Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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Large accelerated filer

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## **UNITED STATES** SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM S-3 **REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**UNDER** THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# **Falcon Minerals Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

82-0820780 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time on or after the effective date of this registration statement.
If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. $\ \Box$
If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.
If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. $\Box$
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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 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.  $\Box$ 

#### **CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share				
Preferred Stock				
New Warrants				
Total	(2)	(2)	\$400,000,000	\$(3)
Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share,				
underlying Existing Warrants	21,249,998(4)	\$(3)	\$(3)	\$(3)
Total			\$644,375,000	\$0(3)

- Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), there are also being registered such indeterminable shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "Class A common stock") and preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("preferred stock") as may be issued to prevent dilution as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.
   There is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of shares of Class A common stock, preferred stock and warrants for the purchase of Class A common stock or
- (2) There is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of shares of Class A common stock, preferred stock and warrants for the purchase of Class A common stock or preferred stock or a combination of the foregoing ("New Warrants"), as may be sold from time to time in such amount as shall result in an aggregate offering price not to exceed \$400.0 million.
- (3) The securities registered pursuant to this registration statement include only unsold securities (the "Primary Offering Securities") previously registered on the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File Number 333- 227250) originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 10, 2018, amended on September 26, 2018 and declared effective on September 28, 2018 (the "Prior Registration Statement") and described under the caption "Primary Offering" in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table (the "Prior Registration Statement Fee Table") in the Prior Registration Statement. The Primary Offering Securities are comprised of (a) an indeterminate number of shares of Class A common stock, preferred stock and New Warrants as may be sold from time to time in such amount as shall result in an aggregate offering price not to exceed \$400.0 million (the "Shelf Securities") and (b) the issuance of up to 21,249,998 shares of Class A common stock (the "Warrant Shares") that may be issued upon exercise of 21,249,998 outstanding Existing Warrants (defined in footnote (4) of this table). As of the filing date of this registration statement, all of the Primary Securities remain unsold and have been included in this registration statement. Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6) under the Securities Act ("Rule 415(a)(6)"), the filing fee of \$49,800 relating to the Shelf Securities and the filing fee of \$30,425 relating to the Warrant Shares, both of which were previously paid in connection with the Prior Registration Statement, are being applied to the filing fees for such securities registered in this registration statement. As no additional securities are being registered on this registration statement, no additional filing fees are required to be paid.

Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(5) under the Securities Act, the registrant may continue to offer and sell the Primary Securities under the Prior Registration Statement until the earlier of the effective date of this Registration Statement and March 28, 2022, and the offering of the Primary Securities under the Prior Registration Statement will be deemed terminated as of the date of effectiveness of this registration statement. To the extent that, after the filing date hereof and prior to the effectiveness of this registration statement, any Primary Securities are sold pursuant to the Prior Registration Statement, the registrant will identify in a pre-effective amendment to this registration statement the updated amount of Primary Securities from the Prior Registration Statement to be included in this registration statement pursuant to Rule 415(a) (6). Pursuant to Rule 415(a)(6), the offering of the Primary Securities under the Prior Registration Statement will be deemed terminated as of the date of effectiveness of this registration statement.

The Prior Registration Statement will remain in effect with respect to unsold securities (the "Secondary Offering Securities") previously registered on the Prior Registration Statement and described under the caption "Secondary Offering" in the Prior Registration Statement Fee Table for secondary offerings of the Secondary Offering Securities by selling security holders pursuant to the prospectus filed as part of the Prior Registration Statement, as such prospectus may be amended, supplemented or otherwise modified. No Secondary Offering Securities are being registered on this registration statement.

(4) Represents the issuance of up to 21,249,998 shares of Class A common stock that may be issued upon exercise of 21,249,998 outstanding warrants, each entitling the holder thereof to purchase one share of Class A common stock at an exercise price of \$11.34 per share, subject to certain adjustments (the "Existing Warrants").

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until this Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to such Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION DATED September 20, 2021 PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS



Falcon Minerals Corporation
Class A Common Stock
Preferred Stock
New Warrants
21,249,998 Shares of Class A Common Stock Issuable Upon Existing Warrants

This prospectus relates to the issuance by Falcon Minerals Corporation (formerly known as "Osprey Energy Acquisition Corp.") (the "Company," "Falcon," "we," "our" or "us") of (i) shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Class A common stock") and warrants for the purchase of Class A common stock or preferred stock or a combination of the foregoing ("New Warrants") that may be offered from time to time in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions and other factors at the time of the offering, (ii) up to 7,500,000 shares of Class A common stock upon the exercise of warrants (the "Private Placement Warrants") initially purchased from the Company by Osprey Sponsor, LLC (the "Sponsor") in a private placement that closed simultaneously with the closing of our initial public offering on July 26, 2017 and (iii) up to 13,749,998 shares of Class A common stock upon the exercise of warrants sold as part of the units in our initial public offering (the "Public Warrants" and together with the Private Placement Warrants, the "Existing Warrants"). Each Existing Warrant entitles the holder to purchase upon exercise one share of Class A common stock at an exercise price of \$ 11.34 per share. We will receive the proceeds from the exercise of the Private Placement Warrants and the Public Warrants, but not from the sale of the underlying shares of Class A common stock.

The securities offered pursuant to this prospectus are collectively referred to in this prospectus as the "securities." This prospectus provides you with a general description of these securities and the general manner in which we will offer the securities. When securities are offered, we may provide a prospectus supplement, to the extent appropriate, that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. We provide more information about how we may sell the securities in the section entitled "Plan of Distribution" beginning on page 10.

Our Class A common stock and Existing Warrants are traded on The NASDAQ Capital Market ("NASDAQ") under the symbols "FLMN" and "FLMNW," respectively. The closing price for our Class A common stock and Existing Warrants on September 16, 2021, was \$4.61 per share and \$0.1275 per Warrant, as reported on NASDAQ. As of September 16, 2021, we had 46,934,232 shares of Class A common stock issued and outstanding and 21,249,998 warrants to purchase one share of Class A common stock outstanding.

Investing in our securities involves risks. See "<u>Risk Factors</u>" beginning on page 8 and "Risk Factors" in the documents incorporated by reference herein.

We are an "emerging growth company" as defined in Section 2(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and are subject to reduced public company reporting requirements. See "Risk Factors."

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is , 2021.

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We have not authorized anyone to provide any information or to make any representations other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement or any free writing prospectus we have prepared. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. This prospectus is an offer to sell only the securities offered hereby and only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. The information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus is current only as of its date.

#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") using a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may, from time to time, offer and sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. This prospectus generally describes Falcon Minerals Corporation and our securities. We may use the shelf registration statement to sell shares of Class A common stock, shares of preferred stock and New Warrants and up to an aggregate of 21,249,998 shares of our Class A common stock underlying the Existing Warrants from time to time through any means described in the section entitled "Plan of Distribution."

With respect to shares of Class A common stock underlying the Existing Warrants, we will not receive any proceeds from the sale of such shares except with respect to amounts received by us due to the exercise of the Existing Warrants to the extent the Existing Warrants are exercised for cash. However, we will pay the expenses, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, associated with the sale of securities pursuant to this prospectus. We may deliver a prospectus supplement with this prospectus, to the extent appropriate, to update the information contained in this prospectus. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information included in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement, together with additional information described below under the captions "Where You Can Find More Information" and "Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference."

No offer of these securities will be made in any jurisdiction where the offer is not permitted.

#### CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The information discussed in this prospectus includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). All statements, other than statements of present or historical fact, included in this prospectus regarding our strategy, future operations, financial position, estimated revenues, and losses, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management are forward-looking statements. When used in this prospectus, including any oral statements made in connection therewith, the words "could," "should," "will," "may," "believe," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "expect," "project," the negative of such terms and other similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain such identifying words. These forward-looking statements are based on management's current expectations and assumptions about future events and are based on currently available information as to the outcome and timing of future events. Except as otherwise required by applicable law, we disclaim any duty to update any forward-looking statements, all of which are expressly qualified by the statements in this section, to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this prospectus. We caution you that these forward-looking statements are subject to all of the risks and uncertainties, most of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control, incident to the development, production, gathering and sale of oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids.

