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In re:

CARTER'S GROVE, LLC,

Debtor.

Case No.: 11-51330-STS

Chapter 11

DEBTOR'S DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF SECOND AMENDED PLAN OF REORGANIZATION OF CARTER'S GROVE, LLC

## **Disclosure Statement Hearing**

Date: To be determined Time: To be determined

Place: 600 Granby Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Norfolk, Virginia 23510

Judge: Honorable Stephen C. St. John

THIS PROPOSED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT AS CONTAINING ADEQUATE INFORMATION UNDER BANKRUPTCY CODE SECTION 1125(b) FOR USE IN THE SOLICITATION OF ACCEPTANCES OR REJECTIONS OF THE CHAPTER 11 PLAN DESCRIBED HEREIN. ACCORDINGLY, THE FILING AND DISSEMINATION OF THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ARE NOT INTENDED TO BE, AND SHOULD NOT IN ANY WAY BE CONSTRUED AS, A SOLICITATION OF VOTES ON THE PLAN, NOR SHOULD THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BE RELIED ON FOR ANY PURPOSE BEFORE A DETERMINATION BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT THAT THE PROPOSED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CONTAINS ADEQUATE INFORMATION. THE DEBTOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO AMEND OR SUPPLEMENT THIS PROPOSED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AT OR BEFORE THE HEARING TO CONSIDER THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT.

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I.

## INTRODUCTION AND PLAN OVERVIEW

#### A. <u>Introduction</u>

On February 14, 2011, the Debtor, <sup>1</sup> Carter's Grove, LLC, commenced a bankruptcy case by filing a voluntary petition under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor's case is administered in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Newport News Division, before the Honorable Stephen C. St. John.

This Disclosure Statement contains information with respect to the Plan proposed by the Debtor. Pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code, this Disclosure Statement is being distributed to you for the purpose of enabling you to make an informed judgment about the Plan.

The Debtor is solvent and the Plan provides for all Allowed Claims to be paid in full. CWF disputes that the Debtor is solvent because as of the Petition Date the Debtor was not paying its debts as they came due.

After the filing of the prior iteration of the Plan and Disclosure Statement that was approved by the Bankruptcy Court at the October 21, 2011 hearing, the Debtor has examined various alternatives and, based on information contained in this Disclosure Statement, has proposed the Plan because it provides for full recovery to creditors while, at the same time, preserving the substantial equity in the Debtor's main asset for the Interest Holder. Accordingly, the Debtor has determined that the best manner to preserve the value of the Debtor's Estate is to promptly sell Carter's Grove and its related assets to the highest and best bidder.

As discussed herein, the Debtor was formed for the sole purpose of holding title to Carter's Grove, an historic 475 acre property in Virginia. The Debtor does not maintain or carry

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Except as otherwise provided herein, capitalized terms used in this Disclosure Statement will have the meanings set forth in the Plan, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

on any business or operations at Carter's Grove. As a result, the Debtor does not have any income but is instead entirely dependent upon Mr. Minor, the controlling principal of the Debtor, to pay debt service and to fund day-to-day expenses and capital expenditures. Under the Plan, Mr. Minor will fund the continued maintenance and operating expenses of the Debtor through the closing of the sale of Carter's Grove, the payments to Creditors that hold Allowed Priority Claims (the Debtor does not there are any), Allowed Priority Tax Claims, and Allowed General Unsecured Claims pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Plan. The payment of Allowed Secured Tax Claims, Allowed Secured Claim of CWF, Allowed Claim of AVN, and Allowed Claim of Sotheby's shall be paid in the order of the priority of their Liens from the Net Sale Proceeds resulting from the sale of Carter's Grove. The holders of Administrative Claims (i.e., Professional Fees), have agreed to seek payment from the Available Sale Proceeds or look to Mr. Minor for repayment outside the Chapter 11 Case.

The Disclosure Statement describes the Plan and contains information concerning, among other matters, the history, management, and assets and liabilities of the Debtor, and the proposed distribution to Creditors. The Debtor requests that you carefully review the contents of this Disclosure Statement and the Plan (including the exhibits to each) before making a decision to accept or reject the Plan. Particular attention should be paid to the provisions affecting or impairing your rights as a Creditor.

Your vote on the Plan is important. In order for the Plan to be accepted by a Class of Claims, the holders of two-thirds (2/3) in dollar amount and more than one-half (1/2) in number of Allowed Claims in such Class who vote on the Plan must vote for acceptance. The Debtor is soliciting the votes of members of Class 4 (Secured Claim of CWF), Class 5 (Secured Claim of

AVN), Class 6 (Secured Claim of Sotheby's), and Class 7 (Other Secured Claims) (the Debtor does not believe there are any such claims), and Class 8 (General Unsecured Claims).

Non-acceptance of the Plan may lead to a liquidation under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, or to the confirmation of another plan. These alternatives may not provide for a distribution of as much value to holders of Allowed Claims as the Plan. Accordingly, the Debtor urges you to accept the Plan by completing and returning the enclosed ballot no later than **4:00 p.m.** (Pacific) [ ], 2012. Objections to the Plan must be filed and served on the appropriate parties or their counsel on or before **4:00 p.m.** (Pacific) on [ ], 2012.

## **B.** Information Regarding the Plan

# 1. Plan Governing Document.

Although the Debtor believes that this Disclosure Statement accurately describes the Plan, all summaries of the Plan contained in this Disclosure Statement are qualified by the Plan itself and the documents described therein which are controlling.

## 2. Source of Information.

Factual information, including all financial information, contained in this Disclosure

Statement has been provided by the Debtor, Mr. Minor, or has been obtained from the Debtor's records, except where otherwise specifically noted. Neither the Debtor nor Mr. Minor represents or warrants that the information contained in this Disclosure Statement is free from any inaccuracy. The Debtor and, to the extent applicable, Mr. Minor, have attempted to present the information accurately and fairly, and the Debtor and Mr. Minor believe that the information is substantially accurate. The sources and amounts of payments to Creditors represent the best estimate of the Debtor and Mr. Minor as to what they expect will happen. Because these are only assumptions about or predictions of future events, many of which are beyond the Debtor's

or Mr. Minor's control, there can be no assurances that the assumptions will in fact materialize or that the projected realizations will in fact be met. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Disclosure Statement will not reflect any events that occurred subsequent to the date that the Debtor submitted the Disclosure Statement to the Bankruptcy Court for approval.

## 3. Warning Regarding Federal and State Income Tax Consequences of the Plan

The tax consequences of the Plan will vary based on the individual circumstances of each holder of a Claim. Accordingly, each Creditor is strongly urged to consult with its own tax advisor regarding the federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences of the Plan.

# 4. Bankruptcy Court Approval

Following a hearing held on [], 2012, the Bankruptcy Court approved this Disclosure Statement as containing information of a kind and in sufficient detail adequate to enable a hypothetical, reasonable investor to make an informed judgment about the Plan. Under section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code, this approval enabled the Debtor to send you this Disclosure Statement and solicit your acceptance of the Plan. The Bankruptcy Court has not, however, passed any judgment on the Plan itself, nor conducted a detailed investigation into the contents of this Disclosure Statement.

## **C.** Voting Instructions

#### 1. How to Vote

A ballot is enclosed herewith for Creditors to use in voting on the Plan. To vote on the Plan, indicate on the enclosed ballot that you accept or you reject the Plan and sign your name and mail the ballot in the envelope provided for this purpose.

In order to be counted, ballots must be completed, signed and returned so that they are received no later than 4:00 P.M. prevailing Pacific Time on January 25, 2012 at the following address:

Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP 150 California Street, 15th Floor San Francisco, California 94111-4500 Telephone: (415) 263-7000

Attn: John W. Lucas and Oliver Carpio

# DO NOT SEND YOUR BALLOT VIA FACSIMILE OR E-MAIL.

If your ballot is not properly completed, signed, and returned as described, it will not be counted. If your ballot is damaged or lost, you may request a replacement by sending a written request to the above address.

## 2. Who May Vote

The Plan divides the Claims of Creditors into nine (9) Classes. There is one (1) Class of Interests.

Classes of Creditors that are impaired by the Plan are entitled to vote. Each holder of an Allowed Claim in an impaired Class that will receive distributions under the Plan on account of such Claims may vote to accept or reject the Plan. A Class is impaired if the legal, equitable or contractual rights attaching to the claims or interests of the Class are modified, other than by curing defaults and reinstating maturities.

Class 4 (Secured Claim of CWF), Class 5 (Secured Claim of AVN), Class 6 (Secured Claim of Sotheby's), Class 7 (Other Secured Claims), and Class 8 (General Unsecured Claims) are impaired under the Plan and are entitled to vote thereon, unless the claim in such Class is disputed. Class 1 (Other Priority Claims), Class 2 (Secured Tax Claims), and Class 3 (Priority Tax Claims) are unimpaired under the Plan and are not entitled to vote thereon. Accordingly, the

Debtor is soliciting acceptances only from the members of Class 4, Class 5, Class 6, Class 7, and Class 8.

In determining acceptances of the Plan, the vote of a Creditor will only be counted if submitted by a Creditor whose Claim is an Allowed Claim. Generally speaking, a Creditor holds an Allowed Claim if such Claim is duly scheduled by the Debtor as other than disputed, contingent or unliquidated, or the Creditor has timely filed with the Bankruptcy Court a proof of Claim which has not been objected to or disallowed prior to ninety (90) days after the Effective Date of the Plan. The Ballot form which you received does <u>not</u> constitute a Proof of Claim.

#### **D.** Confirmation

"Confirmation" is the technical phrase for the Bankruptcy Court's approval of a plan of reorganization. At the Confirmation Hearing, to confirm the Plan, the Debtor must demonstrate that it has met the requirements of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code. If the Bankruptcy Court determines that all of the requirements of section 1129 have been satisfied, the Bankruptcy Court will enter an order confirming the Plan. The Debtor believes that the Plan satisfies all the statutory requirements of chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code for Confirmation of the Plan.

Voting is tabulated by class. As discussed above, a class of creditors has accepted a plan of reorganization if the plan has been accepted by two-thirds (2/3) in dollar amount and more than one-half (1/2) in number of creditors holding allowed claims in that class who actually vote to accept or reject such plan.

Even if a class of creditors or interests votes against a plan of reorganization, that plan may nevertheless be confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court, notwithstanding the rejection of the Plan by that class, so long as certain statutory requirements are met by the plan. This procedure

is called a "cram down." The Debtor will seek confirmation of the Plan through a cram down if either Class 4, Class 5, Class 6, Class 7, or Class 8 rejects the Plan.

