# IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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TRIBUNE COMPANY, et al., 1	)	Case No. 08-13141 (KJC)
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SPECIFIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR JOINT PLAN OF REORGANIZATION FOR TRIBUNE COMPANY AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES PROPOSED BY KING STREET ACQUISITION COMPANY, L.L.C., KING STREET CAPITAL, L.P. AND MARATHON ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P.

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The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are listed on the following page.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

On October 29, 2010, King Street Acquisition Company, L.L.C., King Street Capital, L.P. and Marathon Asset Management, L.P., on behalf of certain funds and managed accounts, in their capacity as Bridge Loan Lenders (collectively, the "Proponents") filed a joint plan of reorganization for the resolution of all outstanding Claims<sup>2</sup> against and Interests in all of the Debtors in their reorganization cases under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (as the same may be amended from time to time, the "Bridge Plan") with the Bankruptcy Court. A copy of the Bridge Plan is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Bridge Plan constitutes a separate chapter 11 plan of reorganization for each Debtor. The Bridge Plan also constitutes a Prepackaged Plan for any Guarantor Non-Debtors for which the commencement of a chapter 11 case becomes necessary or appropriate to conclude the restructuring provided under the Bridge Plan.

The Proponents submit this Bridge Specific Disclosure Statement pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code to Holders of Claims against and Interests in each of the Debtors in connection with (i) the solicitation of acceptances of the Bridge Plan and (ii) the hearing to consider confirmation of the Bridge Plan, currently scheduled for [•] at [•] (prevailing Eastern Time) but subject to continuance from time to time. The purpose of this Bridge Specific Disclosure Statement is to describe the Bridge Plan and its provisions and to provide certain information, as required under section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code, to creditors who will have the right to vote on the Bridge Plan so that they can make an informed decision in doing so. Creditors who have the right to vote on the Bridge Plan are advised and encouraged to read in their entirety (i) the Bridge Plan, (ii) this Bridge Specific Disclosure Statement, and (iii) the General Disclosure Statement (which contains, among other things, information concerning the Debtors' prepetition business operations and financial history and the events leading to the filing of the Chapter 11 Cases).

THE BRIDGE PLAN PROPONENTS URGE ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE BRIDGE PLAN TO VOTE TO ACCEPT THE BRIDGE PLAN.

THIS BRIDGE SPECIFIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT SUMMARIZES CERTAIN KEY INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE BRIDGE PLAN AND DOES NOT CONTAIN A DISCUSSION OF OR INCORPORATE ALL TERMS OF THE BRIDGE PLAN. STATEMENTS IN THIS BRIDGE SPECIFIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ARE QUALIFIED IN THEIR ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO THE ENTIRE BRIDGE PLAN AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED TO THE BRIDGE PLAN, WHICH CONTROL IN THE EVENT OF ANY INCONSISTENCY OR INCOMPLETENESS. THE BANKRUPTCY COURT HAS NOT YET CONFIRMED THE BRIDGE PLAN DESCRIBED IN THIS BRIDGE SPECIFIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. IN OTHER WORDS, THE TERMS OF THE BRIDGE PLAN DO NOT YET BIND ANY PERSON OR ENTITY. IF THE BANKRUPTCY COURT DOES CONFIRM THE BRIDGE PLAN, HOWEVER, IT WILL THEN BIND ALL CLAIM AND INTEREST HOLDERS.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Capitalized terms used, but not defined, herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in Article I of the Bridge Plan.

THE BRIDGE PLAN PROPONENTS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MODIFY OR WITHDRAW THE BRIDGE PLAN IN ITS ENTIRETY OR IN PART, FOR ANY REASON. IN ADDITION, SHOULD THE BRIDGE PLAN, OR ANY INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S BRIDGE PLAN, FAIL TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE REQUISITE NUMBER AND AMOUNT OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS VOTING, AS REQUIRED TO SATISFY SECTION 1129 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, THE PROPONENTS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO RECLASSIFY CLAIMS OR INTERESTS OR OTHERWISE AMEND, MODIFY OR WITHDRAW THE BRIDGE PLAN IN ITS ENTIRETY OR IN PART.

