection Period</u>. In the event an Eligible Executive's employment with any member of the Partnership Group ends due to a Qualifying Termination that occurs during a Change in Control Protection Period, such Eligible Executive shall be entitled to receive the Accrued Amounts, and so long as such Eligible Executive satisfies the Release Requirement and abides by the terms of <u>Sections 7, 8, 9</u> and <u>10</u> below, such Eligible Executive shall also be entitled to receive (1) the Prior Year Bonus and (2) an amount equal to the sum of the amounts set forth in clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) below, payable in a lump sum within sixty (60) days after such Eligible Executive's Date of Termination:

(i) An amount equal to (A) (x) for a Tier 1 Executive, two and one-half (2.5), and (y) for a Tier 2 Executive, one and one-half (1.5)*multiplied by* (B) the sum of such Eligible Executive's (I) Base Salary and (II) Target Annual Bonus;

(ii) A pro-rated portion of such Eligible Executive's Target Annual Bonus, determined by *multiplying* such Eligible Executive's Target Annual Bonus *by* a fraction, (A) the numerator of which equals the number of calendar days that such Eligible Executive was employed by any member of the Partnership Group during the calendar year in which the Date of Termination occurs and (B) the denominator of which equals 365 or 366, as applicable (the "<u>Pro-Rated Bonus</u>"); and

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(iii) An amount equal to (A) twelve (12), *multiplied by* (B) the monthly amount of the Partnership's contribution to the premiums for such Eligible Executive's group health plan coverage (including coverage for such Eligible Executive's spouse and eligible dependents), determined under the Partnership's group health plans as in effect immediately prior to such Eligible Executive's Date of Termination (such monthly amount, the "<u>Monthly COBRA Amount</u>" and the aggregate amount payable under this <u>Section 5(b)(iii)</u>, if any, the "<u>COBRA Entitlement</u>"). For the avoidance of doubt, if, as of an Eligible Executive's Date of Termination, such Eligible Executive does not participate in any of the Partnership's group health plans, then the Monthly COBRA Amount will equal zero.

(c) Equity Incentive Awards. For clarity, in the event that an Eligible Executive's employment with any member of the Partnership Group terminates (pursuant to a Qualifying Termination or otherwise), all outstanding equity incentive awards then held by such Eligible Executive, and granted pursuant to an award agreement subject to the Long-Term Incentive Plan or otherwise, will be treated in accordance with the terms and conditions of such award agreement and, as applicable, the Long-Term Incentive Plan or other incentive equity plan as may be in effect from time to time.

(d) <u>Terminations Due to Death or Disability</u>. In the event that an Eligible Executive's employment with the Partnership Group terminates due to such Eligible Executive's death or Disability, such Eligible Executive (or such Eligible Executive's estate, as applicable) shall be entitled to receive the Accrued Amounts, and so long as such Eligible Executive (or such Eligible Executive's estate, as applicable) (i) satisfies the Release Requirement, and (ii) if such Eligible Executive's employment with the Partnership Group terminates due to such Eligible Executive's Disability, abides by the terms of <u>Sections 7, 8, 9</u> and <u>10</u>, such Eligible Executive (or such Eligible Executive's estate, as applicable) shall also be entitled to receive the Pro-Rated Bonus, the COBRA Entitlement and the Prior Year Bonus.

(e) <u>Other Non-Qualifying Terminations of Employment</u>. In the event that an Eligible Executive's employment with any member of the Partnership Group terminates other than pursuant to a Qualifying Termination (whether outside of or during a Change in Control Protection Period) or due to such Eligible Executive's death or Disability, then all compensation and benefits to such Eligible Executive shall terminate contemporaneously with such termination of employment, except that such Eligible Executive shall be entitled to the Accrued Amounts.

(f) <u>After-Acquired Evidence</u>. Notwithstanding any provision of this Plan to the contrary, in the event that the Partnership determines that an Eligible Executive is eligible to receive the Severance Amount pursuant to <u>Sections 5(a)</u> or <u>5(b)</u> but, after such determination, the Partnership subsequently acquires evidence or

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determines that: (i) such Eligible Executive has failed to abide by the terms of <u>Sections 7, 8, 9</u> or <u>10</u>; or (ii) a Cause condition existed on or prior to the Date of Termination that, had the Partnership been fully aware of such condition, would have given the Partnership the right to terminate such Eligible Executive's employment for Cause, then the Partnership shall have the right to cease the payment of the Severance Amount, and such Eligible Executive shall promptly return to the Partnership any payment of the Severance Amount received by such Eligible Executive prior to the date that the Partnership determines that the conditions of this <u>Section 5(f)</u> have been satisfied.