In addition, we caution you that the forward-looking statements regarding our business, which are contained in this prospectus, are subject to the following factors:

- our ability to execute our business strategies;
- changes in general economic conditions, including the material and adverse negative consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and its unfolding impact on the global and national economy;
- the actions of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and other significant producers and governments;
- the volatility of realized oil and natural gas prices;
- the level of production on our properties;
- · regional supply and demand factors, delays, or interruptions of production;
- our ability to replace our oil and natural gas reserves;
- our ability to identify, complete and integrate acquisitions of properties or businesses;
- general economic, business or industry conditions;
- competition in the oil and natural gas industry;
- the ability of our operators to obtain capital or financing needed for development and exploration operations;
- title defects in the properties in which we invest;
- uncertainties with respect to identified drilling locations and estimates of reserves;
- the availability or cost of rigs, equipment, raw materials, supplies, oilfield services or personnel;
- restrictions on the use of water;
- the availability of transportation facilities;
- the ability of our operators to comply with applicable governmental laws and regulations and to obtain permits and governmental approvals;
- federal and state legislative and regulatory initiatives relating to hydraulic fracturing;

- · future operating results;
- · risk related to our hedging activities;
- exploration and development drilling prospects, inventories, projects, and programs;
- · operating hazards faced by our operators; and
- the ability of our operators to keep pace with technological advancements.

For additional information regarding known material factors that could affect our operating results and performance, please read the section entitled "Risk Factors" in this prospectus and in any applicable prospectus supplement, as well as all risk factors described in the documents incorporated by reference herein. Should one or more of the risks or uncertainties described in this prospectus made in connection therewith occur, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results and plans could different materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements.

Reserve engineering is a process of estimating underground accumulations of oil, natural gas and natural gas liquids ("NGLs") that cannot be measured in an exact way. The accuracy of any reserve estimate depends on the quality of available data, the interpretation of such data and the price and cost assumptions made by reserve engineers. In addition, the results of drilling, completion and production activities may justify revisions of estimates that were made previously. If significant, such revisions would change the schedule of any further production and development drilling. Accordingly, reserve estimates may differ significantly from the quantities of oil, natural gas and NGLs that are ultimately recovered.

#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY

#### **Corporate History**

Falcon (formerly named Osprey Energy Acquisition Corp.) was a blank check company, incorporated in Delaware in June 2016. The Company was formed for the purpose of acquiring, through a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, reorganization, recapitalization, or other similar business transaction, one or more operating businesses or assets.

On August 23, 2018 (the "Closing Date"), the Company completed the acquisition of the equity interests (the "Equity Interests") in certain of the subsidiaries (the "Royal Entities") of Noble Royalties Acquisition Co., LP ("NRAC"), Hooks Ranch Holdings LP ("Hooks Holdings"), DGK ORRI Holdings, LP ("DGK"), DGK ORRI GP LLC ("DGK GP") and Hooks Holding Company GP, LLC ("Hooks GP", and collectively with NRAC, Hooks Holdings, DGK, and DGK GP, the "Contributors"). The acquisition was made pursuant to the Contribution Agreement, dated as of June 3, 2018 (the "Contributors. The acquisition of the Royal Entities pursuant to the Contribution Agreement is referred to as the "Business Combination" and the Business Combination together with the other transactions contemplated by the Contribution Agreement are referred to herein as the "Transactions."

Pursuant to the Contribution Agreement, on the Closing Date, the Company contributed cash to Falcon Minerals Operating Partnership, LP, a Delaware limited partnership and wholly owned subsidiary of the Company ("OpCo"), in exchange for (a) a number of OpCo Common Units representing limited partnership interests in OpCo (the "OpCo Common Units") equal to the number of shares of the Company's Class A common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "Class A Common Stock"), outstanding as of the Closing Date and (b) a number of OpCo warrants exercisable for OpCo Common Units equal to the number of the Company's warrants outstanding as of the Closing Date. The Company controls OpCo through Falcon Minerals GP, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company and the sole general partner of OpCo ("Opco GP").

On the Closing Date, Falcon completed the acquisition of the Equity Interests and in return the Contributors received (i) \$400 million of cash and (ii) 40 million OpCo Common Units. The Company also issued to the Contributors 40 million shares of non-economic Class C common stock of the Company, which entitles each holder to one vote per share. The OpCo Common Units are redeemable on a one-for-one basis for shares of Class A Common Stock at the option of the Contributors. Upon the redemption by any Contributor of OpCo Common Units for Class A Common Stock, a corresponding number of shares of Class C Common Stock held by such Contributor will be cancelled.

In connection with the closing of the Business Combination (the "Closing"), the Company changed its name from "Osprey Energy Acquisition Corp." to "Falcon Minerals Corporation". The Company is now structured as an "Up-C," meaning that substantially all the assets of the Company are held by OpCo, and the Company's only operating asset is its equity interest in OpCo. Each OpCo Common Unit, together with one share of Class C Common Stock, is exchangeable for one share of Class A Common Stock at the option of the holder pursuant to the terms of the Company's and OpCo's organizational documents, subject to certain restrictions.

## Our Relationship with Royal Resources, L.P.

Our largest shareholder is Royal, which was formed by a subsidiary of The Blackstone Group L.P. ("Blackstone") in 2011. We were formed pursuant to the Transactions through which Blackstone (through its ownership of Royal) has retained a significant ownership stake in us, representing approximately 41% of our voting interests through Royal's ownership of our Class C common stock. Pursuant to the Contribution Agreement, Blackstone also has the right to nominate six out of nine members of our Board of Directors. Falcon

performs certain managerial operations for Royal with respect to assets that Royal owned that were not contributed to Falcon. For such managerial operations, Falcon is paid less than \$0.1 million per quarter, plus reimbursement of certain out of pocket expenses and an allocated amount of certain third-party costs.

## **Company Information**

Our principal executive offices are located at 510 Madison Avenue, 8th Floor, New York, NY 10022 and our telephone number is (212) 506-5925. Our website is www.falconminerals.com. The information found on our website is not part of this prospectus.

#### THE OFFERING

We are registering (i) shares of Class A common stock, shares of preferred stock and New Warrants from time to time in such amounts as shall result in an aggregate offering price not to exceed \$400,000,000, (ii) up to 7,500,000 shares of Class A common stock upon the exercise of the Private Placement Warrants and (iii) up to 13,749,998 shares of Class A common stock upon the exercise the Public Warrants. Our Class A common stock and warrants are currently listed on NASDAQ under the symbol "FLMN" and "FLMNW," respectively. Any investment in the securities offered hereby is speculative and involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the information set forth under "Risk Factors" on page 8 of this prospectus.

### Issuance of Class A common stock, preferred stock and New Warrants

We may offer and sell shares of Class A common stock, shares of preferred stock and New Warrants from time to time in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions and other factors at the time of the offering, such that the maximum aggregate offering price does not exceed \$400,000,000. Unless we inform you otherwise in a prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, we intend to use the net proceeds of such offerings for general corporate purposes. Please read "Use of Proceeds." As of September 8, 2021, we had 46,934,232 shares of Class A common stock, 40,000,000 shares of Class C common stock and 21,249,998 Existing Warrants outstanding. The number of shares of Class A common stock does not include the 4,025,418 shares of Class A common stock available for future issuances under the Falcon Minerals 2018 Long-Term Incentive Plan.

Issuance of Class A Common Stock Underlying the Existing Warrants

Shares of Class A common stock to be issued upon exercise of all Existing Warrants

21,249,998 shares of Class A common stock.

Shares of Class A common stock outstanding prior to exercise of all Existing Warrants(1)

46,934,232 shares of Class A common stock.

Shares of Class A common stock outstanding assuming exercise of all Existing Warrants(1)(2)

68,184,230 shares of Class A common stock.

Terms of the Existing Warrants

Each Existing Warrant entitles the holder to purchase one share of Class A common stock for \$11.34 per share. The Existing Warrants expire at 5:00 p.m., New York time, on August 23, 2023 (which is five years after the consummation of the Business Combination), or earlier upon redemption or liquidation.

Use of proceeds

We will receive up to an aggregate of approximately \$240.97 million from the exercise of Warrants, assuming the exercise in full of all the Existing Warrants for cash. Unless we inform you otherwise in a prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, we intend to use the net proceeds from the exercise of the Existing Warrants for general corporate purposes.

Trading market and ticker symbol

Our Class A common stock and warrants are currently listed on NASDAQ under the symbol "FLMN" and "FLMNW," respectively.

- (1) The number of shares of Class A common stock does not include the 4,025,418 shares of Class A common stock available for future issuance under the Falcon Minerals 2018 Long-Term Incentive Plan.
- (2) The number of shares of Class A common stock assumes the holders of all our Existing Warrants exercise all of their Existing Warrants for cash at the \$11.34 exercise price per share.

For additional information concerning the offering, see "Plan of Distribution" beginning on page 10.