THIS BRIDGE SPECIFIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1125 OF THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY CODE AND RULE 3016 OF THE FEDERAL RULES OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE AND NOT IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL OR STATE SECURITIES LAWS OR OTHER NON-BANKRUPTCY LAW OR THE LAWS OF ANY FOREIGN JURISDICTION. THIS BRIDGE SPECIFIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (THE "SEC") OR ANY STATE OR FOREIGN SECURITIES REGULATOR, AND NEITHER THE SEC NOR ANY STATE OR FOREIGN SECURITIES REGULATOR HAS PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS BRIDGE SPECIFIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. PERSONS OR ENTITIES TRADING IN OR OTHERWISE PURCHASING, SELLING OR TRANSFERRING SECURITIES OF OR CLAIMS AGAINST THE DEBTORS SHOULD EVALUATE THIS BRIDGE SPECIFIC DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND THE BRIDGE PLAN IN LIGHT OF THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THEY WERE PREPARED.

#### A. Parties Entitled to Vote on the Bridge Plan.

Under the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, not all parties in interest are entitled to vote on a chapter 11 plan. Creditors or equity interest holders whose claims or interests are not impaired by a plan are deemed to accept the plan under section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code and are not entitled to vote. Creditors or equity interest holders whose claims or interests are impaired by a plan, but who will receive no distribution under the plan, are also not entitled to vote because they are deemed to have rejected the plan under section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code.

The following summary chart sets forth the Classes that are entitled to vote on the Bridge Plan:

Class	Description
1C	Step One Senior Loan Claims
1D	Step Two Senior Loan Claims
1E	Bridge Loan Claims
1F	Senior Noteholder Claims
1G	Other Parent Claims
1H	EGI-TRB LLC Notes Claims

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Class	Description
1I	PHONES Notes Claims
1K	Subordinated Securities Claims
50C-111C	Step One Senior Loan Guaranty Claims
50D-111D	Step Two Senior Loan Guaranty Claims
50E-111E	Bridge Loan Guaranty Claims
50F-111F	Other Guarantor Debtor Claims

Please refer to Article III of the Bridge Plan for a detailed description of the classification of Claims against and Interests in the Debtors under the Bridge Plan. A list of the Debtors and the number corresponding to each Debtor for classification purposes is included as Appendix A to the Bridge Plan.

Detailed instructions for completing the ballot included in the package containing this Bridge Specific Disclosure Statement are set forth in Article LX of the General Disclosure Statement.

#### **B.** General Overview

The Bridge Plan creates numerous "Classes" of Claims and Interests. These Classes take into account the differing nature and priority of Claims against and Interests in the Debtors. Administrative Expense Claims, DIP Facility Claims and Priority Tax Claims are not classified for purposes of voting or receiving distributions under the Bridge Plan, but are treated separately as unclassified Claims.

The Bridge Plan provides specific treatment for each Class of Claims and Interests. Only Holders of Allowed Claims and Allowed Interests are entitled to vote on and receive distributions under the Bridge Plan. For purposes of the Bridge Plan, the term "Allowed" means, with respect to a Claim or Interest, or any portion thereof, in any Class or category specified, a Claim or Interest (i) that is evidenced by a Proof of Claim or Interest and is not listed as disputed, contingent or unliquidated on the pertinent Debtor's schedules or in the Bridge Plan and as to which no objection or request for estimation has been filed on or before any objection deadline set by the Bankruptcy Court or the expiration of such other applicable period fixed by the Bankruptcy Court, (ii) that is listed on the pertinent Debtor's schedules but is not listed as disputed, contingent or unliquidated, that is not otherwise subject to an objection and as for which no contrary or superseding Proof of Claim or Interest has been filed, (iii) as to which any objection has been settled, waived, withdrawn or overruled by a Final Order, or (iv) that is expressly allowed (a) by a Final Order, (b) pursuant to the terms of the Claims Settlement Order, (c) solely with respect to those Claims that are not prepetition Claims and are not required under applicable bankruptcy law to be allowed pursuant to an order of the Bankruptcy Court, by an agreement between the Holder of such Claim and the pertinent Debtor or Reorganized Debtor pursuant to an agreement which was approved or otherwise permitted by a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court or is an ordinary course agreement that, unless de minimis in nature, has been provided to and has not been objected to in writing by the Proponents, or (d) pursuant to the terms of the Bridge Plan regardless of whether an objection is pending or subsequently brought