(g) No Duplication. Except as otherwise expressly provided pursuant to this Plan, this Plan shall be construed and administered in a manner which avoids duplication of compensation and benefits which may be provided under any other plan, program, policy or other arrangement or individual contract or under any statute, rule or regulation. In the event an Eligible Executive is covered by any other plan, program, policy, individually negotiated agreement or other arrangement, in effect as of such Eligible Executive's Date of Termination, that may duplicate the payments and benefits provided for in Sections 5(a) or 5(b), as applicable, the Committee is specifically empowered to reduce or eliminate the duplicative benefits provided for under this Plan.

6. Certain Excise Taxes. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Plan, if an Eligible Executive is a "disqualified individual" (as defined in Section 280G(c) of the Code), and the payments and benefits provided for in this Plan, together with any other payments and benefits that such Eligible Executive has the right to receive from the Partnership or any of its Affiliates, and taking into account reductions in respect of reasonable compensation for personal services to be rendered by such Eligible Executive on or following the date of the relevant "change in ownership or control" (within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code), including pursuant to applicable non-competition and other restrictive covenant obligations, would constitute a "parachute payment" (as defined in Section 280G(b)(2) of the Code), then the payments and benefits shall be either (a) reduced (but not below zero) so that the present value of such total amounts and benefits received by such Eligible Executive from the Partnership and its Affiliates will be one dollar less than three times such Eligible Executive's "base amount" (as defined in Section 280G(b)(3) of the Code) and so that no portion of such payments and benefits received by such Eligible Executive shall be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code or (b) paid in full, whichever of clauses (a) or (b) results in the better net after-tax position to such Eligible Executive (taking into account any applicable excise tax under Section 4999 of the Code and any other applicable taxes). The reduction of payments and benefits hereunder, if applicable, shall be made by reducing, first, payments or benefits to be paid in cash in the order in which such payment or benefit would be paid or provided (beginning with such payment or benefit that would be made last in time and continuing, to the extent necessary, through such payment or benefit that would be made first in time) and then, reducing any benefit to be provided in-kind hereunder in a similar order. The determination as to whether any such reduction in the amount of the payments and benefits provided hereunder is necessary shall be made by the Partnership in good faith. If a reduced payment or benefit is made or provided and through error or otherwise that payment or benefit, when aggregated with other payments and benefits from the Partnership or any of its Affiliates used in determining if a "parachute payment" exists, exceeds one dollar less than three times such Eligible Executive's base amount, then such Eligible Executive shall immediately repay such excess to the Partnership upon notification that an overpayment has been made. Nothing in this Section 6 shall require the Partnership, the Company or any of their respective Affiliates to be responsible for, or have any liability or obligation with respect to, any Eligible Executives' excise tax liabilities under Section 4999 of the Code.

7. <u>Confidentiality</u>. During the period in which an Eligible Executive participates in this Plan, such Eligible Executive shall be provided with, and will have access to, Confidential Information. In consideration of such Eligible Executive's receipt of Confidential Information and access to such Confidential Information and in exchange for other valuable consideration provided hereunder, and as a condition to participation in this Plan, each Eligible Executive shall be subject to the covenants and restrictions in this <u>Section 7</u> and in <u>Sections 8, 9</u> and <u>10</u>.

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(a) In General. Both during each Eligible Executive's Employment Period and thereafter, except as expressly permitted by this Plan or by express written directive of the Board, such Eligible Executive shall not, and shall cause such Eligible Executive's affiliates not to, directly or indirectly, disclose any Confidential Information to any person or entity or use any Confidential Information, in each case, except for the benefit of the Partnership Group. Each Eligible Executive shall follow all Partnership Group policies and protocols regarding the security of all documents and other materials containing Confidential Information (regardless of the medium on which Confidential Information is stored). Except to the extent required for the performance of an Eligible Executive's duties on behalf of the Partnership Group, such Eligible Executive shall not remove from facilities of any member of the Partnership Group any information, property, equipment, drawings, notes, reports, manuals, invention records, computer software, customer information, or other data or materials that relate in any way to Confidential Information, whether paper or electronic and whether produced by such Eligible Executive or obtained from the Partnership Group. The covenants of this <u>Section 7</u> shall apply to all Confidential Information, whether now known or later to become known to an Eligible Executive during the Employment Period.

