

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Southern DISTRICT OF Texas

Houston Division

In Re. Vertex Energy, Inc.

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Case No. 24-90507

Debtor(s)

Lead Case No. 24-90507

☒ Jointly Administered**Monthly Operating Report**

Chapter 11

Reporting Period Ended: 01/20/2025

Petition Date: 09/24/2024

Months Pending: 4

Industry Classification:

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Reporting Method:

Accrual Basis ☒Cash Basis ☐

Debtor's Full-Time Employees (current):

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Debtor's Full-Time Employees (as of date of order for relief):

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Supporting Documentation (check all that are attached):

(For jointly administered debtors, any required schedules must be provided on a non-consolidated basis for each debtor)

- ☒ Statement of cash receipts and disbursements
- ☒ Balance sheet containing the summary and detail of the assets, liabilities and equity (net worth) or deficit
- ☒ Statement of operations (profit or loss statement)
- ☐ Accounts receivable aging
- ☐ Postpetition liabilities aging
- ☐ Statement of capital assets
- ☐ Schedule of payments to professionals
- ☐ Schedule of payments to insiders
- ☐ All bank statements and bank reconciliations for the reporting period
- ☐ Description of the assets sold or transferred and the terms of the sale or transfer

/s/ Jason Cohen

Signature of Responsible Party

02/28/2025

Date

Jason Cohen

Printed Name of Responsible Party

711 Louisiana, Suite 2300, Houston, TX 77002

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STATEMENT: This Periodic Report is associated with an open bankruptcy case; therefore § 1320.4(a)(2) applies.



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Part 1: Cash Receipts and Disbursements		Current Month	Cumulative
a.	Cash balance beginning of month	\$20,561,170	
b.	Total receipts (net of transfers between accounts)	\$9,270,711	\$47,994,920
c.	Total disbursements (net of transfers between accounts)	\$6,111,742	\$24,551,749
d.	Cash balance end of month (a+b-c)	\$23,720,138	
e.	Disbursements made by third party for the benefit of the estate	\$0	\$0
f.	Total disbursements for quarterly fee calculation (c+e)	\$6,111,742	\$24,551,749

Part 2: Asset and Liability Status (Not generally applicable to Individual Debtors. See Instructions.)		Current Month
a.	Accounts receivable (total net of allowance)	\$1,005,289
b.	Accounts receivable over 90 days outstanding (net of allowance)	\$1,649
c.	Inventory (Book ☐ Market ☐ Other ☒ (attach explanation))	\$1,056,542
d.	Total current assets	\$264,294,279
e.	Total assets	\$497,179,969
f.	Postpetition payables (excluding taxes)	\$321,384,193
g.	Postpetition payables past due (excluding taxes)	\$0
h.	Postpetition taxes payable	\$282,001
i.	Postpetition taxes past due	\$0
j.	Total postpetition debt (f+h)	\$321,666,194
k.	Prepetition secured debt	\$94,278,258
l.	Prepetition priority debt	\$230,623
m.	Prepetition unsecured debt	\$22,806,404
n.	Total liabilities (debt) (j+k+l+m)	\$438,981,480
o.	Ending equity/net worth (e-n)	\$58,198,489

Part 3: Assets Sold or Transferred		Current Month	Cumulative
a.	Total cash sales price for assets sold/transferred outside the ordinary course of business	\$0	\$0
b.	Total payments to third parties incident to assets being sold/transferred outside the ordinary course of business	\$0	\$0
c.	Net cash proceeds from assets sold/transferred outside the ordinary course of business (a-b)	\$0	\$0

Part 4: Income Statement (Statement of Operations) (Not generally applicable to Individual Debtors. See Instructions.)		Current Month	Cumulative
a.	Gross income/sales (net of returns and allowances)	\$5,418	
b.	Cost of goods sold (inclusive of depreciation, if applicable)	\$863,097	
c.	Gross profit (a-b)	\$-857,679	
d.	Selling expenses	\$0	
e.	General and administrative expenses	\$638,125	
f.	Other expenses	\$-130,024	
g.	Depreciation and/or amortization (not included in 4b)	\$51,295	
h.	Interest	\$4,842,699	
i.	Taxes (local, state, and federal)	\$57,879	
j.	Reorganization items	\$12,793,707	
k.	Profit (loss)	\$-19,111,359	\$-115,464,505