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against such Claim or Interest. For the avoidance of doubt, to the extent a Claim is not Allowed, such Claim is still subject to objection based upon potentially applicable rights of avoidance, setoff, subordination and any other defenses.

Unless otherwise provided in the Bridge Plan or the Confirmation Order, the treatment of any Claim or Interest under the Bridge Plan will be in full satisfaction, settlement, release and discharge of, and in exchange for, such Claim or Interest.

# II. OVERVIEW OF THE ALTERNATIVE PLAN SETTLEMENT AND TRUST STRUCTURES

The Bridge Plan described herein constitutes a separate plan of reorganization for each Debtor, and, to the extent they commence chapter 11 cases prior to the Confirmation Date, a prepackaged plan of reorganization for the Guarantor Non-Debtors.

The Bridge Plan provides each LBO Lender constituency (<u>i.e.</u>, the Step One Lenders, the Step Two Lenders and the Bridge Loan Lenders) with the opportunity to participate in a settlement that would resolve such litigation against it. The Bridge Plan provides the opportunity for a consensual resolution of several critical and fact-intensive litigation issues, but confirmation and effectiveness of the Bridge Plan are not conditioned upon such resolution. Thus, the Bridge Plan provides the opportunity for a truly consensual settlement of the LBO-Related Causes of Action against the LBO Lenders, while allowing any or all unresolved Litigation Trust Causes of Action to proceed post-Confirmation. The proposed Plan Settlements are described in Section 5.15 of the Bridge Plan.

If one or more Plan Settlements are not accepted by the applicable LBO Lender constituencies and approved by the Bankruptcy Court, the Bridge Plan provides that the associated litigation related to the Leveraged ESOP Transaction will be preserved and, following the Effective Date, prosecuted by a multi-trust structure comprised of the Litigation Trust and the Creditors' Trust,<sup>3</sup> while still providing a substantial distribution of the Debtors' total DEV upon the Debtors' emergence from chapter 11.

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The causes of action that may be prosecuted by the Trusts include, among other things, litigation regarding, among other things, (i) the avoidability of the indebtedness incurred by the Debtors in connection with the Leveraged ESOP Transaction, (ii) whether recipients of pre-Effective Date payments in respect of the debt incurred pursuant to the Leveraged ESOP Transaction will be required to disgorge such payments, (iii) whether the shareholders that had their stock redeemed in connection with the Leveraged ESOP Transaction will be required to disgorge such payments, (iv) claims against the Debtors' officers and directors, (v) claims against Sam Zell and his Affiliates, (vi) to the extent not determined prior to the Effective Date, the enforceability of the Bridge Loan Subordination Provision, (vii) to the extent not determined prior to the Effective Date, the enforceability of the Intercompany Claims Subordination Provision and the allocation of value between Tribune, on the one hand, and the Guarantor Subsidiaries, on the other hand, (viii) to the extent not determined prior to the Effective Date, the PHONES Notes Claims Resolution, (ix) to the extent not determined prior to the Effective Date, the Senior Loan Claim Sharing Resolution, (x) to the extent not determined prior to the Effective Date, the appropriate treatment of Intercompany Claims, (xi) the Morgan Stanley Claims, which arise from, among other things, the Debtors' retention of MSCS, a certain swap transaction and the disposition of certain notes, bonds and other indebtedness held by MSCS; (xii) Intercompany Claims Avoidance Actions; (xiii) all claims and Estate causes of action under chapter 5 of the Bankruptcy Code that are not Abandoned Claims (the foregoing, together with any other causes of action that may be prosecuted by the Litigation Trust and the Creditors' Trust, are referred to as the "Trust Causes of Action").