#### **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before you invest in our securities, you should carefully consider those risk factors described under the heading "Risk Factors" in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K/A and any subsequently filed Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K (other than, in each case, information furnished rather than filed), which are incorporated by reference herein, and those risk factors that may be included in any applicable prospectus supplement, together with all of the other information included in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the documents we incorporate by reference, in evaluating an investment in our securities. Our business, prospects, financial condition or operating results could be harmed by any of these risks, as well as other risks not currently known to us or that we currently consider immaterial. The trading price of our securities could decline due to any of these risks, and, as a result, you may lose all or part of your investment. Before deciding whether to invest in our securities, you should also refer to the other information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, including the section entitled "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward Looking Statements."

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless we inform you otherwise in a prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of securities we are offering for general corporate purposes. This may include, among other things, additions to working capital, repayment or refinancing of existing indebtedness or other corporate obligations and acquisitions and investment in existing and future projects. Any specific allocation of the net proceeds of an offering of securities to a specific purpose will be determined at the time of the offering and will be described in an accompanying prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus.

With respect to the issuance of shares of Class A common stock underlying the Existing Warrants, we will not receive any proceeds from the sale of such shares except with respect to amounts received by us due to the exercise of the Existing Warrants to the extent the Existing Warrants are exercised for cash. We will receive up to an aggregate of approximately \$240.97 million from the exercise of Existing Warrants, assuming the exercise in full of all of the Existing Warrants for cash. Unless we inform you otherwise in a prospectus or free writing prospectus, we intend to use the net proceeds from any such exercise of the Existing Warrants for general corporate purposes.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may offer and sell all or a portion of the securities covered by this prospectus from time to time, in one or more or any combination of the following transactions:

- on the NASDAQ, in the over-the-counter market or on any other national securities exchange on which our securities are listed or traded;
- in privately negotiated transactions;
- in underwritten transactions;
- in a block trade in which a broker-dealer will attempt to sell the offered securities as agent but may purchase and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;
- through purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account pursuant to this prospectus;
- in ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker solicits purchasers;
- through the writing of options (including put or call options), whether the options are listed on an options exchange or otherwise;
- · in short sales entered into after the effective date of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part; and
- "at the market" or through market makers or into an existing market for the securities.

We may sell the securities at prices then prevailing, related to the then prevailing market price or at negotiated prices. The offering price of the securities from time to time will be determined by us and, at the time of the determination, may be higher or lower than the market price of our securities on the NASDAQ or any other exchange or market.

The shares may be sold directly or through broker-dealers acting as principal or agent, or pursuant to a distribution by one or more underwriters on a firm commitment or best-efforts basis. We may also enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers. In connection with such transactions, broker-dealers of other financial institutions may engage in short sales of our securities in the course of hedging the positions they assume with us. We may also enter into options or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions, which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of securities offered by this prospectus, which securities such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell pursuant to this prospectus (as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction). In connection with an underwritten offering, underwriters or agents may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from purchasers of the offered securities for whom they may act as agents. In addition, underwriters may sell the securities to or through dealers, and those dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents. Any underwriters, dealers or agents participating in a distribution of the securities may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of the Securities Act, and any commissions received by broker-dealers may be deemed to be underwriting commissions under the Securities Act.

We may agree to indemnify an underwriter, broker-dealer or agent against certain liabilities related to the sale of the securities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

We are subject to the applicable provisions of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations under the Exchange Act, including Regulation M. This regulation may limit the timing of purchases and sales of any of the securities offered in this prospectus. The anti-manipulation rules under the Exchange Act may apply to sales of securities in the market. Furthermore, Regulation M may restrict the ability of any person engaged in the

distribution of the securities to engage in market-making activities for the particular securities being distributed for a period of up to five business days before the distribution. The restrictions may affect the marketability of the securities and the ability of any person or entity to engage in market-making activities for the securities.

To the extent required, this prospectus may be amended and/or supplemented from time to time to describe a specific plan of distribution.

Issuance of Class A Common Stock Underlying the Existing Warrants

Each Existing Warrant entitles its holder to purchase one share of our Class A common stock at an exercise price of \$11.34 per share. We are registering the issuance of shares of Class A common stock underlying the Existing Warrants. The prices at which the shares of Class A common stock underlying the Existing Warrants covered by this prospectus may actually be disposed of may be at fixed prices, at prevailing market prices at the time of sale, at prices related to the prevailing market price, at varying prices determined at the time of sale or at negotiated prices. We will receive the proceeds from the exercise of the Existing Warrants, but not from the sale of the underlying Class A common stock.

Pursuant to the terms of the Existing Warrants, the shares of Class A common stock will be distributed to those holders of Existing Warrants who surrender the Existing Warrants and provide payment of the exercise price to our warrant agent, Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company.

For additional information with respect to the Existing Warrants, please read "Description of Securities—Existing Warrants."

#### DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

The following summary of certain material provisions of our common stock, preferred stock and warrants does not purport to be complete. You should refer to our certificate of incorporation, as amended, our amended and restated by-laws and our warrant agreement, which are included as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. The summary below is also qualified by reference to the applicable provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL").

Our A&R Charter authorizes the issuance of 240,000,000 shares of Class A common stock, 120,000,000 shares of Class C common stock, and 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("preferred stock"). Class A common stockholders of record are entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters to be voted on by stockholders. As of September 16, 2021, there were (a) 11 holders of record of Class A common stock and 46,934,232 shares of Class A common Stock outstanding; (b) seven holders of record of Class C common stock and 40,000,000 shares of Class C common stock outstanding; and (c) no shares of preferred stock outstanding. All of the Company's shares of Class B common stock were converted into shares of Class A common stock on a one-for-one basis at the Closing in accordance with the terms of the A&R Charter.

#### Common Stock

#### Class A common stock

Holders of the Company's Class A common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters to be voted on by the Company's stockholders. Holders of the Class A common stock and holders of the Class C common stock will vote together as a single class on all matters submitted to a vote of the Company's stockholders, except as required by law or the A&R Charter. Notwithstanding the foregoing, except as otherwise required by law or the A&R Charter (including any preferred stock designation), holders of shares of Class A common stock shall not be entitled to vote on any amendment to the A&R Charter (including any amendment to any preferred stock designation) that relates solely to the terms of one or more outstanding series of preferred stock or other series of common stock if the holders of such affected series of preferred stock or common stock, as applicable, are entitled, either separately or together with the holders of one or more other such series, to vote thereon pursuant to the A&R Charter (including any preferred stock designation) or as required by applicable provisions of the DGCL or applicable stock exchange rules.

In the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, the holders of the Class A common stock are entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining available for distribution to them after payment of liabilities and after provision is made for each class of stock, if any, having preference over the Class A common stock.

#### Class C common stock

In connection with the Business Combination, the Company issued 40,000,000 shares of Class C common stock to the Contributors. A holder of Class C common stock may transfer shares of Class C common stock to any transferee only if, and only to the extent permitted by the Opco LPA, such holder also simultaneously transfers an equal number of such holder's Common Units to such transferee in compliance with the Opco LPA. Holders of our Class C common stock will vote together as a single class with holders of our Class A common stock on all matters properly submitted to a vote of the stockholders. In addition, holders of Class C common stock, voting as a separate class, are entitled to approve any amendment, alteration or repeal of any provision of the A&R Charter (whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise), if such amendment, alteration or repeal would alter or change, in a manner adverse to the holders of the Class C common stock, the powers, preferences or rights of the Class C common stock, relative to the powers, preferences or rights of any other class of common stock, as such relative powers, preferences or rights exist as of the date of the A&R Charter.

 $Under the A\&R \ Charter, no \ dividends \ may \ be \ declared \ or \ paid \ on \ shares \ of \ Class \ C \ common \ stock \ and \ holders \ of \ Class \ C \ common \ stock \ do \ not \ receive \ any \ assets \ of \ the \ Company \ in \ the \ event \ of \ any \ voluntary \ or \$ 

involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company. In addition, the Company may not enter into any agreement providing for (i) a merger, consolidation or other business combination requiring the approval of the Company's stockholders, (ii) any acquisition of all or substantially all of the Company's assets or (iii) any tender or exchange offer by the Company or any third party to acquire stock of the Company (collectively, a "sale transaction") in which it is proposed that (1) the shares of Class C common stock are converted into the right to receive, directly or indirectly, in connection with such sale transaction, any consideration or (2) each share of Class C common stock, together with each Common Unit, are converted into the right to receive, in connection with a sale transaction, a different amount of consideration on a per share basis as that received by each share of Class A common stock.

Holders of Common Units will generally have the right to cause Falcon Opco to redeem all or a portion of their Common Units in exchange for shares of Class A common stock; provided that the Company may, at its option, effect a direct exchange of such shares of Class A common stock for such Common Units in lieu of such a redemption by Falcon Opco. Upon the future redemption or exchange of Common Units held by a Contributor, a corresponding number of shares of Class C common stock will be cancelled.

