#### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

# FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re:

Chapter 11

ACCRÉDITED HOME LENDERS HOLDING CO., et al. Case No. 09-11516 (MFW)

Debtors.<sup>1</sup>

JOINTLY ADMINISTERED

# FIRSTSECOND AMENDED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE DEBTORS' FIRST AMENDED CHAPTER 11 PLAN OF LIQUIDATION

Dated: October 29, 2010



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are Accredited Home Lenders Holding Co., a Delaware corporation (9482), Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., a California corporation (6859), Vendor Management Services, LLC d/b/a Inzura Settlement Services, a Pennsylvania limited liability company (8047), Inzura Insurance Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation (7089), and Windsor Management Co., d/b/a AHL Foreclosure Services Co., a California corporation (4056). The address for all Debtors is 9915 Mira Mesa Blvd., Ste. 100, San Diego, CA 92131. The bankruptcy cases for these debtors and debtors-in-possession are jointly administered under the bankruptcy case and style referenced above.

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PARTIES SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN COUNSEL, ACCOUNTANTS, AND/OR TAX ADVISERS WITH RESPECT TO THE LEGAL EFFECTS AND OTHER CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLAN.

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# I. PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This FirstSecond Amended Disclosure Statement (the "Disclosure Statement") is submitted by the Debtors, which are the proponents of the Debtors' First Amended Chapter 11 Plan of Liquidation (the "Plan"). The purpose of the Disclosure Statement is to provide Creditors and other parties in interest who are entitled to vote on the Plan with sufficient information to enable them to make an informed decision as to whether to vote to accept or reject the Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to effect a liquidation of the Debtors' Assets and to distribute the proceeds of the Debtors' Assets to Creditors in a manner that will maximize recoveries by Creditors. Defined terms used, but not defined in this Disclosure Statement, shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the Plan. Accordingly, please refer to the Plan for definitions of certain important terms used in this Disclosure Statement.

This Disclosure Statement:

- Summarizes the Plan and the proposed treatment of Creditors under the Plan (Section V, *The Plan*);
- Describes the procedures for soliciting and casting votes on and confirming the Plan (Section III, *Solicitation and Voting Procedures*);
- Describes the background and events leading to the Debtors' decision to commence the Chapter 11 Cases (Section IV, General Information Regarding the Debtors and Events Leading to the Commencement of the Cases);
- Describes the significant events that have occurred during the Chapter 11 Cases (Section IV.E, *Significant Events During the Chapter 11 Cases*);
- Describes the means for implementing the Plan (Section VI.E, *The Liquidation of the Debtors*);
- Projects the total percentage recovery that each Class of Allowed Claims and Interests is likely to receive (Section II, *Short Summary of the Plan*); and
- Evaluates liquidation under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code as an alternative to the Plan (Section IX.A, *Liquidation Under Chapter 7*).

# II. SHORT SUMMARY OF THE PLAN

The Plan is a liquidating plan. It does not contemplate the continuation of the Debtors' collective businesses. The Plan:

(i) incorporates and implements the Plan Support Agreement and Term Sheet entered by various creditors and parties-in-interest;

(ii) substantively consolidates the assets and liabilities of Accredited Home Lenders Holding Co. ("Holdco") with those of its wholly owned subsidiary, Vendor Management Services, LLC (collectively referred to herein with Holdco as "Consolidated Holdco");

(iii) establishes a Liquidating Trust for Consolidated Holdco that will acquire the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust Assets (as defined herein), liquidate those assets,

and distribute the proceeds of those assets to creditors of Consolidated Holdco pursuant to the terms of the Plan;

(iv) substantively consolidates the assets and liabilities of Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., Inzura Insurance Services, Inc. and Windsor Management Co. (collectively referred to herein as the "Consolidated Debtors");

(v) establishes a second Liquidating Trust that will acquire the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust Assets, liquidate those assets, and distribute the proceeds of those assets to the creditors of the Consolidated Debtors pursuant to the terms of this Plan;

(vi) resolves the intercompany claims of the Consolidated Debtors and Consolidated Holdco; and

(vii) settles all Claims that the Consolidated Debtors may have against Lone Star Entities in exchange for a cash payment from the Lone Star Entities in the amount of \$15,600,000 and the subordination or waiver of the Claims asserted by the Lone Star Entities that have been asserted in the approximate amount of \$100,000,000.

The releases in the Plan are (i) essential to the success of the Debtors' liquidation and maximization of the value of their assets, (ii) based upon critical financial or other contributions of the parties being released, (iii) necessary to make the Plan feasible, (iv) fair to creditors, and (v) integral to obtaining the value provided under the settlement with the Lone Star Entities. The Debtors will seek at the Confirmation Hearing to bind and enforce these releases.

The following table briefly summarizes the treatment of Allowed Claims and Interests and the provisions of the Plan. Most of the claims of borrowers, employees, and vendors will be initially classified in Class 3 C. Such claimants will have the option to opt for treatment under Class 4 C or Class 6 C. Most of the claims of REIT Preferred Shareholders will be classified in Class 8 H. For a more detailed description of the terms and provisions of the Plan, see Section V below.

In accordance with § 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, Administrative Claims and Priority Tax Claims have not been classified under the Plan. Similarly, Professional Fee Claims are not classified under the Plan. Section V.A.1 below describes the treatment of such Unclassified Claims.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Impairment and</u> <u>Entitlement to Vote</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>Allowed</u> <u>Claims</u>	<u>Estimated</u> <u>Recovery</u>
Class 1 H	Unimpaired.	\$0	100%
Secured Claims against Consolidated Holdco	Not Entitled to Vote and Deemed to Accept the Plan.		

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Class 2 H Priority Claims Other than Priority Tax Claims against Consolidated Holdco	Unimpaired. Not Entitled to Vote and Deemed to Accept the Plan.	\$0	100%
Class 3 H All Allowed Unsecured Claims against Consolidated Holdco, except for the Unsecured Claims separately classified	Impaired. Entitled to Vote.	\$1 Million to 1.4 Million	24-30%
Class 4 H All Allowed Unsecured Claims against Holdco held by LSF-MRA, LLC	Impaired. Entitled to Vote.	\$97 Million <sup>2</sup>	0% (provided that Class 7 H votes to accept the Plan)
Class 5 H All Allowed Unsecured Claims against Consolidated Holdco held by the REIT	Impaired. Entitled to Vote.	\$20 Million	24-30%
Class 6 H All Convenience Claims against Consolidated Holdco	Impaired. Entitled to Vote.	\$200,000	75%
Class 7 H All Claims against Consolidated Holdco arising from or related to any securities or	Impaired. Entitled to Vote.	\$60 Million	24-30%

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Various parties have questioned the amount of this Claim and this Claim has not been determined or allowed by the Court. In accordance with the terms of the settlement embodied in the Plan Term Sheet and Support Agreement, the Lone Star Entities are waiving their right to receive distributions on this Claim and an objection to the allowance of this claim is not contemplated at this time.

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promissory notes issued by the Accredited Preferred Securities Trust I			
Class 8 H All Claims against Consolidated Holdco arising from the REIT Preferred Holder's Subordinated Guaranty Claims	Impaired. Not Entitled to Vote and Deemed to Reject Plan.	\$102,000,000	0 %
Class 9 H All other Subordinated Claims against Holdco	Impaired. Not Entitled to Vote and Deemed to Reject Plan.	\$0	0%
Class 10 H All Interests in Consolidated Holdco	Impaired. Not Entitled to Vote and Deemed to Reject Plan.	N/A	0%
Class 1 C Secured Claims against the Consolidated	Unmpaired. Not Entitled to Vote and Deemed to Accept the Plan.	\$0	100%

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Debtors		<u> </u>	<u></u>
Class 2 C All Allowed Unsecured Claims against the Consolidated Debtors entitled to priority under §§ 507(a)(3) through (a)(7) of the Bankruptcy Code	Unimpaired. Not Entitled to Vote and Deemed to Accept the Plan.	\$100,000 <sup>3</sup>	100%
Class 3 C All Allowed Unsecured Claims against the Consolidated Debtors (including Allowed Unsecured Claims held by borrowers, employees, and vendors), except for the Unsecured Claims separately classified	Impaired. Entitled to Vote.	\$106 Million	67-100%
Class 4 C All Allowed Unsecured Claims ) against the Consolidated Debtors opting out of the Creditor Release	Impaired. Entitled to Vote.	\$ Unknown	Unknown % <sup>4</sup>
Class 5 C All Allowed	Impaired.	\$100 Million	0%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> This estimate excludes the IRS Priority Tax Claim.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The amount of Allowed Claims in Class 4 C and recoveries obtained by Holders of such Claims cannot be estimated since participation in Class 4 C is optional for Holders of Unsecured Claims against the Consolidated Debtors in Class 3 C and Holder of Convenience Claims against the Consolidated Debtors in Class 6 C.

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Unsecured Claims against the Consolidated Debtors held by the Lone Star Entities	Entitled to Vote.		
Class 6 C All Convenience Claims against the Consolidated Debtors	Impaired. Entitled to Vote.	\$1 Million to 2 Million	75%
Class 7 C All Subordinated Claims against the Consolidated Debtors	Impaired. Not Entitled to Vote and Deemed to Reject Plan.	\$15 Million	0%
Class 8 C All Interests in the Consolidated Debtors	Impaired. Not Entitled to Vote and Deemed to Reject Plan.	N/A	0%

#### III. SOLICITATION AND VOTING PROCEDURES

#### A. Chapter 11 Generally

Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, a debtor is authorized to take certain actions to reorganize or sell its business for the benefit of its creditors, shareholders and other parties in interest. The confirmation and consummation of a plan of reorganization is the objective of a Chapter 11 reorganization case. A plan of reorganization sets forth the means for satisfying claims against, and interests in, a debtor, and is implemented only after it has been confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court. Confirmation of a plan of reorganization by the Bankruptcy Court makes the plan binding upon the debtor, any issuer of securities under the plan, any person acquiring property under the plan and any creditor or equity security holder of the debtor. Subject to certain limited exceptions, the confirmation order discharges the debtor from any debt that arose before the date of confirmation of the plan in exchange for the consideration specified under the confirmed plan.

Generally, the holders of claims against or interests in a debtor that are classified under the plan are permitted to vote to accept or reject the Plan. For the Bankruptcy Court to confirm a plan, the plan must be accepted by at least one class of creditors whose interests or rights are impaired under the plan. The Bankruptcy Code provides that a plan has been accepted by a class of claimants if holders of at least two-thirds in dollar amount and more than one-half in number of the allowed claims of that class have voted in favor of the plan.

ONLY THE VOTES OF HOLDERS WHO SUBMIT PROPERLY COMPLETED BALLOTS VOTING FOR OR AGAINST THE PLAN WILL BE COUNTED FOR PURPOSES OF DETERMINING WHETHER THE REQUISITE ACCEPTANCES OF THE CLASSES OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. FAILURE BY A HOLDER TO DELIVER A DULY SIGNED BALLOT WILL CONSTITUTE AN ABSTENTION BY THAT HOLDER WITH RESPECT TO THE VOTE ON THE PLAN. ABSTENTIONS WILL NOT BE COUNTED AS VOTES TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN AND THEREFORE WILL HAVE NO EFFECT. FURTHERMORE, THE DEBTORS RESERVE THE RIGHT PRIOR TO CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN TO SEEK TO HAVE ANY PARTY'S VOTE ESTIMATED SOLELY FOR PURPOSES OF COUNTING SUCH VOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 3018.

The Bankruptcy Code also requires that the solicitation of acceptances of the proposed plan must be accompanied by a disclosure statement containing adequate information of a kind, and in sufficient detail, to enable a hypothetical reasonable investor to make an informed judgment about the plan. That is the purpose of this Disclosure Statement.

The Plan provides for specified distributions to the various Classes of Holders of Claims and Interests, which are described in detail herein. The Debtors believe that the Plan provides consideration to all Classes of Claims and Interests that reflects an appropriate resolution of their Claims and Interests, taking into account the differing nature and priority (including applicable contractual subordination) of Claims and Interests. In addition to the voting requirements discussed above, the Bankruptcy Court must find that various statutory tests are met before it may confirm the Plan. Many of these tests are designed to protect the interests of Holders of Claims or Interests who do not vote to accept the Plan, but who will be bound by the provisions of the Plan if it is confirmed.

## **B.** Solicitation of Acceptances of the Plan

Under the Plan, all Claims and Interests have been placed in various Classes based on the nature and priority of the Claim or Interest. Each Class is either impaired or unimpaired under the Plan, as such terms are defined in § 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code. A Class of Claims or Interests that is unimpaired is conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan pursuant to § 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code and, accordingly, is not entitled to vote on the Plan. Similarly, a Class of Claims or Interests that does not receive or retain any property under the Plan is deemed to have rejected the Plan pursuant to § 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code and, likewise, is not entitled to vote. Accordingly, acceptances of the Plan are being solicited only from Holders of Claims in impaired Classes that are to receive distributions under the Plan or are entitled to the right to vote as provided under the Plan Support Agreement and Term Sheet. As discussed above, for impaired Classes, § 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code provides that an impaired Class of Claims or Interests is deemed to accept the Plan if Holders of at least two-thirds in dollar amount and a majority in number of the Claims who cast Ballots vote to accept the Plan.

Only those Holders who vote to accept or reject the Plan will be counted for purposes of determining whether the Plan is accepted or rejected. Therefore, the Plan could be accepted by any impaired Class of Claims with the affirmative vote of significantly less than two-thirds in dollar amount and a majority in number of the Claims in a Class.

# C. Voting on the Plan

The Debtors have requested that the Bankruptcy Court set December 7, 2010 as the deadline for casting ballots approving or rejecting the Plan.

#### 1. <u>Who May Vote</u>

Only Holders of Claims in Classes that are impaired are eligible to vote on the Plan. Accordingly, only Holders of Claims in Classes 3 H, 4 H, 5 H, 6 H, 7 H, 3 C, 4 C, 5 C and 6 C are eligible to vote.

The Ballot Deadline is December 7, 2010. You must return your completed Ballot to the Court-appointed balloting agent in this case, Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC, so that it is actually received by 4:00 p.m., prevailing Pacific Time, on December 7, 2010.

## 2. <u>Voting Deadline and Extensions</u>

To be counted for purposes of voting on the Plan, all of the information requested on the applicable Ballot must be provided. The Debtors reserve the right, in their sole discretion, and after consultation with the Creditors' Committee and the Lone Star Entities, to extend the Ballot Deadline, in which case the term "Ballot Deadline" will mean the latest date on which a Ballot will be accepted. To extend the Ballot Deadline, the Debtors will notify you of any extension by oral or written notice and as promptly as practicable mail written notice thereof to each record Holder of Claims entitled to vote. The notice may state that the Debtors are extending the Ballot Deadline for a specified period of time, or on a daily basis until 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the date on which we have received sufficient acceptances to seek confirmation of the Plan.

## 3. <u>Voting Procedures</u>

An appropriate Ballot is enclosed in the solicitation package included with this Disclosure Statement. All votes to accept or reject the Plan must be cast by using that Ballot. Votes that are cast in any manner other than on the designated Ballot will not be counted. Ballots must be actually received by the Court-appointed balloting agent in this case, Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC, at the address indicated on the Ballot, by no later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on December 7, 2010.

If you elect to vote on the Plan, you should complete and sign the Ballot in accordance with the instructions thereon, being sure to fill in the amount of your Claim in the appropriate space provided and check the appropriate box entitled "Accept the Plan" or "Reject the Plan." You may not split your vote on the Plan with respect to a particular Class. In the event that a Ballot is properly executed, but leaves the amount of the Claim blank, the aggregate amount of the Claim for voting purposes will be the amount shown on the Debtors' books and records and listed in the Debtors' Schedules of Assets and Liabilities, unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court. If the aggregate amount of the Claims filled in on your Ballot exceeds the amount indicated by the Debtors' books and records and listed in the Debtors' schedules, the Debtors reserve the right to seek an order of the Bankruptcy Court determining the proper amount of your Claims for voting purposes pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018. Failure of a Holder to deliver a duly signed Ballot will constitute an abstention by that Holder with respect to a vote on the Plan. Abstentions will not be counted as either acceptances or rejections of the Plan. Because abstentions will have no effect on voting with respect to the Plan, it is extremely important that you timely return your Ballot to indicate whether you accept or reject the Plan.

The Plan provides for a settlement with the Loan Star Entities that includes a release by certain creditors. The Ballot for creditors in Classes 3 C and 4 C will also give such creditors the ability to opt out of a release of creditor's claims against the Loan Star Entities. While creditors in Classes 3 C and 4 C will receive Pro-Rata distributions of interests in the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust, creditors exercising the right to opt out of the release of the Lone Star Entities will not receive distributions from the Lone Star Settlement Payment. For the avoidance of any doubt, if a creditor holding an allowed claim elects to opt-out of the creditor release of claims against Lone Star, such creditor *will only receive a distribution of interests in the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust*.

Submission of all Ballots must be made directly to the balloting agent appointed in the Bankruptcy Proceeding, Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC, in accordance with the instructions on the Ballots. In all cases, sufficient time should be allowed to assure timely delivery. You may receive multiple solicitation packages. You should only vote one Ballot for each Class of which you are a member.

If you must return your Ballot to your bank, broker, agent, or nominee, then you must return your Ballot to such bank, broker, agent, or nominee in sufficient time for them to process your Ballot and return it to the above address before the deadline. Your Ballot will not be counted if received after this deadline.

Should you have any questions regarding vote, please contact counsel to the Debtors, Gregory G. Hesse, at (214) 979-3000, or counsel to the Creditors' Committee, Jeffrey N. Rothleder, at (202) 828 3472.

## 4. Withdrawal of Votes on the Plan

The solicitation of acceptances of the Plan will expire on the Ballot Deadline. A properly submitted Ballot may be withdrawn by delivering a written notice of withdrawal to Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC at its address set forth on the Ballot at any time prior to the Ballot Deadline. Thereafter, withdrawal may be effected only with the approval of the Bankruptcy Court, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3018(a).

To be valid, a notice of withdrawal must:

- specify the name of the Holder who submitted the votes on the Plan to be withdrawn;
- contain the description of the Claim; and
- be signed by the Holder in the same manner as on the Ballot.

The Debtors expressly reserve the absolute right to contest the timeliness or validity of any withdrawals of votes on the Plan.

In addition to withdrawal as specified above, any Holder who has previously submitted a properly completed Ballot may revoke and change its vote by submitting to Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC prior to the Ballot Deadline a subsequent properly completed Ballot. If more than one timely, properly completed Ballot is received, only the Ballot that bears the latest date will be counted. If more than one Ballot is submitted, and the later dated Ballot(s) supplement rather than supersede the earlier Ballot(s), the subsequent Ballot(s) must be marked with the words "Additional Votes" or other language customarily used to indicate additional votes that are not meant to revoke earlier votes.

#### **D.** Other General Information

THE DEBTORS BELIEVE THAT THE PLAN PROVIDES EQUAL OR **GREATER VALUE TO CREDITORS THAN OTHER AVAILABLE ALTERNATIVES.** A LIQUIDATION ANALYSIS CONTAINING A COMPARISON OF RECOVERIES UNDER THE PLAN VERSUS A LIQUIDATION UNDER CHAPTER 7 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE IS ANNEXED HERETO AS EXHIBIT B. THE DEBTORS BELIEVE THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLAN IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF EACH AND EVERY CLASS OF CREDITORS ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE PLAN AND RECOMMEND THAT EACH CREDITOR VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN. THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CONTAINS GOOD FAITH ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS WHICH ARE BASED ON FACTS CURRENTLY KNOWN TO THE APPLICABLE DEBTOR AND WHICH MAY BE MATERIALLY DIFFERENT FROM **ACTUAL FUTURE RESULTS.** 

EACH CREDITOR SHOULD READ THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND THE PLAN IN THEIR ENTIRETY AND CONSULT WITH ITS LEGAL AND/OR BUSINESS ADVISORS AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE BEFORE VOTING ON THE PLAN. THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS NOT LEGAL ADVICE TO YOU. THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT MAY NOT BE RELIED UPON FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN TO DETERMINE HOW TO VOTE ON THE PLAN. THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS NOT INTENDED TO REPLACE CAREFUL AND DETAILED REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF THE PLAN BY EACH HOLDER OF A CLAIM ENTITLED TO VOTE THEREON, BUT IS INTENDED TO AID AND SUPPLEMENT THAT REVIEW. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN HEREIN IS ONLY A SUMMARY, AND HOLDERS OF CLAIMS, INTERESTS, AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST ARE CAUTIONED TO REVIEW THE PLAN THEMSELVES

# FOR A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE PLAN. IF ANY INCONSISTENCY EXISTS BETWEEN THE PLAN AND THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE TERMS OF THE PLAN ARE CONTROLLING.

General information regarding the Debtors, their businesses and material events leading to their commencement of the Cases and the proposal of the Plan is set forth in Section IV. Except where otherwise noted, this information is provided by the Debtors and their management. THE STATEMENTS AS TO THE APPLICABLE DEBTOR'S FINANCIAL CONDITION CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ARE MADE AS OF JULY 31, 2010 (UNLESS ANOTHER TIME IS SPECIFIED), AND THERE IS NO REPRESENTATION OR IMPLICATION THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN WILL NOT HAVE CHANGED AS OF ANY TIME SUBSEQUENT TO THAT DATE, NOR WILL YOU RECEIVE ANY NOTICE OF SUCH CHANGES.

Certain risk factors and other considerations are described in Section VII below. Alternatives to confirmation and consummation of the Plan are described in Section IX below.

THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT INCLUDES CERTAIN STATEMENTS, ESTIMATES AND PROJECTIONS PROVIDED BY THE APPLICABLE DEBTOR AS TO CERTAIN FUTURE MATTERS THAT REFLECT VARIOUS ASSUMPTIONS, WHICH ASSUMPTIONS MAY OR MAY NOT PROVE TO BE CORRECT. THE DEBTORS DO NOT UNDERTAKE ANY OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO CORRECT OR UPDATE ANY OF THE INFORMATION SET FORTH IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OR THE EXHIBITS HERETO.

## IV. <u>GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE DEBTORS AND EVENTS LEADING TO</u> <u>THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE CASES</u>

#### A. Explanation of AHL's Business

Accredited Home Lenders, Inc. ("AHL, Inc.") was founded in San Diego, California in 1990. It grew to become one of the nation's premier mortgage banking institutions with over 5,000 employees engaged in the business of originating, servicing, and selling residential mortgage loans that did not generally conform to the credit or other criteria established by the Federal National Mortgage Corp. and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. At its peak in 2006, AHL, Inc. originated in excess of \$2 billion in residential home mortgages per month. AHL, Inc.'s parent company, Accredited Home Lenders Holding Co. ("Holdco"), became a public company in 2003 and its initial public offering was the NASDAQ's best-performing IPO that year.

AHL, Inc. was a mortgage lender specializing in providing non-prime residential loans in the United States<sup>5</sup>. It worked with potential borrowers and lenders to arrange loans for the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> A wholly owned subsidiary of Holdco, Accredited Home Lenders Canada, Inc. ("AHL Canada") conducted operations similar to AHL, Inc. in Canada. AHL Canada was a subsidiary of Holdco until September 2008, at which time Holdco transferred the ownership of the equity interests in AHL Canada to AHL, Inc.

purchase of residential property secured by mortgages on such properties. The key market drivers for AHL, Inc's loan origination business were home prices and interest rates. Increasing home prices drove higher collateral values and more demand for financing new mortgages and refinancing existing mortgages. Low interest rates resulted in more affordable mortgage payments and also drove new loan origination and refinancing demand.

AHL, Inc. focused its business operations in three areas: (i) retail originations; (ii) wholesale originations; and (iii) servicing. In the retail business, AHL, Inc. served as both the mortgage broker and lender working directly with the borrower to obtain, underwrite and close the mortgage loan, and AHL, Inc. typically received a fee for both of these services. AHL, Inc. targeted new borrowers for its retail business through branch retail offices until September 2007 and also through its call center operations responding to internet and phone leads from customers. In the wholesale business, AHL, Inc. only served as the lender and had account executives that targeted third party retail mortgage brokers that originated the loans.

In 2004, AHL, Inc. formed the Accredited Mortgage Loan REIT Trust (the "REIT"), which was a wholly owned subsidiary of AHL, Inc. As part of its formation, the REIT issued \$102 million of 9.75% perpetual, cumulative preferred shares. After originating loans and mortgages, AHL, Inc. would contribute as capital the loans to the REIT, which would in turn securitize the mortgages, sell the securities backed by those mortgages and upstream the proceeds from the securitizations to AHL, Inc. as either dividends or inter-company loans. The securitization process was a major source of cash for continuing AHL, Inc.'s lending operations. The REIT retained a residual income stream from these mortgage-backed securities. Pursuant to agreements between AHL, Inc. and the REIT, AHL, Inc. earned and received a management fee for managing the REIT. Further, as payments were received from the residuals, the REIT transferred the cash to AHL, Inc. in the form of dividends and transfers recorded as intercompany loans. As of the end of 2007, the REIT had allegedly transferred over \$190 million to AHL, Inc. and by the end of 2008, the REIT had allegedly transferred over \$220 million to AHL, Inc. However, there were no explicit plans made at any time for repayment of the accumulated balance of the transfers from the REIT to AHL. The REIT asserts that the non-dividend transfers described above were loans and to the extent any party asserts to the contrary, the REIT reserves all of its rights, claims and defenses. The transactions involving REIT are the subject of the REIT Adversary, which is discussed below in Section III.D.7.