(b) <u>Return of Confidential Information</u>. On the last day of an Eligible Executive's Employment Period, and at any other time upon request of the Partnership, such Eligible Executive shall promptly surrender and deliver to the Partnership all documents (including electronically stored information) and all copies thereof and all other materials of any nature containing or pertaining to all Confidential Information and any other Partnership Group property (including any Partnership Group-issued computer, mobile device or other property or equipment) in such Eligible Executive's possession, custody or control and such Eligible Executive shall not retain any such documents or other materials or property of the Partnership Group. Within five (5) days of any such request, such Eligible Executive shall certify to the Partnership in writing that all such documents, materials and property have been returned to the Partnership.

(c) Additional Permitted Disclosures. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in this Plan or in any other agreement between an Eligible Executive and any member of the Partnership Group shall prohibit or restrict such Eligible Executive from lawfully (i) initiating communications directly with, cooperating with, providing information to, causing information to be provided to, or otherwise assisting in an investigation by, any governmental authority (including the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission) regarding a possible violation of any law; (ii) responding to any inquiry or legal process directed to such Eligible Executive from any such governmental authority; (iii) testifying, participating or otherwise assisting in any action or proceeding by any such governmental authority relating to a possible violation of law or pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act; (iv) accepting any U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission awards or other awards in connection with the whistleblower provisions of federal or other applicable law or regulation; or (v) making any other disclosures that are protected under the whistleblower provisions of any applicable law or regulation. Additionally, pursuant to the federal Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016, 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b), an Eligible Executive shall not be held criminally or civilly liable under any federal or state trade secret law for the disclosure of a trade secret that: (1) is made (x) in confidence to a federal, state or local government official, either directly or indirectly, or to an attorney and (y) solely for the purpose of reporting or investigating a suspected violation of law; (2) is made to such Eligible Executive's attorney in relation to a lawsuit for retaliation against such Eligible Executive for reporting a suspected violation of law or (3) is made in a complaint or other document filed in a lawsuit or proceeding, if such filing is made under seal. Nothing in this Plan or any other agreement between an Eligible Executive and any member of the Partnership Group requires such Eligible Executive to obtain prior authorization from any member of the Partnership Group or any other person or entity before engaging in any conduct described in this Section 7(c), or to notify any member of the Partnership Group that such Eligible Executive has engaged in any such conduct, and nothing is intended to conflict with 18 U.S.C. § 1833(b) or create liability for disclosures of trade secrets that are expressly allowed by such section. Nothing herein prevents an Eligible Executive from discussing or disclosing information about unlawful acts in the workplace, such as harassment or discrimination or any other conduct that such Eligible Executive has reason to believe is unlawful.

8. Employee and Contractor Non-Solicitation.

(a) Each Eligible Executive acknowledges that participation in this Plan provides such Eligible Executive with a further incentive to build the goodwill of the Partnership Group and further aligns such Eligible Executive's interests with the Partnership Group's long-term business interests. As an express inducement for the Partnership to permit each Eligible Executive to participate in this Plan and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which hereby are acknowledged, and in order to protect the Confidential Information, and the Partnership Group's goodwill and other legitimate business interests, each Eligible Executive voluntarily agrees to the covenants set forth in this Plan. Each Eligible Executive further agrees that such Eligible Executive will not challenge the reasonableness or enforceability of any of the covenants set forth in this Plan and that such Eligible Executive will reimburse the Partnership and any other member of the Partnership Group for all costs (including reasonable attorneys' fees) incurred in connection with any action to enforce any of the provisions of this Plan if either the Partnership or such other member of the Partnership Group prevails on any material issue involved in such dispute.

(b) Each Eligible Executive agrees and acknowledges that the limitations and restrictions set forth in this Plan, including temporal restrictions on certain nonsolicitation activities, are reasonable in all respects, do not interfere with public interests, will not cause such Eligible Executive undue hardship, do not interfere with such Eligible Executive's ability to earn a living, and are material and substantial parts of this Plan intended and necessary to protect the Confidential Information and the goodwill and legitimate business interests of the Partnership Group. Each Eligible Executive further agrees and acknowledges that such Eligible Executive's employment with the Partnership or any other member of the Partnership Group is in an executive, management or professional capacity.