#### Preferred Stock

Our A&R Charter authorizes 1,000,000 shares of preferred stock and provides that shares of preferred stock may be issued from time to time in one or more series. Our board is authorized to fix the voting rights, if any, designations, powers, preferences, the relative, participating, optional or other special rights and any qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof, applicable to the shares of each series. Our board is able to, without stockholder approval, issue preferred stock with voting and other rights that could adversely affect the voting power and other rights of the holders of the common stock and could have anti-takeover effects. The ability of our board to issue preferred stock without stockholder approval could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change of control of us or the removal of existing management. We have no preferred stock outstanding at the date hereof. You should refer to the prospectus supplement relating to a particular issue of the Preferred Stock for the terms and information related to such shares.

#### New Warrants

We may issue New Warrants for the purchase of our Class A common stock, preferred stock or any combination of the foregoing securities. New Warrants may be issued independently or together with our securities offered by any prospectus supplement and may be attached to or separate from any such offered securities. Each series of New Warrants will be issued under a separate warrant agreement to be entered into between us and a bank or trust company, as warrant agent, all as set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to the particular issue of New Warrants. The warrant agent will act solely as our agent in connection with the New Warrants and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any holders of the New Warrants or beneficial owners of the New Warrants. The following summary of certain provisions of the New Warrants does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to, all provisions of the warrant agreements.

You should refer to the prospectus supplement relating to a particular issue of the New Warrants for the terms of and information relating to the New Warrants, including, where applicable:

- (1) the number of securities purchasable upon exercise of the New Warrants and the price at which such securities may be purchased upon exercise of the New Warrants;
- (2) the date on which the right to exercise the New Warrants commences and the date on which such right expires (the "New Warrant Expiration Date");
  - (3) the United States federal income tax consequences applicable to the New Warrants;

- (4) the amount of the New Warrants outstanding as of the most recent practicable date; and
- (5) any other terms of the New Warrants.

New Warrants will be offered and exercisable for United States dollars only. New Warrants will be issued in registered form only. Each New Warrant will entitle its holder to purchase such number of securities at such exercise price as is in each case set forth in, or calculable from, the prospectus supplement relating to the New Warrants. The exercise price may be subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of events described in such prospectus supplement. After the close of business on the New Warrant Expiration Date (or such later date to which we may extend such New Warrant Expiration Date), unexercised New Warrants will become void. The place or places where, and the manner in which, New Warrants may be exercised will be specified in the prospectus supplement relating to such New Warrants.

Prior to the exercise of any New Warrants, holders of the New Warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of securities, including the right to receive payments of any dividends on the securities purchasable upon exercise of the New Warrants, or to exercise any applicable right to vote.

#### **Existing Warrants**

The Existing Warrants include 7,500,000 Private Placement Warrants issued in a private placement in connection with our initial public offering and 13,749,998 Public Warrants sold as part of the units in our initial public offering.

#### **Public Warrants**

Each Public Warrant entitles the registered holder to purchase one share of Class A common stock at a price of \$11.34 per share, subject to certain adjustments, at any time commencing on September 22, 2018. Public Warrants must be exercised for a whole share. The Public Warrants will expire on August 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, or earlier upon redemption or liquidation.

We are obligated to deliver any shares of Class A common stock pursuant to the exercise of a Public Warrant and have no obligation to settle such warrant exercise unless this registration statement with respect to the shares of Class A common stock underlying the Public Warrants is then effective and a prospectus relating thereto is current, subject to the satisfaction of our obligations described below with respect to registration. No Public Warrant will be exercisable for cash or on a cashless basis and we are not be obligated to issue any shares to holders seeking to exercise their Public Warrants unless the issuance of the shares upon such exercise is registered or qualified under the securities laws of the state of the exercising holder, or an exemption is available. In the event that the conditions in the two immediately preceding sentences are not satisfied with respect to a Public Warrant, the holder of such Public Warrant will not be entitled to exercise such Public Warrant and such Public Warrant may have no value and expire worthless.

We agreed to use our best efforts to file with the SEC this registration statement for the registration, under the Securities Act, of the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon exercise of the Public Warrants. We will use our best efforts to cause the same to become effective and to maintain the effectiveness of this registration statement, and a current prospectus relating thereto, until the expiration of the Public Warrants in accordance with the provisions of the Warrant Agreement. Notwithstanding the above, if our Class A common stock is at the time of any exercise of a Public Warrant not listed on a national securities exchange such that it satisfies the definition of a "covered security" under Section 18(b)(1) of the Securities Act, we may, at our option, require holders of public warrants who exercise their Public Warrants to do so on a "cashless basis" in accordance with Section 3(a)(9) of the Securities Act and, in the event that we so elect, we will not be required to file or maintain in effect a registration statement, but will use our best efforts to register or qualify the shares under applicable Blue Sky laws to the extent an exemption is not available.

Subject to the restrictions described below, once the Public Warrants become exercisable, we may redeem the Public Warrants:

- in whole and not in part;
- at a price of \$0.01 per Public Warrant;
- upon not less than 30 days' prior written notice of redemption to each warrant holder; and
- if, and only if, the reported last sale price of the Class A common stock equals or exceeds \$18.00 per share (as adjusted for stock splits, stock dividends, reorganizations, recapitalizations and the like) for any 20 trading days within a 30 trading day period ending on the third trading day prior to the date we send the notice of redemption to the warrant holders.

If and when the Public Warrants become redeemable by us, we may exercise our redemption right even if we are unable to register or qualify the underlying securities for sale under all applicable state securities laws. As described further below under "— Private Placement Warrants," the Private Placement Warrants will not be redeemable by the Company so long as they are held by our Sponsor or its permitted transferees.

We have established the last of the redemption criterion discussed above to prevent a redemption call unless there is at the time of the call a significant premium to the Public Warrant exercise price. If the foregoing conditions are satisfied and we issue a notice of redemption of the Public Warrants, each warrant holder will be entitled to exercise his, her, or its Public Warrant prior to the scheduled redemption date. However, the price of the Class A common stock may fall below the \$18.00 redemption trigger price as well as the \$11.34 warrant exercise price after the redemption notice is issued.

If we call the Public Warrants for redemption as described above, our management will have the option to require any holder that wishes to exercise his, her or its Public Warrant to do so on a "cashless basis." In determining whether to require all holders to exercise their Public Warrants on a "cashless basis," our management will consider, among other factors, our cash position, the number of Public Warrants that are outstanding and the dilutive effect on our stockholders of issuing the maximum number of shares of Class A common stock issuable upon the exercise of its Public Warrants. If our management takes advantage of this option, all holders of Public Warrants would pay the exercise price by surrendering their Public Warrants for that number of shares of Class A common stock equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (x) the product of the number of shares of Class A common stock underlying the Public Warrants, multiplied by the excess of the "fair market value" (defined below) over the exercise price of the Public Warrants by (y) the fair market value. The "fair market value" shall mean the average reported last sale price of the Class A common stock for the 10 trading days ending on the third trading day prior to the date on which the notice of redemption is sent to the holders of Public Warrants. If our management takes advantage of this option, the notice of redemption will contain the information necessary to calculate the number of shares of Class A common stock to be received upon exercise of the Public Warrants, including the "fair market value" in such case. Requiring a cashless exercise in this manner will reduce the number of shares to be issued and thereby lessen the dilutive effect of a redemption. We believe this feature is an attractive option to us if it does not need the cash from the exercise of the Public Warrants. If we call the Public Warrants for redemption and our management does not take advantage of this option, our Sponsor and its permitted transferees would still be entitled to exercise their Private Placement Warrants for cash or on a cashless basis using the same formula described above that other warrant holders would have been required to use had all warrant holders been required to exercise their Public Warrants on a cashless basis, as described in more detail below.

A holder of a Public Warrant may notify us in writing in the event it elects to be subject to a requirement that such holder will not have the right to exercise such Public Warrant, to the extent that after giving effect to such exercise, such person (together with such person's affiliates), to the warrant agent's actual knowledge, would beneficially own in excess of 9.8% (or such other amount as a holder may specify) of the shares of Class A common stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to such exercise.

