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## INTRODUCTION

I.

Thomas K. Schultheis and Toni L. Schultheis (the "Debtors" or the "Proponent") are the debtors in a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.

On November 25, 2009, the Debtors commenced a bankruptcy case by filing a voluntary Chapter 11 petition under the United States Bankruptcy Code ("Code"), 11 U.S.C. § 101 et seq. Chapter 11 allows the Debtors, and under some circumstances, creditors and others parties in interest, to propose a plan of reorganization ("Plan"). The Plan may provide for the Debtors to reorganize by continuing to operate, to liquidate by selling assets of the estate, or a combination of both. The Debtors are the party proposing the Plan, attached hereto as Exhibit "A." THE DOCUMENT YOU ARE READING IS THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR THE ENCLOSED PLAN.

This is a liquidating plan. In other words, the Proponent seeks to accomplish payments under the Plan by using the proceeds from the sale of its real property. The Effective Date shall mean the sixtieth day after the court enters an order confirming the Plan, unless such sixtieth day is a Saturday, Sunday or Court holiday, in which case the Effective Date shall be the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or Court holiday.

## A. Purpose of This Document

This Disclosure Statement summarizes what is in the Plan, and tells you certain information relating to the Plan and the process the Court follows in determining whether or not to

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1 | confirm the Plan.

READ THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CAREFULLY IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT:

- (1) WHO CAN VOTE OR OBJECT,
- (2) WHAT THE TREATMENT OF YOUR CLAIM IS (i.e., what your claim will receive if the Plan is confirmed), AND HOW THIS TREATMENT COMPARES TO WHAT YOUR CLAIM WOULD RECEIVE IN LIQUIDATION,
- (3) THE HISTORY OF THE DEBTOR AND SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

  DURING THE BANKRUPTCY,
- (4) WHAT THINGS THE COURT WILL LOOK AT TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO CONFIRM THE PLAN,
- (5) WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF CONFIRMATION, AND
- (6) WHETHER THIS PLAN IS FEASIBLE.

This Disclosure Statement cannot tell you everything about your rights. You should consider consulting your own lawyer to obtain more specific advice on how this Plan will affect you and what is the best course of action for you.

Be sure to read the Plan as well as the Disclosure Statement. If there are any inconsistencies between the Plan and the Disclosure Statement, the Plan provisions will govern.

The Code requires a Disclosure Statement to contain "adequate information" concerning the Plan. The Bankruptcy Court ("Court") has approved this document as an adequate Disclosure Statement, containing enough information to enable parties affected by the Plan to make an informed judgment about the Plan. Any party can now solicit votes for or against the Plan.

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1	B. Deadlines for Voting and Objecting; Date of Plan
2	Confirmation Hearing
3	THE COURT HAS NOT YET CONFIRMED THE PLAN DESCRIBED IN THIS
4	DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. IN OTHER WORDS, THE TERMS OF THE PLAN ARE
5	NOT YET BINDING ON ANYONE. HOWEVER, IF THE COURT LATER
6	CONFIRMS THE PLAN, THEN THE PLAN WILL BE BINDING ON THE DEBTOR
7	AND ON ALL CREDITORS AND INTEREST HOLDERS IN THIS CASE.
8	1. Time and Place of the Confirmation Hearing
9	The hearing where the Court will determine whether or not
10	to confirm the Plan will take place on,
11	at, in Courtroom 201, 1415 State Street, Santa
12	Barbara, California 93101.
13	2. Deadline for Voting for or Against the Plan
14	If you are entitled to vote, it is in your best interest
15	to timely vote on the enclosed ballot and return the ballot in
16	the enclosed envelope to Jonathan Gura, Michaelson, Susi &
17	Michaelson, 7 West Figueroa Street, Second Floor, Santa
18	Barbara, California 93101. Your ballot must be received by
19	or it will not be counted.
20	3. Deadline for Objecting to the Confirmation of the
21	Plan
22	Objections to the confirmation of the Plan must be filed
23	with the Court and served upon Jonathan Gura, Michaelson, Susi
24	& Michaelson, 7 West Figueroa Street, Second Floor, Santa
25	Barbara, California 93101 by
26	4. Identity of Person to Contact for More Information
27	Regarding the Plan
28	Any interested party desiring further information about

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the Plan should contact Jonathan Gura, Michaelson, Susi & Michaelson, 7 West Figueroa Street, Second Floor, Santa Barbara, California 93101.

## C. Disclaimer

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The financial data relied upon in formulating the Plan is based on the Debtors' books and records and the information contained in this Disclosure Statement is provided by the Debtors. The Plan Proponent represents that everything stated in the Disclosure Statement is true to the Proponent's best knowledge. The Court has not yet determined whether or not the Plan is confirmable and makes no recommendation as to whether or not you should support or oppose the Plan.