Pending the sale of any loan, and after securitizing the loans and mortgages it originated, AHL, Inc. often retained the role of servicing these loans for the benefit of the owner of the loan. AHL, Inc.'s servicing activities included collecting and applying the payments from borrowers and policing the borrowers' obligations under the mortgages and loans. The owners of these loans compensated AHL, Inc. for providing these services. As was customary in the loan servicing business, AHL, Inc. often advanced funds (1) to the holders of the securitization bonds/certificates for principal, interest and fee payments, (2) to pay taxes and insurance on behalf of the borrower to protect the collateral and (3) for corporate advances. These servicing advances were regularly recorded on AHL, Inc.'s books as receivables and were generally considered to be collectible. In addition, AHL, Inc. and its affiliates provided other services relating to residential mortgages, such as servicing and managing foreclosures, providing various insurance-related services such as core title and settlement services, and providing expanded insurance services for mortgage brokerage and mortgage lending operations.

#### B. Events Leading Up To The Lone Star Acquisition

On or about September 29, 2006, AHL, Inc., as borrower, Holdco, as guarantor, and JPMorgan Chase Bank, as lender ("JP Morgan") entered into that certain \$75 million revolving senior secured facility (the "Senior Secured Facility"). The Senior Secured Facility was secured by (1) AHL, Inc.'s master servicing rights and (2) servicer advances made by AHL, Inc.

On or about October 1, 2006, Holdco acquired a competing subprime lender, Aames Investment Corporation ("Aames") for stock valued at the time at approximately \$235 million and cash in the amount of \$94 million. Holdco acquired Aames in order to expand its retail lending operations.

The year 2007 brought a severe downturn in the United States' real estate markets and a subprime mortgage crisis. In the midst of this crisis, the secondary market for non-prime residential loans ceased to exist for all practical purposes, which in turn resulted in the cessation of originations of non-prime residential mortgages. Since the origination and sale of non-prime residential mortgages was AHL, Inc.'s primary area of business, the Debtors suffered severe liquidity issues because of its inability to sell the loans that it originated and became distressed.

In January, 2007, Holdco established an affiliate, Accredited Preferred Securities Trust I, a Delaware statutory trust ("APS"), and issued debentures to APS, which in turn sold trust preferred securities the public (the "Trust Preferred Securities"). The current owners of the Trust Preferred Securities are the Kodiak CDOs and JP Morgan (the "TRUPs Holders"). As a result of these transactions, Holdco raised approximately \$56 million and Holdco became liable to APS for the amount raised plus interest. APS became obligated under the Trust Preferred Securities to the TRUPs Holders for the same amount. APS is not a debtor in these chapter 11 proceedings.

In early 2007, AHL, Inc's warehouse lenders reduced collateral values and placed large margin calls on AHL, Inc. that totaled over \$200 million. In order to create liquidity, in March, 2007, AHL, Inc. sold mortgages to Citigroup with an unpaid principal balance of approximately \$2.7 billion at a discount of approximately 7%. To provide further liquidity, around this time, Holdco, AHL, Inc., and the REIT obtained a \$230 million bridge loan from Farallon Capital Management, LLC ("Farallon"), which loan was secured by all or substantially all of the assets of Holdco, AHL, Inc. and the REIT (the "Farallon Loan").

On or about March 30, 2007, Wachovia Bank ("Wachovia") agreed to provide AHL, Inc. with a \$750 million warehouse line of credit that was in the form of a master repurchase agreement (the "Wachovia MRA"). Subsequently, the Wachovia MRA was amended numerous times, including an amendment that increased the maximum availability from \$750 million to \$1 billion.

As 2007 progressed, the sub-prime lending industry was imploding. For example HSBC took an \$11 billion write down due to subprime mortgages, marking the first of many write downs for large banks. New Century Financial and American Home Mortgage collapsed and filed for bankruptcy. Most major banks closed subprime lending arms. Overall, almost all of the top 25 subprime originators from 2006 ceased to exist.

In June, 2007, Lone Star Fund V, a fund that targets distressed investments, made an offer to buy all of the outstanding shares of Holdco for \$15.10 per share (approximately \$400 million).

Lone Star Fund V subsequently announced that it believed that the conditions of the tender offer would not be met and that it would not tender for shares. As a result, Holdco and Lone Star Fund V sued each other in Delaware Chancery Court.

On or about August 22, 2007, Holdco issued a press release announcing steps that it was taking to respond to the "ongoing turmoil in the non-prime mortgage industry." Among the operational restructuring initiatives were (1) the closing of 60 retail branch locations and 5 centralized retail support locations; (2) the closing of 5 wholesale lending divisions; and (3) ceasing to accept new loan applications.

In September, 2007, Holdco and Lone Star Fund V resumed negotiations which culminated on September 18, 2007, with Holdco and LSF5 Accredited Investments, LLC ("LSF5 Investments") executing an amended merger agreement. Pursuant to the terms of the amended merger agreement, on September 18, 2007, LSF5 Mortgage Line, LLC, a Lone Star affiliate, ("LSF5 Mortgage Line") purchased the Senior Secured Facility at par from JP Morgan for \$33 million. Furthermore, on September 18, 2007, LSF5 Mortgage Line advanced approximately \$15 million in additional funds under the Senior Secured Facility to AHL, Inc. and extended the maturity date until September, 2008.

On October 12, 2007, LSF5 Investments, a Lone Star affiliate, acquired Holdco for \$11.75 per share (approximately \$300 million).

# C. Major Events From Lone Star Acquisition To AHL Bankruptcy

#### 1. Market Conditions

Since the Lone Star Entities acquired the Debtors, the United States has suffered through one of the worst economic down turns since the Great Depression. The economic down turn initially started in the non-prime mortgage lending arena and has spread to almost every other segment of the economy. Among the major events that occurred after the Lone Star Entities acquired the Debtors, but before the Debtors filed for bankruptcy, are:

- December, 2007--the U.S. economy enters into a recession as announced by the Business Cycle Dating Committee on December 11, 2008.
- January, 2008--Bank of America acquires Countrywide Financial.

- March 17, 2008--Bear Stearns is acquired by JP Morgan with financial assistance from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
- July 11, 2008--IndyMac Bank, a large residential mortgage lender, fails.
- September 7, 2008--Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are placed into government conservatorship.
- September 15, 2008--Lehman Brothers files for bankruptcy.
- September 15, 2008--Bank of America announces that it will purchase Merrill Lynch.
- September 16, 2008--AIG avoids collapse as a result of an \$85 billion bailout by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.
- September 25, 2008--Washington Mutual Bank, a large residential mortgage lender, fails.
- September 29, 2008--The FDIC announces that Citigroup will buy the assets of Wachovia, financed in part by the FDIC.
- October 3, 2008--Wells Fargo Bank makes a competing offer for Wachovia, which is ultimately accepted.
- October 3, 2008--Congress passes and President Bush signs legislation establishing the \$700 billion Troubled Asset Relief Program ("TARP").
- October 24, 2008--PNC Financial Services Group purchases National City Corporation.
- October 28, 2008--U.S. Treasury purchases a total of \$125 billion of preferred stock in nine U.S. banks. This is the first of many purchases by the U.S. Treasury of preferred stock in U.S. banks with funds from TARP.
- November 23, 2008--U.S. Treasury, the Federal Reserve Board and the FDIC jointly announce an agreement with Citigroup to provide a package of guarantees, liquidity access and capital, including an investment of \$20 Billion by the U.S. Treasury.
- December 19, 2008--the U.S. Treasury authorizes loans of up to \$13.4 billion for General Motors and \$4 Billion for Chrysler from TARP.
- December 22, 2008--Federal Reserve Board approves application of CIT Group to become a bank holding company.
- December 24, 2008--Federal Reserve Board approves application of GMAC to become a bank holding company.
- December 29, 2009--U.S. Treasury announces that it will purchase \$5 billion of equity in GMAC.
- January 16, 2009--U.S. Treasury, Federal Reserve and FDIC jointly announce an agreement with Bank of America to provide a package of guarantees, liquidity access and capital, including an investment of \$20 billion by the U.S. Treasury.
- March 19, 2009--U.S. Treasury announces the Auto Supplier Support Program that will provide up to \$5 billion of financing to the automotive industry.

#### 2. <u>Management and Governance of AHL</u>

Immediately after LSF5 Investments acquired Holdco, the board of directors of Holdco consisted of two pre-acquisition directors, Jim Konrath and Joe Lydon, and six directors affiliated with the Lone Star Entities, Len Allen, Marc Lipshy, Catharon Miller, Leigh Rea, Michael Thompson and Benjamin Velvin. The members of the board of directors changed frequently until finally in March, 2009, each Debtor had only one director, Chad Patton, a Lone Star affiliate. At all times after the acquisition at least a majority of the members of the Debtors' boards of directors were affiliated with the Lone Star Entities.

#### 3. Operations

Through the first half of 2008, AHL, Inc. focused its efforts on restarting its loan origination business, which was stopped prior to the acquisition of Holdco by LSF5 Investments. In order for the loan origination business to be successful, a secondary market for the mortgages must exist. AHL, Inc. had very limited success in identifying a secondary market for its loans. So, the Lone Star Entities attempted to provide a portion of the secondary mortgage market and it purchased the securities issued by three "residential loan pools" (each a "RLP" and collectively, the "RLPs") established by AHL, Inc. at a total purchase price of \$193 million.

The first, and largest, sale was \$133 million of loans sold at 101.6% (\$62 million "legacy" loans (pre-Lone Star) at 100% and \$71 million "new" loans at 103%) in March, 2008. Because these loans were generally financed on the Wachovia MRA at less than par, the sale of the March, 2008 RLP resulted in excess cash paid to AHL, Inc. in the amount of approximately \$31 million. The second sale in May 2008, was \$39 million of loans sold at par, which resulted in excess cash paid to AHL, Inc in the amount of \$9 million. The third, and final, sale in June was \$17 million of loans sold at 99%, which resulted in excess cash paid to AHL, Inc in the amount of \$4 million.

As part of the transaction, the RLPs had typical repurchase rights. AHL, Inc. honored approximately \$2.5 million of repurchases from the RLPs, during a period when it was generally not honoring repurchase demands from other parties. AHL, Inc.'s honoring of these repurchase demands could give rise to an action under Chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code against the Lone Star Entities, which, if pursued could result in a recovery for the Estates. AHL, Inc. serviced these loans on behalf of the RLPs, on terms substantially similar to those available in an arm's length transaction, until the RLPs terminated AHL, Inc.'s right to service the loans on or about March 17, 2009.

As a result of limited success in identifying a secondary market for its loans, in June, 2008, AHL, Inc. implemented certain operational restructurings, including the closing of four of its five wholesale operations centers and consolidating its wholesale business in San Diego. In addition, AHL, Inc. laid off close to one-half of its workforce.

AHL, Inc. commenced further operational restructuring initiatives beginning in the second half of August, 2008. The restructurings included the suspension by AHL, Inc. of its wholesale operations that had been previously consolidated into the San Diego office in June.

However, AHL, Inc. retained 40 wholesale personnel that were repurposed for other tasks. The retail operations were consolidated in Irving, Texas, and the San Diego and Cincinnati retail operations were shut down. Overall, AHL, Inc. terminated another one-third of its workforce at this time, leaving under 400 people employed.

After the August, 2008, restructuring, AHL, Inc. had approximately 40 wholesale staff including account executives positioned throughout housing markets, 40 retail staff that were focusing on FHA and conventional loan activity, and a servicing team of approximately 185 people. In addition to the retail, wholesale and servicing personnel, AHL, Inc. also employed approximately 90 corporate personnel and approximately 25 personnel at its Inzura business providing insurance services. At this time, AHL, Inc. was trying to develop synergies with other of the Lone Star Entities' mortgage-related resources.

Throughout the summer 2008, AHL, Inc. worked on a number of loan sales including sales to Countrywide (\$30 million) and Beal Bank (\$46 million). As part of the transaction with Countrywide, LSF5 Mortgage Line arranged a \$1 million guarantee to Countrywide, which was executed in August, 2008. The Countrywide guarantee was a material term included in the July 21, 2008 Amendment to the Senior Secured Facility. Since both sales closed after LSF MRA, a Lone Star affiliate, purchased the Wachovia MRA from Wachovia on August 13, 2008,<sup>6</sup> LSF MRA had the right under that former Wachovia MRA to require all proceeds be used to pay down the former Wachovia MRA (the "Amended MRA"). However, LSF MRA chose not to exercise that right and allowed AHL, Inc. to retain approximately \$9 million of proceeds, which was the excess of the sale price over the advance rate under the Amended MRA.

AHL, Inc. appeared to be executing its business strategies during the months of September and October of 2008 while its liquidity position continued to place pressure on the company. As noted above, external market conditions took a dramatic turn for the worse in September, 2008, when Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy and AIG was, effectively, taken under government control. In an effort to provide liquidity to the company, in mid October, AHL, Inc. was in negotiations with Caliber Funding, LLC ("Caliber"), a Lone Star affiliate, regarding the potential sale of Inzura and Windsor to Caliber Funding, LLC, which sales never materialized.

# **D.** Review Of Major Transactions

# 1. <u>Repayment of Farallon</u>

On or about October 12, 2007, Farallon delivered to Holdco written notice demanding payment in full of the Farallon Loan, which Farallon was accelerating under the loan agreement's change-in-control provisions. Immediately after acquiring Holdco, LSF5 Investments contributed \$100 million into Holdco as equity and, on or about November 21, 2007, LSF5 Affiliate Finance, LLC, a Lone Star affiliate, ("Affiliate Finance") made an unsecured short term loan in the amount of \$130 million to Holdco (the "\$130 Million

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The loan sale to Beal Bank closed on August 28, 2008. The loan sale to Countrywide had multiple closings throughout September, 2008.

Unsecured Loan"). While the promissory note evidencing the \$130 Million Unsecured Loan was executed by Holdco, the company's accounting records reflect the debt as an obligation of AHL, Inc. The proceeds of the capital contribution and the \$130 Million Unsecured Loan along with cash on hand was used to satisfy, in full, the Farallon Loan, including principal, interest in the amount of \$6.7 million, pre-payment fees of \$4 million, and expenses of \$581,000. The \$130 Million Unsecured Loan was a five month loan with interest payable at 13% which the parties anticipated would be paid from an expected tax refund in excess of the loan amount.

In January 2008, a tax refund in the approximate amount of \$150 million was received by Holdco as the parent of the Debtors' consolidated tax group. While Holdco received the payment, the refund was primarily based on the operations of AHL, Inc., and the tax refund was listed as an asset of AHL, Inc. on each of the companies' internal accounting records. On January 31, 2008, Holdco made a payment in the amount of \$65 million to LSF5 Mortgage Line, as successor-in-interest to Affiliate Finance, to partially satisfy the principal balance of the \$130 Million Unsecured Loan. On or about January 31, 2008, Holdco transferred most of the remaining proceeds from the tax refund to AHL, Inc. On February 25, 2008, AHL, Inc. made a payment in the amount of \$65 million to LSF5 Mortgage Line, as successor-in-interest to Affiliate Finance, to satisfy the remaining principal balance of the \$130 Million Unsecured Loan. Both payments were made in advance of the maturity of the underlying loan. During the period of time that the \$130 Million Unsecured Loan was outstanding, it accrued interest in the amount of approximately \$3.9 million. On or about July 30, 2008, within the one year period prior to the commencement of these chapter 11 cases, AHL, Inc. paid \$3 million to LSF5 Mortgage Line, as successor-in-interest to Affiliate Finance, in partial satisfaction of the outstanding interest owed and Holdco converted to equity the remaining \$900,000 in interest owing on the \$130 Million Unsecured Loan. Had the Debtors sought protection under the Bankruptcy Code before January 31, 2009, the entire \$130 Million Unsecured Loan repayment would have been within the one year period in which the Debtors' bankruptcy estates could have sought to recover such payments as preferences under § 547 of the Bankruptcy Code. Since the Debtors did not file bankruptcy until May 1, 2009, the \$130 Million Unsecured Loan repayment is not avoidable as a preference under § 547 of the Bankruptcy Code; however, as discussed below, the Creditors Committee asserts that the Debtors delayed commencement of these cases so as to prevent subjecting these payments to potential avoidance. The Lone Star Entities dispute this allegation.

2. <u>Senior Secured Facility</u>

As was noted above, in September, 2007, LSF5 Mortgage Line acquired the Senior Secured Facility from JP Morgan. From September, 2007 through early March, 2009,

(1) LSF5 Mortgage Line and/or Affiliate Finance made several advances to AHL, Inc. under the Senior Secured Facility,

(2) AHL, Inc. made several payments to LSF5 Mortgage Line on the Senior Secured Facility,

(3) LSF5 Mortgage Line agreed to convert to equity certain amounts owing under the Senior Secured Facility, and

#### (4) the parties amended the Senior Secured Facility several times.

Pursuant to the amendment to the Senior Secured Facility executed on March 19, 2008, AHL, Inc. granted LSF5 Mortgage Line a lien on all its property (except property pledged by AHL to Wachovia on the Servicer Advance Facility). LSF5 Mortgage Line did not fully perfect its lien until July 2008, which is within the one year prior to the commencement of these bankruptcy cases.

On or about March 9, 2009, LSF5 Mortgage Line and AHL, Inc. agreed to a discounted payoff of the Senior Secured Facility. At that time, the total amount outstanding on the Senior Secured Facility was approximately \$58 million. LSF5 Mortgage Line agreed to release its liens on all the assets of all AHL entities in exchange for a cash payment in the amount of \$30 million, and a non-recourse lien in the amount of \$5 million on a receivable owed to AHL, Inc. by Select Portfolio Services, Inc. ("SPS"). As is noted in more detail below, ultimately, the Debtor compromised the amount of the SPS receivable for \$1.25 million, and the lien asserted by LSF5 Mortgage Line will be released pursuant to the Plan.

#### 3. Wachovia Servicer Advance Facility

On February 20, 2008, Wachovia and Accredited Receivables Funding, LLC ("ARF"), a subsidiary of AHL, Inc., entered into a one-year \$100 million Credit Agreement (the "Servicer Advance Facility").<sup>7</sup> Under the Servicer Advance Facility, AHL, Inc. was able to borrow against advances it made as servicer for payment of principal and interest ("P&I"), corporate advances, and taxes and insurance ("T&I") at advance rates up to 90%. Structurally, AHL, Inc sold its advances to ARF pursuant to a Receivables Purchase Agreement, which was guaranteed by Holdco. ARF would then borrow against these advances and upstream the cash to AHL, Inc. The Servicer Advance Facility resulted in upwards of \$70 million of fresh liquidity to AHL, Inc. in early 2008. In order to complete this transaction, LSF5 Mortgage Line released its lien on the Servicer Advances, which were previously collateral under the Senior Secured Facility.

The facility was amended from time to time (often in conjunction with the Wachovia MRA). On January 19, 2009, Wachovia granted an extension of the maturity date to April 2, 2009, which allowed for the close of a transaction with SPS (which is discussed in detail below.) Prior to the Petition Date, AHL, Inc. repaid the \$85 million outstanding on the Servicer Advance Facility with proceeds from the sale by AHL, Inc. of certain Master Servicing Rights to SPS (discussed below).

#### 4. Wachovia MRA

As was noted above, on or about March 30, 2007, Wachovia agreed to provide AHL, Inc. with the Wachovia MRA, a \$750 million warehouse line of credit in the form of a repurchase agreement. Throughout the third quarter of 2007 and into 2008, Wachovia exercised its rights under the Wachovia MRA to make margin calls on AHL, Inc., which ultimately totaled

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC was Agent and Accredited Home Lenders, Inc. was Servicer on the Servicer Advance Facility.

approximately \$115 million. In the face of a \$36 million margin call delivered on July 29, 2008, AHL, Inc. initiated a lawsuit against Wachovia seeking a temporary restraining order to prevent Wachovia from exercising its rights under the Wachovia MRA. To resolve the disputes and the litigation, on August 13, 2008, LSF MRA, LLC ("LSF MRA") purchased all of the rights, title and interests in the Wachovia MRA from Wachovia at par for \$413 million. This transaction included 2,583 mortgages with an unpaid principal balance of \$621 million. AHL, Inc. was not required to pay the \$36 million margin call to either Wachovia or LSF MRA.

After acquiring the Wachovia MRA, on or about August 22, 2008, LSF MRA, the REIT and AHL, Inc. entered into the Amended MRA, which converted the Amended MRA into a term facility, provided for accelerated payment, eliminated the right of LSF MRA to make margin calls, and terminated the obligation of LSF MRA to purchase mortgage loans from AHL, Inc. LSF MRA, AHL, Inc. and the REIT entered into several amendments to the Amended MRA to extend the maturity dates four times to terminate in November, 2008, December, 2008, February 2009 and on March 17, 2009. When the Amended MRA finally matured on March 17, 2009, AHL, Inc. and the REIT defaulted on the Amended MRA due to their failure to repurchase the mortgages. According to LSF MRA, LSF MRA retained the mortgages in partial satisfaction of the damages that it sustained, and to mitigate its damages. In addition, on or about April 7, 2009, LSF MRA sent AHL, Inc. and the REIT a demand for payment of damages under the Amended MRA in the amount of approximately \$96 Million.<sup>8</sup> The Lone Star Entities subsequently offset from this damage claim about \$1.3 Million it owed to AHL, Inc. for mortgage servicing rights, which are further described below. LSF MRA subsequently filed a proof of claim in an amount of approximately \$96 Million.

## 5. <u>The Mortgage Servicing Rights</u>

Part of AHL, Inc's business model was to service the mortgages that it originated and securitized. In the role of servicer, AHL, Inc. would earn fee income. Throughout 2008, AHL, Inc. was the servicer for the 17 securitizations that it created, the Residential Loan Pools, the loans subject to the Wachovia MRA and Amended MRA and the mortgages that AHL owned.

In August, 2008, AHL, Inc. began actively marketing its servicing rights to its securitizations ("MSRs"). Initially, Ocwen Financial expressed an interest in purchasing the MSRs, but Ocwen terminated its discussions with AHL, Inc. in mid-September, 2008. On September 24, 2008, AHL, Inc. engaged Phoenix Capital to sell the MSRs.

With the assistance of Phoenix Capital, SPS was identified as a purchaser of the MSRs. The purchase price to be paid by SPS was the reimbursement to AHL, Inc. of the outstanding servicer advances (approximately \$117 million) plus a \$7 million premium. As the negotiations progressed, the parties agreed that the payment of the premium would be conditioned upon delivery on or before May 1, 2009, of "no downgrade letters" for each of the securitizations from the various rating agencies. The first closing of this sale occurred on February 2, 2009 when

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The Creditors Committee asserts that this \$96 Million figure is based on a fraction of the value placed on the mortgages by the Lone Star Entities a few months before. The Lone Star Entities dispute this assertion. As provided in the Term Sheet and Plan Support Agreement, the parties will not challenge the valuation, at this time.

AHL, Inc. received proceeds in the approximate amount of \$85 million. On March 2, 2009, the final SPS closing occurred, and AHL, Inc. received \$32 million of additional cash. From the proceeds of the sale of the MSR's to SPS, AHL, Inc. repaid approximately \$85 Million owed to Wachovia under the Servicer Advance Facility.

AHL, Inc. and SPS did not receive the no-downgrade letters from all the ratings agencies. Consequently, SPS did not pay the \$7 million premium to AHL, Inc., which required AHL, Inc. to retain the law firm of Quinn Emmanuel. On or about April 30, 2009, AHL, Inc. initiated a lawsuit against SPS to collect the unpaid \$7 million premium arising from the sale of the MSRs. After the commencement of this suit and the Petition Date, AHL, Inc. and SPS have agreed to settle this litigation with SPS making a payment to AHL, Inc. in the amount of \$1.25 million, which payment was received on January 15, 2010, after approval of the settlement by the Bankruptcy Court. The pleading further detailing this settlement can be found at Docket No. 1112.

With regard to the servicing rights for the mortgages subject to the Amended MRA, LSF MRA exercised its rights to replace AHL, Inc. with Vericrest, a Lone Star affiliate, as the servicer on March 17, 2009, effective as of April 1, 2009. LSF MRA did not pay AHL, Inc. approximately \$1.3 million for servicer advances. On April 27, 2009, LSF MRA sent AHL, Inc. a notice that it set off the damages under the Amended MRA against those unpaid servicer advances.

With regard to the servicing rights for the mortgages subject to the Residential Loan Pools, the trustee for the Residential Loan Pools at the direction of the holders of the securities (an affiliate of Lone Star Fund VI) exercised its rights to replace AHL, Inc. with Vericrest, a Lone Star affiliate, as the servicer on March 17, 2009, effective as of April 1, 2009. The Residential Loan Pools paid AHL, Inc. for all fees and reimbursed AHL, Inc. for all servicer advances.

#### 6. Transfer of AHL Canada

To conduct lending operations in Canada, Holdco formed AHL Canada. In general terms, the operations of AHL Canada were very similar to the operations of AHL, Inc. Ultimately, AHL Canada stopped originating loans in 2008. Effective as of September 30, 2008, Holdco transferred the ownership of AHL Canada to AHL, Inc.