If the number of outstanding shares of Class A common stock is increased by a stock dividend payable in shares of Class A common stock, or by a split-up of shares of Class A common stock or other similar event, then, on the effective date of such stock dividend, split-up or similar event, the number of shares of Class A common stock issuable on exercise of each Public Warrant will be increased in proportion to such increase in the outstanding shares of Class A common stock. A rights offering to holders of Class A common stock entitling holders to purchase shares of Class A common stock at a price less than the fair market value will be deemed a stock dividend of a number of shares of Class A common stock equal to the product of (i) the number of shares of Class A common stock actually sold in such rights offering (or issuable under any other equity securities sold in such rights offering that are convertible into or exercisable for Class A common stock) multiplied by (ii) one (1) minus the quotient of (x) the price per share of Class A common stock paid in such rights offering divided by (y) the fair market value. For these purposes (i) if the rights offering is for securities convertible into or exercisable for Class A common stock, in determining the price payable for Class A common stock, there will be taken into account any consideration received for such rights, as well as any additional amount payable upon exercise or conversion and (ii) fair market value means the volume weighted average price of Class A common stock as reported during the 10 trading day period ending on the trading day prior to the first date on which the shares of Class A common stock trade on the applicable exchange or in the applicable market, regular way, without the right to receive such rights.

In addition, if we, at any time while the Public Warrants are outstanding and unexpired, pay a dividend or makes a distribution in cash, securities or other assets to the holders of Class A common stock on account of such shares of Class A common stock (or other shares of the Company's capital stock into which the Public Warrants are convertible), other than (a) as described above or (b) certain ordinary cash dividends, then the warrant exercise price will be decreased, effective immediately after the effective date of such event, by the amount of cash and/or the fair market value of any securities or other assets paid on each share of Class A common stock in respect of such event.

If the number of outstanding shares of Class A common stock is decreased by a consolidation, combination, reverse stock split or reclassification of shares of Class A common stock or other similar event, then, on the effective date of such consolidation, combination, reverse stock split, reclassification or similar event, the number of shares of Class A common stock issuable on exercise of each Public Warrant will be decreased in proportion to such decrease in outstanding shares of Class A common stock.

Whenever the number of shares of Class A common stock purchasable upon the exercise of the Public Warrants is adjusted, as described above, the warrant exercise price will be adjusted by multiplying the warrant exercise price immediately prior to such adjustment by a fraction (x) the numerator of which will be the number of shares of Class A common stock purchasable upon the exercise of the Public Warrants immediately prior to such adjustment, and (y) the denominator of which will be the number of shares of Class A common stock so purchasable immediately thereafter.

In case of any reclassification or reorganization of the outstanding shares of Class A common stock (other than those described above or that solely affects the par value of such shares of Class A common stock), or in the case of any merger or consolidation of us with or into another corporation (other than a consolidation or merger in which we are the continuing corporation and that does not result in any reclassification or reorganization of our outstanding shares of Class A common stock), or in the case of any sale or conveyance to another corporation or entity of the assets or other property of us as an entirety or substantially as an entirety in connection with which we are dissolved, the holders of the Public Warrants will thereafter have the right to purchase and receive, upon the basis and upon the terms and conditions specified in the Public Warrants and in lieu of the shares of our Class A common stock immediately theretofore purchasable and receivable upon the exercise of the rights represented thereby, the kind and amount of shares of stock or other securities or property (including cash) receivable upon such reclassification, reorganization, merger or consolidation, or upon a dissolution following any such sale or transfer, that the holder of the Public Warrants would have received if such holder had exercised their Public Warrants immediately prior to such event. If less than 70% of the consideration receivable by the

holders of Class A common stock in such a transaction is payable in the form of Class A common stock in the successor entity that is listed for trading on a national securities exchange or is quoted in an established over-the-counter market, or is to be so listed for trading or quoted immediately following such event, and if the registered holder of the Public Warrants properly exercises the warrant within thirty days following public disclosure of such transaction, the warrant exercise price will be reduced as specified in the warrant agreement based on the Black-Scholes value (as defined in the Warrant Agreement) of the Public Warrant. The Public Warrants were issued in registered form under the Warrant Agreement. The Warrant Agreement provides that the terms of the Public Warrants may be amended without the consent of any holder to cure any ambiguity or correct any defective provision, but requires the approval by the holders of at least 65% of the then-outstanding Public Warrants to make any change that adversely affects the interests of the registered holders of Public Warrants.

The Public Warrants may be exercised upon surrender of the warrant certificate on or prior to the expiration date at the offices of the warrant agent, with the exercise form on the reverse side of the warrant certificate completed and executed as indicated, accompanied by full payment of the exercise price (or on a cashless basis, if applicable), by certified or official bank check payable to us, for the number of Public Warrants being exercised. The warrant holders do not have the rights or privileges of holders of Class A common stock and any voting rights until they exercise their Public Warrants and receive shares of Class A common stock. After the issuance of shares of Class A common stock upon exercise of the Public Warrants, each holder will be entitled to one vote for each share held of record on all matters to be voted on by stockholders.

#### Private Placement Warrants

The Private Placement Warrants (including the Class A common stock issuable upon exercise of the Private Placement Warrants) will not be redeemable by the Company so long as they are held by the Sponsor or its permitted transferees. Otherwise, the Private Placement Warrants have terms and provisions that are identical to those of the Public Warrants sold as part of the units in our initial public offering. If the Private Placement Warrants are held by holders other than the Sponsor or its permitted transferees, the Private Placement Warrants will be redeemable by the Company and exercisable by the holders on the same basis as the Public Warrants included in the units sold in our initial public offering.

If holders of the Private Placement Warrants elect to exercise them on a cashless basis, they would pay the exercise price by surrendering his, her or its Private Placement Warrants for that number of shares of Class A common stock equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (x) the product of the number of shares of Class A common stock underlying the Private Placement Warrants, multiplied by the excess of the "fair market value" (defined below) over the exercise price of the Private Placement Warrants by (y) the fair market value. The "fair market value" shall mean the average reported last sale price of the Class A common stock for the 10 trading days ending on the third trading day prior to the date on which the notice of warrant exercise is sent to the warrant agent. The reason that we have agreed that these Private Placement Warrants will be exercisable on a cashless basis so long as they are held by the Sponsor and its permitted transferees is because it was not known at the time whether they will be affiliated with us following an initial business combination. If they remain affiliated with us, their ability to sell our securities in the open market will be significantly limited. We have policies in place that prohibit insiders from selling their securities except during specific periods of time. Even during such periods of time when insiders will be permitted to sell our securities, an insider cannot trade in our securities if he or she is in possession of material non-public information. Accordingly, unlike public stockholders who could exercise their Public Warrants and sell the shares of Class A common stock issuable upon exercise of the Public Warrants freely in the open market in order to recoup the cost of such exercise, the insiders could be significantly restricted from selling such securities. As a result, we believe that allowing the holders to exercise such Private Placement Warrants on a cashless basis is appropriate.

The Private Placement Warrants were sold in a private placement pursuant to a purchase agreement between the Company and the Sponsor. On September 17, 2018, the Sponsor completed the distribution of all of the Private Placement Warrants to the holders of its equity interests. The Private Placement Warrants have the terms set forth in the Warrant Agreement between Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as warrant agent, and us.

Certain Anti-Takeover Provisions of Delaware Law

Special Meeting of Stockholders

Our bylaws provide that special meetings of our stockholders may be called only by our board pursuant to a majority vote of our board and the ability of our stockholders to call a special meeting is specifically denied.

Advance Notice Requirements for Stockholder Proposals and Director Nominations

Our bylaws provide that stockholders seeking to bring business before our annual meeting of stockholders, or to nominate candidates for election as directors at our annual meeting of stockholders, must provide timely notice of their intent in writing. To be timely, a stockholder's notice will need to be received by the company secretary at our principal executive offices not later than the close of business on the 90th day nor earlier than the close of business on the 120th day prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting of stockholders. Pursuant to Rule 14a-8 of the Exchange Act, proposals seeking inclusion in our annual proxy statement must comply with the notice periods contained therein. Our bylaws also specify certain requirements as to the form and content of a stockholders' meeting. These provisions may preclude our stockholders from bringing matters before our annual meeting of stockholders or from making nominations for directors at our annual meeting of stockholders.

#### **Exclusive Forum**

The A&R Charter provides that a stockholder bringing a claim subject to the proposed Article X of the A&R Charter will be required to bring that claim in the Delaware Court of Chancery, subject to the Delaware Court of Chancery having personal jurisdiction over the defendants.

Restrictions on the Use of Rule 144 by Shell Companies or Former Shell Companies

Rule 144 is not available for the resale of securities initially issued by shell companies (other than business combination related shell companies) or issuers that have been at any time previously a shell company. However, Rule 144 also includes an important exception to this prohibition if the following conditions are met:

- the issuer of the securities that was formerly a shell company has ceased to be a shell company;
- the issuer of the securities is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act;
- the issuer of the securities has filed all Exchange Act reports and material required to be filed, as applicable, during the preceding 12 months (or such shorter period that the issuer was required to file such reports and materials), other than current reports on Form 8-K; and
- at least one year has elapsed from the filing of our Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on August 29, 2018, reflecting our status as an entity that is not a shell company.