II.

#### BACKGROUND

# A. Description and History of the Debtors' Business and the Debtors' Assets and Liabilities

1. The Debtors are individuals primarily in the business of investing in real estate. The Debtors' principal assets are an estate home located at 4455 Via Bendita, Santa Barbara, California (the "House"), a vacant lot next door to the House (the "Lot", and together the "Real Property"), and a limited liability company (the "LLC") which owns and trades securities. The Debtors have scheduled the value of the House at \$25 million and the Lot at \$8 million. The debt against the House is approximately \$9.45 million and the debt against the Lot is approximately \$1 million. The House generates nominal rental income (about \$5,000/month), all of which is used to maintain the House, as regularly reported on the Debtors' Monthly

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Operating Reports filed with the Court. The Debtors will enter and seek court approval of any requisite cash collateral agreement after disputes about the identity and status of the creditor secured on the House are resolved. The value of the securities owned by the LLC, and thus the value of the LLC, changes from day to day.

In addition to the assets listed above, the Debtors also invested as tenants-in-common in deeds of trust managed by Estate Financial, Inc. ("EFI") and invested in EFI's sister company, Estate Financial Mortgage Fund ("EFMF"). EFI and EFMF were alleged Ponzi schemes and are now related Chapter 11 debtors in cases now pending before this court, case numbers 08-11457-RR and 08-11535-RR, respectively. The Debtors invested a total of approximately \$3 million in EFI and EFMF.

In addition, the Debtors have an investment on a development of approximately \$500,000 in an REO with Point Center Financial.

In addition, Debtors own an RV Resort lot in Indio, California, valued at \$150,000, miscellaneous personal property valued at approximately \$15,000, ownership of Montana Charter Services, LLC, valued at \$50,000, and an interest in Long Beach Thums Company, oil rights valued at \$20,000.

2. The only prepetition creditors of the Debtors, other than the secured lenders holding the debts against the House and the Lot, are the Santa Barbara tax collector with a secured claim of \$54,239.58 and Wells Fargo Bank with an unsecured claim of \$598.36.

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## B. Events Leading to Chapter 11 Filing

In February of 2008 the Debtors and their House had met all requirements to obtain a reverse mortgage, which would have retired the existing loan. One of these requirements was a 30% loan to value requirement. With an existing loan balance at the time of approximately \$9 million, Countrywide and IndyMac would had placed a valued of \$27 million on the home. The Debtors had met all requirements for the loan, including the reverse mortgage counseling, with the exception of the borrower's age requirement of age 62 being 60 days short. While waiting for the borrower to reach the qualifying age 62, the financial market crashed leading to Behr Sterns, IndyMac, and Countrywide failing. The House at that time had \$18 million in protective equity to support that reverse mortgage requirement.

The Debtors e-listed the property for 12 months, beginning in the fall of 2008 at the exact time the first historic market decline occurred. During the first six month period there were three qualified showings, but the uncertainly in the countries financial market prevented offers to come in.

In April of 2009 Debtors had a fire and smoke damage totaling over \$750,000 which required them to vacate the property and live in their RV for the remainder of 2009 while restoration was completed. The e-listing was canceled the day of the fire.

Due to the worldwide financial crisis and the universal and rampant lender/servicer fraud that became painfully evident in the financial sector along with the inability of the

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servicer (AHMSI) to produce any proper and evidence of the original note (as required by UCC 3), proper assignments, or the inability to provide proper a chain of title showing all transfers leading to the notes eventual securitization. The present servicer also confirmed in writing that due to the extraordinary amount of equity, they had no interest in modifying the note.

In addition to the factors mentioned above, the losses sustained by the Debtors in the EFI and EFMF Ponzi schemes, the Debtors discontinued making debt service payments on the debt secured by the House in November 2008. American Home Mortgage Servicing, Inc. ("AHMSI"), the entity purporting to hold the note and deed of trust on the House, sought to foreclose on the House and noticed a foreclosure sale for November 30, 2009 and doing so with what Debtors believe is an invalid assignment. To stay the foreclosure sale, the Debtors filed for relief under Chapter 11 on November 25, 2009. The Debtors are solvent, with a net worth estimated to be over \$15 million.

## C. Significant Events During the Bankruptcy

#### 1. Bankruptcy Proceedings

This chapter 11 bankruptcy case was filed on November 25, 2009 to stay the foreclosure sale of the House. Since the petition date, the significant events in this case have been the approval of the employment of the following professionals:

- Michaelson, Susi & Michaelson as the Debtors' bankruptcy counsel.
- James W. Hammock as the Debtors' real estate appraiser.

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• Jenkins, Mulligan & Gabriel as the Debtors' special litigation counsel.