The Bankruptcy Court has set [], 2012 at [] a.m. (Eastern), as the hearing date to determine whether the Plan has been accepted by the requisite number of Creditors and whether the other requirements for Confirmation of the Plan have been satisfied. This hearing may be continued from time to time and day to day without further notice. If the Bankruptcy Court confirms the Plan, it will enter the Confirmation Order. Any objections to Confirmation of the Plan must be in writing and must be filed with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court and served on the parties set forth below on or before the date set forth in the Notice of Confirmation Hearing sent to you with this Disclosure Statement and the Plan. Counsel on whom objections must be served are:

#### (1) Counsel for the Debtor:

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Telephone: (804) 771-9500 Facsimile: (804) 664-0957

Attn: Robert S. Westermann and Sheila deLa Cruz

and

#### (2) The Office of the United States Trustee

Office of the United States Trustee Assistant U.S. Trustee Room 625 Federal Building 200 Granby Street Norfolk, VA 23510 Attn: Debera F. Conlon and Kenneth N. Whitehurst III

# E. <u>Disclaimers</u>

THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION WHICH MAY BEAR UPON YOUR DECISION TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE DEBTOR'S PROPOSED PLAN. PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT WITH CARE. THE PURPOSE OF THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS TO PROVIDE "ADEQUATE INFORMATION" OF A KIND, AND IN SUFFICIENT DETAIL, AS FAR AS IS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE IN LIGHT OF THE NATURE AND HISTORY OF THE DEBTOR AND THE CONDITION OF THE DEBTOR'S BOOKS AND RECORDS, THAT WOULD ENABLE A HYPOTHETICAL REASONABLE INVESTOR TYPICAL OF HOLDERS OF CLAIMS OR INTERESTS OF THE RELEVANT CLASS TO MAKE AN INFORMED JUDGMENT CONCERNING THE PLAN. SEE 11 U.S.C. § 1125(a).

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF CREDITORS, THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
SUMMARIZES THE TERMS OF THE PLAN, BUT THE PLAN ITSELF QUALIFIES ANY
SUMMARY. IF ANY INCONSISTENCY EXISTS BETWEEN THE PLAN AND THIS
DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE TERMS OF THE PLAN ARE CONTROLLING.

THE CONTENTS OF THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT SHOULD NOT BE
CONSTRUED AS LEGAL, BUSINESS OR TAX ADVICE. EACH CREDITOR OR
INTEREST HOLDER SHOULD CONSULT HIS OR HER OWN LEGAL COUNSEL AND
ACCOUNTANT AS TO LEGAL, TAX AND OTHER MATTERS CONCERNING HIS OR
HER CLAIM.

NO REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING THE DEBTOR'S FINANCIAL CONDITION OR ANY ASPECT OF THE PLAN ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT OR DEBTOR OTHER THAN AS SET FORTH IN THIS

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. ANY REPRESENTATIONS OR INDUCEMENTS MADE TO SECURE YOUR ACCEPTANCE THAT ARE OTHER THAN AS CONTAINED IN OR INCLUDED WITH THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT SHOULD NOT BE RELIED UPON BY YOU IN ARRIVING AT YOUR DECISION.

CERTAIN OF THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, BY NATURE, ARE FORWARD-LOOKING AND CONTAIN ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS. THE WORDS "ANTICIPATE," "BELIEVE," "ESTIMATE," "WILL," "INTEND." AND "EXPECT" AND SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS IDENTIFY FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. ALTHOUGH THE DEBTOR BELIEVES THAT ITS ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS REFLECTED IN THOSE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS ARE REASONABLE, THE DEBTOR CAN GIVE NO ASSURANCE THAT SUCH ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS WILL BE REALIZED. FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS ARE BASED ON ASSUMPTIONS THAT ARE UNAVOIDABLY AND INHERENTLY IMPRECISE. ACTUAL RESULTS, PERFORMANCE, OR ACHIEVEMENTS WILL LIKELY DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THOSE CONTEMPLATED, EXPRESSED, OR IMPLIED BY THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. THE DEBTOR UNDERTAKES NO OBLIGATION TO UPDATE OR REVISE ANY FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, WHETHER AS A RESULT OF NEW DEVELOPMENTS OR OTHERWISE.

THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT AND IN ANY EXHIBITS TO THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, UNLESS

OTHERWISE INDICATED, IS UNAUDITED. REASONABLE EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE, HOWEVER, TO ENSURE THAT ALL SUCH INFORMATION IS FAIRLY PRESENTED.

ALL PROFESSIONALS FOR THE DEBTOR HAVE RELIED UPON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE DEBTOR IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION OF THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. ALTHOUGH PROFESSIONALS FOR THE DEBTOR HAVE PERFORMED CERTAIN LIMITED DUE DILIGENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE PREPARATION OF THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE PROFESSIONALS HAVE NOT INDEPENDENTLY VERIFIED ALL OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN OR ATTACHED TO THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT.

UNLESS YOUR CLAIM IS ALLOWED, IN WHOLE OR IN PART, UNDER THE PLAN, THE ABILITY OF THE DEBTOR AND OTHER CREDITORS OR PARTIES IN INTEREST TO OBJECT TO YOUR CLAIM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN AND APPLICABLE LAW IS BEING PRESERVED AND NOT WAIVED UNDER THE PLAN. MOREOVER, ANY RIGHTS OF ACTION AGAINST YOU IN FAVOR OF THE DEBTOR ARE BEING PRESERVED UNDER THE PLAN. THE DEBTOR IS ATTEMPTING TO PROVIDE YOU ADEQUATE INFORMATION TO MAKE AN INFORMED JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN. THE DEBTOR DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS RESERVATION OF RIGHTS SHOULD AFFECT YOUR DECISION ON HOW TO VOTE ON THE PLAN. ALTHOUGH THE DEBTOR BELIEVES THAT THE CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN IS IN THE INTERESTS OF CREDITORS OF THE DEBTOR, THIS ADVISORY IS PROVIDED TO ENSURE THAT YOU DO NOT ASSUME, BY THE DEBTOR'S SOLICITATION OF YOUR VOTE, BY THE ESTIMATES

OF THE PLAN OR DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (OTHER THAN AN EXPRESS PROVISION OF THE PLAN ALLOWING YOUR CLAIM OR WAIVING SPECIFIED RIGHTS OF ACTION AGAINST YOU) THAT THE DEBTOR, THE REORGANIZED DEBTOR, OTHER CREDITORS, OR OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST WILL NOT OBJECT TO YOUR CLAIM OR THAT THE DEBTOR WILL NOT PURSUE ANY RIGHT OF ACTION AGAINST YOU. INSTEAD, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DECIDING HOW TO VOTE ON THE PLAN, IF YOUR CLAIM IS NOT EXPRESSLY ALLOWED UNDER THE PLAN, YOU SHOULD ASSUME THAT THE DEBTOR, THE REORGANIZED DEBTOR, OR THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS OR REPRESENTATIVES WILL (A) OBJECT TO YOUR CLAIM AND (B) ASSERT ALL SETOFFS, RECOUPMENTS, RIGHTS TO SUBORDINATE, OR AFFIRMATIVE CLAIMS THAT THE DEBTOR, THE REORGANIZED DEBTOR, OR THEIR RESPECTIVE SUCCESSORS MAY HAVE WITH RESPECT TO YOU AND/OR YOUR CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTOR.

## F. Plan Overview

The Plan provides that all Allowed Claims will be paid in full (unless otherwise agreed to by the Creditor), either on the Effective Date from the Plan Funding or from the Net Sale Proceeds resulting from the sale of Carter's Grove and its related assets. The Minor Trust, the sole member of the Debtor, will retain its Interests in the Debtor. The Debtor obtained a recent appraisal that estimates the fair market value of its sole asset – Carter's Grove – at \$15.8 million, which is substantially more than the approximate \$11.7 million in claims asserted against the Debtor. The Plan allows Creditors to be made whole, while preserving the equity in Carter's Grove. While the appraisal did not take into account the CERCLA claims and other claims raised in the CWF Adversary Proceeding, the Debtor believes that it is still solvent and the value

exceeds the secured claims by a substantial amount. The following chart briefly summarizes the treatment of Creditors and Interest Holders under the Plan. Amounts listed below are estimates:

Class No.	Claims	Estimate of Claim Amounts and Recoveries	Treatment
N/A	Allowed Administrative Claims	\$700,000 100%	Each Allowed Administrative Claim, unless the holder of such Claim has agreed to a different treatment, will be paid in full by a one-time Cash payment by the Reorganized Debtor on the latest of: (a) the Effective Date; (b) such date as may be fixed by the Bankruptcy Court; (c) the fourteenth day after such Claim is Allowed; and (d) such date as the holder of such Claim and the Reorganized Debtor may agree.
1	Allowed Other Priority Claims	\$0.00 100%	On the Effective Date, the holders of Allowed Class 1 Claims shall be paid by the Reorganized Debtor, using the Plan Funding.
2	Allowed Secured Tax Claims	\$60,650 (James City County)	At the Debtor's option, either a one-time Cash payment on the Effective Date or periodic cash payments plus statutory interest, which shall be paid from the Net Sale Proceeds.
3	Allowed Priority Tax Claims	\$38,500 (IRS Claim)	On the Effective Date, the holders of Allowed Class 1 Claims shall be paid by the Reorganized Debtor, using the Plan Funding.
4	Allowed Secured Claim of CWF	\$4,400,000 <sup>2</sup> 100%	The holder of an Allowed Class 4 Claim shall be paid in full and final satisfaction of its Class 4 Claim from the Net Sale Proceeds upon the closing of the sale of Carter's Grove and approval of its Claim by the Bankruptcy Court in the order of priority of its Lien against Carter's Grove, or if such sale does not close in accordance with the terms of the Plan, CWF shall be entitle to exercise its rights under the CWF Deed of Trust.
5	Secured Claim of AVN	\$5,000,000 100%	The holder of an Allowed Class 5 Claim shall be paid in full and final satisfaction of its Class 5 Claim from the Net Sale Proceeds upon the closing of the sale of Carter's Grove and approval of its Claim by the Bankruptcy Court and after the full payment of the Allowed CWF Secured Claim in the order of priority of its Lien against Carter's Grove, or if such sale does not close in accordance with the terms of the Plan, AVN shall be entitle to exercise its rights under the AVN Deed of Trust.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Generally in line with the Debtor's estimate, CWF filed a proof of claim (Claim No. 2) in the amount of \$4.078 million and the accrual of postpetition interest and an estimate of attorneys' fees. However, the Secured Claim of CWF is subject to objection in its entirety by the Debtor. As a result, the Allowed Claim maybe substantially less than the amount set forth in CWF's proof of claim.