As a result, if we have filed all Exchange Act reports and materials as set forth in the third bullet of the preceding paragraph, then any holder of restricted shares of our Class A common stock will be able to sell such shares pursuant to Rule 144 without registration.

#### Transfer Agent and Warrant Agent

The transfer agent for our Class A common stock and warrant agent for our Existing Warrants and New Warrants is Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company. We have agreed to indemnify Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company in its roles as transfer agent and warrant agent, its agents and each of its stockholders, directors, officers and employees against all liabilities, including judgments, costs and reasonable counsel fees that may arise out of acts performed or omitted for its activities in that capacity, except for any liability due to any gross negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith of the indemnified person or entity.

#### MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES

The following discussion is a summary of the material U.S. federal income tax consequences to Non-U.S. Holders (as defined below) of the purchase, ownership and disposition of our Class A common stock issued pursuant to this offering, but it does not purport to be a complete analysis of all potential tax considerations that may be relevant to a particular holder of our Class A common stock. The effects of other U.S. federal tax laws, such as estate and gift tax laws, and any applicable state, local or non-U.S. tax laws are not discussed. This discussion is based on the Code, Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder ("Treasury Regulations"), judicial decisions, and published rulings and administrative pronouncements of the U.S. Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS"), in each case as in effect as of the date hereof. These authorities may change or be subject to differing interpretations. Any such change or differing interpretation may be applied retroactively in a manner that could adversely affect a Non-U.S. Holder of our Class A common stock. We have not sought and will not seek any rulings from the IRS regarding the matters discussed below. There can be no assurance the IRS or a court will not take a contrary position to that discussed below regarding the tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposition of our Class A common stock.

This discussion is limited to Non-U.S. Holders that hold our Class A common stock as a "capital asset" within the meaning of Section 1221 of the Code (generally, property held for investment). This discussion does not address all U.S. federal income tax consequences relevant to a Non-U.S. Holder's particular circumstances, including the impact of the Medicare contribution tax on net investment income or any considerations with respect to any withholding required pursuant to the Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act of 2010 (including the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder and any intergovernmental agreements entered in connection therewith and any laws, regulations or practices adopted in connection with any such agreement). In addition, it does not address consequences relevant to Non-U.S. Holders subject to special rules, including, without limitation:

- U.S. expatriates and former citizens or long-term residents of the United States;
- persons subject to the alternative minimum tax;
- persons holding our Class A common stock as part of a hedge, straddle or other risk reduction strategy or as part of a conversion transaction or other integrated investment;
- banks, insurance companies, and other financial institutions;
- brokers, dealers or traders in securities or currencies;
- "controlled foreign corporations," "passive foreign investment companies," and corporations that accumulate earnings to avoid U.S. federal income tax;
- real estate investment trusts;
- · regulated investment companies;
- partnerships, or other entities or arrangements treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes or other flow-through entities (and investors therein);
- tax-exempt organizations or governmental organizations;
- persons who hold our Class A common stock as part of a hedge, straddle, constructive sale, conversion transaction or other integrated or risk reduction transaction;
- persons who hold or receive our Class A common stock pursuant to the exercise of any employee stock option or otherwise as compensation;
- · persons required to report income no later than when such income is reported on an "applicable financial statement";
- persons that hold directly, indirectly or constructively 5% of any class of our stock;

- "qualified foreign pension funds" as defined in Section 897(1)(2) of the Code and entities all of the interests of which are held by qualified foreign pension funds; and
- retirement plans, individual retirement accounts or other tax-deferred accounts.

If an entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds our Class A common stock, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will depend on the status of the partner, the activities of the partnership and certain determinations made at the partner level. Accordingly, partnerships holding our Class A common stock and partners in such partnerships should consult their tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences to them.

THIS DISCUSSION IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT TAX ADVICE. INVESTORS SHOULD CONSULT THEIR TAX ADVISORS WITH RESPECT TO THE APPLICATION OF THE U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX LAWS TO THEIR PARTICULAR SITUATIONS AS WELL AS ANY TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PURCHASE, OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF OUR CLASS A COMMON STOCK ARISING UNDER THE U.S. FEDERAL ESTATE OR GIFT TAX LAWS OR UNDER THE LAWS OF ANY STATE, LOCAL OR NON-U.S. TAXING JURISDICTION OR UNDER ANY APPLICABLE INCOME TAX TREATY.

#### Definition of a Non-U.S. Holder

For purposes of this discussion, a "Non-U.S. Holder" is any beneficial owner of our Class A common stock that is neither a "U.S. person" nor an entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes. A U.S. person is any person that, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, is or is treated as any of the following:

- an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation created or organized under the laws of the United States, any state thereof, or the District of Columbia;
- an estate, the income of which is subject to U.S. federal income tax regardless of its source; or
- a trust (1) if a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over the trust's administration and one or more "United States persons" (within the meaning of Section 7701(a)(30) of the Code) have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or (2) that has a valid election in effect to be treated as a United States person for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

#### Distributions

Any distributions of cash or property on our Class A common stock will constitute dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent paid from our current or accumulated earnings and profits, as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles. Amounts not treated as dividends for U.S. federal income tax purposes will constitute a return of capital and first be applied against and reduce a Non-U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in its Class A common stock, but not below zero. Any excess will be treated as capital gain and will be treated as described below under "—Sale or Other Taxable Disposition."

Subject to the discussion below with respect to effectively connected income, dividends paid to a Non-U.S. Holder of our Class A common stock will be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax at a rate of 30% of the gross amount of the dividends (or such lower rate specified by an applicable income tax treaty, provided the Non-U.S. Holder furnishes a valid IRS Form W-8BEN or W-8BEN-E (or other applicable documentation) certifying qualification for the lower treaty rate). A Non-U.S. Holder that does not timely furnish the required documentation, but that qualifies for a reduced treaty rate, may obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld by timely filing an appropriate claim for refund with the IRS. Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding their entitlement to benefits under any applicable income tax treaty.

If dividends paid to a Non-U.S. Holder are effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder's conduct of a trade or business within the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, the Non-U.S. Holder maintains a permanent establishment in the United States to which such dividends are attributable), the Non-U.S. Holder will be exempt from the U.S. federal withholding tax described above, provided that the non-U.S. holder complies with applicable certification and other requirements.

Any such effectively connected dividends will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis at the regular graduated rates. A Non-U.S. Holder that is a corporation also may be subject to a branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or such lower rate specified by an applicable income tax treaty) on its effectively connected earnings and profits (as adjusted for certain items), which will include such effectively connected dividends. Non-U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding any applicable tax treaties that may provide for different rules.

#### Sale or Other Taxable Disposition

A Non-U.S. Holder will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on any gain realized upon the sale or other taxable disposition of our Class A common stock unless:

- the gain is effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Holder's conduct of a trade or business within the United States (and, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, the Non-U.S. Holder maintains a permanent establishment in the United States to which such gain is attributable);
- the Non-U.S. Holder is a nonresident alien individual present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year of the disposition and certain other requirements are met; or
- our Class A common stock constitutes a United States real property interest ("USRPI") by reason of our status as a United States real
  property holding corporation ("USRPHC") for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Generally, a domestic corporation is a USRPHC if the
  fair market value of its USRPIs equals or exceeds 50% of the sum of the fair market value of its worldwide real property interests plus its
  other assets used or held for use in its trade or business.

Gain described in the first bullet point above generally will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on a net income basis at the regular graduated rates. A Non-U.S. Holder that is a corporation also may be subject to a branch profits tax at a rate of 30% (or such lower rate specified by an applicable income tax treaty) on its effectively connected earnings and profits (adjusted for certain items), which will include such effectively connected gain.

A Non-U.S. Holder described in the second bullet point above will be subject to U.S. federal income tax at a rate of 30% (or such lower rate specified by an applicable income tax treaty) on any gain derived from the disposition, which may be offset by U.S. source capital losses of the Non-U.S. Holder (even though the individual is not considered a resident of the United States), provided the Non-U.S. Holder has timely filed U.S. federal income tax returns with respect to such losses.

With respect to the third bullet point above, we believe that we currently are, and expect to remain for the foreseeable future, a USRPHC for U.S. federal income tax purposes. However, a Non-U.S. Holder of our Class A common stock generally will not be subject to U.S. net federal income tax as a result of our being a USRPHC if our Class A common stock is "regularly traded," as defined by applicable Treasury Regulations, on an established securities market, and such Non-U.S. Holder owned, actually or constructively, 5% or less of our Class A common stock throughout the shorter of the five-year period ending on the date of the sale or other taxable disposition or the Non-U.S. Holder's holding period. If our Class A common stock is not considered to be so traded, a Non-U.S. Holder generally would be subject to net U.S. federal income tax on the gain realized on a disposition of our Class A common stock as a result of our being a USRPHC and generally would be required to file a U.S. federal income tax return. Additionally, a 15% withholding tax would apply to the gross proceeds from such disposition.