Also, the Debtors have maintained the Real Property and are making efforts to sell it with selected high-end agents representing it on their websites as a "pocket listing". As an example, several such brokers have the Real Property featured on their respective websites. The Debtors are also exploring more innovative ways to target market the property by interviewing ad agencies and PR agencies to affect new wave marketing on the internet specifically targeting buyers as opposed to a conventional listing where agents collect listings and wait for buyers to come to them.

## 2. Other Legal Proceedings

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In addition to the proceedings discussed above, the Debtors are currently involved in the following potential legal proceedings:

- The Debtors are tenant-in-common investors in trust deeds managed by EFI and are investors in EFMF and expect to receive some distribution on account of their investments in each of these entities. The timing and amount of any recovery is highly uncertain.
- The Debtors through their special litigation counsel, Jenkins, Mulligan & Gabriel, are evaluating potential claims against the Debtors' secured creditor on the Real Property or any portion thereof, and expressly reserve all rights related thereto, including claims with respect to title and all rights under the terms

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of the note secured by the House as well as all objections related thereto.

# 3. Actual and Projected Recovery of Preferential or Fraudulent Transfers

The Debtors do not anticipate filing any preference or fraudulent transfer actions in this case.

# 4. Procedures Implemented to Resolve Financial Problems

This bankruptcy case was filed to stay the foreclosure sale of the House. The Debtors are now preparing for the sale of the Real Property. The value of the combined Real Property is listed on the Debtors' schedules at more than \$30 million, and the debt against the combined Real Property is approximately \$10.5 million, leaving an equity cushion in the Real Property for the estate of approximately \$20 million. Because the House is a unique and extremely high end home, there is a limited buyer pool for the Real Property. Therefore, the Debtors need time to locate the appropriate buyer. Once the Real Property sells, all creditors and administrative expenses will be paid in full.

III.

#### SUMMARY OF THE PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

# A. What Creditors and Interest Holders Will Receive Under The Proposed Plan

As required by the Bankruptcy Code, the Plan classifies claims and interests in various classes according to their right to priority. The Plan states whether each class of claims or interests is impaired or unimpaired. The Plan provides the treatment each class will receive.

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#### B. Unclassified Claims

Certain types of claims are not placed into voting classes; instead they are unclassified. They are not considered impaired and they do not vote on the Plan because they are automatically entitled to specific treatment provided for them in the Bankruptcy Code. As such, the Proponent has not placed the following claims in a class.

## 1. Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses are claims for costs or expenses of administering the Debtor's Chapter 11 case which are allowed under Code section 507(a)(1). The Code requires that all administrative claims be paid on the Effective Date of the Plan, unless a particular claimant agrees to a different treatment.

The following chart lists <u>all</u> of the Debtor's § 507(a)(1) administrative claims and their treatment under the Plan:

<u>Name</u>	Amt Owed	Treatment
Michaelson Susi & Michaelson, Bankruptcy Counsel	**	Paid on the later of the
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		Bankruptcy Court Approval
Jenkins, Mulligan & Gabriel, Special Litigation	**	Paid on the later of the
Counsel		Effective Date or
		Bankruptcy Court Approval
James W. Hammock, Real Estate Appraiser	**	Paid on the later of the
		Effective Date or
		Bankruptcy Court Approval
Clerk's Office Fees	Less than \$500	Paid on the Effective Date
Office of US Trustee	Less than \$500	Paid on the Effective Date
TOTAL	Unknown at	
	this time	
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<sup>\*\*</sup> No present estimate of fees owing at the conclusion of this case. These estimates (and any other updated information) will be included in an amended disclosure statement, with notice to all interested parties, prior to a hearing on the adequacy of a final proposed disclosure statement.

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## Court Approval of Professional Fees Required:

The Court must rule on all professional fees listed in this chart before the fees will be owed. For all fees except Clerk's Office fees and U.S. Trustee's fees, the professional in question must file and serve a properly noticed fee application and the Court must rule on the application. Only the amount of fees allowed by the Court will be owed and required to be paid under this Plan.

As indicated above, the Debtors will need to pay all administrative claims on the Effective Date of the Plan unless the claimant has agreed to be paid later or the Court has not yet ruled on the claim. To make the Effective Date payments, the Debtors will liquidate securities held by the LLC, if and as necessary. The value of the securities is expected to far exceed the amount of the payments to be made on the Effective Date.

#### 2. Priority Tax Claims

Priority tax claims are certain unsecured income, employment and other taxes described by Code Section 507(a)(8). The Code requires that each holder of such a 507(a)(8) priority tax claim receive the present value of such claim in deferred cash payments, over a period not exceeding six years from the date of the assessment of such tax.

There are no Section 507(a)(8) priority tax claims in this case.