The Proponents believe that the alternative Plan Settlement/Trust structure is preferable to the other reorganization structures proposed in the various competing plans filed in the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases. First, it is far preferable to the one-sided "settlement" in the Debtor/LBO Lender Plan, which is proposed by the Debtors (who are admittedly conflicted in bringing the LBO-Related Causes of Action) and various defendants of those claims. No material "plaintiffs" to the LBO-Related Causes of Action have agreed to the so-called settlement in such competing plan. Moreover, the Proponents believe the Debtor/LBO Lender Plan selectively and intentionally ignores legal issues and potential litigation outcomes which would be beneficial to the Bridge Loan Lenders, is otherwise unfair in critical respects and is unconfirmable.

Further, the Plan Settlements provide the opportunity for constituencies to more fairly resolve the LBO-Related Causes of Action against them and avoid extensive post-Confirmation litigation. However, in either case, the Bridge Plan will be able to go effective expeditiously and with fewer conditions than other plans of reorganization that have been proposed in the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases.

The Plan Settlements are, to varying extents, predicated on the Debtors having total DEV of \$6.75 billion (with \$5.825 billion, or 86.3%, allocated to the Filed Subsidiary Debtors and the remaining \$925 million, or 13.7%, allocated to Tribune). Under the Trust structure, total DEV and allocation of DEV among the Debtors will be determined at Confirmation.

Finally, under either Bridge Plan structure, all Allowed Administrative Expense Claims, Allowed DIP Facility Claims, and Allowed Priority Tax Claims against Tribune will be paid in full; all Allowed Priority Non-Tax Claims, Allowed Other Secured Claims, and Interests in the Guarantor Debtors and Non-Guarantor Debtors will be Reinstated; all Intercompany Claims will be Allowed (subject to the resolution thereof outlined in <a href="Section II.A.1.d.ii.(7">Section II.A.1.d.ii.(7)</a>; and there will be no recovery to the Tribune Interests.

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To the extent any Trust Causes of Action are commenced prior to the Effective Date, control over the prosecution of such causes of action will be transferred to the Litigation Trust or the Creditors' Trust, as applicable, on the Effective Date pursuant to the terms of the Bridge Plan.

The Proponents reserve their rights to assert that the DEV should be different than \$6.75 billion or that the allocation of the DEV among Tribune and the Subsidiaries should be different than the allocation set forth in the Debtor/LBO Lender Plan. The Trust structure allows for the determination of total DEV and allocation thereof to be made at Confirmation.

# A. Proposed Bridge Plan Treatment and Estimated Recoveries.<sup>5</sup>

Set forth below, in respect of both the Plan Settlement and Trust structures, are summary charts of the treatment of and the recovery estimates for Holders of Allowed Claims and Interests under the Bridge Plan. Also set forth below is a more detailed explanation of each Bridge Plan structure's terms, elements and conditions.

#### 1. Proposed Plan Settlements

The Bridge Plan provides that the LBO Lender constituencies (Step One Lenders, Step Two Lenders and Bridge Loan Lenders) may accept certain Plan Settlements, thus giving each of them the opportunity to resolve their claims and the LBO-Related Causes of Action against them in connection with Confirmation. A consensual resolution will be achieved if all the Plan Settlements are approved by the LBO Lenders. If no Plan Settlements are approved, the Trust structure would be fully implemented. The Plan Settlements are severable and one or more may be accepted separately by the applicable constituencies and approved by the Bankruptcy Court.

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The projections of estimated recoveries are only estimates and may be subject to a number of variables, including the amount of allowed claims with any particular Class. Any estimates of Claims or Interests in this Bridge Specific Disclosure Statement may vary from the final amounts allowed by the Bankruptcy Court. As a result of the foregoing and other uncertainties which are inherent in the estimates, the estimated recoveries in this Bridge Specific Disclosure Statement may vary from the actual recoveries received. In addition, the ability to receive distributions under the Bridge Plan depends upon the ability of the Proponent to obtain confirmation of the Bridge Plan and meet the conditions to confirmation and effectiveness of the Bridge Plan, as discussed in this Bridge Specific Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, the recoveries set forth below are projected recoveries only and may change based upon changes in the amount of Allowed Claims and Interests as well as other factors related to the Debtors' business operations and general economic conditions. Reference should be made to the entire Bridge Specific Disclosure Statement and the Bridge Plan for a complete description of the classification and treatment of Allowed Claims against and Interests under the Bridge Plan.