While AHL Canada has no ongoing operations, its liquidation value is estimated by the Debtors to be worth approximately \$24 Million. The assets of AHL Canada consist of cash of approximately \$2.2 Million and residuals from two securitizations that have an estimated value of approximately \$18 to \$25 Million, net of estimated tax obligations. AHL Canada has no debt of any significance. It may have certain tax obligations which the Debtors are currently investigating.

Since the stock of AHL Canada was contributed by Holdco to AHL, Inc. as capital, the Debtors believe that such transfer may be avoidable as a fraudulent transfer. The Plan proposes to resolve the potential fraudulent transfer by transferring ownership of AHL Canada to the

Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust to be monetized for the benefit of Consolidated Holdco Creditors.

# 7. <u>REIT Claim</u>

As was noted above, since AHL, Inc. formed the REIT, the REIT transferred cash to AHL, Inc. (on an intercompany basis) and, ultimately, the accounting records reflect an intercompany payable from AHL, Inc. to the REIT of approximately \$227 Million. Effective as of December 31, 2008, AHL, Inc. transferred ownership of the common stock of the REIT to Holdco and Holdco assumed AHL, Inc.'s obligation to the REIT and an adjustment in the intercompany liabilities between these companies. The ad hoc committee of REIT preferred shareholders filed proofs of claims against both Holdco and AHL, Inc. reflecting this alleged intercompany debt that were unliquidated but stated that the amounts due exceeded \$227,000,000 (the "REIT Claims").

In early 2010, the Debtors consented to the Bankruptcy Court granting the Creditors Committee standing to investigate, pursue, prosecute and settle any and all causes of action that may arise out of the transactions with REIT. The Bankruptcy Court entered an order approving the Creditors Committee standing (Docket No. 1323) and, on May 11, 2010, after further investigation and due diligence, the Creditors Committee initiated an adversary proceeding styled *Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors v. Accredited Mortgage Loan REIT*, Adversary No. 10-50980-MFW (the "REIT Adversary"). In the REIT Adversary, the Creditors Committee has, among other things, objected to the REIT Claims, seeks to subordinate the REIT Claims, and seeks to recharacterize the REIT Claim as equity. The REIT has answered the complaint filed in the REIT Adversary and denies that the Creditors Committee is entitled to any of the relief sought in the REIT Adversary. The Plan will settle the REIT Adversary by compromising the allowed amount of the REIT Claims in the manner described below.

# E. Significant Post-Petition Date Filings and Events

# 1. First Day Motions

On the Petition Date, the Debtors filed a number of "first day" motions, which were designed to ensure the Debtors' ability to continue to operate with minimal disruption following the filing of these Cases. The Bankruptcy Court granted many of these first day motions, entering various orders, that, among other things:

- authorized the Debtors to make payments related to outstanding wage, vacation, severance and related withholding tax obligations;
- allowed the Debtors' various bankruptcy cases to be jointly administered;
- excused the Debtors from the U.S. Trustee's requirements that their pre-petition bank accounts be closed and new post-petition bank accounts be opened;
- prohibited utility service providers from refusing to provide services;
- allowed the Debtors to promise their employees a modest severance payment to induce those employees to remain with the Debtors through this bankruptcy process; and

• appointed Kurtzman Carson Consultants as noticing, claims, and solicitation agent for these cases.

## 2. Debtors' Retention of Professionals

In order to liquidate their operations and assets and administer these chapter 11 cases, the Debtors have retained various professionals, including Hunton & Williams, LLP as lead bankruptcy counsel, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP as co-counsel for the Debtors, and AP Services, LLC to provide restructuring and management services to the Debtors. The Debtors have also retained the law firm of Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver & Hedges, LLP as litigation counsel to advise the Debtors in matters in which Hunton & Williams is disqualified, and the law firms of Kirkland & Ellis LLP and Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps LLP to represent the Debtors in an ongoing class-action securities fraud case, which the Debtors are settling for an amount that will be covered by their insurance carriers Finally, the Debtors retained Phoenix Capital, Inc. to help market and sell certain assets.

# 3. The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors

On June 16, 2009 the U.S. Trustee appointed an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Creditors Committee"), consisting of a commercial institution, a trade vender, and an individual borrower. The Creditors Committee has retained the law firm of Arent Fox, LLP as lead bankruptcy counsel, Elliott Greenleaf as co-counsel, and Weiser LLP as financial advisors. Subsequently, on July 23, 2009, the U.S. Trustee reconstituted the Creditors Committee such that it currently consists of two financial institutions; a trade vendor, an individual borrower, and a litigation claimant.<sup>2</sup> The Creditors Committee has been an active participant in these bankruptcy cases, including participating in sales of the Debtors' assets, attending hearings, analyzing various proposed settlements, investigating potential claims against the Debtors' current and former directors and officers and the Lone Star Entities, negotiating the proposed settlement with the Lone Star Entities that is set forth in the Plan Support Agreement and Term Sheet and is included in the Plan, and participating with the Debtors in the formulation of the Plan and this Disclosure Statement.

# 4. <u>Rejection of Leases and Contracts</u>

On the Petition Date, the Debtors filed a motion to reject approximately 56 leases of real property throughout the United States that had been used as local branch offices for the Debtors' loan origination and servicing operations. This motion was granted, relieving the Debtors' estates from the burden of paying for such leases. Also, on the Petition Date, the Debtors filed motions to reject almost 300 other executory contracts for the supply of various goods and services that the Debtors no longer required. These motions were also granted. The Debtors

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The claim of the borrower has been disallowed. See Order Disallowing Certain Claim Filed by Carrie L. Luft and Denying as Moot Movant Luft's Motion for Relief from the Automatic Stay, March 30, 2010, Docket No. 1430. Further, it appears that the trade vendor has sold its claim to a third party. See Notice of Transfer for Sonar Credit Partners, LLC re: Transcontinental Valuations, Inc (Claim No. 1), November 2, 2010, Docket No. 2122.

have also relocated their offsite electronic data storage systems to a smaller and more cost effective facility.

## 5. <u>Asset Sales</u>

On July 2, 2009, the Court approved the sale of the Debtors' residential mortgage servicing platform for a purchase price of \$495,000 plus the assumption of certain liabilities to an affiliate of the Debtors, Vericrest Financial, a Lone Star affiliate, which sale closed on or about July 6, 2009. After this sale, the Debtors were left with less than fifteen employees, who are essential to completing the liquidation of the assets of the Debtors and their subsidiaries and the wind-up of the Debtors' affairs.

On July 7, 2009, the Court entered an order approving the procedures for auctioning the Debtors' remaining 90 mortgage loans. This auction was a success. The winning bidder, NPA I, LLC, offered \$3.525 million for these loans, and the Court entered approved this sale by an order entered on July 31, 2009. The sale of the mortgage loan pool closed on or about August 19, 2009.

On December 1, 2009 and January 28, 2010 the Court entered orders permitting the Debtors to sell their remaining mortgage loans and real estate assets.

Pursuant to the *de minimis* asset sale motion, the Debtors have sold various assets generating proceeds for the estate in excess of \$250,000. The Debtors continue to market and sell the remaining *de minimis* assets.

#### 6. <u>Atlas Class Action Settlement</u>

Prior to the Petition Date, Holdco was a defendant in a class action securities fraud case styled, *Atlas v. Accredited Home Lenders Holding Co.*, Case No. 3:07-CV-00488-H-CAB pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California (the "Atlas Litigation"). The parties to the Atlas Litigation settled the matter within the policy limits of the a prior D & O insurance policy. The Creditors Committee reviewed and analyzed the proposed settlement and elected not to object to the approval thereof. The Bankruptcy Court approved the settlement on August 27, 2009. As a result of the settlement of the Atlas Litigation, proceeds in the amount of \$994,068.09 from the applicable D & O insurance were paid to reimburse the Debtors for defense costs previously advanced.

#### 7. <u>SPS Settlement</u>

Prior to the Petition Date, and as discussed above, AHL, Inc. sued SPS seeking payment of \$7 million arising from the sale of the MSRs to SPS. AHL, Inc. and SPS settled the dispute and SPS made a payment to AHL, Inc. in the amount of \$1.25 million. The Creditors Committee reviewed and analyzed the proposed settlement and elected not to object to the approval thereof. On November 25, 2009, the Debtors filed a motion seeking approval of the SPS settlement, which motion was approved. The Debtors and SPS consummated the settlement on or about January 15, 2010. One of the Lone Star Entities, LSF5 Mortgage Line, has asserted that it has a lien against the proceeds of the SPS settlement. As part of the Plan Support Agreement and Term Sheet, LSF5 LSF5 Mortgage Line has agreed to release its alleged lien on the proceeds of the SPS settlement.

#### 8. Investigation of Insider Causes of Action

Since the Petition Date, the Debtors and the Creditors Committee have investigated the facts and circumstances surrounding, among other things (1) the acquisition of the Debtors by the Lone Star Entities, (2) transactions between the Lone Star Entities and its affiliates, on the one hand and the Debtors, on the other hand, and (3) the operation of the Debtors since they were acquired by the Lone Star Entities, to determine if causes of action exist against the Lone Star Entities or the Debtors' officers, directors, shareholders and affiliates.

On January 6, 2010, the Creditors Committee filed its Motion for Entry of An Order Granting Leave, Standing and Authority to Investigate and Prosecute Claims and Causes of Action on Behalf of the Committee, Debtors and Debtors' Estates and Settle Claims on Behalf of the Debtors' Estates (Docket No. 1203, the "Authority Motion"). In the Authority Motion, Creditors Committee alleged that the Debtors have conflicts of interest resulting from, among other things, the Debtors sole director being an employee of a Lone Star Entity, and sought standing to investigate, prosecute, and settle claims on behalf of the Debtors against the Debtors' officers and directors and the Lone Star Entities. In addition, in the Authority Motion, the Creditors Committee outlined some of the Debtors' potential causes of action against the Lone Star Entities (a) breaches of fiduciary duties resulting from the numerous pre-bankruptcy transactions between the Debtors and the Lone Star Entities, (b) aiding and abetting breaches of fiduciary duties, (c) corporate waste, and (d) piercing the corporate veil. The Authority Motion remains pending and, to the extent creditors require additional information, they should consult the Authority Motion, which is available on the Bankruptcy Court docket.

As is set forth in more detail below, the Plan proposes to settle any Claims that the Consolidated Debtors may have against the Debtors' officers and directors and the Lone Star Entities. Any Claims that Consolidated Holdco may have against the Lone Star Entities, however, will be assigned by Consolidated Holdco to the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust to be resolved post-confirmation. This partial settlement is the product of substantial investigation performed by the Debtors, the preparation and submission of the Debtors' findings to the Creditors Committee, the Creditors Committee's own substantial investigation, and protracted arms'-length negotiations amongst the Debtors, the Creditors Committee, the Lone Star Entities, Citigroup (a substantial creditor of the Consolidated Debtors), the REIT, and the ad hoc committee of REIT preferred shareholders. These parties all believe that the settlement proposed in the Plan and embodied in the Plan Support Agreement and Term Sheet is reasonable, appropriate, and in the best interests of their constituents and the Debtors' estates and creditors, and accordingly are supporting the Plan.

In addition, the Debtors have extended their D&O insurance coverage. Under the Plan, the Debtors' rights in their D&O Policies and the proceeds thereof shall be transferred to the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust, and certain of the REIT's interests in its the D&O Policies will also be transferred to the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust, thereby preserving these assets for the creditors of Consolidated Holdco.

#### 9. Kodiak Litigation

Kodiak and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee under the indenture agreement Trust Preferred Securities, also initiated a separate lawsuit in the Bankruptcy Court against certain of the Lone Star Entities asserting direct causes of action (Adversary Proceeding 09-53276, the "Kodiak Adversary"). Recently, the Lone Star Entities and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as indenture trustee under the Trust Preferred Indenture, filed a motion seeking to compel mediation of the Kodiak Adversary and requesting that the D&O insurance providers attend. The Court approved this request. Mediation was held in October 2010. The parties have not reached a resolution but are continuing discussions.

The Plan does not settle any claims amongst the Lone Star Entities and Kodiak or any other holders of Trust Preferred Securities. Also, the Plan does not settle any claims between the Lone Star Entities and Holdco, the Debtor against which the holders of the Trust Preferred Securities have asserted claims.

## 10. Discovery Issues

In June, 2009, the holders of Trust Preferred Securities served upon each of the Debtors and Lone Star a request for production of documents under Fed. R. Bankr. P 2004. After the Creditors Committee was formed, it joined the document requests. By agreement, the Debtors produced to over 17,700 documents consisting of 144,807 pages in response to this request. Additionally, the Lone Star Entities voluntarily produced to Kodiak, other holders of Trust Preferred Securities, and the Creditors Committee over 8,580 documents consisting of 185,164 pages. The Creditors Committee analyzed certain of these documents in its investigation into claims and causes of action that could be asserted against the Lone Star Entities and the Debtors' officers and directors, which are highlighted in the Authority Motion that is available on the Bankruptcy Court's docket.

# 11. Tax Issues

The Debtors are part of a consolidated group for the purpose of filing income tax returns, with the named taxpayer being Holdco. The consolidated income tax return includes all of the Debtors and most of the non-debtor subsidiaries of the Debtors. The REIT is not a member of the consolidated tax reporting group, therefore it files its own, separate tax return. While Holdco is the "named taxpayer," it historically has had negligible operations which resulted in nomimal profits and losses. The profits and losses reported to the taxing authorities were primarily generated by AHL, Inc.

For the 2007 tax year, the Debtors filed a consolidated federal income tax return reflecting net operating losses ("NOLs") in the amount of approximately \$757 Million. The Debtors elected to carry back the NOLs for 2007 to offset all net income for tax years 2005 and 2006, resulting in a tax refund received by the Debtors in January 2008, in the approximate amount of \$144 Million. After the Petition Date, the Internal Revenue Service filed priority claims in excess of \$144 Million against the Debtors. The Debtors objected to these claims and the Internal Revenue Service responded, arguing that the claims should not be adjusted by the

Court without the normal auditing process being concluded. The Debtors agreed with this position and objections to the Internal Revenue Service's claims have accordingly been abated. This audit process has been concluded, and on October 22, 2010 the Debtors received a letter from the IRS stating that the Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation has completed its consideration of the special report of the IRS on this audit and did not take exception to the conclusions reached by the IRS. As a result of this audit process, the Internal Revenue Service has concluded that (1)-the claims of the Internal Revenue Service will be significantly reduced, to the appropriate amount of \$4 Million, which shall be. The Debtors believe that these claims will be withdrawn as they have been netted against the amountstax refund received fromby the Tax Refunds Debtors, which is described below. Further, and (2)-the Debtors believe they overpaid the Internal Revenue Service the total amount of approximately \$2.4 Million in the tax years 2005 and 2006 due to a miscalculation of the alternative minimum tax, which amountamounts the Debtors have requested be refunded by the Internal Revenue Service.

On or about September 15, 2009, the Debtors filed their consolidated tax return for 2008 reflecting NOLs of approximately \$163 Million. Subsequently, in early November, 2009, Congress passed and President Obama signed legislation that allows businesses that incurred NOLs in 2008 or 2009 to elect to increase the carry back period for either the 2008 NOL or the 2009 NOL from two years to three, four or five years. In March, 2010, the Debtors requested a refund of about \$57 Million based upon the previously filed 2008 consolidated federal income tax return, which after being. After this refund claim was netted against amounts owing by the Debtors to the IRS described in the previous paragraph-will result in a payment to<sub>2</sub> the Debtors received a refund of approximately \$53 Million (excluding the alternative minimum tax correction). 54 million by wire on November 4, 2010. The Debtors still expect to receive this amount in the very near terma further refund relating to the overpayments made in the tax years 2005 and 2006 due to a miscalculation of the alternative minimum tax, as described in the paragraph above.

The<u>Further, the</u> Debtors continue to work with their advisors to evaluate the tax situation to determine if additional refunds can be requested as a result of additional losses that may be available for tax year 2008. At this time, the Debtors believe there may be additional losses in tax year 2008 that may result in approximately \$10 to \$51 Million in additional tax refunds-available over and above the \$57 Million refund-already requested. The Debtors, with the assistance of the accounting firm Deloitte, are in the process of preparing an amended 2008 tax return.

Since the tax refund is the result of NOLs being offset against prior years' income, all or substantially all of the refund belongs to the Consolidated Debtors. As will be discussed in more detail below, the Plan clarifies that the tax refunds belong to the Consolidated Debtors and provides that all Tax Refunds will be paid to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust to be distributed to the creditors of the Consolidated Debtors.

#### 12. Other Asset Recoveries

The Debtors have obtained Court approval of settlements with various workers compensation insurance carriers that lead to those insurers returning over \$1 million in cash

collateral to the Debtors' estates. The Debtors have also recovered over \$1 million from a Court -approved settlement with the trustee for the Debtors' terminated deferred compensation trust. The Debtors have also retained experts who are in the process of recovering unclaimed property held by various governmental authorities. These assets will be vested with the Consolidated Debtors pursuant to the Plan.

#### 13. <u>Claims Administration</u>

The Bar Dates for creditors to file proofs of claim have passed. The Debtors received over 1260 proofs of claim. Many of the proofs of claims were grossly inflated, unsupported, or incorrectly asserted secured or priority status. The Debtors have made substantial progress in reviewing, evaluating, and objecting, where appropriate, to the numerous claims filed against their estates. The Debtors have filed eighteen omnibus claim objections. The large majority of these objections have been either sustained or consensually resolved. The Debtors have also settled three major class claims asserted by various groups of former employees. The Debtors have been working on resolving and liquidating the numerous unliquidated claims filed by various investment vehicles for contractual claims relating to the mortgages sold to those investment vehicles by the Debtors. Nineteen omnibus claims objections have been filed, along with various other objections to specific claims. Further, many claims have been resolved consensually without the need for objection. Out of the approximately 1260 proofs of claim filed, almost 775 have been allowed in reduced amounts, reclassified, expunged, or withdrawn pursuant to agreements or orders entered by the Court. In addition, objections remain pending to almost 300 claims, and various other settlements are still expected to be finalized and submitted to the Court for approval.

#### 14. <u>REIT Adversary</u>

In addition, the Creditors Committee commenced the REIT Adversary to, in part, disallow or significantly to reduce the REIT's large asserted Claims against all of the Debtors. As part of the settlement proposed by the Plan, this litigation will be settled by providing the REIT with allowed claims against AHL, Inc. and Holdco that are significantly reduced from those initially asserted by the REIT. Indeed, REIT will be entitled to an allowed unsecured claim against the Consolidated Debtors in the amount of \$37.5 million, an allowed unsecured claim against the Consolidated Holdco in the amount of \$15 million. Further, the REIT will agree to not enforce the subordination provisions of the Trust Preferred Indenture against the holders of Trust Preferred Securities as part of the settlement.

The prosecution of the REIT Adversary proceeding is stayed until December 15, 2010, which stay can be further extended upon agreement of the parties.

The holders of the Trust Preferred Securities and the Trust Preferred Indenture Trustee filed motions to intervene and/or obtain derivative standing to pursue the claims asserted in the REIT Adversary. The Creditors Committee filed oppositions to those motions, which are currently pending before the Bankruptcy Court.

# V. <u>THE PLAN</u>

# THE FOLLOWING SUMMARY PROVIDES ONLY A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE PLAN, WHICH IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY, AND SHOULD BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH, THE PLAN AND THE MORE DETAILED DISCUSSION APPEARING ELSEWHERE IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT.

#### A. Classification and Treatment of Claims and Interests

The following sections describe more fully the classification and treatment of Claims and Interests under the Plan.

- 1. Unclassified Claims Administrative Claims and Priority Tax Claims
  - (a) Administrative Claims

Administrative Claims other than Professional Fee Claims need to be asserted on or before thirty (30) days after the Effective Date (the "Administrative Claim Bar Date"). Any Holder of an Allowed Administrative Claim shall receive the full amount of the Holder's Allowed Administrative Claim in one cash payment from the Consolidated Debtors or Holdco, as applicable and as part of the Effective Date Distribution. An Administrative Claim that is a Disputed Claim shall not receive any distribution unless and until such Claim becomes an Allowed Administrative Claim. Upon the entry of a Final Order allowing an Administrative Claim, the Holder of that Claim shall receive the full amount of such Claim in one cash payment from the applicable Liquidating Trust. The applicable Liquidating Trustee or the applicable Debtor and the Holder of an Allowed Administrative Claim may agree to less favorable treatment of such Allowed Administrative Claim. An Administrative Claim not filed prior to the Administrative Claim Bar Date shall be deemed forever waived and barred, the Holder thereof shall not be entitled to a distribution under the Plan, and the Debtors or applicable Liquidating Trustee shall have no obligation with respect thereto.

Professional Fees Claims need to be asserted on or before forty-five (45) days after the Effective Date (the "Professional Fee Bar Date"). The Debtors or the applicable Liquidating Trustee will pay or cause to be paid an Allowed Professional Fee Claim, in cash, within five (5) days after the entry of a final order from the Court allowing such Claim. All Allowed Professional Fee Claims shall be ratably paid, with 75% paid by the Consolidated Debtors or the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust and 25% paid by Consolidated Holdco or the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust. To the extent that the Consolidated Debtors have previously paid more than 75% of the Allowed Professional Fee Claims, the Consolidated Holdco I against Consolidated Holdco or the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust for any amount paid in excess of 75% of the Allowed Professional Fee Claims which shall be paid, in cash, within five (5) days after the entry of a Final Order allowing such Allowed Professional Fee Claims.

In addition, with regard to the services provided by AP Services, LLC (the "CRO Expenses") since the Petition Date, such CRO Expenses shall be ratably paid, with 75% paid by the Consolidated Debtors or the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust and 25% paid by Consolidated Holdco or the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust. To the extent that the Consolidated Debtors have previously paid more than 75% of the CRO Expenses, the Consolidated Debtors shall have an Allowed Administrative Claim against Consolidated Holdco or the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust for any amount paid in excess of 75% of the CRO Expenses which shall be paid, in cash, within five (5) days after such CRO Expenses shall become allowed.

The proposed allocation of CRO Expenses and Professional Fee Claims amongst the different Liquidating Trusts is based on an analysis performed by AP Services of the tasks performed by those professionals and the estates benefitting from such tasks. This allocation is something of an estimate. Many of these tasks benefitted all of the Debtors' estates, rendering a more precise allocation impossible.

## (b) Priority Tax Claims

Any Holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim shall receive the full amount of the Holder's Allowed Priority Tax Claim in one cash payment from Consolidated Holdco or the Consolidated Debtors, as applicable, as part of the Effective Date Distribution. A Priority Tax Claim that is a Disputed Claim shall not receive any distribution unless and until such Claim becomes an Allowed Priority Tax Claim. Upon the entry of a Final Order allowing an Priority Tax Claim against Consolidated Holdco after the Effective Date, the Holder of that Claim shall receive the full amount of such Claim in one cash payment from the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust except as otherwise provided under Section 3.3 of the Plan. Upon the entry of a Final Order a Priority Tax Claim against the Consolidated Debtors after the Effective Date, the Holder of that Claim shall receive the full amount of such Claim in one cash payment from the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust except as otherwise provided under Section 3.3 of the Plan. Upon the entry of a Final Order a Priority Tax Claim against the Consolidated Debtors after the Effective Date, the Holder of that Claim shall receive the full amount of such Claim in one cash payment from the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust except as otherwise provided under Section 3.3 of the Plan. The applicable Liquidating Trust except as otherwise provided under Section 3.3 of the Plan. The applicable Liquidating Trustee or Debtor and the Holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim may agree to less favorable treatment of such Allowed Priority Tax Claim. To the extent that some or all of an Allowed Secured Claim for taxes does not qualify as a Priority Tax Claim, it will be classified as a Class 1 Secured Claim.

(c) IRS Priority Tax Claim

The Holder of the IRS Priority Tax Claim shall be paid in full from the Tax Refunds, and the IRS Priority Claim will be considered an obligation of the Consolidated Debtors or the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust.

#### 2. Treatment of Classes of Claims and Interests under the Consolidated Holdco Plan

<u>Class 1 H - Secured Claims</u>: Class 1H Secured Claims are unimpaired. Any Holder of a Class 1H Allowed Secured Claim shall, at the sole option of Consolidated Holdco, receive (a) the full amount of the Holder's Class 1H Allowed Secured Claim in one cash payment as part of the Effective Date Distribution from Consolidated Holdco, (b) all or a portion of the Assets

securing the Allowed Secured Claim or (c) subject to the requirements of § 1124(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, the legal, equitable and contractual rights of the Holder of such Allowed Secured Claim shall be reinstated. A Class 1H Secured Claim that is a Disputed Claim shall not receive any distribution unless and until such Claim becomes a Class 1H Allowed Secured Claim. Upon the entry of a Final Order allowing the Class 1H Allowed Secured Claim against Consolidated Holdco after the Effective Date, the Holder of that Claim shall, at the sole option of the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trustee, receive (a) the full amount of such Claim in one cash payment from the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust, (b) all or a portion of the Assets securing the Allowed Secured Claim or (c) subject to the requirements of § 1124(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, the legal, equitable and contractual rights of the Holder of such Allowed Secured Claim shall be reinstated, at the sole option of the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trustee or Debtor and the Holder of a Class 1H Allowed Secured Claim may agree to less favorable treatment of such Class 1H Allowed Secured Claim.