Class No.	Claims	Estimate of Claim Amounts and Recoveries	Treatment
6	Secured Claim of Sotheby's	\$2,300,000 <sup>3</sup> 100%	The holder of an Allowed Class 6 Claim shall be paid in full and final satisfaction of its Class 6 Claim from the Net Sale Proceeds upon the closing of the sale of Carter's Grove and approval of its Claim by the Bankruptcy Court and after the full payment of the Allowed CWF Secured Claim and Allowed AVN Secured Claim in the order of priority of its Lien against Carter's Grove, or if such sale does not close in accordance with the terms of the Plan, AVN shall be entitle to exercise its rights under the Sotheby's Deed of Trust.
7	Other Secured Claims	None <sup>4</sup>	On or prior to the Effective Date, the Debtor will abandon or surrender the property securing such Claim.
8	Unsecured Claims	\$62,000 100%	Except to the extent that the holder of an Allowed Unsecured Claim accepts, or has accepted, less favorable treatment, each holder of an Allowed Unsecured Claim will receive a Cash payment in full and final satisfaction of such Claim equal to 100% of the amount of its Allowed Claim (without interest) on the later of the Effective Date or the date the Unsecured Claim is Allowed.
9	Interests	100%	The legal, equitable, and contractual rights of the holder of the Interests shall be left unaltered.

II.

## **OVERVIEW OF CHAPTER 11 CASE**

This section of the Disclosure Statement discusses the significant events in the Chapter 11 Case to date, including events leading up to the commencement of this case. Copies of all relevant court papers are on file with the Bankruptcy Court.

# A. Events Leading Up to the Filing of the Chapter 11 Case

## 1. <u>Description of the Debtor</u>

As discussed above, Carter's Grove is located in the town of Grove, James City County, Virginia, located along Route 60, eight miles east from historic Williamsburg. The area includes a number of estate properties dating to the 18th and 19th centuries. These properties, like the Carter's Grove property, were customarily located on navigable waterways which were

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The value of Sotheby's claim reflects payments that have already been made for the benefit of Sotheby's.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The Debtor is unaware of any Class 5 Claims.

originally used as transportation routes. Prior to the Debtor's acquisition of Carter's Grove, CWF owned and operated Carter's Grove as a museum for over 20-years and, in 2002, closed the property to the public.

Subsequently, on or about October 22, 2007, the Minor Trust and CWF entered a contract for the purchase and sale of Carter's Grove. The Minor Trust purchased Carter's Grove from CWF for an initial purchase price of \$15,300,000 (the "Sale"), subject to the terms of the CWF Note and secured by the CWF Deed of Trust in favor of CWF. The agreed purchase price was payable as \$5,000,000 cash and the CWF Note in the amount of \$10,300,000 payable in six consecutive semi-annual installments of \$1,766,666.67 beginning on July 15, 2008 through January 15, 2011.

The Minor Trust is the named purchaser of Carter's Grove. However, the purchase agreement was assigned to the Debtor with the consent of CWF at or about the time of the Sale. Accordingly, the Debtor, a Virginia limited liability company, was formed on December 10, 2007 to hold title to Carter's Grove. The sole member of the Debtor is the Minor Trust. Mr. Minor is the trustee of the Minor Trust, the designated manager of the Debtor, and the sole beneficiary of the Minor Trust.

#### 2. Debtor's Assets

The Debtor's primary asset is Carter's Grove. Subject to Debtor's analysis of potential causes of action and claims other than those asserted in the CWF Adversary Proceeding, the Debtor has no other assets of material value.

In May 2011, after the stabilization of the real estate market, the Debtor obtained an appraisal (the "Appraisal") of Carter's Grove, which shows, based on the assumptions and conditions set forth therein, that Carter's Grove is worth no less than \$15,800,000. In preparing

the Appraisal, sales, cost, and demographic information were gathered, confirmed, and analyzed.

Local sources of information included, but were not limited to, area real estate brokers, property managers, property owners, and government officials. Published sources of information included various government and investment publications.

The Debtor believes the value of Carter's Grove is no less than \$15,800,000 million provided that the property is marketed for a sufficient amount of time, which might be up to twelve (12) months. Accordingly, the Debtor believes that the fair market value of Carter's Grove substantially exceeds the \$11.7 million in Claims asserted against the Debtor. Notably, there is an equity cushion of 300% with respect to the Secured Claim of CWF and substantial equity with respect to the Secured Claims of both AVN and Sotheby's.

## 3. <u>Debtor's Liabilities</u>

## a. **CWF Deed of Trust**

In December 2007, the Debtor (through Mr. Minor) executed the CWF Note for the benefit of CWF promising to pay \$10,300,000 in exchange for the purchase of Carter's Grove. The CWF Note requires the Debtor to make six installment payments beginning July 15, 2008, each in the amount of \$1,766,666.67. Subsequent installment payments were due every six months thereafter until the CWF Note was paid in full. The Debtor's repayment obligations under the CWF Note are secured by the CWF Deed of Trust, which provides CWF with a first priority interest in the Debtor's property and the personal guarantee of Mr. Minor.

As of the Petition Date, the Debtor had not made the last two installment payments due under the CWF Note (July 15, 2010 and January 15, 2011). Accordingly, CWF filed a secured proof of claim against the Debtor's estate in the approximate amount of \$4.078 million.

#### b. AVN Guarantee and Deed of Trust

The Minor Trust for the benefit of Mr. Minor entered into the AVN Lease, dated May 22, 2005, with AVN for a certain aircraft. In or around February 2010, Mr. Minor and AVN restructured the obligations under the AVN Lease by entering into various forbearance, modification, and guaranty agreements. To secure the payment obligations under these agreements, Carter's Grove guaranteed the obligations to AVN in the maximum amount of \$5,000,000 and executed the AVN Deed of Trust, dated February 1, 2010, in favor of AVN having a limitation of liability of \$5,000,000. It should be noted that AVN agreed that the \$5,000,000 would only be due and owing if the Minor Trust or Mr. Minor failed to pay the remaining payments due under the restructured AVN Lease Documents. On the date hereof, the outstanding payments owing to AVN are approximately \$638,000. The Minor Trust and Mr. Minor will continue to make all payments due under the AVN Lease Documents. Accordingly, the Debtor estimates that the Secured Claim of AVN is approximately \$810,000, inasmuch as the \$5,000,000 is contingent.

# c. Sotheby's Deed of Trust

Prior to the Petition Date, Sotheby's obtained a judgment against Mr. Minor arising from his purchase of certain art from Sotheby's. Mr. Minor satisfied the initial judgment through a payment of over \$6 million to Sotheby's and appealed that judgment. Thereafter, in November 2010, Sotheby's obtained an additional judgment for attorneys' fees (the "Fee Judgment"). Sotheby's subsequently executed on the Fee Judgment and obtained liens and restraining notices against various art, furniture, and design property belonging to Mr. Minor (the "Personal Property") having an approximate value in excess of \$6-\$8 million. Sotheby's also levied upon cash and receivables owing to Mr. Minor (approximately \$1.3 million) that was generated from

the sale of certain art belonging to Mr. Minor. As a result, from early November 2010 through the Petition Date, Mr. Minor's assets were completely frozen.

On or around February 14, 2011, Mr. Minor and Sotheby's entered into the Sotheby's Settlement Agreement regarding the Fee Judgment and the appeal of the prior judgment. In connection therewith, Mr. Minor agreed to (i) withdraw the appeal, (ii) permit Sotheby's to sell the Personal Property and use the sale proceeds to pay secured tax claims and to satisfy the \$3.4 million Fee Judgment, and (iii) cause the Debtor to execute the Sotheby's Deed of Trust in favor of Sotheby's to secure Mr. Minor's payment of the Fee Judgment. On the date hereof, the Debtor estimates that the total amount owed to Sotheby's is approximately \$2.3 million.

Notably, as part of the Sotheby's Settlement Agreement, the State of California Franchise Tax Board and Mr. Minor agreed to a repayment plan regarding states taxes. This agreement provides for the necessary consent State of California Franchise Tax Board of the Personal Property. In addition, Mr. Minor is currently in discussions with the Internal Revenue Service regarding the payment of federal taxes and obtaining its consent to the sale of the Personal Property.

## d. Secured Tax Claims

James City County has a lien against Carter's Grove arising from the Debtor's obligation to pay certain property taxes. The property taxes were assessed on June 5, 2010 and December 6, 2010. As of the Petition Date, the Debtor estimates that James City County is owed approximately \$60,650.

# e. **Priority Tax Claims**

The IRS has filed a claim against the Debtor in the approximate amount of \$45,800 on account of certain payroll and FICA taxes relating to the Debtor's employees. The Debtor

believes that certain portions of the payroll and FICA taxes have been paid and no more than \$38,500 is owing and such amount is still subject to reconciliation by the Debtor.

## f. **Priority Employee Claims**

The Debtor has identified in its Schedules less than \$15,000 in potential Priority

Employee Claims owed to three individuals. However, since the Petition Date, Mr. Minor has paid these clams with his personal funds. Accordingly, on the date hereof, there are no prepetition Priority Employee Claims.

# g. Trade Debt

Of the twelve general unsecured creditors listed in the Debtor's Schedules, seven are utilities, two are insurance related, and two relate to services provided to Carter's Grove. In the aggregate, the Debtor has scheduled trade claims totaling approximately \$62,000.

# 4. The Bankruptcy Filing

The commencement of the Debtor's chapter 11 case was precipitated by Mr. Minor's liquidity issues. As noted, the Debtor does not operate or generate any revenue. All of the expenses of maintaining and preserving Carter's Grove have at all times been funded by Mr. Minor.

As discussed above in connection with the Secured Claim of Sotheby's, Mr. Minor's liquid assets were frozen from early November 2010 through the Petition Date. Mr. Minor has also been embroiled in costly and protracted litigation for the past several years, and his ability to monetize assets was adversely impacted by the overall economic downturn in the U.S.

As a result, Mr. Minor could not fund payments to CWF. Consequently, on or about January 26, 2011, CWF quickly initiated foreclosure proceedings, and the foreclosure sale was noticed on an extremely short timetable (approximately three weeks) for February 15, 2011. The

proposed foreclosure sale was scheduled to take place at the circuit court located in Williamsburg, Virginia with little, if any, marketing or exposure of Carter's Grove to prospective buyers.

Given the substantial amount of equity left in the Debtor's property (approximately \$8.4 million), on February 14, 2011, the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor's case was filed prior to the scheduled foreclosure sale in order to preserve the Debtor's substantial equity in Carter's Grove. Since the Petition Date, the Debtor continues to manage its affairs as a debtor in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee, examiner, or committee has been appointed in this chapter 11 case. Also since the Petition Date, Mr. Minor has funded approximately \$213,500 in operating insurance, maintenance expenses, and employee wages.