(c) During the Prohibited Period, each Eligible Executive shall not, except on behalf of the Partnership Group or with the prior express written approval of the Board, and shall cause such Eligible Executive's affiliates to not, directly or indirectly, for such Eligible Executive or on behalf of or in conjunction with any other person or entity of any nature: (A) solicit, canvass, approach, encourage, entice, recruit, influence or induce any person who is at any time during the Prohibited Period an employee or a contractor of any member of the Partnership Group to terminate or reduce his, her or its employment or engagement with any member of the Partnership Group, or (B) hire or retain, solicit for employment or engagement, or attempt to hire, retain, or solicit for employment or engagement any employee or contractor of any member of the Partnership Group, or engaged and for a period of six months thereafter.

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(d) Because of the difficulty of measuring economic losses to the Partnership Group as a result of a breach or threatened breach of the covenants set forth in this Plan, and because of the substantial, immediate and irreparable damage that would be caused to the members of the Partnership Group for which they would have no other adequate remedy, the Partnership and each other member of the Partnership Group shall be entitled to (i) enforce all such covenants, in the event of a breach or threatened breach, by injunctions and restraining orders from any court of competent jurisdiction, without the necessity of showing any actual damages or that money damages would not afford an adequate remedy, and without the necessity of posting any bond or other security, (ii) indemnification by the applicable Eligible Executive from any loss or harm, and (iii) recover any costs or attorneys' fees, arising out of or in connection with any breach by the applicable Eligible Executive or such Eligible Executive's obligations under <u>Sections 7, 8 and 9</u> and all other relief as may be proper (including money damages if appropriate), to the extent permitted by law. The aforementioned equitable relief shall not be the Partnership's or any other member of the Partnership Group under this Plan and at law and equity. Further, in the event of any violation of the provisions of this <u>Section 8</u>, each Eligible Executive agrees that the post-termination restrictions contained in this<u>Section 8</u> will be extended by a period of time equal to the period of such violation, it being the intention of the parties hereto that the running of the Prohibited Period will be tolled during any period of such violation.

(e) The covenants in this <u>Section 8</u>, and each provision and portion hereof, are severable and separate, and the unenforceability of any specific covenant (or portion thereof) shall not affect the provisions of any other covenant (or portion thereof). Moreover, in the event any arbitrator or court of competent jurisdiction shall determine that the scope or time restrictions set forth are unreasonable, unlawful or unenforceable (in whole or in part), then it is the intention of the parties that such restrictions be enforced to the fullest extent allowed by applicable law, and this Plan shall thereby be reformed to the extent necessary in order that any such provision or portion thereof shall be legally enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law.

9. <u>Non-Disparagement</u>. Subject to <u>Section 7(c)</u> above, each Eligible Executive agrees that such Eligible Executive will not, and will cause such Eligible Executive's affiliates to not, make, publish or communicate any disparaging or defamatory comments, remarks or statements, whether written or oral, regarding any member of the Partnership Group or any of their respective current or former directors, officers, members, managers, partners, executives, direct or indirect owners (including equityholders), customers, clients, suppliers, other associated third parties, businesses, business practices, prospects, products or services.

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10. <u>Cooperation</u>. Each Eligible Executive agrees that during the Employment Period and thereafter (regardless of whether such Eligible Executive resigns or such Eligible Executive's employment is terminated by the Partnership Group, or the reason for such resignation or termination), such Eligible Executive shall provide reasonable and timely cooperation in connection with: (a) any actual or threatened litigation, inquiry, review, investigation, process, or other matter, action, or proceeding (whether conducted by or before any court, regulatory or governmental entity, or by or on behalf of the Partnership Group or otherwise), that relates to events occurring during such Eligible Executive's relevant information; (b) the transitioning of such Eligible Executive's role and responsibilities to other personnel; and (c) the provision of information in response to the Partnership Group and its counsel or other agents in connection with fact-finding, investigatory, discovery, or pre-litigation or other proceeding issues, and (ii) provide truthful testimony (including via affidavit, deposition, at trial, or otherwise) in connection with any such matter, all without the requirement of being subpoenaed.