# BECAUSE CLASS 1 H CLAIMS ARE NOT IMPAIRED UNDER THE PLAN, HOLDERS OF CLASS 1 H CLAIMS ARE NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN.

<u>Class 2 H - Priority Claims</u>, other than Priority Tax Claims: Class 2H Priority Claims are unimpaired. Any Holder of a Class 2 H Allowed Priority Non-Tax Claim shall receive the full amount of the Holder's Class 2 H Allowed Priority Non-Tax Claim in one cash payment as part of the Effective Date Distribution from Consolidated Holdco. A Class 2 H Priority Non-Tax Claim that is a Disputed Claim shall not receive any distribution unless and until such Claim becomes a Class 2 H Allowed Priority Non-Tax Claim. Upon the entry of a Final Order allowing the Class 2 H Allowed Priority Non-Tax Claim against Consolidated Holdco after the Effective Date, the Holder of that Claim shall receive the full amount of such Claim in one cash payment from the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust. The Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trustee or Debtor and the Holder of a Class 2 H Allowed Priority Non-Tax Claim may agree to less favorable treatment of such Class 2 H Allowed Priority Non-Tax Claim.

# BECAUSE CLASS 2 H CLAIMS ARE NOT IMPAIRED UNDER THE PLAN, HOLDERS OF CLASS 2 H CLAIMS ARE NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN.

<u>Class 3 H - General Unsecured Claims against Consolidated Holdco</u>: The Class 3H Claims <u>are</u> impaired. Holders of Class 3H Allowed Claims shall receive a Pro Rata Share of interests in the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust and are entitled to receive distributions equal to their Pro Rata Share of any distributions of Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust Assets made by the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trustee out of the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust in accordance with the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust Agreement. In calculating the distribution to the Holders of Class 3H Claims, the Pro Rata Share shall include in the calculation the Allowed Claims included in Class 3H, 4H, 5H and 7H. On the Effective Date, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trustee shall make a distribution to each Holder of an Allowed Class 3H Claim in an amount equal to such Holder's Pro Rata Share of the balance in the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust Account remaining after creation of the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust Reserve.

In the event of entry of a Final Order determining a Disputed Claim to be an Allowed Claim, the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trustee, in his sole discretion, may make an Interim Distribution to the holder of such Claim from the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust Reserve, or may release funds from the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust Reserve to such Claim Holder in a Subsequent Distribution. The holders of Allowed Class 3 H Unsecured Claims shall thereafter receive their Pro Rata Share of Subsequent Distributions from the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust.

Upon full administration of the Assets vested in the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust, the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trustee shall make the Final Distribution, and all obligations under the Plan of the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trustee to the Class 3 H Unsecured Claim Holders shall be satisfied. In the event that the Holders of Class 3 H Allowed Unsecured Claims are paid in full, together with interest thereon from the Petition Date through the date on which such claim is paid in full calculated at the federal judgment rate in effect as of the Petition Date, any funds remaining in the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust Account, net of expenses, shall be distributed to the Holders of the Class 4 H and 5 H Claims, and potentially Class 7 H Claims, in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.

In the event Class 3 H votes in favor of the Plan, the payment of Class 4 H Claims will be subordinated and junior to the payment of Class 3 H Claims and Class 4 H Claims shall not receive any distribution until Class 3 H Claims are paid in full under the Plan. Holders of Class 3 H claims are expected to receive increased recoveries if the Plan is confirmed with this voluntary subordination by the Lone Star Entities—as explained in more detail in the Liquidation Analysis attached as Exhibit B, Class 3 H recoveries are estimated to be between 24% and 30% under the Plan, as opposed to 1.3% to 10.6% in liquidation.

# BECAUSE CLASS 3 H CLAIMS <u>ARE</u> IMPAIRED UNDER THE PLAN, HOLDERS OF CLASS 3 H CLAIMS <u>ARE</u> ENTITLED TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN.

<u>Class 4 H - Unsecured Claims Against Consolidated Holdco held by LSF-MRA, LLC</u>: The Class 4 H Claims <u>are</u> impaired. Holders of Class 4H Allowed Claims shall receive a Pro Rata Share of interests in the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust. In calculating the distribution to the Holder of Class 4H Claims, the Pro Rata Share shall include in the calculation the claims included in Class 3H, 4H, 5H and 7H. Until the Holders of the Class 4H Allowed Claims are satisfied in full with interest thereon from the Petition Date through the date on which such Claim is paid in full calculated at the federal judgment rate in effect as of the Petition Date, the Holder of Class 4H Allowed Claims shall be entitled to receive its Pro Rata Share of the proceeds of the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event Class 3 H votes in favor of the Plan, the payment of Class 4 H Claims will be subordinated to the payment of Class 3 H Claims and Class

4 H Claims shall not receive any distribution until Class 3 H Claims are paid in full as provided under the Plan.

Further, in the event Class 5 H votes in favor of the Plan and does not object to the confirmation of the Plan, the payment of Class 4 H Claims will be subordinated to the payment of Class 5 H Claims.

Pursuant to the terms of Holdco's guaranty to the Holders of Allowed Class 7 H Claims, Class 7 H Claims are subordinated to the Class 4 H Claims and any payment attributable to Class 7 H Claims are to be paid to the Holders of, <u>inter alia</u>, Allowed Class 4 H Claims. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that that Class 7 H votes to accept the Plan and does not object to confirmation of the Plan, payment of Class 4 H Claims shall be subordinated to payment of the Allowed Class 7 H Claims.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the subordination of claims of the Lone Star Entities against Consolidated Holdco, including, but not limited to, claims of the Lone Star Entities that are Class 4H Claims, as set forth herein shall not in any way affect or be deemed to affect the availability of such claims for use as setoff or any other defenses of the Lone Star Entities to or against claims against the Lone Star Entities asserted by Consolidated Holdco or the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust.

# BECAUSE CLASS 4 H CLAIMS <u>ARE</u> IMPAIRED UNDER THE PLAN, HOLDERS OF CLASS 4 H CLAIMS <u>ARE</u> ENTITLED TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN.

<u>Class 5 H - Unsecured Claims Held by the REIT</u>: The Class 5 H Claims <u>are</u> impaired. The Class 5H Claim of the REIT shall be Allowed in the amount of Twenty Million Dollars (\$20,000,000) and, on account of such claim, the Holder of the Allowed Class 5 H Claim shall receive its Pro Rata Share of interests in the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust. In calculating the distribution to the Holder of Class 5 H Claim, the Pro Rata Share shall include in the calculation the claims included in Class 3 H, 4 H, 5 H and 7 H. Until the Class 5 H Claim is satisfied in full with interest thereon from the Petition Date through the date on which such Claim is paid in full calculated at the federal judgment rate in effect as of the Petition Date, the Holder of the Allowed Class 5 H Unsecured Claims shall be entitled to Pro Rata Share of the proceeds of the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust. The Holder of the Allowed Class 5 H Claim will waive its right to enforce any subordination provisions relating to Class 7 H Claims and in the event Class 5 H votes in favor of the Plan, payment of Class 4 H Claims will be subordinated to the payment of the Allowed Class 5 H Claim.

In the event Class 5 H votes in favor of the Plan, payment of Class 4 H Claims will be subordinated to the payment of the Class 5 H Claim. The REIT is expected to receive increased recoveries if the Plan is confirmed with this voluntary subordination by the Lone Star Entities—as explained in more detail in the Liquidation Analysis attached as Exhibit B, the REIT's recoveries are estimated to be between 24% and 30% under the Plan, as opposed to 1.3% to 10.6% in liquidation.

## BECAUSE CLASS 5 H CLAIMS <u>ARE</u> IMPAIRED UNDER THE PLAN, HOLDERS OF CLASS 5 H CLAIMS <u>ARE</u> ENTITLED TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN.

<u>Class 6 H - Convenience Class Claims</u>: Each Holder of a Consolidated Holdco Convenience Claim in Class 6 H shall receive 75% of the Holder's Class 6 H Convenience Claim in one cash payment as part of the Effective Date Distribution from Consolidated Holdco, or such other, less favorable treatment as is agreed upon by Consolidated Holdco and the Holder of such Consolidated Holdco Convenience Claim.

Holders of Class 6 H claims are expected to receive increased recoveries if the Plan is confirmed with this voluntary subordination by the Lone Star Entities—as explained in more detail in the Liquidation Analysis attached as Exhibit B, Class 6 H recoveries are estimated to be 75% under the Plan, as opposed to 1.3% to 10.6% in liquidation.

## BECAUSE CLASS 6 H CLAIMS <u>ARE</u> IMPAIRED UNDER THE PLAN, HOLDERS OF CLASS 6 H CLAIMS <u>ARE</u> ENTITLED TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN.

<u>Class 7 H- Claims against Consolidated Holdco relating to Accredited Preferred</u> <u>Securities Trust I</u>: The Class 7H Claims are impaired. Class 7H consists of Allowed Claims against Holdco that relate to the Trust Preferred Securities, Trust Preferred Notes and the Trust Preferred Note Claims. Holders of Allowed Class 7H Claims shall receive their Pro Rata Share of interests in the Holdco Liquidating Trust subject to the enforcement of the applicable subordination provisions as described herein.

Pursuant to the terms of Trust Preferred Indenture, the Class 7 H Claims are subordinated to the Class 3 H, 4 H, and 5 H Claims and any payments attributable to Class 7 H Claims are to be paid to the holders of Class 4 H and 5 H Claims. If Class 7 H rejects the Plan, then, until distributions are made in an amount sufficient to pay Holders of Class 4 H and 5 H Claims in full with interest thereon from the Petition Date through the date on which such Claim is paid in full calculated at the federal judgment rate in effect as of the Petition Date, the subordination provisions relating to Class 7 H will be enforced and the Pro Rata Share attributable to Class 7 H shall be distributed pursuant to the terms of Sec. 4.4 and 4.5 of the Plan.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if Class 7 H votes in favor of confirmation of the Plan and the Holders of Class 7 H Claims do not object to confirmation of the Plan, the subordination provisions relating to the Class 7 H Claims will not be enforced and, the holders of Class 4 H Claims shall have payment of their Claims subordinated to the payment of all other Claims against Consolidated Holdco, and Class 7 H shall be entitled to receive the Pro Rata Distribution from the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust.

Holders of Class 7 H claims are expected to receive increased recoveries if the Plan is confirmed with this waiver of subordination rights and voluntary subordination by the Lone Star Entities—as explained in more detail in the Liquidation Analysis attached as Exhibit B, Class 7

H recoveries are estimated to be between 24% and 30% under the Plan, as opposed to nothing in liquidation.

## BECAUSE CLASS 7 H CLAIMS <u>ARE</u> IMPAIRED UNDER THE PLAN, HOLDERS OF CLASS 7 H CLAIMS <u>ARE</u> ENTITLED TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN.

<u>Class 8 H – REIT Preferred Holders' Subordinated Guaranty Claims</u>: The Class 8 H Claims <u>are</u> impaired. Class 8 H consists of the claims of the Holders of the REIT's Preferred Securities, who have guaranty claims against Holdco that are subordinated to general unsecured Holdco creditors. Unless otherwise agreed to by the Creditors Committee and the REIT Committee, on the Effective Date (i) the Holders of Allowed Class 8 H Claims shall not receive beneficial interests in the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust or be deemed to be beneficial holders of the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust until all beneficial holders with Allowed Claims in Classes 3 H, 4 H, 5 H, and 7 H have been paid in full as provided under the Plan prior to the termination of the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust, (ii) the Holders of Allowed Class 8 H Claims shall not be entitled to any reports or notices from the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trustee until they receive beneficial interests in the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust and are beneficial holders of the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust, and (iii) the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust Agreement shall be drafted in a manner that avoids any material adverse consequences to the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust under applicable securities and tax laws.

In the event the Holders of Class 3 H, 4 H, 5 H, and 7 H Claims who are beneficial holders of the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust are not paid in full as provided in the Plan, or the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust is terminated prior to such senior unsecured creditors who are beneficial holders being paid in full, then the Holders of Allowed Class 8H Claims shall not receive any distribution under the Plan.

If the senior unsecured creditors who are beneficial holders of the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust are paid in full prior to the termination of the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust, then Holders of Holders of Allowed Class 8 H Claims shall receive beneficial interests in the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust as provided under the Plan (unless such claims are disallowed pursuant to a Final Order).

### BECAUSE CLASS 8 H CLAIMS ARE IMPAIRED AND WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY RECEIVE NO DISTRIBUTION, THE HOLDERS OF CLASS 8 H CLAIMS ARE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO HAVE REJECTED THE PLAN, AND THEREFORE ARE NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN.

<u>Class 9 H - Subordinated Claims against Holdco</u>: The Class 9 H Claims <u>are</u> impaired. Class 9 H consists of claims against Holdco that are subordinated for any reason under § 510 of the Bankruptcy Code. Holders of Class 9H Claims shall not receive any distributions until the Holders of Class 3H, 4H, 5H and 7H Claims against Holdco have been paid in full with interest as provided under the Plan, in which event the holders of Class 9H Claims shall receive their Pro Rata Share of Subsequent Distributions from the Holdco Liquidating Trust.

# BECAUSE CLASS 9 H CLAIMS ARE IMPAIRED AND WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY RECEIVE NO DISTRIBUTION, THE HOLDERS OF CLASS 9 H CLAIMS ARE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO HAVE REJECTED THE PLAN, AND THEREFORE ARE NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN.

<u>Class 10 H- Interests</u>: The Class 10 H interests <u>are</u> impaired. Class 10 H consists of the Interests in Holdco, including those Interests held by the Lone Star Entities. All Interests, including those Interests held by the Lone Star Entities, shall be canceled as of the Effective Date and the Holders thereof shall receive no distribution under the Plan, unless Holders of all Class 8 H and 9 H Claims against Holdco are paid in full with interest as provided under the Plan.

BECAUSE CLASS 10 H INTERESTS ARE IMPAIRED AND WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY RECEIVE NO DISTRIBUTION, THE HOLDERS OF CLASS 10 H INTERESTS ARE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO HAVE REJECTED THE PLAN, AND THEREFORE ARE NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN.

# 3. <u>Treatment of Classes of Claims and Interests under the Consolidated Debtors'</u> <u>Plan</u>

Class 1 C - Secured Claims: Class 1 C Secured Claims are unimpaired. Any Holder of a Class 1 C Allowed Secured Claim shall, at the sole option of the Consolidated Debtors, receive (a) the full amount of the Holder's Allowed Class 1 C Secured Claim in one cash payment as part of the Effective Date Distribution from the Consolidated Debtors, (b) all or a portion of the Assets securing the Allowed Secured Claim or (c) subject to the requirements of § 1124(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, the legal, equitable and contractual rights of the Holder of such Allowed Secured Claim shall be reinstated. A Class 1 C Secured Claim that is a Disputed Claim shall not receive any distribution unless and until such Claim becomes an Allowed Class 1 C Secured Claim. Upon the entry of a Final Order allowing the Allowed Class 1 C Secured Claim against the Consolidated Debtors after the Effective Date, the Holder of that Claim shall, at the sole option of the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee, receive (a) the full amount of such Claim in one cash payment from the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust, (b) all or a portion of the Assets securing the Allowed Secured Claim or (c) the reinstatement of the legal, equitable and contractual rights of the Holder of such Allowed Secured Claim, subject to the requirements of § 1124(2) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee or Consolidated Debtors and the Holder of an Allowed Class 1 C Secured Claim may agree to less favorable treatment of such Allowed Class 1 C Secured Claim.

# BECAUSE CLASS 1 C CLAIMS ARE NOT IMPAIRED UNDER THE PLAN, HOLDERS OF CLASS 1 C CLAIMS ARE NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN.

<u>Class 2 C - Priority Claims, other than Priority Tax Claims</u>: The Class 2C Claims are unimpaired. Any Holder of a Class 2C Allowed Priority Non-Tax Claim shall receive the full amount of the Holder's Class 2C Allowed Priority Non-Tax Claim in one cash payment as part of the Effective Date Distribution from the Consolidated Debtors. A Class 2C Priority Non-Tax Claim that is a Disputed Claim shall not receive any distribution unless and until such Claim becomes a Class 2C Allowed Priority Non-Tax Claim. Upon the entry of a Final Order allowing the Class 2C Allowed Priority Non-Tax Claim against the Consolidated Debtors after the Effective Date, the Holder of that Claim shall receive the full amount of such Claim in one cash payment from the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust. The Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee or Debtor and the Holder of a Class 2C Allowed Priority Non-Tax Claim may agree to less favorable treatment of such Class 2C Allowed Priority Non-Tax Claim.

## BECAUSE CLASS 2 C CLAIMS ARE NOT IMPAIRED UNDER THE PLAN, HOLDERS OF CLASS 2 C CLAIMS ARE NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN.

<u>Class 3 C - General Unsecured Claims (including Allowed Unsecured Claims of most</u> <u>borrowers, employees, and vendors) against the Consolidated Debtors</u>: The Class 3 C Claims <u>are</u> impaired. Most of the claims of borrowers, employees, and vendors will be classified in Class 3 C. Holders of Class 3 C and 4 C Allowed Unsecured Claims shall be entitled to receive distributions commencing on the Effective Date to the extent funds of the Consolidated Debtors are available after satisfaction of the Consolidated Debtors' Plan obligations to higher priority claimants, establishment of the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust Reserve, and reservation of sufficient funds to pay the projected expenses of the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust, and continuing on each Subsequent Distribution Date, equal to their Pro Rata Share of any distributions of Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust Assets made by the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee out of the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust.

In addition to the distributions described above, Holders of Class 3 C General Unsecured Claims shall be entitled to receive a Pro Rata Share of the Lone Star Settlement Payment subject to the terms of this Plan. Holders of Class 3 C General Unsecured Claims and Class 6 C Convenience Claims are deemed to have accepted the Creditor Release, thereby releasing any personal or direct claims they have against the Lone Star Releasees, as discussed below in Section V.L.1 of this Disclosure Statement.

Upon full administration of the Assets vested in the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust, the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee shall make the Final Distribution, and all obligations under the Plan of the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee to the Holders of Allowed Class 3 C Claims shall be satisfied. In the event that the Holders of Allowed Class 3 C Claims are paid in full, together with interest thereon from the Petition Date through the date on which such claim is paid in full calculated at the federal judgment rate in effect as of the Petition Date, any funds remaining in the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust Account, net of expenses, shall be distributed first to the Holders of the Allowed Class 4 C and then to the Holders of Allowed Class 7 C Claims in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.

The Lone Star Entities have agreed to waive the right to receive distributions from the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust if the Plan is confirmed. Thus, Class 3 C claims are expected to receive increased recoveries if the Plan is confirmed with this voluntary waiver by the Lone Star Entities—as explained in more detail in the Liquidation Analysis attached as

Exhibit B, Class 3 H recoveries are estimated to be between 67% and 100% under the Plan, as opposed to 19.1% to 49.3% in liquidation.

<u>Class 4 C - General Unsecured Claims (including Allowed Unsecured Claims of home</u> <u>loan borrowers) against the Consolidated Debtors opting out of the Creditor Release</u>: The Class 4C Claims <u>are</u> impaired. Holders of Allowed Class 3C and 4C Claims shall be entitled to receive a Pro Rata Share of interests in the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust and are entitled to receive distributions equal to their Pro Rata Share of any distributions of the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust Assets made by the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee out of the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust in accordance with the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust, and continuing on each Subsequent Distribution Date, equal to their Pro Rata Share of any distributions of Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust Assets made by the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee out of the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust.

For the avoidance of doubt, Holders of Class 4 C Non-Releasing General Unsecured Claims opting out of the Creditor Release shall not be entitled to receive any distributions from the Lone Star Settlement Payment.

Upon full administration of the Assets vested in the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust, the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee shall make the Final Distribution, and all obligations under the Plan of the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee to the Holders of Allowed Class 4C Claims shall be satisfied. In the event that the Holders of Allowed Class 4C Claims are paid in full, together with interest thereon from the Petition Date through the date on which such claim is paid in full calculated at the federal judgment rate in effect as of the Petition Date, any funds remaining in the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust Account, net of expenses, shall be distributed to the Holders of Allowed Class 7C Claims in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.

The Lone Star Entities have agreed to waive the right to receive distributions from the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust if the Plan is confirmed. Thus, Class 4 C claims are expected to receive increased recoveries if the Plan is confirmed with this voluntary waiver by the Lone Star Entities—as explained in more detail in the Liquidation Analysis attached as Exhibit B, Class 4 C recoveries are estimated to be only 19.1% to 49.3% in liquidation.

## BECAUSE CLASS 4 C CLAIMS <u>ARE</u> IMPAIRED UNDER THE PLAN, HOLDERS OF CLASS 4 C CLAIMS <u>ARE</u> ENTITLED TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN.

<u>Class 5 C - Unsecured Claims Against the Consolidated Debtors held by the Lone Star</u> <u>Entities</u>: The Class 5 C Claims <u>are</u> impaired. The Claims of the Lone Star Entities shall be waived and shall receive no distributions under this Plan.

# BECAUSE CLASS 5 C CLAIMS <u>ARE</u> IMPAIRED UNDER THE PLAN, HOLDERS OF CLASS 5 C CLAIMS <u>ARE</u> ENTITLED TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN.

<u>Class 6 C - Convenience Class Claims</u>: Each Holder of a Consolidated Debtor Convenience Claim in Class 6 C shall receive 75% of the Holder's Class 6 C Convenience Claim in one cash payment as part of the Effective Date Distribution from the Consolidated Debtors or such other less favorable treatment as is agreed upon by the Consolidated Debtors, and the Holder of such Consolidated Debtor Convenience Claim.

Holders of Class 6 C Convenience Claims are deemed to have accepted the Creditor Release, thereby releasing any personal or direct claims they have against the Lone Star Releasees, as discussed below in Section V.L.1 of this Disclosure Statement, and therefore will be entitled to receive distributions from the Lone Star Settlement Payment.

An Allowed Unsecured Claim against any of the Consolidated Debtors that has a face amount equal to or less than \$25,0000 shall be treated as a Class 6 C Claim, <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u> that a Holder of such a Claim may opt for that Claim to be treated as a Class 4 C Claim by making that designation on a properly cast Ballot.

The Lone Star Entities have agreed to waive the right to receive distributions from the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust if the Plan is confirmed. Thus, Class 6 C claims are expected to receive increased recoveries if the Plan is confirmed with this voluntary waiver by the Lone Star Entities—as explained in more detail in the Liquidation Analysis attached as Exhibit B, Class 6 H recoveries are estimated to be between 75% under the Plan, as opposed to 19.1% to 49.3% in liquidation.

# BECAUSE CLASS 6 C CLAIMS <u>ARE</u> IMPAIRED UNDER THE PLAN, HOLDERS OF CLASS 6 C CLAIMS <u>ARE</u> ENTITLED TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN.

<u>Class 7 C - Subordinated Claims against the Consolidated Debtors</u>: The Class 7C Claims <u>are</u> impaired. Class 7 C consists of claims against the Consolidated Debtors that are subordinated for any reason under Section 510 of the Bankruptcy Code, including the subordinated claim the REIT, which is being allowed pursuant to Sec. 10.8 of this Plan. Holders of Class 7 C Subordinated Claims shall receive no distribution under the Plan unless the Holders of Class 3 C and 4 C Allowed Claims are paid in full with interest as provided under the Plan, and in such event shall receive any Residual Assets upon termination and dissolution of the Liquidating Trust as provided under the Plan.

# BECAUSE CLASS 7 C SUBORDINATED CLAIMS ARE IMPAIRED AND WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY RECEIVE NO DISTRIBUTION, THE HOLDERS OF CLASS 7 C SUBORDINATE CLAIMS ARE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO HAVE REJECTED AND THEREFORE ARE NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN.

<u>Class 8 C - Interests</u>: Class 8 C consists of the Interests in the Consolidated Debtors. All Interests shall be canceled as of the Effective Date and the Holders thereof shall receive no distribution under the Plan, unless Holders of all Class 7 C Allowed Subordinated Claims against the Consolidated Debtors are paid in full with interest as provided under the Plan, and in such event shall receive any remaining Residual Assets upon termination and dissolution of the Liquidating Trust as provided under the Plan.

BECAUSE CLASS 8 C INTERESTS ARE IMPAIRED AND WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY RECEIVE NO DISTRIBUTION, THE HOLDERS OF CLASS 8 C INTERESTS ARE CONCLUSIVELY PRESUMED TO HAVE REJECTED THE PLAN, AND THEREFORE ARE NOT ENTITLED TO VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN.