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Part 5: Professional Fees and Expenses

a.			Approved Current Month	Approved Cumulative	Paid Current Month	Paid Cumulative
	Debtor's professional fees & expenses (bankruptcy) <i>Aggregate Total</i>		\$3,621,785	\$10,434,645	\$3,621,785	\$10,434,645
	<i>Itemized Breakdown by Firm</i>					
	Firm Name	Role				
i	Kirkland Ellis LLP	Lead Counsel	\$0	\$2,851,277	\$0	\$2,851,277
ii	Bracewell LLP	Co-Counsel	\$0	\$724,944	\$0	\$724,944
iii	Perella Weinberg Partners LP	Financial Professional	\$0	\$3,236,638	\$0	\$3,236,638
iv	Alvarez and Marsal North Ame	Financial Professional	\$3,621,785	\$3,621,785	\$3,621,785	\$3,621,785
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b.			Approved Current Month	Approved Cumulative	Paid Current Month	Paid Cumulative
	Debtor's professional fees & expenses (nonbankruptcy) <i>Aggregate Total</i>		\$133,644	\$604,294	\$133,644	\$604,294
	<i>Itemized Breakdown by Firm</i>					
	Firm Name	Role				
i	Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC	Other	\$0	\$366,505	\$0	\$366,505
ii	KSM LLC	Financial Professional	\$0	\$51,900	\$0	\$51,900
iii	Loev Corporate Filings, Inc.	Special Counsel	\$0	\$8,127	\$0	\$8,127
iv	Ruddy Gregory PLLC	Special Counsel	\$8,188	\$20,974	\$8,188	\$20,974
v	Weaver and Tidwell, L.L.P.	Financial Professional	\$0	\$31,332	\$0	\$31,332
vi	Cherry Bekaert, LLP	Financial Professional	\$111,581	\$111,581	\$111,581	\$111,581
vii	Haynie & Associates, Inc.	Other	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$3,750	\$3,750
viii	Stella Strategic Consultants LLC	Other	\$10,125	\$10,125	\$10,125	\$10,125
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c.	All professional fees and expenses (debtor & committees)			\$4,775,791	\$12,584,341	\$4,775,791	\$12,584,341

Part 6: Postpetition Taxes**Current Month****Cumulative**

a.	Postpetition income taxes accrued (local, state, and federal)	\$0	\$181,851
b.	Postpetition income taxes paid (local, state, and federal)	\$0	\$0
c.	Postpetition employer payroll taxes accrued	\$57,568	\$172,289
d.	Postpetition employer payroll taxes paid	\$35,256	\$140,388
e.	Postpetition property taxes paid	\$0	\$0
f.	Postpetition other taxes accrued (local, state, and federal)	\$310	\$68,249
g.	Postpetition other taxes paid (local, state, and federal)	\$0	\$0

Part 7: Questionnaire - During this reporting period:

- a. Were any payments made on prepetition debt? (if yes, see Instructions) Yes ☒ No ☐
- b. Were any payments made outside the ordinary course of business without court approval? (if yes, see Instructions) Yes ☐ No ☒
- c. Were any payments made to or on behalf of insiders? Yes ☒ No ☐
- d. Are you current on postpetition tax return filings? Yes ☒ No ☐
- e. Are you current on postpetition estimated tax payments? Yes ☒ No ☐
- f. Were all trust fund taxes remitted on a current basis? Yes ☒ No ☐
- g. Was there any postpetition borrowing, other than trade credit? (if yes, see Instructions) Yes ☒ No ☐
- h. Were all payments made to or on behalf of professionals approved by the court? Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒
- i. Do you have:
- Worker's compensation insurance? Yes ☒ No ☐
 - If yes, are your premiums current? Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐ (if no, see Instructions)
 - Casualty/property insurance? Yes ☒ No ☐
 - If yes, are your premiums current? Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐ (if no, see Instructions)
 - General liability insurance? Yes ☒ No ☐
 - If yes, are your premiums current? Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐ (if no, see Instructions)
- j. Has a plan of reorganization been filed with the court? Yes ☒ No ☐
- k. Has a disclosure statement been filed with the court? Yes ☒ No ☐
- l. Are you current with quarterly U.S. Trustee fees as set forth under 28 U.S.C. § 1930? Yes ☒ No ☐

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Part 8: Individual Chapter 11 Debtors (Only)