11. <u>Prior Obligations</u>. Each Eligible Executive hereby represents and warrants that such Eligible Executive is not the subject of, or a party to, any non-competition, non-solicitation, restrictive covenant or non-disclosure agreement, or any other agreement, obligation, restriction or understanding that would prohibit such Eligible Executive from complying with this Plan or fully performing each of such Eligible Executive's duties and responsibilities for the Partnership Group, or would in any manner, directly or indirectly, limit or affect any of the duties and responsibilities that may now or in the future be assigned to such Eligible Executive by any member of the Partnership Group. Each Eligible Executive expressly acknowledges and agrees that such Eligible Executive is strictly prohibited from using or disclosing any confidential information belonging to any prior employer in the course of performing services for any member of the Partnership Group, and such Eligible Executive agrees and promises that such Eligible Executive shall not do so. Each Eligible Executive shall not introduce documents or other materials containing confidential information of any prior employer to the premises or property (including computers and computer systems) of any member of the Partnership Group.

12. <u>Consent to Notification</u>. If an Eligible Executive ceases to be employed by any member of the Partnership Group, such Eligible Executive hereby grants the Partnership Group consent to notify any new employer, any third party engaging such Eligible Executive's services, or any entity to which such Eligible Executive becomes a partner, member, employee or otherwise engaged, regarding such Eligible Executive's rights and obligations under this Plan.

13. Claims Procedure and Review.

(a) <u>Filing a Claim</u>. Any Eligible Executive that the Committee determines is entitled to severance payments or benefits under this Plan is not required to file a claim for such payments or benefits. Any Eligible Executive (i) who is not paid severance payments or benefits hereunder and who believes that such Eligible Executive is entitled to severance payments or benefits hereunder or (ii) who has been paid severance payments or benefits hereunder and believes that such Eligible Executive is entitled to greater benefits hereunder may file a claim for severance payments or benefits under this Plan in writing with the Committee.

(b) <u>Initial Determination of a Claim</u>. If a claim for severance payments or benefits hereunder is wholly or partially denied, the Committee shall, within a reasonable period of time but no later than ninety (90) days after receipt of the claim (or one-hundred eighty (180) days after receipt of the claim if special circumstances require an extension of time for processing the claim), notify the claimant of the denial. Such notice shall (i) be in writing, (ii) be written in a manner calculated to be understood by the claimant, (iii) contain the specific reason or reasons for denial of the claim, (iv) refer specifically to the pertinent Plan provisions upon which the denial is based, (v) describe any additional material or information necessary for the claimant to perfect the claim (and explain why such material or information is necessary), and (vi) describe this Plan's claim review procedures and time limits applicable to such procedures, including a statement of the claimat's right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA following an adverse benefit determination on review.

(c) <u>Appeal of a Denied Claim</u>. Within sixty (60) days of the receipt by the claimant of this notice, the claimant may file a written appeal with the Committee. In connection with the appeal, the claimant may review Plan documents and may submit written issues and comments. The Committee shall deliver to the claimant a written decision on the appeal promptly, but not later than sixty (60) days after the receipt of the claimant's appeal (or one-hundred twenty (120) days after receipt of the claimant's appeal if there are special circumstances which require an extension of time for processing). Such decision shall (i) be in writing, (ii) be written in a manner calculated to be understood by the claimant, (iii) include specific reasons for the decision, (iv) refer specifically to this Plan provisions upon which the decision is based, (v) state that the claimant is entitled to receive, on request and free of charge, reasonable access to and copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to the claimant's claim for benefits, and (vi) a statement of the claimant's right to bring an action under Section 502(a) of ERISA. If special circumstances require an extension of up to one-hundred eighty indicate the special circumstances requiring the extension and state when the Committee expects to render the decision.

(d) <u>Compliance with ERISA</u>. The benefits claim procedure provided in this <u>Section 13</u> is intended to comply with the provisions of 29 C.F.R. § 2560.503-1. All provisions of this <u>Section 13</u> shall be interpreted, construed, and limited in accordance with such intent.

14. General Provisions.

(a) <u>Taxes</u>. The Partnership is authorized to withhold from all payments made hereunder amounts of withholding and other taxes due or potentially payable in connection therewith, and to take such other action as the Partnership may deem advisable to enable the Partnership and an Eligible Executive to satisfy obligations for the payment of withholding taxes and other tax obligations relating to any payments made or benefits provided under this Plan.