#### 4. Intercompany Claims

#### (a) Inter-Debtor Waivers

By virtue of the compromises and settlement of the issues set forth in the Plan, on the Effective Date, (i) AHL Canada shall pay and satisfy the Claims of the Consolidated Debtors against AHL Canada and after giving effect to such payment, (ii) each Debtor shall waive any defense, including, without limitation, defenses arising under §§ 502(d) and 553(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, to Intercompany Claims asserted by another Debtor and such claims shall be deemed Allowed Claims, (iii) Intercompany Claims between Debtors shall be deemed to be mutual claims arising prior to the Petition Date for purposes of setoff, (iv) except as provided in Section 3.1 of the Plan, each Debtor may have against another Debtor, and (v) except as provided in Section 3.1 of the Plan, each Debtor shall waive and forever release any right, Claim or Cause of Action which has been or could have been asserted by such Debtor against any other Debtor.

#### (b) Non-Debtor Subsidiary Waivers

By virtue of the compromises and settlement of the issues set forth in the Plan and except as otherwise provided in this Plan, on the Effective Date, (i) AHL Canada shall pay and satisfy the Claims of the Consolidated Debtors against AHL Canada and after giving effect to such payment, (ii) each Non-Debtor Subsidiary, except REIT and AHL Canada, shall waive any defense, including, without limitation, defenses arising under §§ 502(d) and 553(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, to Intercompany Claims asserted by another Debtor or Non-Debtor Subsidiary against any Debtor and such claims shall be deemed Allowed Claims, (iii) Intercompany Claims between Debtors and Non-Debtor Subsidiaries, except REIT and AHL Canada, shall be deemed to be mutual claims arising prior to the Petition Date for purposes of setoff, (iv) each Non-Debtor Subsidiary, except REIT, shall waive its right to receive any distribution on any Claims and Causes of Action such Non-Debtor Subsidiary may have against any Debtor, except that the Debtors shall not waive or release any Non-Debtor Subsidiary for any Avoidance Actions, and (v) except as provided in Section 6.2 of the Plan, each Non-Debtor Subsidiary, except REIT, shall waive and forever release any right, Claim or Cause of Action which has been or could have been asserted by such Non-Debtor Subsidiary against any Debtor.

#### B. Convenience Classes

As discussed above, Holders of Convenience Claims will be paid 75% of their Allowed Claims in full in cash upon the Effective Date. However, in exchanged for this favorable treatment, such Holders will not be entitled to receive any further distributions. Holders of Allowed Claims against Consolidated Holdco that are greater than \$25,000 must vote to accept the Plan and agree to reduce to their claims to \$25,000 in order to receive this favorable treatment. Holders of Allowed Claims against the Consolidated Debtors must agree to reduce their claims to \$25,000 (if such Claims are greater than \$25,000), vote to accept the Plan, and not opt out of the Creditor Release in order to receive this favorable treatment. Eligible Creditors will have the opportunity to elect for this treatment on the Ballot they receive as part of the process of voting upon the Plan.

## C. Allowance and Disallowance of Claims and Interests

No distribution shall be made with respect to any Disputed Claim, even if a portion of the Claim is not disputed, until the entire Claim is resolved by a Final Order. At such time as a Disputed Claim becomes an Allowed Claim, the Holder of such Allowed Claim shall receive the cash and/or other distributions to which such Holder is then entitled to under the Plan, but in no event prior to the later of (i) the Distribution Date, (ii) the date that an order regarding such Claim becomes a Final Order or (iii) in accordance therewith when assets become available for distribution to the Holder of such Claim under the Plan.

The Liquidating Trustee shall file objections to Claims or Interests within one hundred eight (180) days of the Effective Date. The Liquidating Trustee may obtain an extension of this date by filing a motion in the Bankruptcy Court, based upon a showing of "cause." Once a Claim or Interest becomes an Allowed Claim or Interest, it will receive the treatment afforded by this Plan.

The deadline for filing with the Bankruptcy Court any and all Claims against the Debtor, other than Administrative Claims and Claims arising from the assumption or rejection of any executory contract or unexpired lease pursuant to the Plan, was October 6, 2009. Any such Claim that was not filed prior to that time, except as otherwise set forth in the Plan or order entered by the Court, is forever barred and shall be conclusively deemed discharged and disallowed for purposes of voting on this Plan or receiving any distributions hereunder.

### **D.** Subordination

Pursuant to § 510(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, except as otherwise agreed to by a creditor, class of creditors, or as otherwise provided under the Plan, nothing in this Plan is intended to affect the terms or enforceability of any subordination agreement entered into prior to the Effective Date by any creditor or group of creditors in favor of any other creditors of the Debtors in respect of any obligations owing by the Debtors.

#### E. Deemed Consent

By submitting a Ballot or receiving a Distribution under or any benefit pursuant to the Plan and not electing to withhold consent as provided under the Plan prior to the Confirmation Date, each Holder of a Claim or Interest shall be deemed to have specifically consented to the terms of the Plan, including the releases and treatment contained in the Plan.

## F. Liquidating Trust

Except where specifically provided otherwise, the terms of below shall apply to both the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust and the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust and shall be construed according to this principle. Thus, for example, where this Disclosure Statement states, "[t]he Liquidating Trustee for the Liquidating Trust shall be selected by the Debtors," this provision of the Plan should be interpreted as if it states both (a) "[t]he Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee for the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust shall be selected by the Consolidated Debtors" and (b) "[t]he Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust shall be selected by the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust shall be selected by Consolidated Holdco."

#### 1. Appointment of Liquidating Trustee

(a) On or before the Plan Supplement Filing Date, the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee shall be selected by the Creditors Committee and be reasonably acceptable to the Consolidated Debtors and REIT, and the Holdco Liquidating Trustee shall be selected by the Creditors Committee and be reasonably acceptable to Wells Fargo Bank, as indenture trustee under the Trust Preferred Indenture, and the REIT; provided, however, that none of the Lone Star Entities or their affiliates, officers, directors or employees shall serve as Liquidating Trustee. Prior to the Confirmation Date, the person(s) designated as Liquidating Trustee shall file an affidavit demonstrating that such person is disinterested. If approved by the Bankruptcy Court in the Confirmation Order, the person so designated shall become the Liquidating Trustee of the respective Liquidating Trust on the Effective Date.

(b) The Liquidating Trustee shall have and perform all of the duties, responsibilities, rights and obligations set forth in the Liquidating Trust Agreement.

## 2. <u>Funding of the Holdco Liquidating Trust</u>

The Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust will be funded initially by a contribution to the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust Account by Consolidated Holdco equal to its Effective Date Balance less any payments made to the Holders of Allowed Administrative Claims, Holders of Allowed Secured Claims, Holders of Allowed Priority Claims, Holders of Allowed Priority Tax Claims, and Holders of Allowed Convenience Claims against Consolidated Holdco on the Effective Date. The Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust shall subsequently be funded from any amounts recovered from the other Proceeds of the Holdco Assets.

### 3. Funding of the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust

The Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust will be funded initially by a contribution to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust Account by the Consolidated Debtors equal to their Effective Date Balance less any payments made to the Holders of Allowed Administrative Claims, Holders of Allowed Secured Claims, Holders of Allowed Priority Claims, Holders of Allowed Priority Tax Claims, and Holders of Allowed Convenience Claims against the Consolidated Debtors on the Effective Date. The Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust shall subsequently be funded from the other Proceeds of Consolidated Debtors Assets.

### 4. <u>Transfer of Liquidating Trust Assets to the Liquidating Trust</u>

On the Effective Date, the Debtors shall transfer and shall be deemed to have irrevocably transferred to the Liquidating Trusts, for and on behalf of the beneficiaries of the Liquidating Trusts, with no reversionary interest in the Debtors, the Liquidating Trust Assets. For the avoidance of doubt, the Consolidated Debtors shall transfer and convey the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust Assets to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust and Consolidated Holdco shall transfer and convey the Consolidated Holdco Assets to the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust.

### 5. <u>The Liquidating Trust</u>

(a) Without any further action of the directors or shareholders of the Debtors, on the Effective Date, the Liquidating Trust Agreement for the Liquidating Trust, substantially in the form included in the Plan Supplement, shall become effective. On or before the Effective Date, the Debtors and the Liquidating Trustee shall execute the Liquidating Trust Agreements and shall take such other necessary steps to establish the Liquidating Trusts. The Liquidating Trustee shall accept the Liquidating Trust Assets and sign the Liquidating Trust Agreement on the Effective Date and the Liquidating Trust will then be deemed created and effective.

(b) The Liquidating Trustee shall have full authority to take any steps necessary to administer the Liquidating Trust Assets and the Lone Star Settlement Payment, as applicable, including, without limitation, the duty and obligation to liquidate Liquidating Trust Assets, and to pursue and settle any other trust claims, subject to the approval of the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board and the procedures in the Liquidating Trust Agreements. Upon such transfer (which, as stated above, shall occur on the Effective Date), the Debtors and their Estates shall have no other rights or obligations with respect to the Liquidating Trusts.

(c) All costs and expenses associated with the administration of the Liquidating Trust shall be the responsibility of and paid by the Liquidating Trust from the Liquidating Trust Assets.

(d) The Liquidating Trustee may retain such law firms, accounting firms, experts, advisors, consultants, investigators, appraiser, auctioneers or other professionals as it may deem necessary (collectively, the "Liquidating Trustee Professionals"), in its sole discretion, and at the sole expense of the Liquidating Trust, to aid in the performance of its responsibilities pursuant to

the terms of this Plan including, without limitation, the liquidation and distribution of Liquidating Trust Assets and the Lone Star Settlement Payment, as applicable.

(e) The Liquidating Trustee is required to distribute to the holders of Allowed Claims on account of their interests in the Liquidating Trust, on a periodic basis, and at least once per year, all unrestricted Cash on hand (including any Cash received from the applicable Debtors on the Effective Date, and treating any permissible investment as Cash for purposes of this Section 9.6(e)), except such amounts (i) as have been reserved on account of Disputed Claims, or are otherwise part of the claims reserve established by the Liquidating Trustee, (ii) as are reasonably necessary to meet contingent liabilities and to maintain the value of the Liquidating Trust Assets during liquidation, (iii) as are necessary to pay reasonable incurred or anticipated expenses (including, but not limited to, any taxes imposed on or payable by the Debtors or the Liquidating Trust or in respect of the Liquidating Trust Assets), or (iv) as are necessary to satisfy other liabilities incurred or anticipated by the Liquidating Trust in accordance with the Plan or the Liquidating Trust Agreement; provided, however, that the Liquidating Trustee shall not be required to make a distribution pursuant to this Section 9.6(e) if the aggregate, net amount of unrestricted Cash available for distribution (taking into account the above listed exclusions) is such as would make the distribution impracticable as reasonably determined by the Liquidating Trustee; and provided further that nothing in this Plan shall compel the Liquidating Trustee to treat any tentative Tax Refund(s) obtained pursuant to Tax Code Section 6411 as unrestricted cash until completion of the associated audit by the relevant authorities.

(f) For federal tax purposes, it is intended that the Liquidating Trust be classified as a liquidating trust under Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-4 and that the trust beneficiaries will be treated as grantors and deemed owners of the trust. Accordingly, for federal income tax purposes, it is intended that the beneficiaries be treated as if they had received a distribution of an undivided interest in the Liquidating Trust Assets and then contributed such interests to the Liquidating Trust. The Liquidating Trust Agreement shall (i) state that the sole purpose of the Liquidating Trust is to liquidate the Liquidating Trust Assets with no objective to continue or engage in the conduct of a trade or business and (ii) contain a fixed or determinable termination date that is not more than five (5) years from the date of creation of the Liquidating Trust, which termination date may be extended for one or more finite terms subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court upon a finding that the extension is necessary to its liquidating purpose. Each such extension must be approved by the Bankruptcy Court within six (6) months before the beginning of the extended term.

(g) The Liquidating Trustee shall be responsible for filing all federal, state and local tax returns for the Liquidating Trust. The Liquidating Trustee shall file all federal tax returns for the Liquidating Trust as a grantor trust pursuant to Treasury Regulation Section 1.671-4. The Liquidating Trustee also will annually send to each holder of a Liquidating Trust as relevant for U.S. federal income tax purposes and will instruct all such holders to use such information in preparing their U.S. federal income tax returns or to forward the appropriate information to such holder's underlying beneficial holders with instructions to utilize such information in preparing their U.S. federal income tax returns. The Liquidating Trustee shall also file (or cause to be

filed) any other statement, return or disclosure relating to the Liquidating Trust that is required by any governmental unit.

(h) On or before the Effective Date, the Debtors shall provide the Liquidating Trustee with a good-faith valuation of the Tax Refunds as of the Effective Date. As soon as practical after the Effective Date, the Liquidating Trustee shall determine the fair market value, as of the Effective Date, of all other Liquidating Trust Assets, and shall make all such values (including the Tax Refunds value) available from time to time, to the extent relevant, and such values shall be used consistently by all parties to the Liquidating Trust (including, without limitation, the Debtors, the Liquidating Trustee, and Liquidating Trust Beneficiaries) for all United States federal income tax purposes.

(i) The Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee shall have full and exclusive authority and responsibility with respect to all Tax Refunds to the same extent as if the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee were Consolidated Holdco, the Consolidated Debtors, debtors, or debtors-in-possession, including the filing of tax returns (including amended tax returns), or requests for refunds for one or more of the Debtors. Without limiting the foregoing, each of the Debtors shall execute, on or prior to the Effective Date, a power of attorney authorizing the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee to correspond with any tax authority on behalf of such Debtor and to sign, collect, negotiate, settle, and administer the Tax Refunds, tax payments and tax returns. The Consolidated Debtors (and the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee, as assignee) shall be entitled to the amount of the Tax Refunds. For the avoidance of doubt, Holdco hereby waives and relinquishes any right or interest to the Tax Refunds and the Tax Refunds shall be and is hereby deemed assets and property of the Consolidated Debtors.

### 6. Limitation of Liability for Liquidating Trustee

Upon the Effective Date and execution of the Liquidating Trust, the Liquidating Trustee as trustee of the Liquidating Trust, and not personally, shall be vested in all right, title and interest in all Liquidating Trust Assets, and shall have all rights to enforce orders of the Bankruptcy Court entered in this Bankruptcy Proceeding. The Liquidating Trustee shall liquidate the Liquidating Trust Assets and distribute the proceeds thereof in accordance with this Plan and the Liquidating Trust Agreement.

## 7. The Liquidating Trust Advisory Boards

(a) The Liquidating Trust Advisory Boards shall be comprised of up to three (3) members selected by the Creditors' Committee, be reasonably acceptable to the Consolidated Debtors and the REIT and, in the case of the Holdco Liquidating Trust Advisory Board, be reasonably acceptable to Wells Fargo, as indenture trustee under the Trust Preferred Indenture; provided, however, that none of the Lone Star Entities or their affiliates, officers, directors or employees shall serve on either of the Liquidating Trust Advisory Boards. Written notice of the identities of such members shall be filed with the Bankruptcy Court by the Plan Supplement Filing Date. The Liquidating Trust Advisory Board shall adopt such by-laws as it may deem appropriate. In the event written notice is not filed prior to the Plan Supplement Filing Date,

there will be no Liquidating Trust Advisory Board. The Liquidating Trustee shall consult regularly with the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board when carrying out the purpose and intent of the Liquidating Trust. Members of the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board shall be entitled to reimbursement of the reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by them in carrying out the purpose of the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board. Reimbursement of the reasonable and necessary expenses of the members of the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board shall be payable by the Liquidating Trust.

(b) The Liquidating Trust Advisory Board shall advise and approve the actions of the Liquidating Trustee and have the right and duties as more particularly set forth in the Liquidating Trust Agreements, including, but not limited to, (a) authorize the Liquidating Trustee to commence, continue to prosecute or abandon any Causes of Action; (b) approve the settlement or compromise of any Cause of Action if the amount sought to be recovered in the complaint or other pleadings or documents initiating, evidencing, or stating such Cause of Action exceeds \$1,000,000; (c) approve the sale, assignment, or other conveyance or abandonment of any Trust Asset for an amount exceeding \$1,000,000 or an asset that has a value in exceess of \$1,000,000; (d) approve the allowance of any Disputed Claim, if the asserted amount of such claim exceeds \$250,000; (e) with respect to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust, all matters concern the Tax Refunds, and (f) review, contest, or challenge to fees and expenses of the Liquidating Trustee and its professionals.

(c) In the case of an inability or unwillingness of any member of the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board to serve, such member shall be replaced by designation of the remaining members of the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board. If the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board has only one member and any position on the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board remains vacant for more than thirty (30) days, such vacancy shall be filed within fifteen (15) days thereafter by the designation of the Liquidating Trustee without the requirement of a vote by the other members of the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board.

(d) Upon the certification by the Liquidating Trustee that all Liquidating Trust Assets have been distributed, abandoned or otherwise disposed of, the members of the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board shall resign their positions, whereupon they shall be discharged from further duties and responsibilities.

(e) The Liquidating Trust Advisory Board, in its discretion, may remove the Liquidating Trustee by majority vote. In the event the requisite approval is not obtained, the Liquidating Trustee may be removed by the Bankruptcy Court for cause shown. In the event of the resignation or removal of the Liquidating Trustee, the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board shall, by majority vote, designate a person to serve as successor Liquidating Trustee. In the event the Liquidating Trustee, the Bankruptcy Court shall make such selection.

(f) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Plan, neither the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board nor any of its members, designees, or any duly designated agent or representative of any such party shall be liable for the act, default or misconduct of any other member of the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board, nor shall any member be liable for anything

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other than such member's own gross negligence or willful misconduct. The Liquidating Trust Advisory Board may, in connection with the performance of its duties, and in its sole and absolute discretion, consult with its counsel, accountants or other professionals, and shall not be liable for anything done or omitted or suffered to be done in accordance with such advice or opinions. If the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board determines not to consult with its counsel, accountants or other professionals, that fact alone shall not be deemed to impose any liability on the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board, or its members and/or designees.

(g) To the extent the Liquidating Trust Advisory Board adopts by-laws, no provisions of such by-laws shall supersede any express provision of the Plan.

#### 8. <u>Transferability</u>

The Debtors shall cause the interests in the Liquidating Trust to be non-transferrable and any such transfer shall be disregarded by the applicable Liquidating Trustee except with respect to a transfer by will or under laws of descent and distribution; provided, however, such transfer will not be effective until and unless the Liquidating Trustee receives written notice of such transfer under the law of descent and distribution.

### 9. Final Administration of Liquidating Trusts

Upon full administration of the Assets vested in the Liquidating Trust, and the satisfaction as far as possible of all remaining liabilities of the Liquidating Trust, in accordance with the Plan, the Liquidating Trustee, shall: (i) terminate the Liquidating Trust, by filing written notice of termination with the Bankruptcy Court and providing such notice to the Beneficiaries and the United States Trustee; (ii) as soon as practicable after termination of the Liquidating Trust, provide to the United States Trustee, and file with the Bankruptcy Court, a final account and report of Liquidating Trust administration; and (iii) thereupon be forever discharged of and released from all power, duties and responsibilities under the Liquidating Trust Agreement and the Plan. Every effort shall be made to effectuate such termination no later than the time reasonably necessary to accomplish the Liquidating Trust's purpose of liquidating the Trust Assets and distributing the proceeds thereof to the Beneficiaries in accordance with the Liquidating Trust Agreement and the Plan, and in no event shall the Liquidating Trust continue for more than five (5) years after the Effective Date without further order of the Bankruptcy Court.

#### G. Lone Star Settlement

The Plan is deemed to be a motion pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P 9019 to authorize a settlement between the Consolidated Debtors and the Lone Star Entities. The provisions of the Plan are intended to implement the Plan Support Agreement and Term Sheet, and the Plan Support Agreement and Term Sheet provides that it shall be effected through the Plan and is contingent upon confirmation of the Plan and approval of the Plan Support Agreement and Term Sheet as attached hereto to the Plan and all terms therein are to be considered part of the Plan and are incorporated into the Plan by reference, whether or not specifically enumerated elsewhere in the Plan.

All provisions of the Plan Support Agreement and Term Sheet are to be considered nonseverable and the Plan and the Plan Support Agreement and Term Sheet are to be considered non-severable. The terms of the Plan Support Agreement and Term Sheet set forth below are for the purpose of summary and convenience only, and are not intended to take precedence over the terms of the Plan Support Agreement and Term Sheet. To the extent the summary provided below conflicts with the terms of the Plan Support Agreement and Term Sheet, the Plan Support Agreement and Term Sheet shall control.

1. <u>Terms of the Lone Star Settlement</u>. As more fully set forth in the Plan Support Agreement and Term Sheet, attached to the Plan, the general terms of the Lone Star Settlement are:

(a) Provided that less than 25% in amount of the general unsecured claims against the consolidated debtors eligible to vote on the plan elect treatment as Class 4C Creditors (rather than Class 3C Creditors) and to withhold releases of direct and personal claims (the "<u>Release Requirement</u>"), under the Plan:

(i) one or more of the Lone Star Entities (other than LSF MRA, LLC) shall make a payment to the Consolidated Debtors in the amount of \$15.6 million (the "Lone Star Settlement Payment") to be made available to those unsecured creditors (including the REIT) who grant releases as set forth in Section 5.3 of the Plan, with the Lone Star Settlement Payment being first used to pay Holders of Class 6 C Consolidated Debtor Convenience Claims, and then Holders of Class 3 C General Unsecured Claims against the Consolidated Debtors, and then being transferred into the Consolidated Debtors' Liquidating Trust when the remaining amount is less than \$200,000;

(ii) the Lone Star Entities shall be deemed to have waived, for purposes of the Plan and receiving distributions hereunder, all claims against the Consolidated Debtors or their respective properties, including those asserted in their Proofs of Claim; and

the Lone Star Entities shall be deemed to have subordinated, for purposes (iii) of the Plan and receiving distributions thereunder, all claims asserted against Consolidated Holdco in favor of those holders of allowed nonpriority unsecured claims that do not vote to reject the Plan, to the extent such claims of the Lone Star Entities are not disallowed, so that any distributions to the Lone Star Entities on account of claims against Consolidated Holdco will first be distributed to such non-rejecting claims until such claims are paid in full (which distributions shall not be subject to disgorgement); provided, however, that subordination of the claims of the Lone Star Entities against Consolidated Holdco shall not in any way affect or be deemed to affect the availability of such claims for use as setoff or any other defenses of the Lone Star Entities to or against claims against the Lone Star Entities asserted by Consolidated Holdco (including by Consolidated Holdco as assignee of the REIT Releasors), and further provided, that claims, if any, that may be brought by the Consolidated Holdco estates or Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trustee against any of the Lone Star Entities must be brought within 120 days of the Effective Date unless further extended either by the written consent of the Lone Star Entities or by order of the court not to exceed an additional 120 days; and still

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<u>further provided</u>, that in the event of any distributions to non-rejecting creditors on account of the claims of the Lone Star Entities, the claims of the Lone Star Entities shall remain available for use by the Lone Star Entities for set off or as defenses, to the extent applicable, as if such distributions had not been made. The Lone Star Entities agree to toll any applicable statute of limitations with respect to any Consolidated Holdco claims set forth in this Paragraph to the end of such 120 day period (and the additional 120 days, if applicable).

(b) Upon the Effective Date of the Plan, the Lone Star Entities and current and former affiliates and all their respective officers, agents, employees, directors, attorneys, representatives, insurers, predecessors, successors and assigns (other than any Debtor, the REIT or a non-debtor subsidiary of any Debtor) but excluding any attorneys, accountants, auditors, investment bankers, financial or other advisors, consultants or agents that provided professional, accounting, audit or other services to the REIT, Debtors, and non-debtor subsidiaries of any of the Debtors, and further excluding any insurers who provided insurance to the Debtors or any non-debtor subsidiary of the Debtors including the REIT (collectively with the current and former Officers and Directors of the Debtors set forth in the Plan, the "Lone Star Releasees") shall receive a full release of all claims from the estates of the Consolidated Debtors and of all direct and personal claims relating to the Consolidated Debtors and their businesses from individual creditors of the Plan Payment by not electing to withhold releases of direct and personal claims as of the Effective Date. The direct and personal claims of the REIT Releasors shall be treated as follows:

(i) REIT and the members of the REIT Committee shall release the Lone Star Releasees and the current and former officers and directors (including trustees) of the Debtors but not the current and former directors and officers (including trustees) of the REIT or the Lone Star Releasees in their capacities as directors or officers (or trustees) of the REIT (the "<u>REIT Ds and Os</u>") of all direct and personal claims including any derivative claims held by the REIT that are assertable on behalf of the REIT Preferred Holders.

(ii) The REIT and the members of the REIT Committee shall assign to Consolidated Holdco (or the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust) all direct and personal claims of the REIT (including any derivative claims held by the REIT that are assertable on behalf of the REIT Preferred Holders) and of such REIT Committee Members against the REIT Ds and Os; provided, however, that the REIT, the members of the REIT Committee and Consolidated Holdco (and the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust and Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trustee), as assignee, shall be permitted to satisfy any judgment, settlement or other obligation due on account of any such claims against (i) the personal property or individual assets of any individual REIT Ds and Os up to an aggregate of \$5,000,000 for all such claims and (ii) from the proceeds of any insurance policies that provide or are otherwise legally or contractually obligated to provide coverage with respect to the claims against the REIT Ds and Os or from any insurance company that has issued such policy ((i) and (ii) collectively, the "Litigation Recovery Sources"). The rights of any insured or actual or prospective claimant against the policies shall not be altered by the terms of these provisions. For the avoidance of doubt, the rights of the REIT, the members of the REIT Committee (and Consolidated Holdco as assignee of the REIT claims) and the REIT Ds and Os against any of the policies are fully preserved.