Non-U.S. Holders should also consult their tax advisors regarding potentially applicable income tax treaties that may provide for different rules.

#### **Information Reporting and Backup Withholding**

Payments of dividends on our Class A common stock will not be subject to backup withholding, provided the applicable withholding agent does not have actual knowledge or reason to know the Non-U.S. Holder is a United States person and the Non-U.S. Holder either certifies its non-U.S. status, such as by furnishing a valid IRS Form W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E or W-8ECI, or otherwise establishes an exemption. However, information returns are required to be filed with the IRS in connection with any dividends on our Class A common stock paid to the Non-U.S. Holder, regardless of whether any tax was actually withheld. In addition, proceeds of the sale or other taxable disposition of our Class A common stock within the United States or conducted through certain U.S.-related brokers generally will not be subject to backup withholding or information reporting if the applicable withholding agent receives the certification described above and does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such Non-U.S. Holder is a United States person, or the Non-U.S. Holder otherwise establishes an exemption. Proceeds of a disposition of our Class A common stock conducted through a non-U.S. broker generally will not be subject to backup withholding or information reporting.

Copies of information returns that are filed with the IRS may also be made available under the provisions of an applicable treaty or agreement to the tax authorities of the country in which the Non-U.S. Holder resides or is established.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be allowed as a refund or a credit against a Non-U.S. Holder's U.S. federal income tax liability, provided the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

Ledgewood, PC has passed upon the validity of the securities covered by this prospectus. Any underwriters or agents will be advised about other issues relating to the offering by counsel to be named in the applicable prospectus supplement.

#### **EXPERTS**

The financial statements incorporated in this Prospectus by reference from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the year ended December 31, 2020, have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

The information incorporated by reference in this prospectus regarding estimated quantities of proved reserves of our assets, the future net revenues from those reserves and their present value as of December 31, 2020 is based on the proved reserve report prepared by Ryder Scott Company, L.P., Royal's independent petroleum engineers. These estimates are incorporated by reference in this prospectus in reliance upon the authority of such firm as an expert in these matters.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act with respect to the securities offered by this prospectus. This prospectus, which forms a part of such registration statement, does not contain all of the information included in the registration statement. For further information pertaining to us and our common stock, including the securities, you should refer to the registration statement and to its exhibits. Whenever we make reference in this prospectus to any of our contracts, agreements or other documents, the references are not necessarily complete. If a contract or document has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement or a report we file under the Exchange Act, you should refer to the copy of the contract or document that has been filed. Each statement in this prospectus relating to a contract or document filed as an exhibit to a registration statement or report is qualified in all respects by the filed exhibit.

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Our SEC filings are available to the public over the Internet at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and on our website at www.falconminerals.com. Information on our website does not constitute part of this prospectus. You may inspect without charge any documents filed by us at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain copies of all or any part of these materials from the SEC upon the payment of certain fees prescribed by the SEC. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the Public Reference Room.

#### INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

We "incorporate by reference" into this prospectus documents we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. Some information contained in this prospectus updates the information incorporated by reference, and information that we file subsequently with the SEC will automatically update this prospectus. In other words, in the case of a conflict or inconsistency between information set forth in this prospectus and information that we file later and incorporate by reference into this prospectus, you should rely on the information contained in the document that was filed later.

In particular, we incorporate by reference into this prospectus the documents listed below and any filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the initial filing and prior to effectiveness of the registration statement that contains this prospectus (other than, in each case, documents or information deemed to have been "furnished" and not "filed" in accordance with SEC rules) or such registration statement has been withdrawn:

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K/A, filed with the SEC on May 5, 2021 (the "Annual Report");
- our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2021 and June 30, 2021;
- our <u>Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A</u> filed with the SEC on April 23, 2021;
- our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on April 23, 2021, May 5, 2021, May 28, 2021, June 28, 2021 and July 20, 2021; and
- the description of our Class A common stock set forth in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed on July 19, 2017 pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, as updated by our "Description of Securities" contained in Exhibit 4.6 of the Annual Report, including any subsequently filed amendments and reports updating such description.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus will be deemed to be modified or superseded to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus modifies or supersedes that statement. Any statement so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus.

You may request a copy of the registration statement, the above filings and any future filings that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus, other than an exhibit to a filing unless that exhibit is specifically incorporated by reference into that filing, at no cost, by writing or calling us at the following address:

Matthew B. Ockwood Chief Financial Officer Falcon Minerals Corporation 510 Madison Avenue, 8th Floor New York, NY 10022 (212) 506-5925



# **Falcon Minerals Corporation**

Class A Common Stock
Preferred Stock
New Warrants
21,249,998 Shares of Class A common stock Issuable Upon Existing Warrants

Prospectus

#### PART II

#### INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

#### Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The following table sets forth the fees and expenses, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, payable by us in connection with the sale of the securities being registered hereby.

SEC registration fee	\$0.00	
Accounting fees and expenses	*	*
Legal fees and expenses	×	*
Printing and engraving expenses	>	k
Miscellaneous	>	*
Total	\$	k

Estimates not presently known.

We will bear all costs, expenses and fees in connection with the registration of the securities, including with regard to compliance with state securities or "Blue Sky" laws.

#### Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 145 of the DGCL, as amended, authorizes us to indemnify any director or officer under certain prescribed circumstances and subject to certain limitations against certain costs and expenses, including attorney's fees actually and reasonably incurred in connection with any action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, to which a person is a party by reason of being one of our directors or officers if it is determined that such person acted in accordance with the applicable standard of conduct set forth in such statutory provisions.

Our A&R Charter provides that our officers and directors are indemnified by us to the fullest extent authorized by Delaware law, as it now exists or may in the future be amended. In addition, our A&R Charter provides that our directors will not be personally liable for monetary damages to us or our stockholders for breaches of their fiduciary duty as directors, unless they violated their duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders, acted in bad faith, knowingly or intentionally violated the law, authorized unlawful payments of dividends, unlawful stock purchases or unlawful redemptions, or derived an improper personal benefit from their actions as directors.

Our bylaws permit us to secure insurance on behalf of any officer, director or employee for any liability arising out of his or her actions, regardless of whether Delaware law would permit such indemnification. We have purchased a policy of directors' and officers' liability insurance that insures our officers and directors against the cost of defense, settlement or payment of a judgment in some circumstances and insures us against our obligations to indemnify our officers and directors. In addition, we have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our officers and directors, a form of which is attached to this Registration Statement as Exhibit 10.3. These agreements require us to indemnify these individuals to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law against liabilities that may arise by reason of their service to us, and to advance expenses incurred as a result of any proceeding against them as to which they could be indemnified.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling us pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, we have been advised that in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable.

## Item 16. Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
2.1	Contribution Agreement, dated as of June 3, 2018, among Royal Resources L.P., Royal Resources GP L.L.C., Noble Royalties Acquisition Co. LP, Hooks Ranch Holdings LP, DGK ORRI Holdings, LP, DGK ORRI GP LLC, Hooks Holding Company GP, LLC and Osprey Energy Acquisition Corp. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (file No. 001-38158) filed June 4, 2018).
3.1	Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Falcon Minerals Corporation, dated as of August 23, 2018 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (file No. 001-38158) filed August 29, 2018).
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Falcon Minerals Corporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K/A (file No. 001-38158) filed January 23, 2019).
4.1	Shareholders' Agreement dated as of August 23, 2018 by and among Falcon Minerals Corporation, Osprey Sponsor, LLC, Edward Cohen, Jonathan Z. Cohen, Daniel C. Herz, Jeffrey F. Brotman, Royal Resources L.P., Royal Resources GP L.L.C., Noble Royalties Acquisition Co. L.P., Hooks Ranch Holdings LP, DGK ORRI Holdings, LP and Blackstone Management Partners, L.L.C. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (file No. 001-38158) filed August 29, 2018).
4.2	Registration Rights Agreement dated as of August 23, 2018 by and among Falcon Minerals Corporation, Royal Resources L.P., Noble Royalties Acquisition Co., L.P., Hooks Ranch Holdings LP, DGK ORRI Holdings, LP, DGK ORRI GP LLC and Hooks Holdings Company GP, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (file No 001-38158) filed August 29, 2018).
4.3	Registration Rights Agreement, dated July 20, 2017, by and among Falcon Minerals Corporation and Osprey Sponsor, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-38158) filed on July 26, 2017).
4.4	Warrant Agreement, dated July 20, 2017, between Falcon Minerals Corporation and Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, as warrant agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-38158) filed on July 26, 2017).
4.5	Specimen Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-219025) filed on June 28, 2017).
4.6	Description of Falcon Minerals Corporation registered securities (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to the Company's Current Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-38158) filed on March 12, 2021).
5.1*	Opinion of Ledgewood PC as to legality of the securities being registered.
23.1*	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP
23.2*	Consent of Ryder Scott Company, L.P.
23.3*	Consent of Ledgewood PC (included in Exhibit 5.1).
24.1*	Power of Attorney (included on signature pages of this Registration Statement).
99.1	Reserve Report of Ryder Scott Company, L.P. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-38158) filed on March 12, 2021).