(b) <u>No Mitigation</u>. No Eligible Executive shall have any duty to mitigate the amounts payable under this Plan by seeking or accepting new employment or self-employment following a Qualifying Termination.

(c) <u>Offset</u>. The Partnership may set off against, and each Eligible Executive authorizes the Partnership to deduct from, any payments due to such Eligible Executive, or to his or her estate, heirs, legal representatives, or successors, any amounts which may be due and owing to the Partnership or any Affiliate of the Partnership by such Eligible Executive, whether arising under this Plan or otherwise; provided, however, that no such offset may be made with respect to amounts payable that are subject to the requirements of Section 409A unless the offset would not result in a violation of the requirements of Section 409A.

(d) <u>Amendment and Termination</u>. Prior to a Change in Control, the Board and the Committee shall have the power to amend or terminate this Plan from time to time in its discretion and for any reason (or no reason) (including the removal of an individual as an Eligible Executive); provided that no such amendment or termination shall be effective with respect to an Eligible Executive whose termination of employment occurred prior to the amendment or termination of this Plan; and provided, further, that, to the extent any such amendment has a detrimental impact to any Eligible Executive, such amendment will become effective with respect to such Eligible Executive six months following approval thereof by the Board or Committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, during a Change in Control Protection Period, no amendment or termination of this Plan shall impair any rights of, or obligations to, any Eligible Executive under this Plan (including the removal of an individual as an Eligible Executive) unless such Eligible Executive is to such amendment or termination.

(e) <u>Successors</u>. This Plan will be binding upon any successor to the Partnership, its assets, its businesses or its interests (whether as a result of the occurrence of a Change in Control or otherwise), in the same manner and to the same extent that the Partnership would be obligated under this Plan if no succession had taken place. All payments and benefits that become due to an Eligible Executive under this Plan will inure to the benefit of his or her heirs, assigns, designees or legal representatives.

(f) <u>Transfer and Assignment</u>. Neither an Eligible Executive nor any other person shall have any right to sell, assign, transfer, pledge, anticipate or otherwise encumber, transfer, hypothecate or convey any amounts payable under this Plan prior to the date that such amounts are paid.

(g) Unfunded Obligation. All benefits due to an Eligible Executive under this Plan are unfunded and unsecured and are payable out of the general assets of the Partnership. The Partnership is not required to segregate any monies or other assets from its general funds with respect to these obligations. Eligible Executives shall not have any preference or security interest in any assets of the Partnership other than as a general unsecured creditor.

(h) <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Plan (or portion thereof) is held to be illegal or invalid for any reason, the illegality or invalidity of such provision (or portion thereof) will not affect the remaining provisions (or portions thereof) of this Plan, but such provision (or portion thereof) will be fully severable and this Plan will be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provision (or portion thereof) had never been included herein.

premiums due with respect to such COBRA continuation coverage will remain such Eligible Executive's sole responsibility, and neither the Partnership nor any of its Affiliates will assume any obligation for payment of any such premiums relating to such COBRA continuation coverage.

(j) Section 409A. This Plan is intended to comply with Section 409A or one or more exemptions thereunder and shall be construed and administered in accordance with such intent. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, payments provided under this Plan may only be made upon an event and in a manner that complies with Section 409A or an applicable exemption. Any payments under this Plan that may be exempt from Section 409A either as separation pay due to an involuntary separation from service or as a short-term deferral shall be treated as exempt from Section 409A to the maximum extent possible. Any payments to be made under this Plan upon the termination of an Eligible Executive's employment shall only be made if such termination of employment constitutes a "separation from service" under Section 409A. In no event may an Eligible Executive, directly or indirectly, designate the calendar year of any payment under this Plan. Any installment payment under this Plan is intended to be a separate payment for purposes of Section 409A. Notwithstanding any provision in this Plan to the contrary, if any payment or benefit provided for herein would be subject to additional taxes and interest under Section 409A. Notwithstanding any provision in this Plan to the contrary, if any payment or benefit provided for herein would be subject to additional taxes and interest under Section 409A. Notwithstanding any provision in this Plan to the contrary, if any payment or benefit provided for herein would be subject to additional taxes and interest under Section 409A if an Eligible Executive's receipt of such payment or benefit is not delayed until the earlier of (i) the date of such Eligible Executive's Date of Termination (such date, the " <u>Section 409A Payment Date</u>"), then such payment or benefit shall not be provided to such Eligible Executive (or such Eligible Executive's estate and/or benefits provided under this Plan are exempt from, or compliant with, Section 409A and in no event shall the Partnership, the Company or

(k) <u>Governing Law</u>. All questions arising with respect to the provisions of this Plan and payments or benefits due hereunder will be determined by application of the laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to any conflict of law provisions thereof, except to the extent preempted by federal law (including ERISA, which is the federal law that governs this Plan, the administration of this Plan and any claims made under this Plan).