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| a. Gross income (receipts) from salary and wages | _____ | \$0 |
| b. Gross income (receipts) from self-employment | _____ | \$0 |
| c. Gross income from all other sources | _____ | \$0 |
| d. Total income in the reporting period (a+b+c) | _____ | \$0 |
| e. Payroll deductions | _____ | \$0 |
| f. Self-employment related expenses | _____ | \$0 |
| g. Living expenses | _____ | \$0 |
| h. All other expenses | _____ | \$0 |
| i. Total expenses in the reporting period (e+f+g+h) | _____ | \$0 |
| j. Difference between total income and total expenses (d-i) | _____ | \$0 |
| k. List the total amount of all postpetition debts that are past due | _____ | \$0 |
- l. Are you required to pay any Domestic Support Obligations as defined by 11 U.S.C § 101(14A)? Yes ☐ No ☒
- m. If yes, have you made all Domestic Support Obligation payments? Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing Monthly Operating Report and its supporting documentation are true and correct and that I have been authorized to sign this report on behalf of the estate.

/s/ Mark Smith

Signature of Responsible Party

Chief Executive Officer

Title

Mark Smith

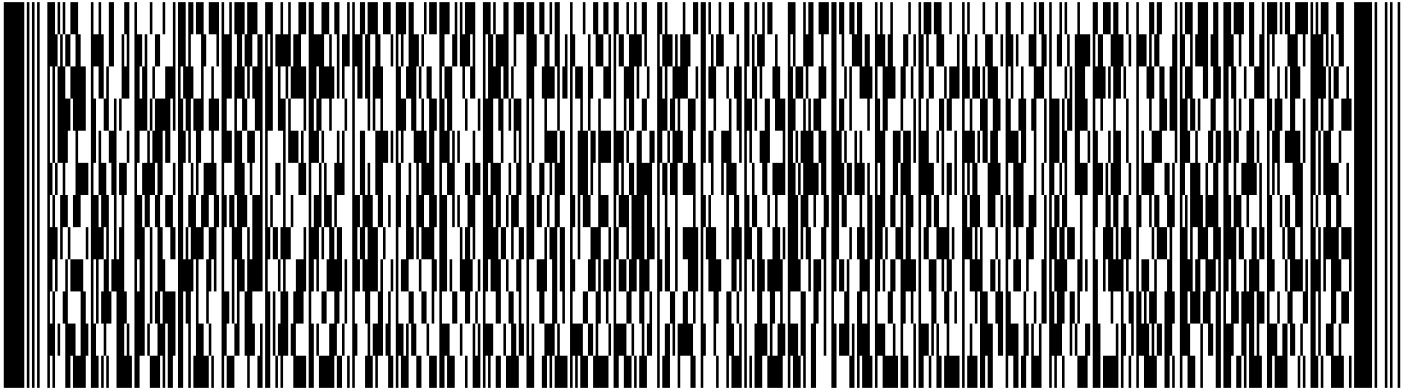
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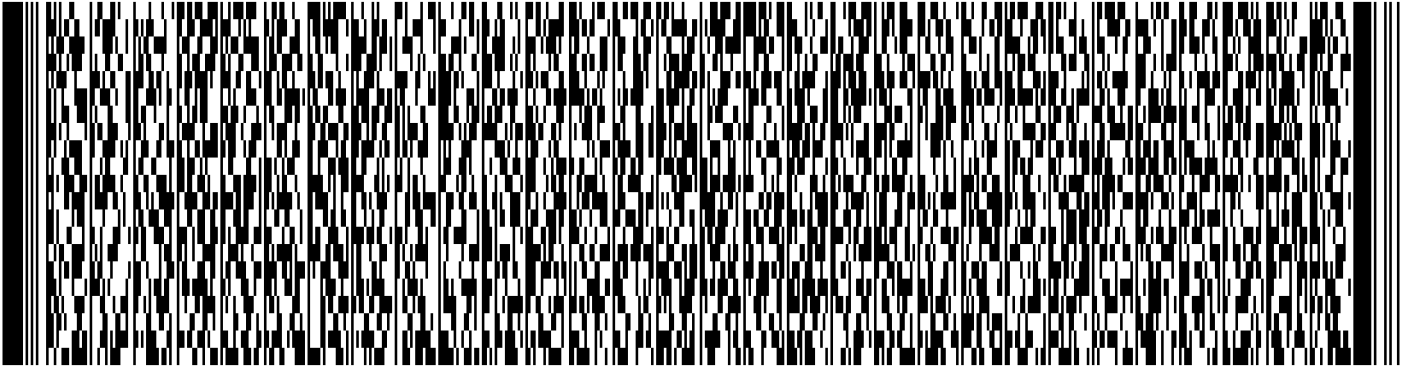
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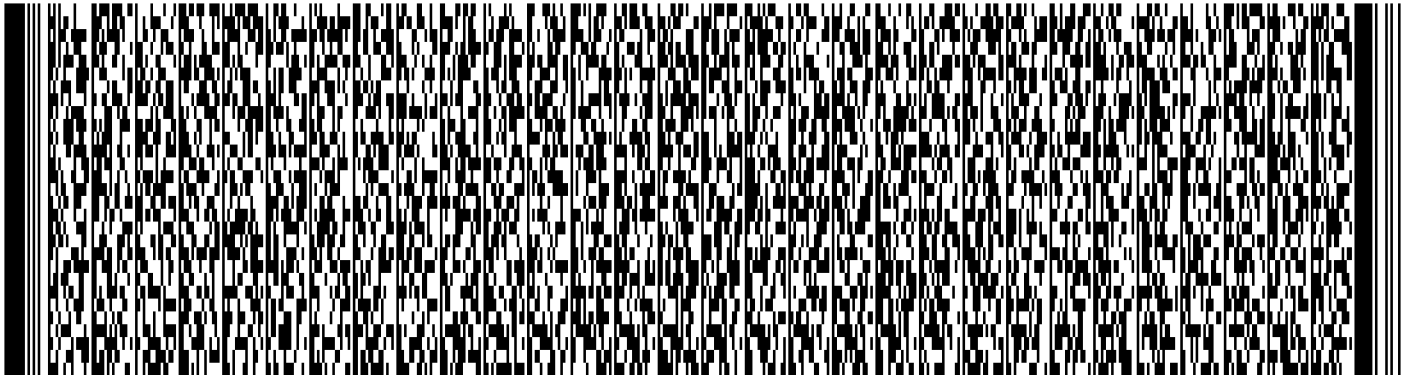
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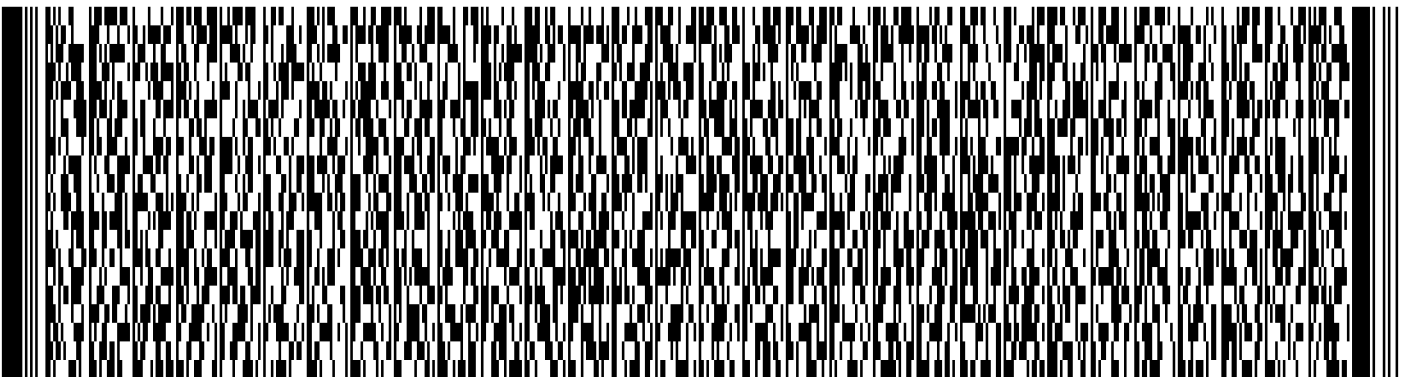