#### C. Classified Claims and Interests

#### 1. Classes of Secured Claims

Secured claims are claims secured by liens on property of

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     the estate. The following chart lists all classes containing
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1	Class #	Description	Impaired	Treatment
2		Name: American Home Mortgage Servicing Inc.		
3	1	Collateral: the House Collateral Value: \$25,000,000 Priority of Security Interest: First	Yes	Paid in full through escrow upon the sale of the House, which shall take place no.
4		Principal owed: \$9,450,000 Pre-Petition arrearage amount: Disputed Post-Petition arrearage amount: Disputed		later than December 31, . 2015. If escrow has not closed and the secured
5		Total claim amount: Disputed		creditor has not otherwise been paid in full on or before December 31, 2015,
6				the secured creditor may proceed with a foreclosure
7				action against the collateral to the extent permitted under state law,
8				pending the outcome of any claim objection or claim as to proof of debt ownership
10		Name: Angelo Pulos		
11	2	Collateral: the Lot Collateral Value: \$8,000,000 Priority of Security Interest: Second	Yes	Paid in full through escrow upon the sale of the Lot, which shall take place no
12		Principal owed: \$1,000,000 Pre-Petition arrearage amount: \$0 Post-Petition arrearage amount: \$0		later than December 31, 2015. If escrow has not closed and the secured
13		Total claim amount: \$1,000,000		creditor has not otherwise been paid in full on or before December 31, 2015,
14				the secured creditor may proceed with a foreclosure action against the
15				collateral to the extent permitted under state law,
16				except may not require debt to be paid if pmts are kept current
17		Name: Santa Barbara County Tax Collector		Paid in full through escrow
18	3	Collateral: the Lot Collateral Value: \$8,000,000	Yes	upon the sale of the House/Lot, which shall take place no later than December
19		Principal owed: \$54,239.58 Pre-Petition arrearage amount: \$54,239.58		31, 2015. If escrow has not closed and the secured
20		Post-Petition arrearage amount: \$0 Total claim amount: \$54,239.58		creditor has not otherwise been paid in full on or before December 31, 2015,
21				the secured creditor may proceed with a foreclosure action against the
22				collateral to the extent permitted under state law.
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## 2. Classes of Priority Unsecured Claims

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Certain priority claims that are referred to in Code Sections 507(a)(3), (4), (5), (6), and (7) are required to be placed in classes. These types of claims are entitled to priority treatment as follows: the Code requires that each

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holder of such a claim receive cash on the Effective Date equal to the allowed amount of such claim. However, a class of unsecured priority claim holders may vote to accept deferred cash payments of a value, as of the Effective Date, equal to the allowed amount of such claims.

There are no Section 507(a)(3), (a)(4), (a)(5), (a)(6), and (a)(7) priority unsecured claims in this case.

#### 3. Class of General Unsecured Claims

General unsecured claims are unsecured claims not entitled to priority under Code Section 507(a). The following chart identifies this Plan's treatment of the class containing all of the Debtors' general unsecured claims:

Class #	Description	Impaired	<u>Treatment</u>
4	Wells Fargo Bank; claim for \$598.36	No	Paid in full on the Effective Date

## 4. Class(es) of Interest Holders

Interest holders are the parties who hold ownership interest (i.e., equity interest) in the Debtor. If the Debtor is a corporation, entities holding preferred or common stock in the Debtor are interest holders. If the Debtor is a partnership, the interest holders include both general and limited partners. If the Debtor is an individual, the Debtor is the interest holder. Because the Debtors are individuals, the Debtors are the interest holders.

Class #	Description	Impaired	<u>Treatment</u>
5	The Debtors	No	N/A

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## D. Means of Effectuating the Plan

## 1. Funding for the Plan

On the Effective Date, all administrative claims and general unsecured claims will be paid in full (the "Effective Date Payments"). To make the Effective Date Payments, the Debtors will liquidate Securities held by the LLC, if and as necessary. The value of the Securities, which was \$640,000 as of the petition date, is expected to far exceed the Effective Date Payments. The only other creditors in this case are the creditors holding claims secured by the Real Property.

The Debtors are now preparing for the sale of the Real Property. The value of the Real Property is listed on the Debtors' schedules at more than \$30 million, and the debt against the Real Property is approximately \$10.5 million, leaving an equity cushion in the Real Property for the estate of approximately \$20 million. The secured creditors will be paid in full through escrow upon the sale of the Real Property, which shall take place no later than December 31, 2015. If escrow has not closed and the secured creditors have not otherwise been paid in full on or before December 31, 2015, the secured creditors may proceed with foreclosure actions against their collateral to the extent permitted under state law.

#### 2. Disbursing Agent

The Debtors shall act as the disbursing agent for the purpose of making all distributions provided for under the Plan. The Disbursing Agent shall serve without bond and shall receive no compensation for distribution services rendered and expenses incurred pursuant to the Plan.