(c) The Consolidated Debtors and Consolidated Liquidating or Litigation Trustee agree and covenant not to make, assert or pursue any claim or commence any action or litigation against the Lone Star Releasees or the current and former Directors and Officers of the Debtors released as set forth herein or under or against the D&O Policies. Any release of current or former Directors and Officers of the Debtors as set forth herein shall also be conditioned on such officer or director granting a full release of claims against the Consolidated Debtors and their respective properties (including all claims under or that could be asserted under filed proofs of claim, which claims shall be deemed expunged and relinquished).

(d) The REIT, the members of the REIT Committee, Consolidated Holdco and the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust and Trustee shall agree not to satisfy or attempt to satisfy any judgment, settlement or other obligation due on account of any claims of the REIT or a member of the REIT Committee against the REIT Ds and Os from any source other than from the Litigation Recovery Sources.

### H. Means for Implementation of the Plan

#### 1. Substantive Consolidation

Substantive consolidation is an equitable remedy that the Bankruptcy Court may be asked to apply in cases that involve affiliated debtors. As contrasted with procedural consolidation, substantive consolidation may affect the substantive rights and obligations of creditors and debtors. Substantive consolidation involves the pooling and merging of the assets and liabilities of the debtors in the substantively consolidated group; all of the debtors in that group are treated as if they were a single corporate and economic entity for purposes of the plan. The consolidated assets create a single fund from which all claims against each of the consolidated debtors is satisfied. Consequently, a creditor of one of the substantively consolidated debtors is treated as a creditor of the substantively consolidated group of debtors and issues of corporate ownership of property and individual corporate liability on obligations are ignored. However, substantive consolidation does not affect the debtors' separate corporate existence or independent ownership of property for any purposes other than for making distributions of property under a plan of reorganization or otherwise as necessary to implement the plan.

The power to substantively consolidate interrelated bankruptcy estates arises from the general equitable powers of a Bankruptcy Court established in section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. Within this framework, the principal factors to which courts have looked to determine the propriety of substantive consolidation include: (i) whether creditors dealt with the debtor entities as a single economic unit and did not rely on their separate identities in extending credit, and (ii) whether the affairs of the debtors are so entangled that the consolidation will benefit all creditors of the debtors' estates. Additional factors to be considered include: (i) the presence or absence of consolidated financial statements; (ii) the existence of inter-company guaranties or loans; (iii) the unity of interest and ownership between the various corporate entities; (iv) the transfer of

assets without formal observance of corporate formalities; (v) the degree of difficulty in segregating and ascertaining individual assets and liabilities; (vi) common directors and/or officers shared by the parents, affiliates and subsidiaries; (vii) a parent or its affiliates financing one another; and (viii) commingling of assets and business functions.

The Plan provides for the Estates of AHL, Inc., Inzura Services, Inc., and Windsor Management Co., d/b/a AHL Foreclosure Services Co. to be substantively consolidated for purposes related to the Plan and any distributions made thereunder. The Plan also provides for the Estate of Accredited Home Lenders Holding Co. to be substantively consolidated with the Estate of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Vendor Management Services, L.L.C, d/b/a Inzura Settlement Services. As discussed above, Intercompany Claims amongst the Estates being consolidated shall be released, all Claims against any of the Estates being consolidated shall be deemed filed against the relevant consolidated Estate, which shall be deemed a single obligation of the relevant Estate, and the Estates shall be effectively treated as one entity for purposes of distribution. The Debtors believe that the substantive consolidation of these Estates in this manner will facilitate confirmation of the Plan, foster similarity and fairness of treatment of Holders of Claims of similar priority, and will not have a materially adverse impact upon the distributions to unsecured creditors.

## 2. <u>Settlement Amongst the Estates</u>

The allocation of certain Assets is an integral component of the comprehensive compromise and settlement concerning Intercompany Claims and intra-Debtor issues as determined in light of a number of facts, including, but not limited to, (i) respective legal claims, rights and entitlements of the Debtors, (ii) validity and enforceability of Intercompany Claims, (iii) Intercompany Claims not reflected as inter-company payables or receivables in the Debtors' books and records, (iv) relative value of Assets under administration in each Debtor, (v) Intercompany Claims for contribution or reimbursement, (vi) the necessity of resolving inter-Estate and inter-Debtor issues and disputes through the Plan, and (vii) administration and liquidation of Trust Assets unfettered or effected by inter-Estate or inter-Debtor conflicts of interest or multiple claims. As part of the process of settling the Intercompany Claims and intra-Debtor issues, AP Services performed an analysis of the administrative claims incurred by the Debtors on a project by project basis, the results of which have been factored into the proposed settlement among the estates.

In order to facilitate an orderly wind down of these estates, the Debtors have agreed to settle a number of disputes that may exist among the Debtors. Among the disputes that exist are the following:

- The potential cause of action between Holdco and AHL, Inc. relating to the transfer of ownership of AHL Canada from Holdco to AHL, Inc. and the transfer of ownership of the REIT from AHL, Inc. and Holdco;
- Intercompany Claims between AHL, Inc. and Holdco, including the scheduled Claim of Holdco against AHL, Inc.;
- A potential dispute among the Debtors over the ownership of the Tax Refunds;

• A potential dispute over the allocation of professional fees and administrative expenses among the various Debtors.

The general terms of the settlement set forth in the Plan include the following:

- The interests of AHL, Inc. in AHL Canada, the subsidiaries thereof, and the proceeds therefrom shall be transferred to the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust, after AHL Canada satisfies the Claims of the Consolidated Debtors against AHL Canada. By unwinding this transfer without litigation, AHL Canada's assets, which have an estimated value of \$19M to \$27M, will be distributed to the Consolidated Holdco Creditors;
- All cash held by Vendor Management Services, Inc. will be transferred to the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust;
- All of the Debtors' rights in the D&O Policies and the proceeds thereof shall be transferred to the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust;
- The REIT shall transfer (i) its direct and personal claims against the REIT Ds and Os and (ii) its interest in the D&O Policies to the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust, subject to the cap on those individuals' liability of \$5,000,000 per-person, as provided in the Plan;
- The Consolidated Debtors shall be responsible for 75% of Professional Fee Administrative Claims and CRO fees and expenses, and Consolidated Holdco shall be responsible for 25% of such claims and costs;
- Any Tax Refunds received by the Debtors, any rights to receive any Tax Refunds, whether contingent, disputed, or unliquidated, and any proceeds of any Tax Refunds, shall be vested in the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust and shall be paid to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust in the same manner that such Tax Refunds would be paid to the Debtors or original taxpayers, and shall be distributed to the Consolidated Debtor's Creditors;
- The Common Securities in the Accredited Preferred Securities Trust I shall be transferred by Holdco to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust;
- The equity interest in the REIT held by Holdco shall be abandoned; and
- All rights and interests in the First American Trust FSB Deferred Compensation Trust settlement payment shall be transferred to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust.

Further, except for any claims related to the payment of Professional Fee Claims and CRO fees and expenses, as set forth above, all intercompany claims between and among the Debtors shall be released.

## 3. <u>Injunction</u>

Since the Petition Date, the Debtors and their Assets have enjoyed the protection of the "automatic stay," a provision in section 362 of the Bankruptcy Code. The automatic stay

prohibits, among other things, the commencement or continuation of a judicial, administrative, or other action or proceeding against the Debtors. The automatic stay also prohibits the enforcement of any judgment against the Debtors, any act to obtain possession of the Debtors' property or to exercise control over the Debtors' property, and any act to collect, assess, or recover a Claim against the Debtor. The automatic stay channels the Claims of Creditors through the bankruptcy process, thereby ensuring that equally-situated creditors receive equal treatment.

Under the Plan, the Court will enter an Injunction that will continue to provide the Debtors, the Liquidating Trust, the Liquidating Trustee, and their agents, successors, and assigns with the protections of the automatic stay until all distributions are made from the Liquidating Trust and the Bankruptcy Proceeding is closed.

However, this continuing Injunction shall not prohibit the commencement or continuation of any proceedings against the Debtors or real property in which the Debtors may have an interest, provided that those proceedings do not affect or give rise to any enforceable Claims against the Debtors, the Liquidating Trust, the Liquidating Trustee, their respective agents, successors, and assigns, and their property. To the extent an un-stayed legal proceeding does give rise to a judgment, order, declaration, or claim that affects the Debtors, the Liquidating Trusts, the Liquidating Trustees, their respective agents, successors, and assigns, and their property, such judgment, order, declaration, or claim shall be void.

This exception to the Injunction is designed to allow legal proceedings in which the Debtors must be included as nominal parties to continue as normal without further order of the Bankruptcy Court, while protecting the Assets of the Debtors and the Liquidating Trusts and ensuring that similarly-situated Claim Holders continue to receive equal treatment.

#### 4. <u>United States Trustee Fees</u>

On and after the Effective Date, all fees payable to the United States Trustee shall be paid as and when due by the Liquidating Trustee, which payments shall be considered a reasonable expense of the Liquidating Trust.

#### 5. <u>REIT Adversary</u>

The Plan is deemed to be a motion pursuant to Sections 363 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9019 to authorize a settlement between the Creditors Committee, the Debtors and REIT resolving the REIT Adversary as more particularly described in the Plan Support Agreement and Term Sheet. The Confirmation Order shall include approval of the settlement of the REIT Adversary, and, upon the Effective Date, the REIT Adversary shall be resolved and the REIT shall have as Allowed Claims: (1) an Allowed Unsecured Claim against the Consolidated Debtors in the amount of \$37.5 Million, which Claim shall be included in and receive the same treatment as Class 3 C; (2) an Allowed subordinated Unsecured Claim against the Consolidated Debtors in the amount of \$15 Million, which Claim shall be included in and receive the same treatment as Class 7 C; and (3) an Allowed Unsecured Claim against

Consolidated Holdco in the amount of \$20 Million, which Claim shall be included in and receive the same treatment as Class 5 H.

### 6. <u>Debtors' Continued Cooperation</u>

On or after the Effective Date, the Debtors shall provide such reasonable cooperation to effectuate the provisions of the Plan the Liquidating Trustee might reasonably request, including, but not limited to, executing such documents as might be reasonably requested to carry out the terms of the Plan.

## 7. Debtors' Continued Cooperation

From and after the Effective Date, the Debtors shall remain in existence for the sole purpose of winding up the Debtors' businesses and transferring the Assets to the applicable Liquidating Trust. Upon the completion of such liquidation and the entry of the Final Decree, the Liquidating Trustee may file a certificate of dissolution as to each of the Debtors. The Liquidating Trustee shall not be compelled to dissolve any Debtor if to do so would unduly burden the Liquidating Trust. On the Effective Date, the officers and the directors of the Debtors shall cease to serve and the Liquidating Trustee, as applicable, or their respective designee, shall be deemed the sole director and officer of each Debtor for all purposes.

## 8. Debtors' Continued Existence

On or after the Effective Date, the Debtors shall provide such reasonable cooperation to effectuate the provisions of the Plan the Liquidating Trustee might reasonably request, including, but not limited to, executing such documents as might be reasonably requested to carry out the terms of the Plan.

## 9. Debtors' Books and Records

On the Effective Date, the Debtors' books and records, in any form, including all electronic records, shall be transferred to the respective Liquidating Trust. Such Liquidating Trustee shall be free, in his or her discretion, to abandon, destroy, or otherwise dispose of those books and records in compliance with applicable non-bankruptcy law, provided, however that, in the Liquidating Trustee's discretion, these books and records may be destroyed or disposed of beginning two (2) year after the Effective Date notwithstanding any applicable laws, rules, or regulations that would have required the Debtors to retain such books and records. While these books and records are retained, each Liquidating Trustee to share the information contained therein with or provide copies of those books and records to the other Liquidating Trustee, at the expense of the requesting entity.

## 10. Privileges

All Privileges shall be transferred, assigned and delivered to the Liquidating Trusts, without waiver or release, and shall vest with the Liquidating Trustee. The Liquidating Trustee shall hold and be the beneficiary of all Privileges and entitled to assert all Privileges. No

Privilege shall be waived by disclosures to the Liquidating Trustees of the Debtors' documents, information or communications subject to attorney-client privileges, work product protections or immunities or protections from disclosure jointly held by the Debtors and the Creditors Committee.

#### 11. Dissolution of Creditors Committee

On the fifth (5th) Business Date following the Effective Date, and provided the Liquidating Trusts have become effective as provided under the Plan, the Creditors Committee will be dissolved and the Creditors Committee and its members shall be released and discharged from the rights and duties arising from or related to these chapter 11 cases and the retention or employment of the Creditors Committee professionals shall terminate, except with respect to final applications for professionals' compensation, provided that the Creditors Committee shall continue for the sole purpose of reviewing and taking any appropriate action (including, without limitation, filing objections thereto) in connection with Professional Fee Claims. The professionals retained by the Creditors' Committee and the members thereof shall not be entitled to compensation or reimbursement of expenses for any services rendered or expenses incurred after the fifth (5th) Business Day following the Effective Date, except for (i) services rendered and expenses incurred in connection with any applications by such professionals or Creditors Committee members for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses pending on the Effective Date or timely Filed after the Effective Date as provided in this Plan, as approved by the Court, (ii) services rendered and expenses incurred as requested by the Creditors Committee in connection with Professional Fee Claims and (iii) services rendered or expenses incurred with respect to implementation or enforcement of the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Creditors Committee may, at its own discretion, continue or resume its duties arising from or related to any pending litigation, contested matter, adversary proceeding or appeal to which it is a party and, in such a case, the Liquidating Trustee shall compensate the post-Effective Date fees and expenses of the Creditors Committee's professionals.

### 12. Accredited Preferred Securities Trust I Termination.

On the Effective Date all of the agreements and other documents evidencing the claim or right of any Holder against the Debtors pursuant to or related to the Trust Preferred Common Securities, Trust Preferred Guarantee, Trust Preferred Indenture, Trust Preferred Note, Trust Preferred Note Claims, and/or Trust Preferred Securities shall be (i) automatically cancelled, discharged, terminated, and of no further force and effect, and (ii) deemed surrendered without any further act by the Debtors or the Trust Preferred Indenture Trustee under any applicable agreement, law, regulation, order, or rule. However, the Trust Preferred Note, Trust Preferred Note Claims, and Trust Preferred Securities shall continue in effect solely for the purposes of (A) (i) permitting the Trust Preferred Indenture Trustee to make any distributions on account of Allowed Class 7 H Claims pursuant to this Plan and perform such other necessary administrative functions with respect thereto, (ii) permitting the Trust Preferred Indenture Trust Preferred Indenture Trustee to receive any payments it is entitled to under the Trust Preferred Indenture and exercise any rights it is entitled to exercise under the Trust Preferred Indenture; and (B) permitting Kodiak CDO I Ltd., Kodiak CDO II Ltd., and the Trust Preferred Indenture Trustee (i) to continue to participate in the

prosecution, mediation, or settlement of the Trust Preferred Adversary Proceeding, or to appeal any order or decision arising from the Trust Preferred Adversary Proceeding, and (ii) to bring any other action, suit, or proceeding against the Lone Star Entities or any other persons or entities (other than the Debtors) relating to, arising from, or in connection with the Trust Preferred Common Securities, Trust Preferred Guarantee, Trust Preferred Indenture, Trust Preferred Note, Trust Preferred Note Claims, and/or Trust Preferred Securities, and to participate in the prosecution, mediation, and/or settlement of such action, suit, or proceeding, or to appeal any order or decision in such action, suit, or proceeding, provided that such action is not a Consolidated Holdco Asset or Consolidated Debtors Asset.

#### I. Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

The following shall be the treatment of Executory Contracts:

#### 1. <u>Rejection of Certain Executory Contracts</u>

All executory contracts and unexpired leases, other than those executory contracts and unexpired leases which (i) were executed subsequent to the Petition Date, or (ii) have not expired by their own terms prior to the Confirmation Date, and other than those executory contracts and unexpired leases regarding which an Order has been entered prior to the Effective Date authorizing assumption thereof, shall be deemed rejected upon the Confirmation Date except for any executory contract or unexpired lease that is specifically designated to be assumed or has been assumed or assumed and assigned.

#### 2. Indemnification Agreements.

The obligations of the Consolidated Debtors to indemnify any person having served as an officer or director of the Consolidated Debtors, to the extent provided in any of the Consolidated Debtors' corporate governance documents or by written or other agreement or applicable law, shall be terminated and extinguished and, to any extent necessary, deemed an executory contract, terminated and rejected under the Plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this provision will not limit or modify any indemnification obligations approved by this Court.

#### 3. Employee Agreements.

On or before the Plan Supplement Filing Date, the Debtors will negotiate employment or consulting contracts with any current employees necessary to wind down the Debtors' Estates, such contracts to be reasonably acceptable to the Creditors Committee. On the Effective Date, the Debtors' remaining employees will receive a payment equal to five (5) months salary, which payment shall be in satisfaction of any prior arrangements, agreement or employment policies with the Debtors.

### 4. <u>Insurance Policies.</u>

To the extent that any and all insurance policies including the D&O Policies are considered executory contracts, then notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, such insurance policies shall be deemed assumed and assigned to the respective Liquidating Trust. Unless otherwise determined by the Bankruptcy Court, pursuant to a Final Order, no payments are required to cure any defaults of the Debtors existing as of the Confirmation Date with respect to each such policy. For the avoidance of any doubt, all rights under any insurance policy, including the D&O Policies, that is not an executory contract, and all rights under any other insurance policies under which the Debtors may be beneficiaries, shall be preserved and shall vest with the respective Liquidating Trust; and, nothing herein shall alter or adversely affect the rights of any non-Debtor beneficiaries of or covered persons under such insurance policies.

### 5. Bar Date For Rejection Damage Claims

Any party to an executory contract or unexpired lease not previously assumed or rejected and to which no bar date has been established, which is assumed or rejected pursuant to this Plan or is the subject of a pending rejection motion, is required under the terms of this Plan to file a claim for amounts due as a result of such assumption or rejection by the Rejection Bar Date; provided, however, if a motion seeking assumption or rejection is not heard and determined prior to the Effective Date, any Claim based thereon shall be filed within thirty (30) days of entry of an Order ruling on the motion. Any Allowed Claim relating to the rejection of executory contracts or leases shall be treated as a Class 3H or 3C Unsecured Claim depending on the Debtor counter-party to such executory contract or unexpired lease. Any Allowed Cure Claim relating to the assumption of executory contracts or leases pursuant to the Plan shall be paid in full from the Effective Date Distribution to the extent Finally Determined as of the Effective Date, or, to the extent thereafter, from an Interim Distribution or Subsequent Distribution by the applicable Liquidating Trustee. Any such claim not filed by the Rejection Bar Date as provided in the Plan shall be forever barred and shall not be enforceable against the Debtors or their properties or the Liquidating Trusts and the Debtors and Liquidating Trusts shall have no obligation to pay the same.

## J. Vesting of Assets

## 1. <u>Consolidated Debtors</u>

Except as otherwise provided in this Plan, the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee shall be vested, as of the Effective Date, with all of the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust Assets free and clear of all claims, liens, encumbrances, charges, and other interests of holders of Claims against, or Interests in, the Debtors and their Property.

## 2. <u>Consolidated Holdco</u>

Except as otherwise provided in this Plan, the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trustee shall be vested, as of the Effective Date, with all of Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust Assets free and clear of all claims, liens, encumbrances, charges, and other interests of Holders of Claims against, or Interests in, the Debtors and their Property.

### 3. <u>Unclaimed Property</u>

Notwithstanding any local, state, federal, or other laws or regulations regarding unclaimed property or escheatment of property, all funds or other property possessed by the Debtors on the Effective that is unclaimed, subject to escheatment, or potentially subject to escheatment shall be treated as Assets of such Debtors under this Plan, and shall accordingly be transferred to, vested with, and become the property of the applicable Liquidating Trustee to be held and distributed pursuant to the terms of this Plan free and clear of all such laws or regulations, and free and clear of any other claims, liens, encumbrances, charges, and other interests in such property.

### K. Distributions

As set forth in the Plan, the Debtors or the Liquidating Trustee shall make all distributions under the Plan. To the extent required by applicable law, distributions that are cash shall be in compliance with all tax withholding and reporting requirements imposed by any governmental unit, and all distributions pursuant to this Plan shall be subject to such withholding and reporting requirements. The Debtors or the Liquidating Trustee may withhold the entire cash distribution due to any holder of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest until such time as such holder provides the necessary information to comply with any withholding requirements of any governmental unit.

### 1. <u>Manner of Cash Payments Under this Plan</u>

Cash payments to domestic persons holding Allowed Claims or Allowed Interests will be tendered in United States dollars and will be made by checks drawn on a United States domestic bank or by wire transfer from a United States domestic bank. Any domestic person holding a Claim or Interest that wishes to receive a Cash payment by wire transfer shall provide wire instructions to the Debtors or the Liquidating Trustee. In any such case, the Debtors or the Liquidating Trustee shall make the Cash payment(s) by wire transfer in accordance with the wire instructions, provided that the costs of such wire transfer shall be deducted from such entity's distribution. Payments made to foreign creditors holding Allowed Claims or Allowed Interests may be paid or be caused to be paid, at the option of the Debtors or the Liquidating Trustee, as applicable, in such funds and by such means as are necessary or customary in a particular foreign jurisdiction.

## 2. No *De Minimis* Distributions

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Plan, no cash payment of less than \$50 will be made to any person. No consideration will be provided in lieu of the *de minimis* distributions that are not made under Section 10.14(b) of the Plan, and the Debtors or the respective Liquidating Trustee shall be authorized to remit such amounts to a charitable organization that is a tax exempt organization under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

#### 3. <u>Distributions to Holders as of the Distribution Record Date</u>

At the close of business on the Distribution Record Date, the claims register shall be closed, and there shall be no further changes in the record Holder of any Claim or Interest. The Debtors or the Liquidating Trustee or any other party responsible for making distributions under this Plan shall have no obligation to recognize any transfer of any Claim or Interest occurring after the Distribution Record Date; and shall instead be authorized and entitled to recognize and deal for all purposes under the Plan with only those record holders stated on the claims register and stock transfer books as of the close of business on the Distribution Record Date.

#### 4. <u>Delivery of Distributions and Undeliverable/Unclaimed Distributions</u>

(a) Delivery of Distributions in General.

The Debtors or the Liquidating Trustee shall make distributions to each Holder of an Allowed Claim by mail as follows: (a) to the address set forth on the proof of claim filed by such holder of an Allowed Claim; (b) to the address set forth in any written notice of address change delivered to the Debtors or the Liquidating Trustee after the date of any related proof of claim; and (c) to the address reflected in the Schedules if no proof of claim is filed and the Debtors or the Liquidating Trustee has not received a written notice of a change of address.

The Debtors or the Liquidating Trustee may withhold the entire distribution due to any Holder of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest until such time as the holder provides the Debtors or the Liquidating Trustee with the information necessary to make a distribution to such holder in accordance with this Plan and applicable law, and Holders of Allowed Claims or Allowed Interests who do not provide such information may be barred from participating in distributions under the Plan.

#### (b) Undeliverable and Unclaimed Distributions.

If the distribution to the Holder of any Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest is returned as undeliverable, no further distribution shall be made to such Holder unless and until the Liquidating Trustee is notified in writing of such Holder's then current address. Insofar as a distribution is returned to the Liquidating Trustee as undeliverable, the Liquidating Trustee shall remit the undeliverable distribution back to the account established by the Liquidating Trustee as soon as is practicable. Subject to the other provisions of the Plan, undeliverable distributions shall remain in the possession of the Liquidating Trustee until such time as a distribution becomes deliverable. All undeliverable Cash distributions will be held in unsegregated, interestbearing bank accounts for the benefit of the entities entitled to the distributions. These entities will be entitled to any interest actually earned on account of the undeliverable distributions. The bank account will be maintained in the name of the Liquidating Trustee, but it will be accounted for separately.

Any Holder of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest who does not assert a claim <u>in</u> <u>writing</u> for any undeliverable distribution within one (1) year after such distribution was first made shall no longer have any claim to or interest in such undeliverable distribution, and shall be forever barred from receiving any distributions under this Plan, or from asserting a Claim against

or Interest in the Debtors, the Estate, or their respective property, and the Claim or Interest giving rise to the undeliverable distribution will be barred.

Any undeliverable distributions that are not claimed under this Section will be transferred to the account maintained by the Liquidating Trustee to be paid or caused to be paid to the other holders of Allowed Claims or Allowed Interests.

### L. Releases & Exculpations

#### 1. Creditor Releases

Subject to Section 12.3 of the Plan, upon the Effective Date of the Plan, the Lone Star Entities and current and former affiliates and all their respective officers, agents, employees, directors, attorneys, representatives, insurers, predecessors, successors and assigns (other than any Debtor, the REIT or a non-debtor subsidiary of any Debtor) but excluding any attorneys, accountants, auditors, investment bankers, financial or other advisors, consultants or agents that provided professional, accounting, audit or other services to the REIT, the Debtors and the Non-Debtor Subsidiaries, and further excluding any insurers who provided insurance to the Debtors or any non-debtor subsidiary of the Debtors including the REIT (collectively the "Lone Star Releasees," with the current and former officers and directors of the Debtors set forth on Exhibit "B" attached to the Plan) shall receive a full release of all claims from the Estates of the Consolidated Debtors and of all direct and personal claims relating to the Consolidated Debtors and their businesses from individual creditors of the Consolidated Debtors (other than from REIT) that elect to receive a distribution from the Lone Star Settlement Payment by not electing to withhold releases of direct and personal claims as of the Effective Date, which shall be the Holders of Claims in Class 3 C and Class 6 C.