# a) Summary Chart of Plan Settlement Recoveries

						Other			
			Senior	PHONES	Other Parent	Guarantor Debtor			
	Step One Lenders	Step Two Lenders	Noteholders	Noteholders	Claims	Claims			
Step One	Estimated Recovery	See Step Two	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated			
Lender	Percentage on	Lender Settlement.	Recovery	Recovery	Recovery	Recovery			
Settlement	Effective Date: At		Percentage on	Percentage on	Percentage on	Percentage			
	least 66.3% (71.0% if the Step Two Lender		Effective Date: At least 46.8%	Effective Date: At least 5.3%	Effective Date: At least 48.2%	on Effective Date: 100%			
	Settlement is also		(58.5% if Step	(9.9% if the Step	(58.8% if the	<u>Date</u> . 100%			
	approved)		Two Lender	Two Lender	Step Two	Form of			
	,		Settlement is	Settlement is	Lender	Recovery:			
	Form of Recovery:		also approved)	also approved)	Settlement is	Paid in full			
	• \$4.389 billion of				also approved)	in Cash			
	DEV		Form of	Form of		(approximate			
	• 25% of the Trust		Recovery:	Recovery:	Form of	ly \$85			
	Interests (to be		• \$600 million	• \$40 million	Recovery:	million).			
	shared pro rata with the Step Two		in Cash • 50% of the	in Cash • 20% of the	• \$55 million in Cash	See Section			
	Lenders if the Step		Trust Interests	Trust Interests	• 5% of the	5.15(a)(ii)(B)			
	Two Lender		Trust interests	Trust interests	Trust Interests	of the Bridge			
	Settlement is		See Section	See Section		Plan.			
	approved)		5.15(a)(ii)(C) of	5.15(a)(ii)(D) of	See Section				
			the Bridge Plan.	the Bridge Plan.	5.15(a)(ii)(A) of				
	See Section 5.15(a)(i) of the Bridge Plan.				the Bridge Plan.				
Step Two	Estimated Recovery	Estimated Recovery	Estimated	Estimated	Estimated	No			
Lender	Percentage on	Percentage on	Recovery	Recovery	Recovery	additional			
Settlement	Effective Date: At	Effective Date: At	Percentage on	Percentage on	Percentage on	recovery.			
	least 4.7% (71.0% if	least 45.1%	Effective Date:	Effective Date:	Effective Date:				
	the Step One Lender Settlement is also	Form of Dogovory	At least 11.7%	At least 4.6%	At least 10.5% (58.8% if the				
	approved)	Form of Recovery: • \$950 million of	(58.5% if Step One Lender	(9.9% if the Step One Lender	Step One Lender				
	арргочеа)	DEV	Settlement is	Settlement is	Settlement is				
	Form of Recovery:	• 25% of the Trust	also approved)	also approved)	also approved)				
	\$309 million of DEV	Interests (if the Step							
		One Lender	Form of	Form of	Form of				
	See Section	Settlement is also	Recovery:	Recovery:	Recovery:				
	5.15(b)(ii) of the	approved and in	\$150 million in	\$35 million in	\$12 million in				
	Bridge Plan.	such case to be shared pro rata with	Cash	Cash	Cash				
		the Step One	See Section	See Section	See Section				
		Lenders)	$\overline{5.15}$ (b)(ii) of the	$\frac{1}{5.15}$ (b)(ii) of the	$\overline{5.15}$ (b)(ii) of the				
		,	Bridge Plan.	Bridge Plan.	Bridge Plan.				
		See Section							
		5.15(b)(i) of the							
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Bridge Loan Lender		ne Step One Lender Set entage on the Effective				n estimated			
Settlement	recovery perc	emage on the Effective	Date of 7.7% in the	: 10fm 01 \$125 millio	on in Casn.				
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		ne Step One Lender Set a standalone basis: the							
	Effective Date of at least 7.7% in the form of \$125 million in Cash, and 5% of the Creditors' Trust Interests.								
	In either case, the Original Bridge Loan Lenders forgo Cash and Trust recoveries in exchange for								
	releases.								