(1) <u>Relationship with Mach Resources</u>. During any period in which Mach Resources LLC ('<u>Mach Resources</u>'') is employing any Eligible Executive (the "<u>Service Agreement Period</u>"), this Plan, when referencing such Eligible Executive's employment or termination thereof or compensation or benefits provided or to be provided by, or any withholding or other obligations or actions of, any member of the Partnership Group, then such references will be deemed, unless otherwise determined by the Committee in its sole discretion, to refer to such Eligible Executive's employment or termination thereof or compensation or benefits provided or to be provided by, and any withholding or other obligations or actions of, Mach Resources. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, if any Eligible Executive's employment with Mach Resources is terminated for any reason by, or any Eligible Executive resigns for Good Reason due to any act or omission of, Mach Resources that is not supported by the Partnership or the Company, then such Eligible Executive shall not be entitled to any compensation or benefits hereunder unless otherwise determined by the Committee on such Eligible Executive shall not be entitled to any compensation or benefits determined by the Committee on terms and conditions as the Committee may determine in its sole discretion. For the avoidance of doubt, during the Service Agreement Period, any reference to the termination of an Eligible Executive's employment for any reason under this Plan by any member of the Partnership Group.

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(m) <u>Status</u>. This Plan is intended to qualify for the exemptions under Title I of ERISA provided for plans that are unfunded and maintained primarily for the purpose of providing benefits for a select group of management or highly compensated employees.

(n) <u>Third-Party Beneficiaries</u>. Each member of the Partnership Group not party hereto shall be a third-party beneficiary of each Eligible Executive's covenants and obligations under <u>Sections 7, 8, 9</u> and <u>10</u> and shall be entitled to enforce such obligations as if a party hereto.

(o) <u>No Right to Continued Employment</u>. The adoption and maintenance of this Plan shall not be deemed to be a contract of employment between the Partnership or any of its Affiliates and any person, or to have any impact whatsoever on the at-will employment relationship between the Partnership or any of its Affiliates, on the one hand, and any of the Eligible Executives, on the other hand. Nothing in this Plan shall be deemed to give any person the right to be retained in the employ of the Partnership or any of its Affiliates for any period of time or to restrict the right of the Partnership or any of its Affiliates to terminate the employment of any person at any time.

(p) <u>Title and Headings; Construction</u>. Titles and headings to Sections hereof are for the purpose of reference only and shall in no way limit, define or otherwise affect the provisions hereof. Unless the context requires otherwise, all references herein to laws, regulations, contracts, documents, agreements and instruments as they may be amended, restated or otherwise modified from time to time, and references to particular provisions of laws or regulations include a reference to the corresponding provisions of any succeeding law or regulation. The word "or" as used herein is not exclusive and is deemed to have the meaning "and/or." The words "herein", "hereof", "hereunder" and other compounds of the word "here" shall refer to the entire Plan, and not to any particular provision hereof. Wherever the context so requires, the masculine gender includes the feminine or neuter, and the singular number includes the plural and conversely. The use herein of the word "including" following any general statement, term or matter shall not be construed to limit such statement, term or matter to the specific items or matters set forth immediately following such word or to similar items or matters, whether or not non-limiting language (such as "without limitation", "but not limited to", or words of similar import) is used with reference thereto, but rather shall be deemed to refer to all other items or matters that could reasonably fall within the broadest possible scope of such general statement, term or matter. Neither this Plan nor any uncertainty or ambiguity herein shall be construed and interpreted according to the ordinary meaning of the words used so as to fairly accomplish the purposes and intentions of the parties hereto.

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(q) <u>Overpayment</u>. If, due to mistake or any other reason, a person receives severance payments or benefits under this Plan in excess of what this Plan provides, such person shall repay the overpayment to the Partnership in a lump sum within thirty (30) days' notice of the amount of the overpayment. If such person fails to so repay the overpayment, then without limiting any other remedies available to the Partnership, the Partnership may deduct the amount of the overpayment from any other amounts which become payable to such person under this Plan or otherwise.