## 5. The Debtor's Management

Mr. Minor has at all relevant times been overseeing the preservation and management of Carter's Grove and will continue to do so after the Effective Date. Mr. Minor is the trustee of the Minor Trust, the sole member of the Debtor. Mr. Minor is a successful entrepreneur, having founded CNET, a media company, and various other successful technology businesses. Mr. Minor ran CNET for approximately eight years, during which time it became one of the Internet's first companies to achieve profitability. CNET was later purchased by CBS in 2008 and is now CBS Interactive. Mr. Minor is an avid preservationist, and is managing Carter's Grove as a personal passion; he is not paid by the Debtor for his services.

#### B. Summary of Events During the Debtor's Chapter 11 Case

The following is a summary of important events that have taken place since the Petition Date.

#### 1. Postpetition Management

Since the Petition Date, the Debtor's property has been under the direct supervision of Mr. Minor and certain of his employees, two of whom live on the Carter's Grove premises. In this regard, the Debtor, through Mr. Minor, has been attending to the day-to-day management and welfare of the Debtor's property and has been funding ongoing operating expenses in the aggregate amount of \$213,500 relating to property insurance, employee wages, and various utility expenses necessary to maintain interior of mansion located on Carter's Grove.

#### 2. CWF's Motion to Transfer Venue

On March 3, 2011, CWF filed the Venue Motion. On March 23, 2011, the Debtor filed its objection to the Venue Motion [California Docket No. 33], and its two other secured creditors, AVN and Sotheby's filed their opposition to the Venue Motion [California Docket Nos. 32 and 36]. On March 30, 2011, the Bankruptcy Court issued the Tentative Ruling regarding the Venue Motion. In the Tentative Ruling, the Bankruptcy Court stated that "[w]hether venue should be transferred depends upon what activities will be important to the administration of the case." In that regard, the Court noted that if the Debtor objects to CWF's claim on the basis of (a) misrepresentation or (b) any challenge to the conservation easements, that such matters should be heard in Virginia. However, if the Debtor's principal seeks additional time to restructure the Debtor's obligations so that they can be paid in full, the case should remain in the Northern District of California.

As discussed in greater detail below, the Debtor commenced the CWF Adversary

Proceeding in which the Debtor objects to the proof of claim filed by CWF and asserts other

counterclaims. In response to the Debtor's objection to CWF's proof of claim, on July 14, 2011,

the Bankruptcy Court entered the Venue Order transferring the Chapter 11 Case and the CWF

Adversary Proceeding to this Court.

# 3. Filing of Schedules, Meeting of Creditors and Bar Date

Upon the Debtor's motion, the Court extended the time for the Debtor to file its

Schedules until March 11, 2011 and they were filed on such date. The Schedules provide

detailed information on the Debtor's assets and liabilities, as well as other information about the

Debtor and its operation. The Debtor expects to have amended its Schedules prior to the

approval of this Disclosure Statement.

On June 14, 2011, the Debtor amended the Schedules. The changes in the amended Schedules include certain intellectual property that was not originally listed on the prior version of the Schedules and one general unsecured creditor that was not listed on Schedule F.

In addition, on March 22, 2011, the United States Trustee conducted the Section 341 meeting of creditors in the Debtor's chapter 11 case at which the Debtor's management appeared with the Debtor's counsel to answer Creditors' questions about the case.

The Bankruptcy Court established June 20, 2011, as the deadline for the filing of proofs of Claim in the Bankruptcy Case for non-Governmental Units, and August 15, 2011 for Governmental Units. The Debtor has also filed monthly operating reports and continues to file such reports as they come due.

## 4. Retention of Professionals

The California Bankruptcy Court authorized the Debtor to retain Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP as its general bankruptcy counsel, which employment was approved on March 14, 2011. The Bankruptcy Court authorized the Debtor to retain Hirschler Fleischer, P.C. (Virginia local counsel) and Foley & Lardner (special litigation counsel).

# 5. Objection to Secured Claim of CWF

After the initial status conference on April 1, 2011 regarding the Venue Motion, the attorneys for the Debtor and CWF met and conferred regarding a timeline and procedures for an informal Bankruptcy Rule 2004 investigation regarding the sale of Carter's Grove. On April 14, 2011, the Debtor and CWF entered into a case management stipulation that set forth various milestones. CWF produced nearly 6,000 pages of documents in response to the Debtor's informal request for documents. The foregoing stipulation was twice amended to accommodate the exchange of additional documents requested by the Debtor. During this informal investigation, the Debtor deposed CWF through the deposition of four employees that are familiar with the events prior to and through the sale of Carter's Grove to the Debtor. The parties exchanged settlement offers during the course of the informal Bankruptcy Rule 2004 investigation but were not able to agree on terms that were mutually acceptable.

Consequently, on June 24, 2011, the Debtor commenced the CWF Adversary Proceeding by filing a complaint against CWF. As described in greater detail in the Complaint, the Debtor objects to the claim filed by CWF, and asserts affirmative causes of action for recovery against CWF, alleging that CWF knew of, but failed to disclose and actively concealed, significant defects in the property. Among other things, CWF allegedly knew of and actively concealed long-term and pervasive moisture, water damage, and mold in the historic Mansion on the

property (the "Fraud Claims"), and allegedly concealed the disposal of refuse and other debris on the facility from which hazardous substances are now being released (the "CERCLA Claims"). The Debtor is informed and believes that CWF knew of these defects and intentionally concealed them in an effort to mislead the buyer. CWF disputes the validity of the claims asserted by the Debtor.

On August 17, 2011, the Debtor filed its *Motion to Strike Changes to the Deposition*Testimony of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and Supporting Memorandum. In the foregoing motion, the Debtor is seeking to strike the changes to the deposition testimony of CWF that change certain answers to questions in response to questions asked by the Debtor relating to the Fraud Claims. The hearing on this motion was scheduled for October 21, 2011. However, prior to the hearing on such Motion, CWF filed a statement with the Bankruptcy Court representing that it has withdrawn the request to make the proposed deposition changes.

On August 26, 2011, in response to the complaint filed by the Debtor in the CWF Adversary Proceeding, CWF filed (i) an *Answer to Complaint* [Docket No. 15], (ii) a *Motion to Dismiss Counts 5 and 6 of Complaint and Memorandum in Support Thereof* [Docket No. 16], and (iii) Motion to Strike *Jury Demand Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 39(a)(2) and Memorandum in Support Thereof* [Docket No. 17]. The hearing on items (ii) and (iii) are scheduled for October 21, 2011. The Debtor and CWF are currently discussing scheduling of the discovery timeline and related matters in response to the *Answer to Complaint*.

## 6. October 21, 2011 Disclosure Statement Hearing

On October 21, 2011, the Bankruptcy Court tentatively approved the prior iteration of the Disclosure Statement, subject to certain changes that were set forth on the record of the hearing.

After the hearing, the Debtor's attorneys and the attorneys of CWF conferred regarding the

proposed changes and reached an agreement regarding the form of the prior Disclosure Statement that was proposed to be filed and distributed to Creditors in connection with the solicitation of the Plan.

However, after the October 21, 2011 hearing, the Debtor's Plan sponsor, Mr. Minor, continued to experience liquidity issues that prevented him from filing the prior iteration with the Court and soliciting acceptances from Creditors. Since this time, the Debtor has determined that the best means to preserve the value of the Estate is to immediately commence a marketing process that would result in the sale of Carter's Grove to the highest and best bidder.

Upon the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor proposes to engage the Broker pursuant to the Broker Agreement to market and sell Carter's Grove and its related assets. The Broker will market Carter's Grove for a period of twelve (12) months after the occurrence of the Effective Date. If Carter's Grove is not sold during the Sale Period, the Lienholders shall be entitle to exercise their respective nonbankrutpcy rights under, as applicable the CWF Deeds of Trust, AVN Deeds of Trust, or Sotheby's Deeds of Trust.

# 7. Approval of the Disclosure Statement and Solicitation Procedures

On February 10, 2012, the Debtor filed this Disclosure Statement subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court. After a hearing that was held on [], 2012, the Bankruptcy Court approved the Disclosure Statement by order, dated [], 2012. The order approving the Disclosure Statement is annexed hereto as **Exhibit B**.

#### III.

## **DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN**

A discussion of the principal provisions of the Plan as they relate to the treatment of Classes of Allowed Claims is set forth below. The discussion of the Plan which follows

constitutes a summary only, and should not be relied upon for voting purposes. You are urged to read the Plan (which is attached to this Disclosure Statement as **Exhibit A**) in full in evaluating whether to accept or reject the Plan proposed by the Debtor. If any inconsistency exists between this summary and the Plan, the terms of the Plan will control.

## A. <u>Description Of Classes</u>

The Plan divides Creditors and Interest Holders into Classes. Creditors with similar Claims are placed in the same Class. There are six (6) Classes of Claims and one (1) Class of Interests under the Plan as follows:

Class 1 Claims. Class 1 will consist of all Other Priority Claims.

Class 2 Claims. Class 2 will consist of Secured Tax Claims.

<u>Class 3 Claims</u>. Class 3 will consist of Priority Tax Claims.

Class 4 Claims. Class 4 will consist of the Secured Claim of CWF.

Class 5 Claims. Class 5 will consist of the Secured Claim of AVN.

Class 6 Claims. Class 6 will consist of the Secured Claim of Sotheby's.

<u>Class 7 Claims</u>. Class 7 will consist of all Other Secured Claims. Each holder of an Allowed Claim in Class 7 will be considered to be in its own separate subclass, and each subclass will be deemed to be a separate Class for purposes of the Plan.

**Class 8 Claims**. Class 8 will consist of all Unsecured Claims.

Class 9 Interests. Class 9 will consist of all Interests in the Debtor.

## **B.** Treatment of Unclassified Claims

The treatment of unclassified claims is discussed below and in Article III of the Plan.

The Plan sets forth the treatment of Administrative Claims (including Claims for Professional Fees) and Priority Tax Claims, which are not classified under the Plan. The Plan also provides

for an Administrative Claims Bar Date, which requires that all requests for payment of Administrative Claims must be filed on or before the first business date that is thirty (30) days after the date on which the Bankruptcy Court enters the Confirmation Order; *provided, however*, holders of Administrative Claims based on liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of the Debtor's business following the Petition Date are not required to comply with the Administrative Claim Bar Date, *provided that*, (i) such holders have otherwise submitted an invoice, billing statement or other evidence of indebtedness to the Debtor in the ordinary course of business, and (ii) such Claims are not past due according to their terms.

#### 1. Allowed Administrative Expense Claims

The only Administrative Claims in the Chapter 11 Case are Professional Fees. Each holder of an Allowed Claim for Professional Fees has agreed, pursuant to section 1129(a)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code, to receive a pro rata payment from Available Sale Proceeds; *provided*, *however*, the holders of Allowed Professional Fees shall retain the right to seek payment from Mr. Minor outside the Chapter 11 Case.