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#### E. Risk Factors

The following is intended as a non-exclusive summary of certain risks associated with the Plan. Each Creditor is encouraged to supplement this summary with its own analysis and evaluation of the Plan and the Disclosure Statement as a whole. Each Creditor should consult with such persons' advisors.

This Plan relies on the successful marketing and sale of the Real Property at a sale price sufficient to pay the secured creditors in full. In the current, uncertain real estate market, there is always the risk that such a sale will not be achieved. The Debtors make no warranty that the results described herein will be achieved or exceeded, although, for the reasons stated herein, the Debtors reasonably believe that this will be the case.

#### F. Other Provisions of the Plan

## 1. Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

There are no unexpired leases and executory contracts to be assumed in connection with the Plan.

# Changes in Rates Subject to Regulatory Commission Approval

These Debtors are not subject to governmental regulatory commission approval of its rates.

#### 3. Retention of Jurisdiction.

The Court will retain jurisdiction to the extent provided by law.

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## G. Tax Consequences of Plan

CREDITORS AND INTEREST HOLDERS CONCERNED WITH HOW THE PLAN MAY AFFECT THEIR TAX LIABILITY SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN ACCOUNTANTS, ATTORNEYS, AND/OR ADVISORS.

IV.

#### CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

PERSONS OR ENTITIES CONCERNED WITH CONFIRMATION OR THIS
PLAN SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BECAUSE THE LAW ON
CONFIRMING A PLAN OF REORGANIZATION IS VERY COMPLEX. The
following discussion is intended solely for the purpose of
alerting readers about basic confirmation issues, which they
may wish to consider, as well as certain deadlines for filing
claims. The proponent CANNOT and DOES NOT represent that the
discussion contained below is a complete summary of the law on
this topic.

Many requirements must be met before the Court can confirm a Plan. Some of the requirements include that the Plan must be proposed in good faith, acceptance of the Plan, whether the Plan pays creditors at least as much as creditors would receive in a Chapter 7 liquidation, and whether the Plan is feasible. These requirements are not the only requirements for confirmation.

## A. Who May Vote or Object

#### 1. Who May Object to Confirmation of the Plan

Any party in interest may object to the confirmation of the Plan, but as explained below not everyone is entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

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## 2. Who May Vote to Accept/Reject the Plan

A creditor or interest holder has a right to vote for or against the Plan if that creditor or interest holder has a claim which is both (1) allowed or allowed for voting purposes and (2) classified in an impaired class.

#### a. What Is an Allowed Claim/Interest

As noted above, a creditor or interest holder must first have an allowed claim or interest to have the right to vote. Generally, any proof of claim or interest will be allowed, unless a party in interest brings a motion objecting to the claim. When an objection to a claim or interest is filed, the creditor or interest holder holding the claim or interest cannot vote unless the Court, after notice and hearing, either overrules the objection or allows the claim or interest for voting purposes.

THE BAR DATE FOR FILING A PROOF OF CLAIM IN THIS CASE IS JUNE 30, 2010. A creditor or interest holder may have an allowed claim or interest even if a proof of claim or interest is not timely filed. A claim is deemed allowed if (1) it is scheduled on the Debtors' schedules and such claim is not scheduled as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, and (2) no party in interest has objected to the claim. An interest is deemed allowed if it is scheduled and no party in interest has objected to the interest.

#### b. What Is an Impaired Claim/Interest

As noted above, an allowed claim or interest only has the right to vote if it is in a class that is impaired under the Plan. A class is impaired if the Plan alters the legal,

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equitable, or contractual rights of the members of that class. For example, a class comprised of general unsecured claims is impaired if the Plan fails to pay the members of that class 100% of what they are owed.

In this case, the Proponent believes that classes 1, 2, and 3 are impaired and that holders of claims in each of these classes are therefore entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. The Proponent believes that classes 4 and 5 are unimpaired and that holders of claims in each of these classes therefore do not have the right to vote to accept or reject the Plan. Parties who dispute the Proponent's characterization of their claim or interest as being impaired or unimpaired may file an objection to the Plan contending that the Proponent has incorrectly characterized the class.

#### 3. Who is Not Entitled to Vote

The following four types of claims are not entitled to vote: (1) claims that have been disallowed; (2) claims in unimpaired classes; (3) claims entitled to priority pursuant to Code sections 507(a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(8); and (4) claims in classes that do not receive or retain any value under the Plan. Claims in unimpaired classes are not entitled to vote because such classes are deemed to have accepted the Plan. Claims entitled to priority pursuant to Code sections 507(a)(1), (a)(2), and (a)(8) are not entitled to vote because such claims are not placed in classes and they are required to receive certain treatment specified by the Code. Claims in classes that do not receive or retain any value under the Plan do not vote because such classes are deemed to have rejected the Plan.

