Instruction 1(b).

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Black James H. |  |           |                                 |                         | GEO GROUP INC [ GEO ]                                    |   |   |   |                        |   |   |            |                                   |  | ck all appl<br>Direct  | ,   | ig Perso   | 10% Ov<br>Other (s   | vner  |  |
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| (Last)<br>4955 TE  | `  | First) (I | Middle)                         |                         |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2023 |   |   |                        |   |   |            |                                   |  | below  | ) & Pres, S   | below)<br>Service  | s  |       |  |
| (Street) BOCA R (City)                                   | ATON F   |           | 33431<br>Zip)                   |                         | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |   |   |   |                        |   |   |            | )                                 | 6. Ind<br>Line)<br>X                         | Form   | or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable<br>m filed by One Reporting Person<br>m filed by More than One Reporting<br>son |  |  |       |  |
|  |  | Table     | I - No                          | n-Deriva                | tive S   | Secu  | rities                                      | Acq                                     | uired,                 | Dis   | posed of  | , or E     | Benef                             | iciall                                       | y Own  | ed  |  |  |       |  |
| Date   |  |           | 2. Transac<br>Date<br>(Month/Da | Exec<br>ny/Year) if any |  | Deemed<br>ecution Date,<br>ny<br>onth/Day/Year)             |   | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8) |                        | 4. Securities Acquired (A<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3,<br>5) |   |            | 4 and Securi                      |  | ties<br>cially<br>Following  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)   |  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4)  |       |  |
|  |  |           |                                 |                         |  |   |   |   | Code                   | v   | Amount  | (A)<br>(D) | or Pi                             | rice   | Transa   | ction(s)<br>3 and 4)  |  |  | (5 4) |  |
| Restricted Stock 03/01/                                  |  |           |                                 |                         | :023   |   | Α   |   | 44,715 <sup>(1)</sup>  | ) <i>A</i>  | 1 4   | 60.00      | .00 155,965                       |  | Ι  | )   |  |  |       |  |
| Common Stock 03/01/2                                     |  |           |                                 | 2023                    |  |   | F   |   | 3,536 <sup>(3)</sup> D |   | ) \$  | 9.07       | 7 12,837 <sup>(2)</sup>           |  | Г  | )   |  |  |       |  |
|  |  | Ta        | ble II -                        |                         |  |   |   |   |                        |   | osed of, convertib  |            |                                   |  | Owned  | d   |  |  |       |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)      | rivative Conversion Date Execution Date, T<br>curity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any |           |                                 |                         | Transaction<br>Code (Instr.                              |   | umber vative urities uired r osed ) r. 3, 4 | Expiration Da<br>e (Month/Day/Y         |                        | te  | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Inst<br>3 and 4) |            | De<br>Se<br>(In                   | Price of<br>erivative<br>ecurity<br>estr. 5) | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | y Ov<br>Fo<br>Dii<br>or<br>(I)  | o.<br>Wnership<br>Orm:<br>rect (D)<br>Indirect<br>(Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |       |  |
|  |  |           |                                 |                         | Code V   |   | (A)   | (D)                                     | Date<br>Exercis        | able  | Expiration<br>Date  | Title      | Amou<br>or<br>Numb<br>of<br>Share | er   |  |   |  |  |       |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Vesting of this grant of restricted stock of GEO is contingent upon the achievement by GEO of certain performance-based metrics during the period from January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2025 as certified by the compensation committee. Under the terms of the restricted stock grant, these shares will vest on March 15, 2026 to the extent the performance goals are achieved. Of the grant of restricted stock, 50% is subject to vesting based on GEO's total shareholder return over a three-year period and 50% is subject to vesting based on certain return on capital employed performance goals being met.
- 2. The amount of shares has been adjusted to reflect the March 1, 2023 vesting of 10,000 shares of restricted stock.
- 3. These shares were surrendered in order to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligation upon the vesting of restricted stock.

## Remarks:

/s/Joe Negron, as Attorney-in-Fact for James H. Black

03/03/2023

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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