## C. Treatment of Classified Claims and Interests

The treatment of classified Claims and Interest is discussed below and in Article IV of the Plan. A summary of the treatment of classified Claims and Interests is also provided in the chart set forth in Section 1.F of this Disclosure Statement. As set forth in the Plan and herein, Class 4, Class 5, Class 6, Class 7, and Class 8 are each impaired and are entitled to vote on the Plan. Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3 are not impaired and are not entitled to vote on the Plan.

# 1. Allowed Other Priority Claims

Each holder of an Allowed Other Priority Claim will receive full payment of the Allowed amount of such Claim on or as soon as practicable after the later of (i) the Effective Date, or (ii)

the date upon which the Bankruptcy Court enters a Final Order determining or allowing such Claim.

## 2. Secured Tax Claims

Each Allowed Secured Tax Claim, unless the holder of such Claim has agreed to a different treatment, shall receive at the option of the Reorganized Debtor, one of the following: (i) payment in full in Cash, without interest, by the Reorganized Debtor from Available Cash and/or the Effective Date Cash Contribution on the latest of: (a) the Effective Date, or as soon thereafter as practicable; (b) such date as may be fixed by the Bankruptcy Court, or as soon thereafter as practicable; (c) the fourteenth Day after such Claim is Allowed, or as soon thereafter as practicable; and (d) such other date as the holder of such Claim and the Reorganized Debtor may agree, or (ii) deferred cash payments to the extent permitted by section 1129(a)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code with interest on the unpaid portion of such Claim at the statutory rate under applicable non-bankruptcy law or at a rate to be agreed upon by the Reorganized Debtor and the appropriate governmental unit or, if they are unable to agree, to be determined by the Bankruptcy Court; provided, however, that the Reorganized Debtors may prepay any or all such Claims at any time, without premium or penalty. In the event the Reorganized Debtor elects payment option (ii) the payment of each Allowed Tax Claim shall be made in equal quarterly installments with the first installment due on the latest of: (x) the first Business Day following the end of the first full calendar quarter following the Effective Date, (y) the first Business Day following the end of the first full calendar quarter following the date an order allowing such Claim becomes a Final Order, and (z) such other time or times as may be agreed with the holder of such Claim. Each installment shall include simple interest on the unpaid balance of the Allowed Tax Claim, without penalty of any kind, at the non-default rate of interest prescribed, agreed to or

determined under option (ii). In addition, to the extent the Reorganized Debtor elects payment option (ii), the holder of any Secured Tax Claim shall retain its underlying liens on the applicable collateral pending full payment.

#### 3. Allowed Priority Tax Claims

Except to the extent that the holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim accepts, or has accepted, less favorable treatment, each holder of an Allowed Priority Tax Claim shall receive payment in full in Cash equal to the amount of 100% of its Allowed Claim on the later of (i) the Effective Date or (ii) the date the holder's Priority Tax Claim is Allowed. Distributions to the holder of Allowed Class 3 Claims shall be paid by the Reorganized Debtor, using the Plan Funding.

## 4. Secured Claim of CWF

The holder of an Allowed Class 4 Claim shall be paid in full and final satisfaction of its Class 4 Claim upon the closing of the sale of Carter's Grove and approval of its Claim by the Bankruptcy Court in the order of priority of its Lien against Carter's Grove; provided, however, if the sale does not close within 30 days after the conclusion of the Sale Period, CWF shall be entitled to exercise its rights under its CWF Deed of Trust. Distributions to the holder of the Class 4 Claim shall be paid from the Net Sale Proceeds resulting from the sale of Carter's Grove.

## 5. Secured Claim of AVN

The holder of an Allowed Class 5 Claim shall be paid in full and final satisfaction of its Class 5 Claim upon the closing of the sale of Carter's Grove and approval of its Claim by the Bankruptcy Court and after the payment in full of the CWF Secured Claim in the order of priority of its Lien against Carter's Grove; *provided*, *however*, if the sale does not close within 30

days after the conclusion of the Sale Period, AVN shall be entitled to exercise its rights under its AVN Deed of Trust. Distributions to the holder of the Class 5 Claim shall be paid from the Net Sale Proceeds resulting from the sale of Carter's Grove.

#### 6. Secured Claim of Sotheby's

The holder of an Allowed Class 6 Claim shall be paid in full and final satisfaction of its Class 6 Claim upon the closing of the sale of Carter's Grove and approval of its Claim by the Bankruptcy Court and after the payment in full of the CWF Secured Claim and AVN Secured Claim in the order of priority of its Lien against Carter's Grove; *provided*, *however*, if the sale does not close within 30 days after the conclusion of the Sale Period, Sotheby's shall be entitled to exercise its rights under its Sotheby's Deed of Trust, unless such claim has otherwise been satisfied. Distributions to the holder of the Class 6 Claim shall be paid from the Net Sale Proceeds resulting from the sale of Carter's Grove.

#### 7. Other Secured Claims

On or prior to the Effective Date, the Debtor will in full and final satisfaction, settlement, release, and discharge of, and exchange for, such Allowed Other Secured Claim abandon or surrender to the holder of such Claim the property securing such Claim, in full satisfaction and release of such Claim.

#### 8. General Unsecured Claims

Except to the extent that the holder of an Allowed Unsecured Claim accepts, or has accepted, less favorable treatment, each holder of an Allowed Unsecured Claim will receive, in exchange for and in full and final satisfaction of such Claim Cash in the amount equal to 100% of its Allowed Claim (without interest) on the later of the Effective Date or the date the Claim is

Allowed. Distributions to the holder of Allowed Class 8 Claims shall be paid by the Reorganized Debtor using the Plan Funding.

# 9. <u>Interests</u>

The legal, equitable, and contractual rights of the holder(s) of the Interests shall be left unaltered.

# **D.** <u>Implementation of the Plan</u>

Article V of the Plan provides the principal means for the implementation of the Plan.

On the Effective Date of the Plan, the Reorganized Debtor will retain the Broker pursuant to the Broker Agreement. The Broker will market and sell Carter's Grove and related assets over a twelve (12) month period. The Sale Proceeds will be used to satisfy the Secured Tax Claims, Secured Claims of CWF, Secured Claims of AVN, and Secured Claims of Sotheby's, in the order or priority of their Liens against Carter's Grove.

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all the Cash necessary for the Reorganized Debtor to make payments pursuant to the Plan will be obtained from Mr. Minor's Plan Funding and from any other lawful source. The Plan Funding will be funded with Cash that Mr. Minor has on hand or through Cash that Mr. Minor obtains through any convertible debt financing secured by the assets of Atmosphir and his interest in Atmosphir.

On the date hereof, the Debtor estimates that the Cash necessary to fund Plan Funding will be approximately \$100,000, which consists of (i) the Allowed Priority Tax Claims in the amount of \$38,5000 and (ii) the Allowed General Unsecured Claims in the amount of \$62,000.

On the date hereof, the Debtor estimates that Professional Fees are as follows: (PSZJ - \$663,000), (Foley & Lardner - \$215,000), and (Hirschler - \$90,000). At the time of soliciting

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> This amount represents the amount of fees represents all fees accrued to date inclusive of the \$25,000 retainer provided at the outset of Hirschler Fleischer's retention.

the Plan, the Cash necessary to fund Professional Fees will not be necessary because the holders of such claims have agreed to seek payment from the Available Sale Proceeds or look to Mr. Minor to satisfy such claim outside the Chapter 11 Case. Accordingly, the Debtor believes that it will be able to show that it can fund the \$100,000 necessary for the Plan Funding at the Confirmation Hearing and show that it can satisfy the various expenses to properly maintain Carter's Grove.

#### 1. Effective Date Transactions

On (or, where appropriate, after) the Effective Date, the following actions will occur: (i) the transactions contemplated under the Plan will be consummated; (ii) Mr. Minor will cause the Plan Funding to be deposited into the Plan Funding Account; (iii) the Plan Funding Account will be established; (iv) the Disbursing Agent will make all Cash distributions required under the Plan on the Effective Date, and (v) the Broker shall be retained pursuant to the Broker Agreement.

# 2. Revesting of Estate Assets

Upon the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall be vested with all right, title and interest in the Estate Assets subject to the Easement, Liens, Claims, and interest held against such property as of the Petition Date by the Lienholders. Thus, Carter's Grove shall be revested with the Reorganized Debtor for the sole purpose of permitting the Broker to market and sell such property. Only upon the sale of Carter's Grove shall all Liens, Claims, and encumbrances be extinguished and transferred to the Net Sale Proceeds in the same order of priority that existed on the Petition Date.

#### 3. Continued Existence

As of the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor will continue to maintain its legal existence for all purposes under the Plan, and retain all the powers of a legal entity under applicable law. The Reorganized Debtor will be authorized to execute such other documents as are necessary and appropriate to carry out the provisions of the Plan, without the necessity of filing such documents with the Bankruptcy Court.

# 4. Management of Reorganized Debtor

Following the Confirmation Date and upon and after the Effective Date, the management, control, and operation of the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor, as applicable shall become the sole responsibility of Mr. Minor, as trustee of the Minor Trust, in accordance with the Plan, the Debtor's Articles of Organization, as may be amended from time to time, and applicable nonbankruptcy law.

Mr. Minor has at all relevant times been overseeing the preservation and management of Carter's Grove since the purchase thereof in 2007. Mr. Minor is a successful entrepreneur, having founded CNET, a media company, and various other successful technology businesses. Mr. Minor had run and overseen CNET's operations for approximately eight years, during which time it became one of the Internet's first companies to achieve profitability. CNET was later purchased by CBS in 2008 and is now CBS Interactive.

In addition to CNET, Mr. Minor has founded or co-founded the following internet companies (a) salesforce.com, (b) E! Online, (c) Open DNS, (d) Vignette, (e) ScoutLabs, (f) Grandcentral/Google Voice, and (g) Snap!/NBCi. Through Mr. Minor's efforts, these companies have created value in excess of \$56 billion.

Most recently, Mr. Minor, through Minor Studios, is marketing his latest internet product, Atmosphir, LLC ("Atmosphir"). Through atmosphir.com, Mr. Minor has created a set of online tools that allow people on the internet to build and share virtual worlds, some of which look like the real world and others that are pure fantasy. Since December, 120,000 virtual worlds have been created on atmosphir.com which can be played on PC, Mac, and soon IPAD. Atmosphir generates revenue from the sale of virtual items like clothes, cars, special powers, etc. The market in this area is exploding, reaching \$10 billion. Atmosphir is quickly growing. Mr. Minor is the sole owner of Minor Studios, which currently owns approximately 84% of Atmosphir. Ask discussed herein, Mr. Minor is currently soliciting proposal for certain convertible debt financing secured by the assets of Atmosphir and his interest in Atmosphir, which will be used to the extent necessary to fund payments under the Plan.