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## 2. <u>Consolidated Debtors Covenant Not to Sue</u>

The Consolidated Debtors and Consolidated Liquidating Trustee agree and covenant not to make, assert or pursue any claim or commence any action or litigation against the Lone Star Releasees or the current and former directors and officers of the Debtors released as set forth in the Plan or under or against the D&O Policies; provided, however, this covenant and any release of current or former Directors and Officers of the Debtors as set forth in the Plan shall be conditioned on such officer or director granting a full release of claims against the Consolidated Debtors and their respective properties (including all claims under or that could be asserted under filed proofs of claim, which claims shall be deemed expunged and relinquished).

#### 3. Exculpation

Neither the Debtors and their officers, directors, managers, employees or professionals, the Creditors Committee and its professionals and advisors and members in their capacity as members of the Creditors Committee and their respective professionals and advisors, the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust, the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee, the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust, nor the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trustee will have or incur any liability to any Holder of a Claim or Interest or any other entity for any act or omission in connection with, or arising out of, the Bankruptcy Proceeding, including but not limited to the formulation, preparation, dissemination, approval, confirmation, administration, or consummation of the Plan Support Agreement and Term Sheet, the Plan, or the Disclosure Statement, the solicitation of votes for or confirmation of the Plan, or implementation, consummation, or administration of the Plan or the property to be distributed under the Plan, or any compromises and settlements under the Plan, except for liability arising from conduct constituting willful misconduct or gross negligence pursuant to a Final Order. The foregoing parties will be entitled to rely upon the advice of counsel in all respects regarding their duties and responsibilities under the Plan.

#### M. Preservation of Debtors' Causes of Action

The Plan provides for the establishment of the Liquidating Trusts to, in part, prosecute or settle and reduce to cash Debtor and estate claims not released under the Plan. The assets of the Liquidating Trust will include Debtor and estate claims. The resolution and recovery of these Debtor and estate claims and the process and mechanisms to litigate or settle these claims are significant and important aspects of the Plan. These claims include, but are not limited to, Debtor and estate claims against non-released officers and directors of the Debtors, professionals of the Debtors, accountants and auditors of the Debtors and affiliates and insiders of the Debtors. Unless a claim against a Creditor or other Entity or Cause of Action is expressly waived, relinquished, released, compromised or settled in this Plan, or any Final Order, the Debtors expressly reserve such claim or Cause of Action for later enforcement by the Liquidating Trusts (including, without limitation, claims and Causes of Action not specifically identified or which the Debtors may presently be unaware or which may arise or exist by reason of additional facts or circumstances unknown to the Debtors at this time or facts or circumstances which may change or be different from those which the Debtors no believe to exist) and, therefore, no preclusion doctrine, including, without limitation, the doctrines of res judicata, collateral estoppel, issue preclusion, claim preclusion, waiver, estoppel (judicial, equitable or otherwise) or laches shall apply to such claims or Causes of Action upon or after the confirmation or consummation of this Plan based on the Disclosure Statement, this Plan or the Confirmation Order, expect where such claims or Causes of Action have been expressly released in this Plan or other Final Order. In addition, the Liquidating Trusts expressly reserve the right to pursue or adopt any claim, crossclaim or counterclaims alleged in any lawsuit in which the Debtors are a defendant or an interested party, against any person or entity, including, without limitation, the plaintiffs or co-defendants in such lawsuits, subject to the provisions of this Plan or any Final Order.

#### N. Plan Injunction

From and after the Confirmation Date, and as provided for by the Confirmation Order, there shall be in place with regard to the Liquidating Trust, the Assets, and any Claims, the Injunction, which shall have the same extent and with the same effect as the stay imposed by § 362 of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by orders entered by the Bankruptcy Court in this Bankruptcy Proceeding. The Injunction will remain in effect until the Bankruptcy Proceeding is closed pursuant to § 350 of the Bankruptcy Code except as otherwise expressly provided herein. Except as provided elsewhere in this Plan, all Holders of Claims or Interests shall be precluded and enjoined by the Injunction from asserting any Claim against the Debtors, the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust, the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee, the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust, the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trustee, and their respective agents, successors, and assigns, and also from asserting any other and further Claim based on any act or omission, transaction, or other activity of any kind or nature that occurred prior to the Effective Date, against the Debtors, the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust, and the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trustee, as representatives of the Estate, as well as their successors or their respective agents, successors, and assigns, whether or not the holder filed a proof of claim. Nothing herein shall prohibit action against the Debtors and only the Debtors and their assets after dissolution of the Injunction.

Notwithstanding the rest of this Plan, the Injunction imposed in the Plan shall not apply to prevent the commencement or continuation of any judicial, administrative, or other action or proceeding against the Debtors or any real property in which the Debtors may have an interest; provided, however, that any order entered or judgment, fine, sanction, penalty, declaration, determination, or monetary award assessed against the Debtors in such an action proceeding may not be enforced against the Debtors, the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust, the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee, the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust, the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trustee, and their respective agents, successors, and assigns, that such an award or determination shall not give rise to an Allowed Claim, and that any judgment, fine, sanction, penalty, declaration, determination, award, or other action which affects property of the Debtors, the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust, the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee, the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust, or the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trustee, creates personal liability for the agents, successors, and assigns of the Debtors, or creates personal liability for the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust, the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee, the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust, the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trustee, and their respective agents, successors, and assigns, shall be void. Nothing in the Plan shall prevent the Court from modifying the Injunction at the request of any party, upon notice and a hearing.

#### **O.** Conditions Precedent to Effective Date of Plan.

The occurrence of the Effective Date and the substantial consummation of the Plan are subject to the satisfaction of the following conditions precedent:

(a) The receipt by the Consolidated Debtors of the Lone Star Settlement Payment;

(b) Assignment of the REIT Claims to the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust;

(c) The Confirmation Order shall be entered by the Court;

(d) The Confirmation Order shall be in form and substance reasonably acceptable to the Debtors, the Creditors Committee, the REIT, and the Lone Star Entities;

(d) The Plan Support and Term Sheet shall not have terminated by its terms;

(e) The Debtors shall have sufficient cash and assets to permit compliance with the terms and conditions of the Plan, including, projected fees and expenses; and

(f) The Liquidating Trusts are created pursuant to the terms of the Plan once the Bankruptcy Court has approved the indemnity provisions and appointed the Liquidating Trustees and approved the Liquidating Trust Agreements in form and substance acceptable to the Creditors Committee.

To the extent practicable and legally permissible, each of the conditions, other than 11.1(a), (b), (c), and (d) may be waived, in whole or in part, by the Debtors, subject to approval of the Creditors Committee and the Lone Star Entities.

#### P. Retention of Jurisdiction

### 1. General Scope of Retention of Jurisdiction

Following the Effective Date, the Bankruptcy Court shall retain jurisdiction over these Cases to the extent legally permissible, including without limitation such jurisdiction as is necessary to ensure that the purposes and intent of the Plan are carried out.

#### 2. <u>Claims and Actions</u>

The Bankruptcy Court shall retain jurisdiction (a) to classify, resolve objections to, and determine or estimate pursuant to Bankruptcy Code § 502(c) all Claims against, and Interests in, the Debtors and (b) to adjudicate and enforce all claims and causes of action owned by the Debtors or either Liquidating Trust.

## 3. <u>Specific Jurisdiction</u>

Without in any way limiting the scope of the Bankruptcy Court's retention of jurisdiction over these Cases as otherwise set forth in the Plan, the Bankruptcy Court shall retain jurisdiction for the following specific purposes:

(a) To determine the classification, allowance or disallowance of all Claims or Interests, including, without limitation, Claims and objections relating to the assumption or rejection of executory contracts or unexpired leases pursuant to this Plan, and to hear and determine any and all objections to such Claims or Interests including, without limitation, Claims and objections relating to the assumption of executory contracts or unexpired leases pursuant to the Plan;

- (b) To enable the Liquidating Trustees to commence, prosecute, settle, compromise, abandon or consummate any and all claims or causes of action of the Debtors against any Person or entity;
- (c) To adjudicate all Claims to a security or ownership interest in any Property of the Debtors or in any proceeds thereof;
- (d) To liquidate damages or estimate Claims in connection with any Disputed Claims or contingent or unliquidated Claims;
- (e) To hear and determine all controversies, suits, and disputes that may arise in connection with the interpretation, consummation, or performance of the Plan including, but not limited to, any matters related to the Plan Support Agreement and Term Sheet, as well as all controversies, suits, and disputes that may be pending before the Bankruptcy Court on or before the Confirmation Date or may be brought thereafter;;
- (f) To determine and allow all expenses of administration of the Bankruptcy Proceeding, including, without limitation, all requests for Professional Fees for periods prior to the Effective Date;
- (g) To recover all Assets and Property of the Debtors, wherever located;
- (h) To interpret, construe or enforce the Plan, the Confirmation Order or any order previously entered by the Bankruptcy Court in this case;
- (i) To hear, determine and enforce any and all Causes of Action, to set aside liens or encumbrances, to recover any transfers, assets or damages to which the Estates may be entitled, to avoid or recover any preferences, fraudulent conveyances or obligations, or other obligations or transfers voidable or subject to avoidance under applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code or other federal, state or local law, or to subordinate or disallow, in whole or in part, any Claim, under applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code or other federal state or local law;
- (j) To consider and determine any proposed modification or amendment of the Plan;
- (k) To make any determination necessary or appropriate under Section 505 of the Bankruptcy Code or other determination relating to taxes paid or payable by the Debtors, and tax returns filed or to be filed by the Debtors, for all periods through the end of the fiscal year in which the Effective Date occurs;
- (1) To implement the provisions of this Plan and enter any orders in aid of its implementation or in furtherance of its purposes and intent;

- (m) To make such orders as the Bankruptcy Court deems necessary or appropriate to carry out the provisions, purposes or intent of this Plan;
- (n) To adjudicate any dispute with respect to any obligations of the Liquidating Trusts, including any fees requested by professionals employed by the Liquidating Trusts; and
- (o) To determine such other matters and for such other purposes as may be provided in the Confirmation Order.
  - 4. Failure of Bankruptcy Court to Exercise Jurisdiction

If the Bankruptcy Court abstains from exercising, declines to exercise, or is otherwise without jurisdiction over any matter arising out of the Cases, the provisions of the Plan shall not prohibit or limit the exercise of jurisdiction by any other court having competent jurisdiction with respect to such matter.

### 5. Modification of the Plan

At any time before the Confirmation Date, the Plan or Plan Supplement may be modified by the Debtors, subject to the consent of the Creditors Committee and the Lone Star Entities, which, to the extent such modifications do not adversely affect the rights, treatment, benefits or obligations of the respective parties or constituencies, shall not be unreasonably withheld, upon approval of the Bankruptcy Court, provided that the Plan, as modified, does not fail to meet the requirements of §§ 1122 & 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code. In the event that there is a modification of the Plan, then the Plan as modified shall become the Plan.

At any time after the Confirmation Date, but before substantial consummation of the Plan, the Plan or Plan Supplement may be modified by the Debtors, subject to the consent of the Creditors Committee and the Lone Star Entities, which, to the extent such modifications do not adversely affect the rights, treatment, benefits or obligations of the respective parties or constituencies, shall not be unreasonably withheld, upon approval of the Bankruptcy Court, provided that the Plan, as modified, does not fail to meet the requirements of §§ 1122 &1123 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Plan, as modified under this section, becomes a Plan only if the Court, after notice and hearing, confirms such Plan, as modified, under § 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.

At any time after the Confirmation Date, the applicable Debtors may, without the approval of the Court, remedy any defect or omission, or reconcile any such inconsistencies in the Plan or Plan Supplement or in the Confirmation Order, as such matters may be necessary to carry out the purposes, intent, and effect of this Plan, provided that they do not materially or adversely affect the interests of creditors or other entities, subject to the terms of the Lone Star Settlement and the Plan Support and Term Sheet and upon consultation with the Creditors Committee.

#### 6. <u>Revocation and Withdrawal of the Plan</u>

The Debtors reserve the right to revoke or withdraw the Plan at any time before entry of a Confirmation Order. If the Debtors, or one of the individual Debtors, as the case may be, revoke or withdraw the Plan prior to the Confirmation Date, or if the confirmation or the Effective Date does not occur with respect to one or more of the Debtors, then the Plan shall be deemed to be null and void as to that Estate. In such event, nothing contained herein, in the Plan or in any document relating to the Plan shall be deemed to constitute an admission of validity, waiver or release of any Claims by or against the Debtors or any Person or to prejudice in any manner the rights of the Debtors or any Person in any proceeding involving the Debtors.

### 7. Sections 1145 and 1146(a) Exemption

To the maximum extent provided by § 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code and applicable nonbankruptcy law, the issuance under the Plan of the beneficial interests in the Liquidating Trusts will be exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code § 1146(a), the issuance, transfer or exchange of any security under the Plan or the making or delivery of any instrument of transfer pursuant to, in implementation of, or as contemplated by the Plan, or the re-vesting, transfer or sale of any real or personal property of the Debtors or the Liquidating Trust pursuant to, in implementation of, or as contemplated by the Plan shall not be taxed under any state or local law imposing a stamp tax, transfer tax or similar tax or fee.

# 8. No Admission of Liability.

The submission of the Plan is not intended to be, nor shall it be construed as, an admission or evidence in any pending or subsequent suit, action, proceeding or dispute of any liability, wrongdoing, or obligation whatsoever (including as to the merits of any claim or defense) by any Entity with respect to any of the matters addressed in the Plan.

None of the Plan (including, without limitation, the Exhibits thereto), or any settlement entered, act performed or document executed in connection with the Plan: (i) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission or evidence of the validity of any claim, or any allegation made in any of the related actions or of any wrongdoing or liability of any Entity; (ii) is or may be deemed to be or may be used as an admission or evidence of any liability, fault or omission of any Entity in any civil, criminal or administrative proceeding in any court, administrative agency or other tribunal; or (iii) is or may be deemed to be or used as an admission or evidence against the Debtors, or any other Person or Entity with respect to the validity of any Claim. None of the Plan or any settlement entered, act performed or document executed in connection with the Plan shall be admissible in any proceeding for any purposes, except to carry out the terms of the Plan Support Agreement and Term Sheet and the Plan, and except that, once confirmed, any Entity may file the Plan in any action for any purpose, including, but not limited to, in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on the principles of res judicata, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense of counterclaim.

# 9. <u>Plan Governs</u>

To the extent that the terms of this Disclosure Statement or the Plan are inconsistent with the terms of any agreement or instrument concerning any Claim, any Interest or any other matter, the terms of this Plan shall control.

## 10. <u>Governing Law</u>

Expect to the extent that the Bankruptcy Code or other federal law is applicable, or to the extent any document entered into in connection with the Plan so provides, the rights, duties and obligations arising under the Plan shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with the Bankruptcy Code and, to the extent not inconsistent therewith, the laws of the State of Delaware, without giving effect to the principles of conflicts of law.

# VI. CONFIRMATION AND CONSUMMATION PROCEDURE

# A. Disclosure and Solicitation

This Disclosure Statement is presented to the Holders of Claims and Interests that are entitled to vote on the Plan to satisfy the requirements Sections 1125 and 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code. Section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code requires that full disclosure be made to all Holders of Claims and Interests in impaired Classes that receive or retain property pursuant to a plan at the time, or before, solicitation of acceptances of such plan is commenced.

## **B.** Acceptance of the Plan

As more fully stated in Section III of this Disclosure Statement, the Bankruptcy Code defines acceptance of a plan by a Class of creditors or interest-holders as acceptance by holders of more than two-thirds in dollar amount and more than one-half in number of the Claims of that Class that have timely voted on a plan. A vote may be disregarded if the Court determines, after notice and a hearing, that such acceptance or rejection was not solicited or procured in good faith or in accordance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

A vote to accept or reject the Plan can only occur by proper submission of a duly executed Ballot. Failure of a holder to vote does not constitute a vote to reject the Plan by that holder. Each Holder of a Claim or Interest should seek such independent legal and/or business advice as it deems appropriate regarding whether to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

# C. Classification

The Debtors are required under Section 1122 of the Bankruptcy Code to classify the Claims and Interests into Classes that contain Claims and Interests that are substantially similar to the other Claims or Interests in such Class. The Plan can be confirmed so long as there is at least one consenting Class of impaired Claims under the Plan (not including the votes of insiders), and so long as the other requirements for confirmation are met.

## **D.** Confirmation

The Bankruptcy Code requires the Court, after notice, to hold a Confirmation Hearing. At the Confirmation Hearing, the Court will confirm the Plan only if all the requirements of Section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code are met. Among the requirements for Confirmation of a plan are that the Plan be (i) accepted by all impaired Classes of Claims and Interests or, if rejected by an impaired Class, that the Plan "not discriminate unfairly" and be "fair and equitable" as to such impaired Class; (ii) feasible; and (iii) in the "best interests" of rejecting Holders of Claims and Interest impaired under the Plan.

# 1. <u>Acceptance</u>

In order for the Plan to be Confirmed, one impaired class of Consolidated Holdco and one impaired class of the Consolidated Debtors (not including the votes of insiders) must accept the Plan. For classes of claims that have rejected the Plan, the Court must determine that the Plan is "fair and equitable" with respect to the rejecting classes. The "fair and equitable" test is described below under the heading *Confirmation Without Acceptance by All Impaired Classes*.

# 2. <u>Feasibility</u>

Under Section 1129(a)(11) of the Bankruptcy Code, to confirm the Plan, the Court must find that the Plan is feasible—that is, that confirmation of the Plan is not likely to be followed by the liquidation, or the need for further financial reorganization unless such liquidation or reorganization is proposed in the Plan. Since the Plan proposes liquidation, and since the Liquidating Trust will have the assets necessary to accomplish this liquidation, the Debtors believe that the Plan is feasible.

#### 3. Best Interests Test

With respect to each impaired Class, confirmation of the Plan requires that each Holder of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest in such Class either (i) accepts the Plan or (ii) receives or retains under the Plan property of a value, as of the Effective Date, that is not less than the value such Holder would receive or retain if Debtors were liquidated under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Under the Debtor's Liquidation Analysis attached as <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto, the Debtors estimate that each class of creditors will receive at least as much property under this Plan as they would receive in a Chapter 7. See Section IX, *Alternatives to Confirmation and Consummation of the Plan*, and the Debtors' Liquidation Analysis attached as <u>Exhibit B</u> hereto for a further discussion of why Debtors believe that the Plan is in the best interests of Holders of Claims and Interests.

### 4. Confirmation Without Acceptance By All Impaired Classes

The Bankruptcy Code provides that, so long as at least one Class of Claims that is impaired under the Plan accepts the Plan (without respect to the votes cast by insiders), the Debtors may seek confirmation of the Plan over the objections of any non-consenting Class, provided that the Debtors demonstrate that the Plan "does not discriminate unfairly" and is "fair and equitable" with respect to the dissenting Classes. These "cramdown" provisions for confirmation of the Plan, despite the non-acceptance of one or more impaired Classes of Claims or Interests, are set forth in Bankruptcy Code § 1129(b).

The Bankruptcy Code establishes different "fair and equitable" tests for Holders of Secured Claims, Unsecured Claims and Interests. The respective tests are as follows:

### (a) Secured Creditors

Either (i) each impaired Holder of Secured Claim of the rejecting Class (a) retains its liens in the collateral securing such Claim or in the proceeds thereof to the extent of the allowed amount of the Secured Claim and (b) receives deferred cash payments in at least the allowed amount of such Secured Claim with a present value at the Effective Date at least equal to such creditor's interest in its collateral or in the proceeds thereof or (ii) the Plan provides each impaired Holder of a Secured Claim with the "indubitable equivalent" of its Secured Claim.

(b) Unsecured Creditors

Either (i) each impaired Holder of an Unsecured Claim of the rejecting Class receives or retains under the Plan property of a value equal to the amount of its Allowed Claim or (ii) the Holders of Claims and Interests that are junior to the Claims of the dissenting Class do not receive or retain any property under the Plan.

### (c) Interest Holders

Either (i) each Interest Holder of the rejecting Class receives or retains under the Plan property of a value equal to the greater of (a) the fixed liquidation preference or redemption prices, if any, of the Interest it holds or (b) the value of such Interest or (ii) the Holders of Interests that are junior to such Interest do not receive or retain any property under the Plan.

The Debtors believe that the Plan meets the applicable tests described above, even in the event that it is rejected by the Holders of one or more Classes of Claims and Interests.

## VII. CERTAIN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLAN

The following discussion is a general summary of certain material U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Plan to the Debtors and the Holders of certain Claims and Interests. This discussion is based on current provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "<u>Tax Code</u>"), applicable Treasury Department regulations promulgated thereunder ("<u>Treasury Regulations</u>"), judicial authority and current administrative rulings and pronouncements of the Internal Revenue Service (the "<u>Service</u>"). There can be no assurance that the Service will not take a contrary view. No ruling from the Service has been or will be sought nor will any counsel provide a legal opinion as to any of the expected tax consequences set forth below.

Legislative, judicial or administrative changes or interpretations may be forthcoming that could alter or modify the statements and conclusions set forth herein. Any such changes or interpretations may or may not be retroactive and could affect the tax consequences to the Holders of Claims or Interests and the Debtors. It cannot be predicted whether any tax legislation will be enacted or, if enacted, whether any tax law changes contained therein would affect the tax consequences to Holders of Claims or Interests and the Debtors.

The following discussion is for general information only. The tax treatment of a Holder of a Claim or Interest may vary depending upon such Holder's particular situation. In addition, this summary does not address foreign, state or local tax consequences of the Plan, nor does it address federal income tax consequences of the Plan to special classes of taxpayers (such as foreign taxpayers, broker-dealers, banks, mutual funds, insurance companies, other financial institutions, small business investment companies, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, U.S. persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, traders that mark-to-market their securities, taxpayer subject to the alternative minimum tax, tax-exempt organizations (including, without limitation, certain pension funds), persons holding an equity interest as part of an integrated constructive sale, hedge, conversion transaction or straddle, passthrough entities and investors in pass-through entities). Furthermore, this summary does not address U.S. federal taxes other than income taxes.

# EACH HOLDER OF A CLAIM OR INTEREST SHOULD CONSULT ITS TAX ADVISOR AS TO THE PARTICULAR TAX CONSEQUENCES TO IT OF THE PLAN,

# INCLUDING THE APPLICABILITY OF ANY U.S. FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL OR FOREIGN TAX LAWS.

#### INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CIRCULAR 230 DISCLOSURE

TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, THE HOLDERS OF CLAIMS OR INTERESTS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT: (A) ANY UNITED STATES FEDERAL TAX ISSUES CONTAINED OR REFERRED TO IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS NOT INTENDED OR WRITTEN TO BE USED, AND CANNOT BE USED, BY HOLDERS OF CLAIMS OR INTERESTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF AVOIDING UNITED STATES FEDERAL TAX PENALTIES, (B) SUCH DISCUSSION IS WRITTEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROMOTION OR MARKETING BY THE DEBTORS OF THE TRANSACTION OR MATTERS ADDRESSED HEREIN AND (C) HOLDERS OF CLAIMS OR INTERESTS SHOULD SEEK ADVICE BASED ON THEIR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES FROM AN INDEPENDENT TAX ADVISER.

#### A. Tax Treatment of the Liquidating Trusts

#### 1. Tax Treatment of the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust

The Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust is intended to be treated for federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust. Assuming the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust qualifies as a grantor trust for federal income tax purposes, the Holders of Class 3 H Claims, Class 4 H Claims, Class 5 H Claims, and Class 7 H Claims may be treated as the grantors of the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust, the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust should be disregarded for tax purposes as an entity separate from the grantors and the grantors would report the income and loss from the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust. Under the Plan, the transfer of cash and any remaining assets of Consolidated Holdco to the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust may be treated for federal income tax purposes as if the Debtors of Consolidated Holdco distributed an interest in each of the assets transferred directly to the Holders of Class 3 H Claims, Class 4 H Claims against Consolidated Holdco. The Holders of Class 3 H Claims in exchange for their outstanding Claims against Consolidated Holdco. The Holders of Class 3 H Claims, Class 5 H Claims and Class 7 H Claims in exchange for their outstanding Claims against Consolidated Holdco. The Holders of Class 3 H Claims, Class 5 H Claims and Class 7 H Claims would then be deemed to contribute their interest in these assets to the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust.