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EVEN IF YOUR CLAIM IS OF THE TYPE DESCRIBED ABOVE, YOU MAY STILL HAVE A RIGHT TO OBJECT TO THE CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN.

#### 4. Who Can Vote in More Than One Class

A creditor whose claim has been allowed in part as a secured claim and in part as an unsecured claim is entitled to accept or reject a Plan in both capacities by casting one ballot for the secured part of the claim and another ballot for the unsecured claim.

## 5. Votes Necessary to Confirm the Plan

If impaired classes exist, the Court cannot confirm the Plan unless (1) at least one impaired class has accepted the Plan without counting the votes of any insiders within that class, and (2) all impaired classes have voted to accept the Plan, unless the Plan is eligible to be confirmed by "cramdown" on non-accepting classes.

#### 6. Votes Necessary for a Class to Accept the Plan

A class of claims is considered to have accepted the Plan when more than one-half (1/2) in number and at least two-thirds (2/3) in dollar amount of the claims which actually voted, voted in favor of the Plan. A class of interests is considered to have accepted the Plan when at least two-thirds (2/3) in amount of the interest-holders of such class which actually voted, voted to accept the Plan.

## 7. Treatment of Nonaccepting Classes

As noted above, even if all impaired classes do not accept the proposed Plan, the Court may nonetheless confirm the Plan if the nonaccepting classes are treated in the manner required by the Code. The process by which nonaccepting classes are

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forced to be bound by the terms of the Plan is commonly referred to as "cramdown." The Code allows the Plan to be "crammed down" on nonaccepting classes of claims or interests if it meets all consensual requirements except the voting requirements of 1129(a)(8) and if the Plan does not "discriminate unfairly" and is "fair and equitable" toward each impaired class that has not voted to accept the Plan as referred to in 11 U.S.C. § 1129(b) and applicable case law.

#### B. Liquidation Analysis

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Another confirmation requirement is the "Best Interest Test", which requires a liquidation analysis. Under the Best Interest Test, if a claimant or interest holder is in an impaired class and that claimant or interest holder does not vote to accept the Plan, then that claimant or interest holder must receive or retain under the Plan property of a value not less than the amount that such holder would receive or retain if the Debtor were liquidated under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

In a Chapter 7 case, the Debtor's assets are usually sold by a Chapter 7 trustee. Secured creditors are paid first from the sales proceeds of properties on which the secured creditor has a lien. Administrative claims are paid next. Next, unsecured creditors are paid from any remaining sales proceeds, according to their rights to priority. Unsecured creditors with the same priority share in proportion to the amount of their allowed claim in relationship to the amount of total allowed unsecured claims. Finally, interest holders receive the balance that remains after all creditors are paid, if any.

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For the Court to be able to confirm this Plan, the Court must find that all creditors and interest holders who do not accept the Plan will receive at least as much under the Plan as such holders would receive under a Chapter 7 liquidation. The Plan Proponent maintains that this requirement is met here because this is a liquidating plan of a surplus estate and all creditors will be paid in full.

## C. Feasibility

Another requirement for confirmation involves the feasibility of the Plan, which means that confirmation of the Plan is not likely to be followed by the liquidation, or the need for further financial reorganization, of the Debtor or any successor to the Debtor under the Plan, unless such liquidation or reorganization is proposed in the Plan.

There are at least two important aspects of a feasibility analysis. The first aspect considers whether the Debtor will have enough cash on hand on the Effective Date of the Plan to pay all the claims and expenses which are entitled to be paid on such date. The second aspect considers whether the Proponent will have enough cash over the life of the Plan to make the required Plan payments. Because all creditors will be paid in full on the Effective Date, both aspects of the feasibility test are satisfied.

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A. Discharge

This Plan provides that upon the payment in full of the proposed payments under the Plan, the Debtors shall be discharged of liability for payment of debts incurred before confirmation of the Plan, to the extent specified in 11 U.S.C.§ 1141. However, the discharge will not discharge any liability imposed by the Plan.

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EFFECT OF CONFIRMATION OF PLAN

## B. Revesting of Property in the Debtor

Except as provided in the Plan, the confirmation of the Plan revests all of the property of the estate in the Debtor.

#### C. Modification of Plan

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The Proponent of the Plan may also seek to modify the Plan at any time after confirmation only if (1) the Plan has not been substantially consummated and (2) the Court authorizes the proposed modifications after notice and a hearing.

## D. Post-Confirmation Status Report

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same entities.