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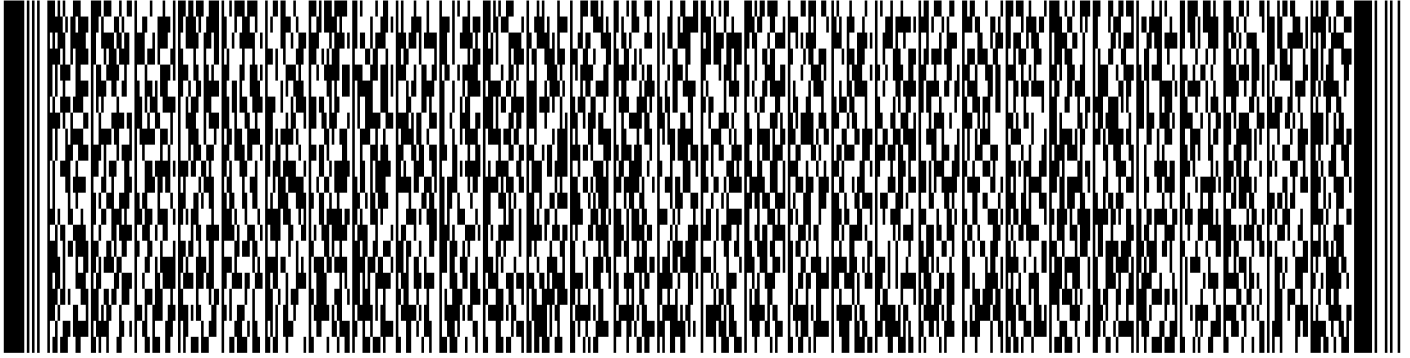
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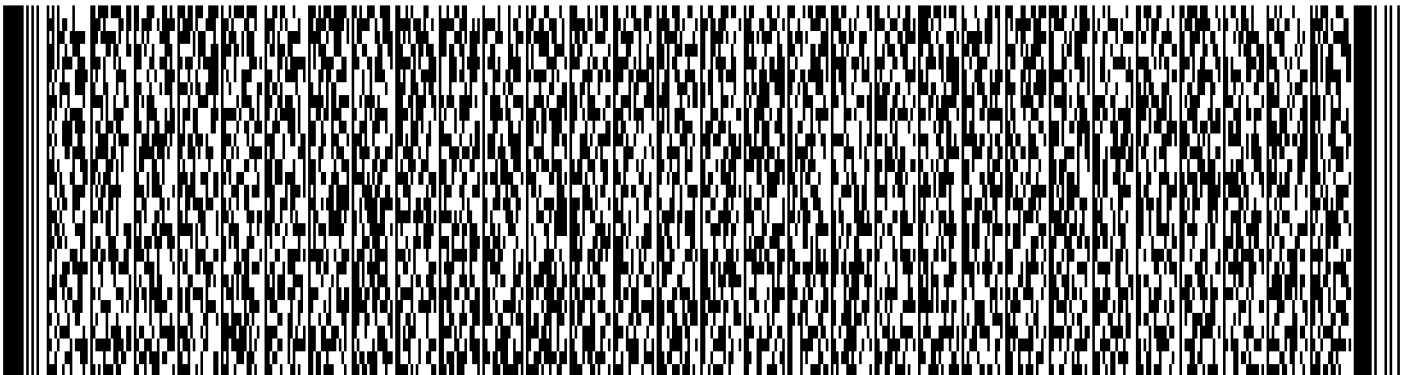
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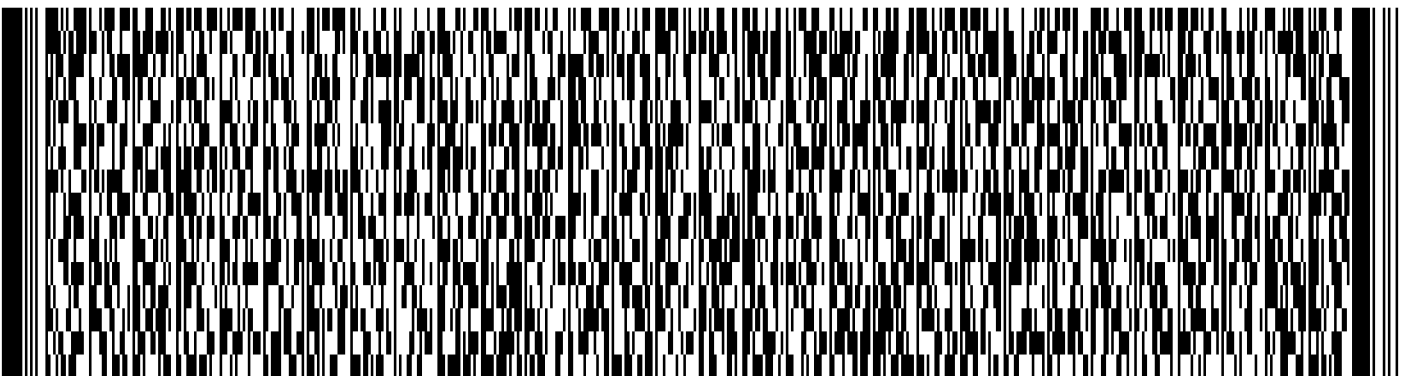
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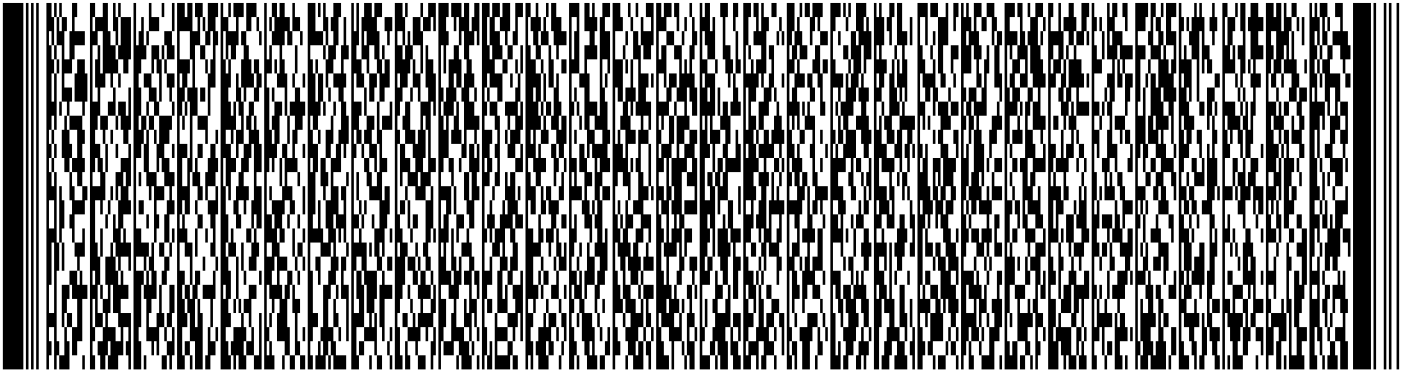
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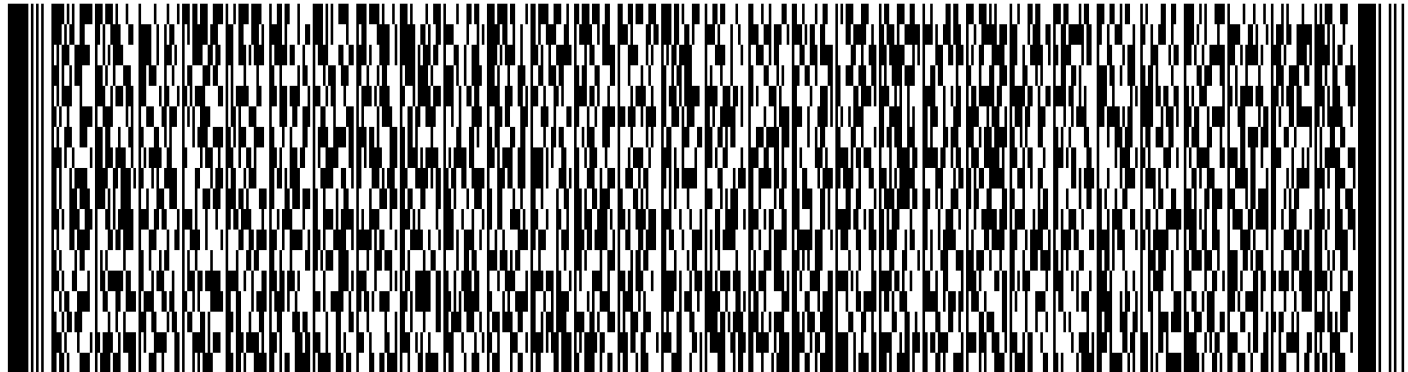
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