If the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust is not treated for federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust, then the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust may be classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, in which case the Holders of Claims that will be satisfied Class 3 H Claims, Class 4 H Claims, Class 5 H Claims and Class 7 H Claims would be treated as partners in the partnership. Unlike a grantor trust, the partnership would be treated as an entity required to compute income and loss, file tax returns, and make tax elections, but income and loss would pass through to the partners to be reported by them on their separate tax returns. If the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, the transfer of cash and any remaining assets of Consolidated Holdco to the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust under the Plan may be treated for federal income tax purposes as if Consolidated Holdco had distributed an interest in each of the assets so transferred directly to the Holders of Class 3 H Claims, Class 4 H Claims, Class 5 H Claims and Class 7 H Claims in exchange for their outstanding claims against the assets or stock of Consolidated Holdco. The Holders of Class 3 H Claims, Class 4 H Claims, Class 5 H Claims and Class 7 H Claims would then be deemed to contribute their interest in these assets to the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust in for an interest in the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust.

#### 2. Tax Treatment of the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust

The Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust is intended to be treated for federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust. Assuming the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust qualifies as a grantor trust for federal income tax purposes, the Holders of Class 3 C Claims, Class 4 C Claims and Class 5 C Claims may be treated as the grantors of the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust, the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust should be disregarded for tax purposes as an entity separate from the grantors and the grantors would report the income and loss from the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust. Under the Plan, the transfer of cash and any remaining assets of the Consolidated Debtors to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust may be treated for federal income tax purposes as if the Consolidated Debtors distributed an interest in each of the assets transferred directly to the Holders of Class 3 C Claims, Class 4 C Claims and Class 5 C Claims in exchange for their outstanding Claims against the Consolidated Debtors. The Holders of Class 3 C Claims, Class 4 C Claims and Class 5 C Claims in the ease to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust.

If the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust is not treated for federal income tax purposes as a grantor trust, then the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust may be classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, in which case the Holders of Class 3 C Claims, Class 4 C Claims, and Class 5 C Claims would be treated as partners in the partnership. Unlike a grantor trust, the partnership would be treated as an entity required to compute income and loss, file tax returns, and make tax elections, but income and loss would pass through to the partners to be reported by them on their separate tax returns. If the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, the transfer of cash and any remaining assets of the Consolidated Debtors to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust under the Plan may be treated for federal income tax purposes as if the Consolidated Debtors had distributed an interest in each of the assets so transferred directly to the Holders of Class 3 C Claims, Class 4 C Claims and Class 5 C Claims in exchange for their outstanding claims against the assets or stock of the Consolidated Debtors. The Holders of Class 3 C Claims, Class 4 C Claims and Class 5 C Claims would then be deemed to contribute their interest in these assets to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust in for an interest in the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust.

# B. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Plan to the Debtors

Generally, a debtor will recognize gain or loss on the sale of its assets in an amount equal to the sum of the cash and the fair market value of property received less the debtor's adjusted tax basis in the assets sold. A debtor that transfers an asset in payment for a debt will be treated

for federal income tax purposes as having sold the asset for its fair market value. Under the Plan, each of the Debtors will recognize gain or loss the transfer of its assets to the Holders of Claims to the extent that the difference between fair market value of the assets transferred and that Debtor's tax basis in such assets.

In addition, a taxpayer recognizes cancellation of indebtedness ("COD") income upon satisfaction of its outstanding indebtedness for less than its adjusted issue price. The amount of COD income is, in general, the excess of (i) the amount of the indebtedness satisfied, over (ii) the amount of cash and the fair market value of any other consideration (including any new indebtedness issued by the taxpayer or stock of the taxpayer) given in exchange for the indebtedness satisfied. Under this rule, Consolidated Holdco would recognize COD income under the Plan to the extent the amount of the Consolidated Holdco debt cancelled exceeds the sum of the fair market value of the assets (including cash) contributed to the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust and the fair market value of the assets (including cash) used to pay the Holders of Class 6 H Claims. Similarly under this rule, the Consolidated Debtors would recognize COD income under this Plan to the extent the amount of Consolidated Debtors' debt cancelled exceeds the sum of the fair market value of the assets (including cash) contributed to the Consolidated Debtors Trust and the fair market value of the assets (including cash) used to by the Holders of Class 6 C Claims. However, COD income is not included in gross income to a debtor if the discharge occurs in a formal Title 11 bankruptcy case. The Plan, if approved, would enable both Consolidated Holdco and the Consolidated Debtors to qualify for this bankruptcy exclusion rule with respect to any COD income triggered by the Plan.

If debt is discharged in a formal Title 11 bankruptcy case, however, certain tax attributes otherwise available and of value to the debtor are reduced, in most cases by the principal amount of the indebtedness forgiven. Tax attributes subject to reduction include: (a) NOLs and NOL carryforwards; (b) most credit carryforwards, including the general business credit and minimum tax credit; and (c) capital losses and capital loss carryforwards. Attribute reduction is calculated only after the tax for the year of discharge has been determined.

The Debtors anticipate that none of the Debtors will not incur any taxable income for federal income tax purposes as a result of the transfer of assets as provided in the Plan that will not be offset by NOLs. Accordingly, the implementation of the Plan should not result in any federal income tax liability (other than AMT liability) to any of Debtors.

In general, an alternative minimum tax ("AMT") is imposed on a corporation to the extent such corporation's tentative minimum tax, determined by multiplying its "alternative minimum taxable income" by the corporate AMT rate of 20%, exceeds the corporation's regular federal income tax. For purposes of computing taxable income for AMT purposes, certain tax deductions and other beneficial allowances are modified or eliminated. In particular, even though a corporation otherwise might be able to offset all of its taxable income for regular tax purposes by available NOL carryovers, only 90% of a corporation's taxable income for AMT purposes) and subject to the AMT at a 20% rate, yielding an effective rate of 2% (calculated by multiplying the 20% tax rate by the 10% of alternative minimum taxable income not offset by NOL carryovers).

The Debtors do not anticipate that the Plan will generate a significant amount, if any, of federal AMT liability.

## C. Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Plan to Holders of Claims or Interests

In general, Holders of Claims or Interests will recognize income, gain or loss on their Claims or Interests as set forth below. The character of any gain or loss as capital or ordinary gain or loss (or ordinary income) and, in the case of capital gain or loss, as short-term or long-term, will depend on a number of factors, including: (i) the nature and origin of the Claim or Interest; (ii) the tax status of the Holder of the Claim or Interest; (iii) whether the Claim or Interest has been held for more than one year; and (iv) the extent to which the Holder previously claimed a loss or bad debt deduction with respect to the Claim.

## 1. <u>Consequences to Holders of Claims Against Consolidated Holdco</u>

(a) Consequences to Holders of Class 1 H and Class 2 H Claims

Holders of Class 1 H or Class 2 H Claims may receive specified fixed amounts from Consolidated Holdco in exchange for these Claims on the date of payment thereof. Accordingly, the Debtors believe that a Holder of a Class 1 H or Class 2 H Claim should generally recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the cash received (plus the fair market value of other property received, if any) with respect to its Claim (other than any amounts attributable to accrued by unpaid interest) less its adjusted tax basis in its Claim (other than for accrued but unpaid interest).

# (b) Consequences to Holders of Class 3 H Claims, Class 4 H Claims, Class 5 H Claims, and Class 7 H Claims

The Debtors believe that a Holder of a Class 3 H Claim, Class 4 H Claim, Class 5 H Claim or Class 7 H Claim (collectively, a "Consolidated Holdco Trust Claim") as of the Effective Date should be treated as receiving from Consolidated Holdco their share of the respective assets transferred to the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust in satisfaction of each such Consolidated Holdco Trust Claim and simultaneously transferring such assets to the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust. Assuming the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust is taxed as a grantor trust or as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, under the Plan, a Holder of a Consolidated Holdco Trust Claim may recognize a taxable loss (or gain) to the extent the amount realized by such Holder in respect of its Consolidated Holdco Trust Claim, excluding accrued interest, is less (or greater) than the Holder's tax basis in such Consolidated Holdco Trust Claim, excluding any claim for accrued interest. The amount realized by a Holder of a Consolidated Holdco Trust Claim should be equal to the amount of cash and the fair market value of any other consideration received pursuant to the Plan. If a Holder of a Consolidated Holdco Trust Claim receives distributions from the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust in more than one tax year, such Holder should consult with its own tax advisor as to the timing of the recognition of income, gain, or loss. Additionally, the Debtors believe that Holders of Consolidated Holdco Trust Claims should recognize their allocable share of taxable income on the assets transferred to the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust on an annual basis.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is possible that the Service may assert that any income, gain, or loss by Holders of Consolidated Holdco Trust Claims should be deferred until the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trustee makes the final distributions from the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust. In addition, a Holder's ultimate share of the assets of the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust based on its Consolidated Holdco Trust Claim may differ from the initial estimates thereof. This may result in a Holder having to recognize additional or offsetting income or gain or loss if, and to the extent, that, the aggregate amount of cash and the fair market value of property received by that Holder from the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust differs from the amount used in initially determining that Holder's any income, gain or loss. Holders of Consolidated Holdco Trust Claims should consult their own tax advisors regarding the possibility that the recognition of income, gain or loss may be accelerated or deferred.

## (c) Consequences to Holders of Class 6 H Claims

Holders of Class 6 H Claims will receive specified fixed amounts from Consolidated Holdco in an amount equal to 50% of each such Claim in exchange for these Claims on the date of payment thereof. Accordingly, the Debtors believe that a Holder of a Class 6 H Claim should generally recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the cash received (plus the fair market value of other property received, if any) with respect to its Claim (other than any amounts attributable to accrued by unpaid interest) less its adjusted tax basis in its Claim (other than for accrued but unpaid interest).

#### (d) Consequences to Holders of Class 8 H and 9 H Claims

Under the Plan, Holders of Class 8 H and 9 H Claims will recognize a taxable loss (or gain) to the extent that amount realized by each such Holder in exchange for their Class 8 H or 9 H Claim is less (or greater) than such Holder's tax basis in their Class 8 H or 9 H Claim exchanged therefor. The amount realized by a Holder of a Class 8 H or 9 H Claim should be equal to the amount of cash and the fair market value of any other consideration received from the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust, if any, pursuant to the Plan, in the event the Holders of Class 3 H, Class 4 H, Class 5 H, and Class 7 H Claims are paid in full.

#### (e) Consequences to Holders of Class 10 H Interests

Under the Plan, Holders of Class 10 H Interests will recognize a taxable loss (or gain) to the extent the amount realized by each such Holder in exchange for their Interest is less (or greater) than such Holder's tax basis in their Interest exchanged therefore. The amount realized by the Holder of a Class 9 H Interest should be equal to the amount of cash and the fair market value of any other consideration received from the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust, if any, pursuant to the Plan, in the event the Holders of Class 3 H, Class 4 H, Class 5 H, Class 7 H, Class 8 H, and Class 9 H Claims are paid in full. The gain or loss should be a capital gain provided the Holder held their Class 10 H Interest as a capital assets within the meaning of Tax Code Section 1221 at the effective time of the Plan.

#### 2. <u>Consequences to Holders of Claims Against Consolidated Debtors</u>

(a) Consequences to Holders of Class 1 C and Class 2 C Claims

Holders of Class 1 C or Class 2 C Claims may receive specified fixed amounts from Consolidated Debtors in exchange for these Claims on the date of payment thereof. Accordingly, the Debtors believe that a Holder of a Class 1 C or Class 2 C Claim should generally recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the cash received (plus the fair market value of other property received, if any) with respect to its Claim (other than any amounts attributable to accrued by unpaid interest) less its adjusted tax basis in its Claim (other than for accrued but unpaid interest).

#### (b) Consequences to Holders of Class 3 C Claims

The Debtors believe that a Holder of a Class 3 C Claim as of the Effective Date should be treated as receiving from the Consolidated Debtors their share of the respective assets transferred to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust in satisfaction of each such Class 3 C Claim and simultaneously transferring such assets to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust. Assuming the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust is taxed as a grantor trust or as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, under the Plan, a Holder of a Class 3 C Claim may recognize a taxable loss (or gain) to the extent the amount realized by such Holder in respect of its Class 3 C Claim, excluding accrued interest, is less (or greater) than the Holder's tax basis in such Class 3 C Claim, excluding any claim for accrued interest. The amount realized by a Holder of a Class 3 C Claim should be equal to the amount of cash and the fair market value of any other consideration received pursuant to the Plan (including any amounts received from the Lone Star Settlement Payment). If a Holder of a Class 3 C Claim receives distributions from the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust in more than one tax year, such Holder should consult with its own tax advisor as to the timing of the recognition of income, gain, or loss. Additionally, the Debtors believe that Holders of Class 3 C Claims should recognize their allocable share of taxable income on the assets transferred to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust on an annual basis.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is possible that the Service may assert that any income, gain, or loss by Holders of Class 3 C Claims should be deferred until the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee makes the final distributions from the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust. In addition, a Holder's ultimate share of the assets of the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust based on its Class 3 C Claim may differ from the initial estimates thereof. This may result in a Holder having to recognize additional or offsetting income or gain or loss if, and to the extent, that, the aggregate amount of cash and the fair market value of property received by that Holder from the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust differs from the amount used in initially determining that Holder's any income, gain or loss. Holders of Class 3 Claims should consult their own tax advisors regarding the possibility that the recognition of income, gain or loss may be accelerated or deferred.

(c) Consequences to Holders of Class 4 C Claims

The Debtors believe that a Holder of a Class 4 C Claim as of the Effective Date should be treated as receiving from the Consolidated Debtors their share of the respective assets transferred to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust in satisfaction of each such Class 4 C Claim and simultaneously transferring such assets to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust. Assuming the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust is taxed as a grantor trust or as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, under the Plan, a Holder of a Class 4 C Claim may recognize a taxable loss (or gain) to the extent the amount realized by such Holder in respect of its Class 4 C Claim, excluding accrued interest, is less (or greater) than the Holder's tax basis in such Class 4 C Claim, excluding any claim for accrued interest. The amount realized by a Holder of a Class 4 C Claim should be equal to the amount of cash and the fair market value of any other consideration received pursuant to the Plan. If a Holder of a Class 4 C Claim receives distributions from the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust in more than one tax year, such Holder should consult with its own tax advisor as to the timing of the recognition of income, gain, or loss. Additionally, the Debtors believe that Holders of Class 4 C Claims should recognize their allocable share of taxable income on the assets transferred to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust on an annual basis.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is possible that the Service may assert that any income, gain, or loss by Holders of Class 4 C Claims should be deferred until the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee makes the final distributions from the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust. In addition, a Holder's ultimate share of the assets of the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust based on its Class 4 C Claim may differ from the initial estimates thereof. This may result in a Holder having to recognize additional or offsetting income or gain or loss if, and to the extent, that, the aggregate amount of cash and the fair market value of property received by that Holder from the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust differs from the amount used in initially determining that Holder's any income, gain or loss. Holders of Class 4 Claims should consult their own tax advisors regarding the possibility that the recognition of income, gain or loss may be accelerated or deferred.

# (d) Consequences to Holders of Class 5 C Claims

The Debtors believe that a Holder of a Class 5 C Claim as of the Effective Date should be treated as receiving from the Consolidated Debtors their share of the respective assets transferred to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust in satisfaction of each such Class 5 C Claim and simultaneously transferring such assets to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust. Assuming the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust is taxed as a grantor trust or as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, under the Plan, a Holder of a Class 5 C Claim may recognize a taxable loss (or gain) to the extent the amount realized by such Holder in respect of its Class 5 C Claim, excluding any claim for accrued interest. The amount realized by a Holder of a Class 5 C Claim should be equal to the amount of cash and the fair market value of any other consideration received from the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust, if any, pursuant to the Plan in the event the Holders of Class 3 C and Class 4 C Claims are paid in full. If a Holder of a Class 5 C Claim receives distributions from the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust in more than one tax year, such Holder should consult with its own tax advisor as to the timing of the recognition of income, gain, or loss. Additionally, the Debtors believe

that Holders of Class 5 C Claims should recognize their allocable share of taxable income on the assets transferred to the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust on an annual basis.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is possible that the Service may assert that any income, gain, or loss by Holders of Class 5 C Claims should be deferred until the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trustee makes the final distributions from the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust. In addition, a Holder's ultimate share of the assets of the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust based on its Class 5 C Claim may differ from the initial estimates thereof. This may result in a Holder having to recognize additional or offsetting income or gain or loss if, and to the extent, that, the aggregate amount of cash and the fair market value of property received by that Holder from the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust differs from the amount used in initially determining that Holder's any income, gain or loss. Holders of Class 5 Claims should consult their own tax advisors regarding the possibility that the recognition of income, gain or loss may be accelerated or deferred.

## (e) Consequences to Holders of Class 6 C Claims

Holders of Class 6 C Claims will receive specified fixed amounts from Consolidated Holdco in an amount equal to 75% of each such Claim in exchange for these Claims on the date of payment thereof. Accordingly, the Debtors believe that a Holder of a Class 6 C Claim should generally recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the cash received (plus the fair market value of other property received, if any) with respect to its Claim (other than any amounts attributable to accrued by unpaid interest) less its adjusted tax basis in its Claim (other than for accrued but unpaid interest).

### (f) Consequences to Holders of Class 7 C Claims

Under the Plan, Holders of Class 7 C Claims will recognize a taxable loss (or gain) to the extent that amount realized by each such Holder in exchange for their Class 7 C Claim is less (or greater) than such Holder's tax basis in their Class 7 C Claim exchanged therefor. The amount realized by a Holder of a Class 7 C Claim should be equal to the amount of cash and the fair market value of any other consideration received from the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust, if any, pursuant to the Plan, in the event the Holders of Class 3 C, Class 4 C, and Class 5 C Claims are paid in full.

### (g) Consequences to Holders of Class 8 C Interests

Under the Plan, Holders of Class 8 C Interests will recognize a taxable loss (or gain) to the extent the amount realized by each such Holder in exchange for their Interest is less (or greater) than such Holder's tax basis in their Interest exchanged therefore. The amount realized by the Holder of a Class 8 C Interest should be equal to the amount of cash and the fair market value of any other consideration received from the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust, if any, pursuant to the Plan, in the event the Holders of Class 3 C, Class 4 C, Class 5 C, and Class 7 C Claims are paid in full. The gain or loss should be a capital gain provided the Holder held their Class 8 C Interest as a capital assets within the meaning of Tax Code Section 1221 at the effective time of the Plan.

### 3. Interest Income

Taxable interest income earned on the assets held by the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust will be reported as taxable income to the Holders of Consolidated Holdco Trust Claims on an annual basis and will be taxable to such Holders in accordance with their method of tax accounting. Taxable interest income earned on the assets held by the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust will be reported as taxable income to the Holders of Class 3 C, Class 4 C and Class 5 C Claims on an annual basis and will be taxable to such Holders in accordance with their method of tax accounting. In addition, Holders of Claims will be treated as receiving a payment of interest (includible in income in accordance with the Holder's method of accounting for tax purposes) to the extent that any cash or other property received (or deemed received) pursuant to the Plan is attributable to accrued but unpaid interest, if any, on such Claim. Each Holder should consult its own tax advisor regarding the determination of the amount of consideration received under the Plan that is attributable to interest (if any).

### 4. <u>Gain or Loss from Subsequent Sales</u>

Any taxable gains or losses on a subsequent sale of assets (other than cash) held by the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust will be reported as taxable gain or taxable loss to the Holders of the Consolidated Debtors Trust Claims on an annual basis and will be taxable to such Holders in accordance with their method of tax accounting. The amount of such gain or loss realized by each Holder with respect to each such sale will be the difference between the portion of the amount realized on such sale allocable to such Holder and the portion of the tax basis in such asset sold allocable to such Holder. Each Holder should consult its own tax advisor regarding the possibility of recognizing gain or loss on any assets (other than cash) owned by the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust and the timing and character of any income or loss recognized with respect to any such sales.

### 5. <u>Backup Withholding and Information Reporting</u>

In general, a Holder of a Claim may be subject to backup withholding at the applicable rate with respect to any "reportable" payments received pursuant to the Plan unless (i) such Holder is a corporation or comes within certain other exempt categories and, when required, demonstrates this fact or (ii) provides to the Debtor and/or the applicable Liquidating Trust (i.e. Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust with respect to a Holder of a Claim against the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust or the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust with respect to a Holder of a Claim against the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust (on IRS Form W-9) a correct taxpayer identification number, certifies as to no loss of exemption from backup withholding and complies with applicable requirements of backup withholding rules. A Holder that does not provide a correct taxpayer identification number may be subject to penalties imposed by the Service. Amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be credited against a Holder's tax liability, and a Holder may obtain a refund of any excess amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules may be credited service.

The Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust Trustee will report annually to each Holder of a Consolidated Holdco Trust Claim such Holder's share of income, gains and losses of the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust during the calendar year to the extent required by law. The Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust Trustee will report annually to each Holder of a Class 3 C, Class 4 C, Class 5 C, and Class 7 C Claim such Holder's share of income, gains and losses of the Consolidated Liquidating Trust during the calendar year to the extent required by law.

The Debtors, the Consolidated Holdco Liquidating Trust and the Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trust will withhold from distributions provided under the Plan any amount which is required by law to be withheld, and will also comply with all applicable reporting requirements of the United States Tax Code and other applicable law. In order to receive distributions, creditors must provide the Debtors and/or the Consolidated Holdco and Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trusts with the information needed to allow the Debtors and/or the Consolidated Holdco and Consolidated Debtors Liquidating Trusts to comply with applicable law.

#### VIII. CERTAIN RISK FACTORS AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

# A. Forward Looking Statements in this Disclosure Statement May Prove to be Inaccurate

Many of the statements included in this Disclosure Statement contain forward-looking statements and information relating to the Debtors. These forward-looking statements are generally identified by the use of terminology such as "may," "will," "could," "should," "potential," "continue," "expect," "intend," "plan," "estimate," "project," "forecast," "anticipate," "believe," or similar phrases or the negatives of such terms. These statements are based on the beliefs of management as well as assumptions made using information currently available to management. Such statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions, as well as other matters not yet known or not currently considered material by management. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those anticipated, estimated or projected. Given these risks and uncertainties, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements do not guarantee future performance. You should recognize these statements for what they are and not rely on them as facts. None of the Debtors undertakes any obligation to update or revise any of these forward-looking statements.

## IX. <u>ALTERNATIVES TO CONFIRMATION AND</u> <u>CONSUMMATION OF THE PLAN</u>

If the Plan is not confirmed or consummated, the alternatives include, in addition to dismissal of the Cases, (i) liquidation of the Debtors under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code or (ii) an alternative chapter 11 plan.

## A. Liquidation Under Chapter 7

If no plan can be confirmed or the Court determines other cause exists for conversion, the bankruptcy cases may be converted to cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. In this event, a chapter 7 trustee would be elected or appointed to liquidate the assets of the Debtors for distribution to creditors in accordance with priorities established by the Bankruptcy Code.

The Debtors believe that conversion to chapter 7 and the appointment of one or more chapter 7 trustees would result in substantial additional Administrative Claims related to the attorneys and other professionals necessary to assist such trustee(s) and their need to study extensively these bankruptcy cases in order to fulfill their fiduciary duties, as well as the significant delays attendant to the chapter 7 trustee's need to analyze issues and research the background of the Debtors, their assets, their liabilities, their intra-debtor claims, and make a recovery analysis. Indeed, the Debtors' Liquidation Analysis concludes that under a chapter 7 liquidation, creditors would not recover as much as they would under the Plan. If the cases were converted the intra-debtor and inter-estate claims and issues would not be resolved. The Debtors believe that there would be additional costs and expense and risks and uncertainties with respect to intra-debtor and intra-estate disputes and issues that would need to be resolved or litigated. A copy of the Liquidation Analysis is Annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit B</u>.

## **B.** Alternative Plan(s) of Reorganization

If the Debtors' exclusive period to file a plan of reorganization and solicit acceptances of a plan of reorganization expires pursuant to § 1121 of the Bankruptcy Code, other parties could propose their own plans of reorganization for the Debtors. The Debtors believe that the transactions reflected in the Plan and this Disclosure Statement will result in quicker and higher recoveries for all constituencies than any alternative scenario.

The Debtors believe that confirmation and implementation of the Plan are preferable to either of the above-described alternatives and recommend that all Creditors vote in favor of the Plan.

# X. CONCLUSION

The Debtors believe that acceptance of the Plan is in the best interest of Creditors and recommend that you vote to accept the Plan.

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# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

# FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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In re:

ACCREDITED HOME LENDERS HOLDING CO., et al.<sup>1</sup>

Chapter 11 )

Case No. 09-11516 (MFW)

Debtors.

Jointly Administered

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Kathleen P. Makowski, hereby certify that on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November 2010, I

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Debtors in these cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtors' federal tax identification number, are Accredited Home Lenders Holding Co., a Delaware corporation (9482), Accredited Home Lenders, Inc., a California corporation (6859), Vendor Management Services, LLC d/b/a Inzura Settlement Services, a Pennsylvania limited liability company (8047), Inzura Insurance Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation (7089), and Windsor Management Co., d/b/a AHL Foreclosure Services Co., a California corporation (4056). The address for all Debtors is 9915 Mira Mesa Blvd., Ste. 100, San Diego, CA 92131. The bankruptcy cases for these debtors and debtors-inpossession are jointly administered under the bankruptcy case and style referenced above.

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