An avid preservationist, Mr. Minor is managing Carter's Grove as a personal passion, and is not paid by the Debtor for his services.

# 5. Continued Management of Reorganized Debtor

On and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall continue in accordance with its Articles of Organization, as may be amended from time-to-time, and shall properly maintain the Estate Assets, including Carter's Grove, during the Sale Period subject to all terms and conditions in the Plan.

#### 6. Retained Claims and Defenses

On and after the Effective Date, pursuant to section 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Reorganized Debtor shall retain and may enforce the Retained Claims and Defenses (including through objections to Claims) with all powers and authority of a debtor in possession or trustee under the Bankruptcy Code to the extent of and consistent with its authority under the

Plan. The Reorganized Debtor may investigate Retained Claims and Defenses and may assert, settle or enforce any such claims or defenses in a manner consistent with the Plan. To the extent any Retained Claims and Defenses are already pending on the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor as successor to the Debtor may continue the prosecution of such Retained Claims and Defenses. Any proceeds received from or on account of the Retained Claims and Defenses shall constitute Estate Assets and shall vest entirely in the Reorganized Debtor. In connection with the Retained Claims and Defenses, the Reorganized Debtor shall be authorized to (i) effect all actions and execute all agreements, instruments, and other documents necessary to perform its duties under the Plan, and (ii) employ and compensate Professionals. From and after the Effective Date, except as otherwise provided in this Plan or in the Confirmation Order, the Reorganized Debtor shall be free to operate without supervision by the Bankruptcy Court and free of any restrictions under the Bankruptcy Code or the Bankruptcy Rules.

#### 7. Distribution Procedures

Except as otherwise agreed by the holder of a particular Claim, or as provided in the Plan, all amounts to be paid by the Disbursing Agent under the Plan will be distributed in such amounts and at such times as is reasonably prudent, with sufficient reserves established in the Reorganized Debtor's discretion to satisfy any Disputed Claims. Unless otherwise provided in the Plan, all distributions to Creditors will be: (i) in U.S. dollars by check, draft or warrant, drawn on a domestic bank, or by wire transfer from a domestic bank, and (ii) by first-class mail (or by other equivalent or superior means as appropriate).

# 8. Resolution of Disputed Claims

All objections to Claims will be filed and served not later than 90 days following the Effective Date, *provided*, *that*, such date may extended by the Bankruptcy Court for cause

shown. If an objection is not timely filed by the deadline established in this Section, any remaining Disputed Claims will be deemed to be Allowed Claims for purposes of the Plan. Unless otherwise provided in the Confirmation Order, the Reorganized Debtor will be authorized to settle, or withdraw any objections to, any Disputed Claim following the Confirmation Date without further notice to Creditors or authorization of the Bankruptcy Court, in which event such Claim will be deemed to be an Allowed Claim in the amount compromised for purposes of the Plan, *provided*, *however*, that the Bankruptcy Court will retain jurisdiction to hear and adjudicate the allowance or disallowance of Claims, as provided for in Article IX of the Plan. Under no circumstances will any distributions be made on account of Disallowed Claims.

### 9. Allocation of Distributions.

Distributions to any holder of an Allowed Claim will be allocated first to the principal amount of any such Allowed Claim, as determined for federal income tax purposes, and then, to the extent the consideration exceeds such amount, to the remainder of such Claim comprising interest, if any (but solely to the extent that interest is an allowable portion of such Allowed Claim).

#### 10. Disputed Payments.

In the event of any dispute between and among Creditors as to the right of any entity to receive or retain any payment or distribution to be made to such entity under the Plan, the Reorganized Debtor or the Disbursing Agent, as applicable, may, in lieu of making such payment or distribution to such entity, instead hold such payment or distribution until the disposition thereof will be determined by the Bankruptcy Court.

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

Any entity which fails to claim any Cash within 90 days from the date upon which a distribution is first made to such entity shall forfeit all rights to any distribution under the Plan. Upon forfeiture, such Cash (including interest thereon) shall be made available for distribution to (i) in the event of forfeiture of a payment made on account of an Allowed Unsecured Claim, to the holders of Allowed Unsecured Claims; or (ii) in the event of a forfeiture of a payment made on account of any other claim, to the Reorganized Debtor. Entities that fail to claim Cash shall forfeit their rights thereto and shall have no claim whatsoever against the Reorganized Debtor or the Disbursing Agent, as applicable, or any holder of an Allowed Claim to whom distributions are made under this Plan, *provided*, *however*, that the Disbursing Agent shall undertake reasonable efforts, in its business judgment, to locate creditors whose distributions are returned to the Disbursing Agent without any return or forwarding address.

#### 12. Setoffs

Nothing contained in the Plan will constitute a waiver or release by the Debtor of any right of setoff or recoupment the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor may have against any Creditor.

### 13. No Distributions on Late-Filed Claims

Except as otherwise provided in a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court, any Claim as to which a proof of Claim was first filed after the Bar Date will be a Disallowed Claim, and no distribution will be made to a holder of such a Claim, *provided*, *that*, to the extent such Claim was listed in the Schedules (other than as contingent, disputed, or unliquidated) and would be an Allowed Claim but for the lack of a timely proof of Claim, such Claim will be treated as an Allowed Claim in the amount in which it was so listed.

### 14. Post-Effective Date Reports

Upon the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor shall prepare and submit to the Bankruptcy Court and the Office of the United States Trustee, post-confirmation reports for a revested debtor in the form suggested by the Office of the United States Trustee for Region 4. The first post-confirmation report shall be due within fifteen (15) days following the end of the first calendar quarter from the Effective Date and reports shall be filed on a quarterly basis thereafter until the Chapter 11 Case is closed, unless otherwise agreed by the Reorganized Debtor and the Office of the United States Trustee.

#### 15. Post Effective Date Employment and Compensation of Professionals

After the Effective Date, professionals for the Debtor will take only those actions as are authorized by the Reorganized Debtor. Professionals will not be required to file formal applications for Bankruptcy Court approval of post-Effective Date employment or payment of post-Effective Date fees and expenses. To the extent that the Reorganized Debtor requires Professionals to perform services following the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor is authorized to compensate Professionals without further order of the Bankruptcy Court with respect to fees and expenses incurred subsequent to the Effective Date.

### 16. Final Decree

Upon substantial consummation of the Plan (which includes the closing of the sale of Carter's Grove and resolution of the CWF Adversary Proceeding and any other disputed Claims), the Reorganized Debtor shall be authorized to file a motion for the entry of a final decree closing the Chapter 11 Case pursuant to section 350 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Concurrently with the motion for entry of final decree, the Reorganized Debtor shall also file a

report with the Court and the Office of the United States Trustee that sets forth the distributions made by the Reorganized Debtor pursuant to the Plan.

### **E.** Executory Contracts

Article VI of the Plan sets forth procedures governing the assumption and rejection of the Debtor's executory contracts and unexpired leases.

Upon the Effective Date, the Debtor will assume each of the Assumed Contracts except for any Rejected Contracts identified in the Plan Supplement. The Debtor reserves the right to make additions to the Plan Supplement up to seven (7) days prior to the date on which objections must be filed to the Plan with respect to the Confirmation Hearing. The Reorganized Debtor will be responsible for all Cure Obligations, if any, with respect to the Assumed Contracts.

The Rejected Contracts are any contracts and leases listed in the Plan Supplement.

Inclusion of a contract or lease in the Plan Supplement does not constitute a waiver by the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor of the right to contend that some or all of such contract or lease is not executory. Any Rejection Claim arising from the rejection of an executory contract or unexpired lease pursuant to the Plan must be filed within thirty (30) days of entry of the Confirmation Order, provided that such deadline is not applicable to any executory contract or unexpired lease rejected prior to the Effective Date and for which a different Rejection Claim Bar Date was previously fixed by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 3002(c)(4). The notice of entry of the Confirmation Order will provide the Rejection Claim Bar Date for agreements rejected pursuant to the Plan. Any Rejection Claim not filed by the applicable Rejection Claims Bar Date will be a Disallowed Claim and will be forever barred as a Claim against the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, or any property of the Debtor and from sharing in any distribution under the Plan.

### F. <u>Conditions to Confirmation of the Plan</u>

Confirmation of this Plan is conditioned upon the entry of an order confirming the Plan which shall, among other things, (a)(1) authorize the implementation of the Plan in accordance with its terms; (2) contain findings supported by evidence adduced at the Confirmation Hearing that the Plan is proposed in good faith, that all actions contemplated by the Plan are necessary to implement the restructuring contemplated by the Plan are authorized by all corporate action, and pursuant to section 1145(a) of the Bankruptcy Code the issuance of securities, if any, and the grant of liens and security interests pursuant to the Plan are not subject to any stamp, real estate, or transfer tax; (3) issue the injunction set forth in the Plan, effective as of the Effective Date; (4) decree that on the Effective Date, the revesting of assets in the Debtor contemplated by the Plan is or will be legal, valid and effective, and vest or will vest in the Reorganized Debtor good and marketable title to such property subject to the conditions set forth in Article V of the Plan; (5) confirm the Plan and authorize implementation in accordance with its terms, and (6) the Plan Funding has been deposited into the Plan Funding Account. In addition, the approval of the Broker's retention shall have been authorized on or promptly after the entry of the Confirmation Order. If any of the foregoing terms and conditions is not met, the Debtor may, at its sole option, withdraw this Plan and, if withdrawn, this Plan shall be of no further force or effect.

### **G.** Conditions to Effective Date

The effectiveness of the Plan is subject to the Confirmation Order becoming a Final Order, unless waived by the Debtor and the Broker Agreement having been approved by the Bankruptcy Court. If no stay of the Confirmation Order is then in effect, this Plan shall become effective.

### H. <u>Effects of Confirmation</u>

# 1. Binding Effect

The provisions of the confirmed Plan shall bind the Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor, any entity acquiring property under the Plan, and any Creditor or Interest Holder, whether or not such Creditor or Interest Holder has filed a proof of Claim or Interest in the Chapter 11 Case, whether or not the Claim of such Creditor or the Interest of such Interest Holder is impaired under the Plan, and whether or not such Creditor or Interest Holder has accepted or rejected the Plan. All Claims and Debts shall be as fixed and adjusted pursuant to this Plan. With respect to any taxes of the kind specified in Bankruptcy Code section 1146(a), this Plan shall also bind any taxing authority, recorder of deeds or similar official for any county, state, or governmental unit or parish in which any instrument related to under this Plan or related to any transaction contemplated under this Plan is to be recorded.