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### b) Description of Plan Settlements

The Plan Settlements are set forth in detail in Section 5.15 of the Bridge Plan and reference is made thereto for the full terms and conditions thereof. The Bridge Plan includes proposed settlements between and among the Debtors' estates and the Step One Lenders, the Step Two Lenders and the Bridge Loan Lenders regarding LBO-Related Causes of Action against them (in each case, subject to the applicable LBO Lender Class voting to accept the Bridge Plan).

#### i) Step One Lender Settlement

The Step One Lender Settlement provides the Step One Lenders with a recovery of (i) \$4.389 billion of DEV and (ii) 25% of the Trust Interests (to be shared Pro Rata with the Step Two Lenders if the Step Two Lender Settlement is approved). The Step One Lender Settlement also provides for the Senior Noteholders to recover \$600 million in Cash and 50% of the Trust Interests, for the PHONES Noteholders to receive \$40 million in Cash and 20% of the Trust Interests, and for distributions to other creditor parties as described more fully in Section 5.15(a) of the Bridge Plan.

#### ii) Step Two Lender Settlement

The Step Two Lender Settlement provides the Step Two Lenders with a recovery of (i) \$950 million of DEV and (ii) if the Step One Lender Settlement is approved, 25% of the Trust Interests (to be shared Pro Rata with the Step One Lenders but only if the Step One Lender Settlement is approved). In addition to any recoveries provided under the Step One Lender Settlement (if accepted and approved) or Trust structure (if the Step One Lender Settlement is not accepted and approved), the Step Two Lender Settlement provides for a distribution of \$309 million to the Step One Lenders, \$150 million to the Senior Noteholders, \$35 million to the PHONES Noteholders, and \$12 million to the Holders of Other Parent Claims.

#### iii) Bridge Loan Lender Settlement

If the Step One Lender Settlement is accepted and approved, the Bridge Plan provides a recovery for the Bridge Loan Lenders (other than the Original Bridge Loan Lenders) of \$125 million in Cash. If the Bridge Loan Lender Settlement is approved on a standalone basis (i.e. without approval of the Step One Lender Settlement), the Bridge Plan provides for a recovery for the Bridge Loan Lenders (other than the Original Bridge Loan Lenders) of \$125 million and 5% of the Creditors' Trust Interests. In either case, the Original Bridge Loan Lenders will receive releases from the Estates and the other Bridge Loan Lenders in lieu of such recoveries.

#### c) Releases Pursuant to Plan Settlements

#### i) Releases by Debtors and Debtors' Estates.

On the Effective Date and effective simultaneously with the effectiveness of the Bridge Plan, the Reorganized Debtors on their own behalf and as representatives of their respective Estates, would unconditionally grant and cause the Subsidiary Non-Debtors to unconditionally grant the following releases:

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- If the Step One Lender Settlement is accepted and approved by the Bankruptcy Court, the Step One Lender Parties (but only in their capacity as Step One Lender Parties) shall be released from all LBO-Related Causes of Action; provided that such release shall not include any LBO-Related Causes of Action (1) with respect to any Step Two Senior Loan (unless the Step Two Lender Settlement is accepted and approved), (2) arising from any Person's conduct as an agent, arranger or advisor with respect to the Leveraged ESOP Transactions or (3) arising from any payment made in respect of a Step One Senior Loan to a party who is not a current Step One Lender;
- If the Step Two Lender Settlement is accepted and approved by the Bankruptcy Court, the Step Two Lender Parties (but only in their capacity as Step Two Lender Parties) shall be released from all LBO-Related Causes of Action; provided that such release shall not include any LBO-Related Causes of Action (1) with respect to any Step One Senior Loan (unless the Step One Lender Settlement is accepted and approved), (2) arising from any Person's conduct as an agent, arranger or advisor with respect to the Leveraged ESOP Transactions or (3) arising from any payment made in respect of a Step Two Senior Loan to a party who is not a current Step Two Lender; and
- If the Bridge Loan Lender Settlement is accepted and approved by the Bankruptcy Court, the Bridge Loan Lender Parties (but only in their capacity as Bridge Loan Lender Parties and not the Original Bridge Loan Lenders) shall be released from all LBO-Related Causes of Action; provided that such release shall not include any LBO-Related Causes of Action (1) with respect to any Step One Senior Loan or Step Two Senior Loan (unless, as the case may be, the Step One Lender Settlement and the Step Two Lender Settlement are accepted and approved), (2) arising from any Person's conduct as an arranger or advisor with respect to the Leveraged ESOP Transactions or (3) arising from any payment made in respect of a Bridge Loan Lender Claim to a party who is not a current Bridge Loan Lender.

#### ii) Original Bridge Loan Lenders Release.

If the Bridge Loan Lender Settlement is accepted and approved by the Bankruptcy Court, the Reorganized Debtors, their respective Estates, the Subsidiary Non-Debtors and all Bridge Loan Lenders other than the Original Bridge Loan Lenders shall be deemed on the Effective Date to have granted the Original Bridge Loan Lenders Release and the Original Bridge Loan Lenders shall be unconditionally relieved from any liability to such releasing parties from all LBO-Related Causes of Action related to, or arising in connection with, the Bridge Loan Agreement and the sale or disposition of the Bridge Loans and rights and obligations thereunder.

#### d) The Reasonableness of the Plan Settlements

The Proponents believe that the Plan Settlements are fair and reasonable and in the best interests of the Estates. If accepted, the Plan Settlements will achieve a truly fair and consensual settlement, avoiding protracted post-Confirmation litigation and providing recoveries for each constituency that are reasonable and appropriate in light of, among other things, the Examiner's Report and his assessment of the range of potential recoveries set forth therein.

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#### i) Examiner's Report

As discussed in Articles VII.B. and VII.C. of the General Disclosure Statement, the Examiner was appointed in these Chapter 11 Cases to assess the viability of the various LBO-Related Causes of Action and issued a report which analyzed the potential resolution of various legal and factual issues embedded therein. In his report, the Examiner also assigned a range of recoveries for various constituencies which relate to the potential outcomes of the LBO-Related Causes of Action.

The range of recoveries for each constituency in the Examiner's Report is as follows:

Constituency	Range of Recoveries
Senior Loan Claims	\$4.671 billion (case 6) – \$7.013 billion (case 5)
Bridge Loan Claims	\$0 (cases 7 & 8) – \$278.61 million (case 6)
Senior Notes	\$95.1 million (case 2) – \$1.306 billion (case 6)
PHONES Notes	\$0 (cases 2-5, 7) – \$772.36 million (case 6)
EGI-TRB LLC Notes	\$0 (all cases but 6) – \$59.87 million (case 6)
General Unsecured Claims	\$10.29 million (case 2) – \$202.33 million (case 6)

While all parties certainly may take issue with various findings or conclusions in the Examiner Report, at the very least, it is clear from the Examiner's Report that there is a wide range of potential outcomes of the LBO-Related Causes of Action. These include complete failure of the claims seeking to avoid both step one and step two of the Leveraged ESOP Transaction ("Step One" and "Step Two", respectively), resulting in the Senior Loan Claims being allowed in full and a complete victory for the plaintiffs that would result in both steps being found to be fraudulent transfers with respect to both Tribune and the Guarantor Subsidiaries. There are numerous other potential permutations and variables that could affect the range that the Examiner did not explore.

#### ii) Bases for Plan Settlement Treatments

#### (1) Bridge Loan Lenders

The Bridge Plan provides that, if the Step One Lender Settlement is approved, the Holders of Bridge Loan Lender Claims (other than the Original Bridge Loan Lenders) will receive \$125 million, which is approximately 7.7% of their Claims. If the Bridge Loan Lender Settlement is approved on a standalone basis (<u>i.e.</u>, without approval of the Step One Lender Settlement), the Holders of Bridge Loan Lender Claims (other than the Original Bridge Loan Lenders) will receive \$125 million, which is an estimated 7.7% of their Claims, and 5% of Creditors' Trust Interests.