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## F. Post-Confirmation Conversion/Dismissal

A creditor or party in interest may bring a motion to convert or dismiss the case under § 1112(b), after the Plan is confirmed, if there is a default in performing the Plan. If the Court orders, the case converted to Chapter 7 after the Plan is confirmed, then all property that had been property of the Chapter 11 estate, and that has not been disbursed pursuant to the Plan, will revest in the Chapter 7, estate. The automatic stay will be reimposed upon the revested property, but only to the extent that relief from stay was not previously authorized by the Court during this case.

The order confirming the Plan may also be revoked under very limited circumstances. The Court may revoke the order if the order of confirmation was procured by fraud and if the party in interest brings an adversary proceeding to revoke confirmation within 180 days after the entry of the order of confirmation.

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#### INTRODUCTION

I.

Thomas K. Schultheis and Toni L. Schultheis (the "Debtors or the "Proponents") are the debtors in a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case. On November 25, 2009, the Debtors commenced a bankruptcy case by filing a voluntary Chapter 11 petition under the United States Bankruptcy Code ("Bankruptcy Code"), 11 U.S.C. § 101 et seq. This document is the Chapter 11 Plan ("Plan") proposed by the Debtors. Sent to you along with this document is the Disclosure Statement which has been approved by the Court, and which is provided to help you understand the Plan.

This is a staged liquidating plan. The Proponents will accomplish payments under the Plan by using the proceeds from the sale of its real property. The Effective Date shall mean the sixtieth day after the court enters an order confirming the Plan, unless such sixtieth day is a Saturday, Sunday or Court holiday, in which case the Effective Date shall be the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or Court holiday.

The Plan uses some capitalized terms which are defined in the Disclosure Statement and you should refer there for the meaning of the term.

II.

#### CLASSIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS

#### A. General Overview

As required by the Bankruptcy Code, the Plan classifies claims and interests in various classes according to their right to priority of payments as provided in the Bankruptcy Code. The Plan states whether each class of claims or

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interests is impaired or unimpaired. The Plan provides the treatment each class will receive under the Plan.

#### B. Unclassified Claims

Certain types of claims are not placed into voting classes; instead they are unclassified. They are not considered impaired and they do not vote on the Plan because they are automatically entitled to specific treatment provided for them in the Bankruptcy Code. As such, the Proponents have not placed the following claims in a class. The treatment of these claims is provided below.

## 1. Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses are claims for costs or expenses of administering the Debtor's Chapter 11 case which are allowed under Code Section 507(a)(1). The Code requires that all administrative claims be paid on the Effective Date of the Plan, unless a particular claimant agrees to a different treatment.

The following chart lists all of the Debtor's § 507(a)(1) administrative claims and their treatment under this Plan.

Name	Amt Owed	Treatment
Michaelson Susi & Michaelson, Bankruptcy Counsel	**	Paid on the later of the Effective Date or Bankruptcy Court Approval or per agreement
Jenkins, Mulligan & Gabriel, Special Litigation Counsel	**	Paid on the later of the Effective Date or Bankruptcy Court Approval or per agreement
James W. Hammock, Real Estate Appraiser	**	Paid on the later of the Effective Date or Bankruptcy Court Approval or per agreement
Clerk's Office Fees	Less than \$500	Paid on the Effective Date

<sup>\*\*</sup> No present estimate of fees owing at the conclusion of this case. Accurate estimates (and any other updated information) will be stated, with notice to all interested parties, prior to

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a hearing on the adequacy of a final proposed disclosure statement preceding voting on the Plan.

## Court Approval of Professional Fees Required:

The Court must approve all professional fees. For all fees except Clerk's Office fees and U.S. Trustee's fees, the professional in question must file and serve a properly noticed fee application and the Court must rule on the application. Only the amount of fees allowed by the Court will be required to be paid under this Plan.

## 2. Priority Tax Claims

Priority tax claims are certain unsecured income, employment and other taxes described by Code Section 507(a)(8). The Code requires that each holder of such a 507(a)(8) priority tax claim receive the present value of such claim in deferred cash payments, over a period not exceeding six years form the date of the assessment of such tax.

There are no priority tax claims in this case.

#### C. Classified Claims and Interests

#### 1. Classes of Secured Claims

Secured claims are claims secured by liens on property of the estate. The following chart lists all classes containing

Debtor's secured pre-petition claims and their treatment under this Plan:

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1	Class #	Description	Impaired	Treatment
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3	1	Name: American Home Mortgage Servicing Inc. Collateral: the House Collateral Value: \$25,000,000	Yes	Paid in full through escrow upon the sale of the House,
4		Priority of Security Interest: First Principal owed: \$9,450,000 Pre-Petition arrearage amount: Disputed		which shall take place no later than December 31, 2015. If escrow has not
5		Post-Petition arrearage amount: Disputed Total claim amount: Disputed	,	closed and the secured creditor has not otherwise been paid in full on or
6				before December 31, 2015, the secured creditor may proceed with a foreclosure
7				action against the collateral to the extent
8				permitted under state law, pending the outcome of any claim objection or claim as
9				to proof of debt ownership.
10	_	Name: Angelo Pulos Collateral: the Lot		Paid in full through escrow
11	2	Collateral Value: \$8,000,000 Priority of Security Interest: Second Principal owed: \$1,000,000	Yes	upon the sale of the Lot, which shall take place no later than December 31,
12		Pre-Petition arrearage amount: \$0 Post-Petition arrearage amount: \$0		2015. If escrow has not closed and the secured
13		Total claim amount: \$1,000,000		creditor has not otherwise been paid in full on or before December 31, 2015,
14				the secured creditor may proceed with a foreclosure action against the
15				collateral to the extent permitted under state law, except may not require debt
16				to be paid if payments are kept current.
17		Name: Santa Barbara County Tax Collector		Paid in full through escrow
18	3	Collateral: the Lot Collateral Value: \$8,000,000	Yes	upon the sale of the House/Lot, which shall take
19		Priority of Security Interest: First Principal owed: \$54,239.58 Pre-Petition arrearage amount: \$54,239.58		place no later than December 31, 2015. If escrow has not closed and the secured
20		Post-Petition arrearage amount: \$0 Total claim amount: \$54,239.58		creditor has not otherwise been paid in full on or before December 31, 2015,
21				the secured creditor may proceed with a foreclosure
22				action against the collateral to the extent permitted under state law.
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# 2. Classes of Priority Unsecured Claims

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Certain priority claims that are referred to in Code Sections 507(a)(3), (4), (5), (6), and (7) are required to be placed in classes. These types of claims are entitled to priority treatment as follows: the Code requires that each

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holder of such a claim receive cash on the Effective Date equal to the allowed amount of such claim. However, a class of unsecured priority claim holders may vote to accept deferred cash payments of a value, as of the Effective Date, equal to the allowed amount of such claims.

There are no unsecured priority claims in this case.

#### 3. Class of General Unsecured Claims

General unsecured claims are unsecured claims not entitled to priority under Code Section 507(a). The following chart identifies this Plan's treatment of the class containing all of Debtor's general unsecured claims:

Class #	Description	Impaired	Treatment
4	Wells Fargo Bank; claim for \$598.36	No	Paid in full on the Effective Date

#### 4. Class(es) of Interest Holders

the Debtors are the interest holders.

interest (i.e., equity interest) in the Debtor. If the Debtor
is a corporation, entities holding preferred or common stock in
the Debtor are interest holders. If the Debtor is a
partnership, the interest holders include both general and
limited partners. If the Debtor is an individual, the Debtor
is the interest holder. Because the Debtors are individuals,

Interest holders are the parties who hold ownership

Class #	Description	Impaired	Treatment
5	The Debtors	No	N/A

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## D. Means of Performing the Plan

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#### 1. Funding for the Plan

On the Effective Date, all administrative claims and general unsecured claims will be paid in full (the "Effective Date Payments") unless agreed otherwise. To make the Effective Date Payments, the Debtors will liquidate securities held by the LLC, or otherwise acquire cash, as necessary. The value of the securities, which was \$640,000 as of the petition date, is expected to far exceed the Effective Date Payments. The only other creditors in this case are the creditors holding claims secured by the Real Property with the exception of the one nonpriority unsecured creditor.

The Debtors are now preparing for the sale of the Real Property. The value of the Real Property is listed on the Debtors' schedules at more than \$30 million, and the debt against the Real Property is approximately \$10.5 million, leaving an equity cushion in the Real Property for the estate of approximately \$20 million. The secured creditors will be paid in full through escrow upon the sale of the Real Property, which shall take place no later than December 31, 2015. If escrow has not closed and the secured creditors have not otherwise been paid in full on or before December 31, 2015, the secured creditors may proceed with foreclosure actions against their collateral to the extent permitted under state law.

#### 2. Disbursing Agent

The Debtors shall act as the disbursing agent for the purpose of making all distributions provided for under the Plan. The Disbursing Agent shall serve without bond and shall

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1	receive no compensation for distribution services rendered and			
2	expenses incurred pursuant to the Plan.			
3	III.			
4	TREATMENT OF MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS			
5	A. Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases			
6	There are no executor contracts or unexpired leases in			
7	this case.			
8	B. Changes in Rates Subject to Regulatory Commission Approval			
9	These Debtors are not subject to governmental regulatory			
10	commission approval of its rates.			
11	C. Retention of Jurisdiction.			
12	The Court will retain jurisdiction to the extent provided			
13	by law.			
14	IV.			
15	EFFECT OF CONFIRMATION OF PLAN			
16	A. Discharge			
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