#### 2. Discharge of Debtor

Except with respect to the Assumed Obligations and as otherwise provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, the rights afforded under the Plan and the treatment of Claims and Interests under the Plan are in exchange for and in complete satisfaction, discharge, and release of, all Claims. Confirmation of the Plan will discharge the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor from all Claims or other debts that arose at any time before the Effective Date (other than the Assumed Obligations), and all debts of the kind specified in sections 502(g), 502(h) or 502(i) of the Bankruptcy Code, whether or not: (i) a Proof of Claim based on such debt is filed or deemed filed under section 501 of the Bankruptcy Code; (ii) a Claim based on such debt is Allowed under section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code; or (iii) the holder of a Claim has accepted the Plan.

As of the Effective Date all entities that have held, currently hold or may hold a Claim or other

debt or liability that is discharged or any other right that is terminated under the Bankruptcy Code or the Plan are permanently enjoined from commencing or continuing any action, the employment of process, or other action, to collect, recover or offset any such Claim as a liability of the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor to the full extent permitted by section 524 of the Bankruptcy Code. For the avoidance of doubt, any discharge of the Debtor will not serve as a discharge of Mr. Minor's obligations, except as described in Section G.6 of this Disclosure Statement.

### 3. Injunction

The Confirmation Order will be a judicial determination, effective on the occurrence of the Effective Date, of discharge and termination of all liabilities and of all claims against the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor as provided in the Plan. On the Effective Date, and except as otherwise provided by the Plan, all entities who have held, hold or may hold Claims against or Interests in the Debtor or the Debtor's estate that arose prior to the Effective Date are permanently enjoined from: (a) commencing or continuing in any manner, directly or indirectly, any action or other proceeding of any kind against the Reorganized Debtor with respect to any such Claim or Interest; (b) the enforcement, attachment, collection or recovery by any manner or means, directly or indirectly, of any judgment, award, decree, or order against the Reorganized Debtor or any assets or property of the Reorganized Debtor with respect to any such Claim or Interest; (c) creating, perfecting or enforcing, directly or indirectly, any Lien or encumbrance of any kind against the Reorganized Debtor or any property of the Reorganized Debtor with respect to any such Claim; (d) asserting, directly or indirectly any obligation against the Reorganized Debtor or any property of the Reorganized Debtor with respect to any such Claim or Interest; and (e) any act, in any manner, in any place whatsoever, that does not conform to or comply with the

provisions of the Plan with respect to such Claim or Interest. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan, no claims of the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor against any person or entity will be discharged, released, or compromised pursuant to the Plan or Confirmation Order. For the avoidance of doubt, this provision will not serve as an injunction against parties with respect to claims against Mr. Minor, except to the extent described in Section G.6 of the Disclosure Statement.

#### 4. Full and Final Satisfaction.

Commencing upon the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtor or the Disbursing Agent, as applicable, will be authorized and directed to distribute the amounts required under the Plan to the holders of Allowed Claims according to the provisions of the Plan. Upon the Effective Date, all Debts of the Debtor will be deemed fixed and adjusted pursuant to the Plan and the Debtor and the Reorganized Debtor will have no further liability on account of any Claims or Interests except as set forth in the Plan. All payments and all distributions made by the Reorganized Debtor or the Disbursing Agent, as applicable, under the Plan will be in full and final satisfaction, settlement and release of all Allowed Claims.

#### 5. <u>Limitation of Liability</u>

The Debtor, the Reorganized Debtor and their respective members, officers, directors, managers, employees, agents, and representatives (collectively, the "Exculpated Parties"), will neither have nor incur any liability to any entity for any action in good faith taken or omitted to be taken in connection with or related to the Chapter 11 Case or the formulation, preparation, dissemination, implementation, Confirmation or consummation of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or any agreement created or entered into in connection with the Plan or incident to the Chapter 11 Case, *provided*, *that*, this limitation will not affect or modify the rights of any holder

of an Allowed Claim to enforce its rights under the Plan or the non-debtor party to an Assumed Contract to enforce its rights under the Assumed Contract, nor will the foregoing exonerate any of the Exculpated Parties from any liability that is determined that would otherwise result from an act or omission to the extent such act or omission is determined by Final Order to have constituted gross negligence or willful misconduct. In addition, notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, no holder of a Claim or Interest, no other party in interest, none of their respective agents, employees, representatives, financial advisors, attorneys or affiliates, and no successors or assigns of the foregoing, will have any right of action against any Exculpated Party for any act or omission in connection with, relating to or arising out of the Chapter 11 Case or the consideration, formulation, preparation, dissemination, implementation, Confirmation or consummation of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement, or any transaction or document created or entered into, or any other act taken or omitted to be taken, in connection therewith, except for: (a) the liability of any entity that would otherwise result from the failure to perform or pay any obligation or liability under the Plan or any contract, instrument, release or other agreement or document to be entered into or delivered in connection with the Plan, or (b) the liability of any entity that would otherwise result from any such act or omission to the extent that such act or omission is determined in a Final Order to have constituted gross negligence or willful misconduct.

#### IV.

### **OTHER PLAN PROVISIONS**

### A. Retention of Jurisdiction

From and after the Confirmation Date, the Bankruptcy Court will retain such jurisdiction as is legally permissible, including, but not limited to, for the purposes set forth in Article IX of the Plan.

### **B.** Exemption from Transfer Taxes

Pursuant to the provisions of section 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Article V of the Plan, the sale of Carter's Grove and related assets or the issuance, transfer, or exchange of notes or equity securities, if any, under the Plan, the creation of any mortgage, deed of trust or other security interest, the making or assignment of any lease or sublease, the sale or other transfer of any assets by the Debtor or Reorganized Debtor to a third party, or the making or delivery of any deed or other instrument of transfer under, in furtherance of, or in connection with the Plan, including any deeds, bills of sale or assignments executed in connection with any of the transactions contemplated under the Plan will not be subject to any stamp, real estate transfer, mortgage recording, sales, or other similar tax.

# **C.** Post-Confirmation Date Notices

From and after the date the Confirmation Order becomes a Final Order, notices of appearances and demands for service of process filed with the Court prior to such date will no longer be effective. No further notices (other than notice of entry of the Confirmation Order) will be required to be sent to any entities other than the Office of the U.S. Trustee and any party who files a renewed request for service of pleadings.

### D. <u>Certain Actions</u>

By reason of entry of the Confirmation Order, prior to, on or after the Effective Date (as appropriate), all matters provided for under the Plan that would otherwise require approval of the owners, members, directors, managers, or officers of the Debtor under the Plan, including, without limitation, (a) the distribution of Cash pursuant to the Plan, (b) the adoption, execution, delivery, and implementation of all contracts, leases, instruments, releases, and other agreements or documents related to the Plan, and (c) the adoption, execution, and implementation of other matters provided for under the Plan involving the company or organizational structure of the Debtor will be deemed to have occurred and will be in effect prior to, on or after the Effective Date (as appropriate), pursuant to the applicable limited liability company and/or other applicable business entity laws of the state in which the Debtor or the Reorganized Debtor is chartered, organized, or incorporated, without any requirement of further action by the owners, members, directors, managers, or officers of the Debtor.

V.

#### TAX DISCLOSURE

#### A. Tax Implications

Implementation of the Plan may have federal, state, and local tax consequences to the Debtor and Creditors. No tax opinion has been sought or will be obtained with respect to any tax consequences of the Plan, and the following disclosure (the "<u>Tax Disclosure</u>") does not constitute and is not intended to constitute either a tax opinion or tax advice to any person. Rather, the Tax Disclosure is provided for informational purposes only.

Moreover, the Tax Disclosure summarizes only certain of the federal income tax consequences associated with the Plan's implementation, and does not attempt to comment on all

such aspects of the Plan's implementation. In addition, certain of the federal income tax consequences described in the Tax Disclosure are dependent on factual determinations that are subject to uncertainties. Similarly, the Tax Disclosure does not attempt to consider any facts or limitations applicable to any particular Creditor which may modify or alter the consequences described below. The Tax Disclosure also does not address state, local, or foreign tax consequences or the consequences of any federal tax other than the federal income tax. No assurance can be given that legislative, judicial, or administrative changes will not be forthcoming that would affect the accuracy of the discussion below. Any such changes could be material and could be retroactive with respect to the transactions entered into or completed prior to the enactment or promulgation thereof. Finally, the tax consequences of certain aspects of the Plan are uncertain due to a lack of applicable legal authority and may be subject to judicial or administrative interpretations that differ from the discussion below.

Creditors, therefore, are advised to consult with their own tax advisors regarding the tax consequences to them of the transactions contemplated by the Plan, including federal, state, local, and foreign tax consequences.

#### 1. <u>Tax Consequences to the Reorganized Debtor</u>

On the Effective Date, the Interest Holder will continue to retain the Interests. The Reorganized Debtor will comply with its tax reporting and filing obligations with governmental authorities, to the extent it has any, as appropriate and proper under various tax laws and regulations to which it is subject.

# 2. Tax Consequences to Creditors

Pursuant to the Plan, holders of Allowed Claims will receive distributions of Cash in exchange for their Allowed Claims. Whether and the extent to which such a payment to a

Creditor holding an Allowed Claim is includible in the holder's gross income will be determined by reference to the claim in respect of which the distribution is made. The holder may recognize ordinary income in respect of such payment if the claim is in respect of an item generating ordinary income, such as wages, to such holder. Similarly, if a claim is held as part of a trade or business, the holder of such claim may recognize ordinary loss to the extent that such holder's adjusted basis in the claim exceeds the amount received by such holder with respect to such claim. Any distribution attributable to accrued but unpaid interest may be treated as ordinary income, regardless of whether the origin of the claim is capital in nature or whether gain or loss is otherwise recognized on the Claim.

EACH CREDITOR IS URGED TO CONSULT ITS OWN TAX ADVISOR
REGARDING THE CONSEQUENCES FOR SUCH CREDITOR OF THE TRANSACTIONS
CONTEMPLATED BY THE PLAN.

#### VI.

#### **LIQUIDATION ANALYSIS**

With respect to each impaired class of claims and interests, confirmation of a plan requires that each such holder either (a) accept the plan or (b) receive or retain under the plan property of a value, as of the effective date of the plan, that is not less than the value such holder would receive or retain if the debtor were liquidated under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. This requirement is referred to as the "best interests test." This analysis requires the Bankruptcy Court to determine what the holders of allowed claims and allowed interests in each impaired class would receive from a liquidation of the debtor's assets and properties in the context of a liquidation under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. To determine if a plan is in the best interests of each impaired class, the value of the distributions from the proceeds of the

liquidation of the debtor's assets and properties (after subtracting the amounts attributable to the aforesaid claims) is then compared with the value offered to such classes of claims and interests under the plan.