<sup>\*</sup> Filed herewith

#### Item 17. Undertakings.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
  - (i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
- (ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and
- (iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;
- provided, however, that paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.
- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
  - (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser,
  - (i) each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
  - (ii) each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

- (5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:
  - (i) any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
  - (ii) any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
  - (iii) the portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
    - (iv) any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.
- (6) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of the securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (7) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of New York, New York on September 20, 2021.

#### **Falcon Minerals Corporation**

By: /s/ Bryan C. Gunderson
Name: Bryan C. Gunderson

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW BY ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Bryan C. Gunderson and Matthew B. Ockwood, and each of them, his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agents with full and several power of substitution, for him or her and his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agents or any of them, or their substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Name	Name Title	
/s/ Bryan C. Gunderson Bryan C. Gunderson	President, Chief Executive Officer, DIrector (Principal Executive Officer)	September 20, 2021
/s/ Matthew B. Ockwood Matthew B. Ockwood	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	September 20, 2021
/s/ Stephen J. Pilatzke Stephen J. Pilatzke	Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	September 20, 2021
/s/ Claire Harvey Claire Harvey	Chairman	September 20, 2021
/s/ Steven R. Jones Steven R. Jones	Director	September 20, 2021
/s/ William D. Anderson William D. Anderson	Director	September 20, 2021

Name	Title	Date
/s/ Alan Hirshberg Alan Hirshberg	Director	September 20, 2021
/s/ Eric C. Belz Eric C. Belz	Director	September 20, 2021
/s/ Adam M. Jenkins Adam M. Jenkins	Director	September 20, 2021
/s/ Mark Henle Mark Henle	Director	September 20, 2021

LEDGEWOOD, P.C. Two Commerce Square, Suite 3400 2001 Market Street Philadelphia, PA 19103

September 20, 2021

Falcon Minerals Corporation 510 Madison Avenue, 8th Floor New York, NY 10022

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Falcon Minerals Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation and filing of a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (as the same may be amended from time to time, the "Registration Statement") with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), relating to the issuance by the Company, from time to time, of (A) up to an aggregate of \$400,000,000 of the following securities of the Company: (1) shares of Class A common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Stock"), (2) shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share ("Preferred Stock"), and (3) warrants to purchase Common Stock or Preferred Stock, Debt Securities or Depositary Shares ("Warrants"), and (B) up to 21,249,998 shares of Class A common stock that may be issued upon exercise of the Company's outstanding warrants to purchase one share of Class A common stock (the "Existing Warrants"), together with the Common Stock, Preferred Stock and the Warrants, the "Securities"). The Securities may be issued and sold from time to time pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act.

The Registration Statement provides that the Securities may be offered separately or together, in separate series, in amounts, at prices and on terms to be set forth in one or more supplements to the prospectus included in the Registration Statement (each, a "<u>Prospectus Supplement</u>"). This opinion letter is being furnished to the Company in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K, and no opinion is expressed herein as to any matter other than as to the legality of the Securities.

As the basis for the opinions hereinafter expressed, we have examined such statutes, including the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended (the "<u>DGCL</u>"), regulations, corporate records and documents, including the Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Company, each as amended through the date hereof, certificates of corporate and public officials, agreements of the Company, forms of agreements and other instruments and documents as we have deemed necessary or advisable for the purposes of this opinion. In making our examination, we have assumed and not verified (i) the genuineness of all signatures on documents examined by us, (ii) the legal capacity of all natural persons, (iii) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and (iv) the conformity with the original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, conformed or photostatic copies.

Based on the foregoing and subject to the further assumptions, qualifications and limitations set forth herein, we are of the opinion that:

1. With respect to any shares of Class A common stock to be offered by the Company pursuant to the Registration Statement, tThe shares of Common Stock, upon receipt by the Company of such lawful consideration therefor as the Company's Board of Directors (or an authorized committee thereof) may determine, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

- 2. The shares of Preferred Stock, upon receipt by the Company of such lawful consideration therefor as the Company's Board of Directors (or an authorized committee thereof) may determine, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.
- 3. The Warrants, upon receipt by the Company of such lawful consideration therefor as the Company's Board of Directors (or an authorized committee thereof) may determine, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company.
- 4. The shares of Class A common stock underlying the Existing Warrants, when issued by the Company against payment therefor and delivered in accordance with the terms of the Existing Warrants, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

In rendering the foregoing opinions, we have assumed that: (i) the Registration Statement, and any amendments thereto, will have become effective (and will remain effective at the time of issuance of any Securities thereunder); (ii) a Prospectus Supplement describing each class and/or series of Securities offered pursuant to the Registration Statement, to the extent required by applicable law and relevant rules and regulations of the Commission, will be timely filed with the Commission; (iii) the definitive terms of each class and/or series of Securities will have been established in accordance with the authorizing resolutions adopted by the Company's Board of Directors (or an authorized committee thereof), the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and applicable law; (iv) the Company will issue and deliver the Securities in the manner contemplated by the Registration Statement and any Securities that consist of shares of capital stock will have been authorized and reserved for issuance, in each case within the limits of the then remaining authorized but unissued and unreserved amounts of such capital stock; (v) the resolutions authorizing the Company to issue, offer and sell the Securities will have been adopted by the Company's Board of Directors (or an authorized committee thereof) and will be in full force and effect at all times at which the Securities are offered or sold by the Company; and (vi) all Securities will be issued in compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws.

With respect to any Securities consisting of Preferred Stock, we have further assumed that the Company will issue and deliver the shares of Preferred Stock being issued and delivered after either (i) the filing with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware of a certificate of designation to the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company or (ii) the adoption by the Company's Board of Directors of a resolution or resolutions, in each case, in a form approved by us, establishing the designations, preferences and rights of the class or series of Preferred Stock being issued and delivered.

With respect to any Securities consisting of Warrants, we have further assumed that: (i) the warrant agreement, approved by us, relating to the Warrants (the "Warrant Agreement") to be entered into between the Company and an entity selected by the Company to act as the warrant agent (the "Warrant Agent") will have been duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by the Company and the Warrant Agent and (ii) the Warrants will be duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by the Company and the Warrant Agent in accordance with the provisions of the Warrant Agreement.

The opinions expressed herein are limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, fraudulent transfer and fraudulent conveyance, voidable preference, moratorium or other similar laws and related regulations and judicial doctrines from time to time in effect relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally, and by general equitable principles and public policy considerations, whether such principles and considerations are considered in a proceeding at law or at equity.

The opinions expressed herein are limited in all respects to federal laws, the laws of the State of New York, the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended, and the Constitution of the State of Delaware, as interpreted by the courts of the State of Delaware and the United States. Our opinion is based on these laws as in effect on the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to revise or supplement this opinion after the date hereof should the law be changed by legislative action, judicial decision, or otherwise. No opinion is expressed with respect to the laws of any other jurisdiction or to the application of any such laws.

We consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, and we further consent to the use of our name under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Registration Statement and the prospectus that forms a part thereof. In giving these consents, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ledgewood LEDGEWOOD a professional corporation

#### CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our report dated March 12, 2021 (May 5, 2021 as to the effects of the restatement to the 2020, 2019, and 2018 financial statements as discussed in Note 3 to the financial statements) relating to the financial statements of Falcon Minerals Corporation, appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K/A of Falcon Minerals Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2020. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

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#### CONSENT OF RYDER SCOTT COMPANY, L.P.

We have issued our report dated February 5, 2021 on estimates of proved reserves, future production and income attributable to certain royalty interests of Falcon Minerals Corporation and subsidiaries ("Falcon") as of December 31, 2020. As independent petroleum engineers, we hereby consent to the inclusion or incorporation by reference in Falcon Minerals Corporation's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement"), of such report. We also consent to the references to our firm contained in the Registration Statement, including in the related prospectus, under the caption "Experts."

/s/ RYDER SCOTT COMPANY, L.P.

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