(r) <u>Clawback</u>. Any amounts payable under this Plan are subject to any policy (whether in existence as of the Effective Date or later adopted) established by the Partnership providing for clawback or recovery of amounts that were paid to an Eligible Executive. The Partnership will make any determination for clawback or recovery in its sole discretion and in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and securities exchange listing standards.

(s) <u>Agent for Service of Legal Process</u>. Legal process may be served on the Committee, which is this Plan's administrator, at the following address: Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, c/o Mach Natural Resources LP, 14201 Wireless Way, Suite 300, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73134.

MACH NATURAL RESOURCES LP

[Date]

Re: Participation Agreement - Mach Natural Resources LP Executive Change in Control and Severance Plan

Dear [__]:

We are pleased to inform you that you have been designated as eligible to participate in the Mach Natural Resources LP Executive Change in Control and Severance Plan (as it may be amended from time to time, the "Plan"), as a Tier [1] / / [2] Executive. Your participation in the Plan is subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan and your execution and delivery of this agreement, which constitutes a Participation Agreement (as defined in the Plan). A copy of the Plan is attached hereto as <u>Annex A</u> and is incorporated herein and deemed to be part of this Participation Agreement for all purposes. Unless otherwise defined herein, capitalized terms used in this Participation Agreement shall have the meanings set forth in the Plan.

In signing below, you expressly agree to be bound by, and promise to abide by, the terms of Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Plan, which create certain restrictions with respect to confidentiality, employee and contractor non-solicitation, ownership of intellectual property (subject to any Prior Inventions listed on <u>Annex B</u> attached hereto), nondisparagement and cooperation. You agree that the covenants within Sections 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the Plan are reasonable in all respects.

You acknowledge and agree that the Plan and this Participation Agreement supersede all prior severance policies, plans, agreements and arrangements of the Partnership or any other member of the Partnership Group (and supersedes all prior oral or written communications by the Partnership or any of other member of the Partnership Group (and all such prior policies, plans, arrangements and communications are hereby null and void and of no further force or effect, solely with respect to your severance entitlements set forth therein. Notwithstanding the foregoing or anything to the contrary, the provisions of the Plan are in addition to and complement (and do not replace or supersede) any other written agreement(s) or parts thereof between you and any member of the Partnership Group that create restrictions on you with respect to confidentiality, non-disclosure, assignment of inventions, employee and contractor non-solicitation or non-disparagement.

You further acknowledge and agree that (i) you have fully read, understand and voluntarily enter into this Participation Agreement and (ii) you have had a sufficient opportunity to consult with your personal tax, financial planning advisor and attorney about the tax, financial and legal consequences of your participation in the Plan before signing this Participation Agreement.

This Participation Agreement may be executed in separate counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same instrument.

Please execute this Participation Agreement in the space provided below and send a fully executed copy to [__] no later than [__].

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Sincerely,

MACH NATURAL RESOURCES LP

By:

Name: Title:

AGREED AND ACCEPTED

this _____ day of _____ , 20 ____ by:

[Name]

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ANNEX A

MACH NATURAL RESOURCES LP

EXECUTIVE CHANGE IN CONTROL AND SEVERANCE PLAN

[See attached]

ANNEX B

PRIOR INVENTIONS

1. The following is a complete list of all Prior Inventions relevant to the subject matter of the Eligible Executive's employment by the Partnership or other member of

the Partnership Group that have been made or conceived or first reduced to practice by the Eligible Executive alone or jointly with others prior to the Eligible Executive's Employment Period:

Check appropriate space(s):

- \Box None.
- \Box See below:
- Due to confidentiality agreements with a prior employer, the Eligible Executive cannot disclose certain Prior Inventions that would otherwise be included on the above-described list.
- \Box Additional sheets attached.

2. The Eligible Executive proposes to bring to the Eligible Executive's employment the following devices, materials, and documents of a former employer or other person to whom the Eligible Executive has an obligation of confidentiality that is not generally available to the public, which materials and documents may be used in the Eligible Executive's employment pursuant to the express written authorization of the Eligible Executive's former employer or such other person (a copy of which is attached to this Agreement):

Check appropriate space(s):

 \Box None.

 \Box See below.

Additional sheets attached.