In a chapter 7 liquidation, the cash available for distribution to creditors would consist of the proceeds resulting from the disposition of the unencumbered assets of the debtor, augmented by the unencumbered cash held by the debtor at the time of the commencement of the liquidation case. Such cash amount would be reduced by the costs and expenses of the liquidation, including, but not limited, to the appointment of a trustee and the trustee's employment of attorneys and other professionals, and by such additional administrative and priority claims that may result from the termination of the debtor's business and the use of chapter 7 for the purpose of liquidation.

Here, since the Plan provides for **full payment** to holders of Allowed Claims and Interests, by definition, the Plan satisfies the "best interest" test because the amount proposed to be paid to Creditors and Interest Holders –full payment– is not less than the amount each Creditor and Interest Holder would receive if the Debtor was liquidated under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. In fact, the Debtor estimates that, given the unique nature of Carter's Grove, a liquidation of its assets under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code would adversely affect the value of the Debtor's assets and potentially result in less than full recovery to Creditors.

For example, the Appraisal of the Debtor's Estate Assets provides that any sale of the property should be preceded by a marketing period of up to twelve (12) months. If the Chapter 11 Case was converted to case under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code and the Debtor's assets converted to Cash through a liquidation sale, the value of the property would likely be reduced by as much as 20% to 40%.

In addition, under a chapter 7 liquidation, other factors could affect the value of the Debtor's assets and recoveries of Creditors: (a) the increased costs and expenses of a chapter 7 liquidation, including the appointment of a trustee, the trustee's employment of attorneys and other professionals (including a real estate broker that would be entitled to a commission for the sale of the property), and additional administrative and priority claims that may result from the continued administration of the case and management of the Debtor's assets; (b) the expected delay in distributions to holders of impaired Claims and Interests; and (c) the likelihood that assets may need to be sold or otherwise disposed of in a less orderly fashion and that the value achievable for such assets in a chapter 7 liquidation might be less than realized in chapter 11.

In light of the fact that all holders of impaired Claims or Interests are being paid in full under the Plan, the "best interest" test is satisfied.

#### VII.

### **RISK ANALYSIS**

The recovery of the Secured Tax Claims, Secured Claim of CWF, Secured Claim of AVN, and Secured Claim of Sotheby's is tied to the sale of Carter's Grove. There are events that could occur and risk associated with the Debtor's reorganization that could conceivably hinder the Debtor's ability to meet its Plan obligations. These events and risk factors include, but are not limited to the following:

(a) <u>Unforeseen financial difficulties of Mr. Minor</u>: The Debtor's ability to pay the necessary maintenance expenses of Carter's Grove because the Debtor is dependent on Mr. Minor's personal financial situation. Nevertheless, the Debtor will show on or before the deadline to object to Confirmation that Mr. Minor has the Cash on hand to fund the Plan Funding and maintain Carter's Grove properly to avoid the depreciation of the collateral. The Debtor

believes that the Plan is feasible because Mr. Minor will have sufficient liquidity to provide the Plan Funding contemplated under the Plan on the Effective Date. Insofar as the Secured Claim of CWF, Secured Claim of AVN, and Secured Claim of Sotheby's, the value of Carter's Grove adequately protects their interest in Carter's Grove during the Sale Period as a result of the substantial equity cushion and the maintenance of the property.

(ii) <u>Unforeseen events affecting the Reorganized Debtor and the Carter's Grove</u>: Further, unforeseen events or circumstances may adversely affect the Carter's Grove, including, without limitation, acts of god, unforeseen or materially underestimated expenses (including Allowed Claims in amounts higher than expected). However, the Debtor believes that it will be able to satisfy the expenses of the Debtor as they come due.

In sum, although the Debtor currently expects that all of the transactions required under the Plan (including Mr. Minor's timely funding of the Plan Funding) will be consummated, there is always a risk that an unforeseen development could affect either the confirmation or the implementation of the Plan or affect the transactions contemplated under the Plan after confirmation. Finally, while the Debtor believes that the Plan satisfies all of the confirmation requirements under section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code, there is no guarantee that the Bankruptcy Court will concur with this analysis and necessarily confirm the Plan.

#### VIII.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN**

The Debtor will seek confirmation of the Plan at the Confirmation Hearing, pursuant to applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

# A. Confirmation Hearing

The Bankruptcy Court will hold a hearing on [], 2012 at [] a.m. (Eastern) to determine whether the Plan has been accepted by the requisite number of creditors and whether the other requirements for confirmation of the Plan have been satisfied. The hearing on confirmation will be held at the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 600 Granby Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Courtroom 1, Norfolk, Virginia, 23510.

Section 1128(b) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that any party in interest may object to confirmation of the Plan. Any objection to confirmation of the Plan must be made in writing and specify the legal grounds for such objection, the nature and amount of the Claim held by such party, and must be filed with the Bankruptcy Court, together with proof of service, and served on all required parties by the objection deadline set by the Bankruptcy Court. UNLESS AN OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION IS TIMELY SERVED AND FILED, IT MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

# **B.** Requirements For Confirmation

At the Confirmation Hearing, the Bankruptcy Court will determine whether the provisions of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code have been satisfied. If all of the provisions of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code are met, the Bankruptcy Court may enter an order confirming the Plan. The Debtor believes that all of the requirements of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code will be satisfied. Among other things, the Debtor believes that the Plan will be

accepted by the requisite number of votes and satisfies all of the statutory requirements of chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor submits that it has complied or will have complied with all of the requirements of chapter 11, and that the Plan has been proposed and is made in good faith. In addition, the Debtor submits that the Plan satisfies the "best interest" of creditors test and is not likely to be followed by liquidation or the need for further reorganization.

### C. Classification of Claims and Interests

The Bankruptcy Code requires that a plan of reorganization place each creditor's claim and each equity interest in a class with other claims or interests that are "substantially similar." The Plan establishes seven (7) Classes of Claims and Interests. Under the Plan, Claims which are secured or entitled to priority are placed in separate Classes from Unsecured Claims. Article II of the Plan sets forth the description of the Classes of Claims and Interests.

The Debtor believes that the Plan's classification of Claims and Interests fully complies with the requirements of the Bankruptcy Code.

# D. Acceptance

As a condition to Confirmation, the Bankruptcy Code requires that each class of holders of claims or interests accept the plan, except as otherwise described in this Disclosure Statement. The Bankruptcy Code defines acceptance by a class of holders of claims as acceptance by holders of two-thirds (2/3) in dollar amount and a majority in number of claims of that class, but for this purpose counts only those who actually vote to accept or reject the plan. Holders of claims who fail to vote are not counted as either accepting or rejecting the plan.

Classes of claims and interest that are not "impaired" under a plan are deemed to have accepted the plan. A class is generally "impaired" if the legal, equitable, or contractual rights

attaching to the claims or interests of that class are modified, other than by curing defaults and reinstating maturities or by payment in full in cash. A class that receives nothing under a plan is deemed to reject such plan.

IN THIS CASE, CLASS 4, CLASS 5, CLASS 6, CLASS 7, AND CLASS 8 ARE IMPAIRED UNDER THE PLAN AND ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE PLAN TO THE EXTENT THE CLAIMS IN SUCH CLASSES ARE NOT DISPUTED.

### **E.** Best Interests of Creditors

As addressed above, the Debtor believes that confirmation of the Plan is in the best interests of the holders of Claims because Creditors are being paid in full under the Plan.

Creditors are not entitled to more than full payment.

# F. Feasibility

Section 1129(a)(11) of the Bankruptcy Code requires a finding that confirmation of the Plan is not likely to be followed by the liquidation, or the need for further reorganization, of the Debtor or any successor to the Debtor under the Plan, unless such liquidation or reorganization is proposed in the Plan.

The Plan proposed by the Debtor satisfies these requirements and is "feasible" because the implementation of the Plan and the reorganization of the Debtor's affairs will be satisfied through the Plan Funding contributed by Mr. Minor. At the Confirmation Hearing, Mr. Minor will show that he has sufficient Cash to satisfy the Plan Funding and maintain Carter's Grove during the Sale Period. As discussed earlier, Mr. Minor anticipates that one of his principal private equity investments –Minor Studios and Atmophir– will generate substantial cash through certain convertible debt financing prior to the objection deadline for the hearing on Confirmation and such Cash to the extent necessary will provide one of the key sources of funding of the Plan.

#### G. Cramdown

A court may confirm a plan, even if it is not accepted by all impaired classes, if the plan has been accepted by at least one impaired class of claims and the plan meets the "cramdown" requirements set forth in section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. Section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that the court find that a plan is "fair and equitable" and does not "discriminate unfairly" with respect to each non-accepting impaired class of unsecured claims or interests. With respect to a dissenting class of secured claims, the "fair and equitable" standard requires, among other things, that a plan provides the following: (1) as for secured claims, (a) the retention of the liens securing such claims and (b)(i) deferred cash payments total at least the allowed amount of such claims equal in value to the holder's interest in the estate as of the effective date of plan, (ii) the sale of the property subject to the liens securing the property, or (iii) the realization of the indubitable equivalent of its claim; (2) as for unsecured claims, either that each holder of an unsecured claim in such class receive or retain property having a value, as of the effective date of a plan, equal to the allowed amount of its claim, or that no holder of allowed claims or interests in any junior class receive or retain any property on account of such claims or interests; and (3) as for interests, the "fair and equitable" standard requires that the plan contain one of two elements, either (a) that each holder of an interest in the class receive or retain property having a value, as of the Effective Date, equal to the greater of the allowed amount of any fixed liquidation preference to which such holder is entitled, or the value of such interests, or (b) that no holder of an interest in any junior class receive or retain any property on account of such interests. The strict requirement of the allocation of full value to dissenting classes before junior classes can receive a distribution is known as the "absolute priority rule."

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The Debtor will request that the Bankruptcy Court confirm the Plan in accordance with

section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code or modify the Plan in accordance with the terms thereof.

H. **Alternatives to Confirmation of Plan** 

If the Plan is not confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court and consummated, the alternatives

include (i) liquidation of the Debtor under chapter 7 or chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code; or

(ii) confirmation of an alternative plan of reorganization under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy

Code.

If the Plan is not confirmed, the Debtor will decide which alternative to pursue by

weighing each of the available options and choosing the alternative or alternatives that are in the

best interests of the Debtor, its Creditors and other parties in interest. However, the Debtor

believes that the Plan, as proposed, provides the greatest possible return currently available for

the holders of Claims in this chapter 11 case.

IX.

RECOMMENDATION AND CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the Debtor believes that the Plan is in the best interests of

Creditors and urges Creditors to vote to accept the Plan.

Dated: February 10, 2012

CARTER'S GROVE, LLC

By <u>/s/ Halsey M. Minor</u>

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# **EXHIBIT A**

(Debtor's Plan of Reorganization)

# **EXHIBIT B**

(Disclosure Statement Order)