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The proposed Bridge Loan Lender recovery is fair for a number of reasons. First, the Bridge Loan Lenders are uniquely situated in that they are the only LBO Lender defendants to LBO-Related Causes of Action for whom recoveries in a scenario where Step One is avoided (up to approximately \$700 million) are likely to exceed amounts that would be recovered if the Leveraged ESOP Transaction is not avoided as a fraudulent conveyance (\$77 million to approximately \$140 million, depending on, among other things, resolution of Intercompany Claims). This recovery results from the avoidance of the significant Step One Senior Loan Guaranty Claims and preservation of Claims of the LBO Lenders generally for the value provided to the Debtors at Step Two. This possibility was specifically recognized in case 6 of the Examiner's recovery scenarios.

Moreover, given their purported subordination at the subsidiary level and magnitude of Intercompany Claims payable by Guarantor Subsidiaries, the Bridge Loan Lenders have significant incentive most others do not have to litigate over the valuation of each Guarantor Debtor as well as the validity of Intercompany Claims. In constructing his recovery scenarios, the Examiner presumed an allocation of value, proposed by the Debtors, among Tribune, on the one hand, and the Guarantor Debtors, on the other hand, predicated on, among other things, the treatment of Intercompany Claims. As set forth in subparagraph (7) below, the Proponents believe that the Debtors, by strategically "resolving" Intercompany Claims in favor of the Guarantor Debtors, have intentionally redirected value from Tribune, where the Bridge Loan Claims are indisputably *pari passu*, to the Guarantor Debtors, where the Senior Loan Claims claim first recovery on almost all of the Debtors' operating assets. The Proponents believe that the issues relating to these disputes are complex, have essentially been swept under the rug by the Debtors during these Chapter 11 Cases, and must be resolved or otherwise litigated to conclusion.

Notably, the Debtor/LBO Lender Plan conveniently ignores the Bridge Loan Lenders' upside range of recoveries. In fact, the Proponents believe the "base case" scenarios, (i) if the LBO Lenders' Claims are not avoided or (ii) in the event of a full avoidance of both Step One and Step Two are, in each case, substantially higher than the recoveries outlined in the Examiner's Report, and perhaps as high as approximately \$700 million.

The Proponents believe the recovery provided in the Plan Settlements is fair and appropriately reflects a balance among the Bridge Loan Lender recoveries in the case of avoidance of Step Two (*de minimis* recoveries); no fraudulent conveyance (\$77 million to approximately \$140 million); and avoidance of Step One of the Leveraged ESOP Transaction scenarios (up to approximately \$700 million). Furthermore, the Bridge Loan Lender Settlement removes a significant potential litigation burden and complexity going forward with respect to any matters pursued by the litigation trust (which are unique to the Bridge Loan Lenders), including (i) challenging of the Bridge Loan Subordination Provision; (ii) seeking to enforce the Intercompany Claims Subordination Provision and/or litigating billions of dollars of Intercompany Claims and (iii) potentially bringing causes of action directly against Original Bridge Loan Lenders. In sum, the Bridge Loan Lenders are effectively settling at the low end of their range of outcomes and for what amounts to approximately 1.85% of the DEV.

Finally, if the Bridge Loan Lender Settlement is approved, the Bridge Plan provides the Original Bridge Loan Lenders with releases from the Estates and the other Bridge Loan Lenders in lieu of recoveries under the Bridge Plan. The Bridge Loan Lenders (other than the Original Bridge Loan Lenders) have meaningful potential causes of action against the Original Bridge

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Loan Lenders in connection with, among other things, the arrangement of Step Two and the syndication of debt under the Bridge Loan Agreement. The releases to be granted to the Original Bridge Loan Lenders pursuant to the Bridge Loan Lender Settlement are significant relative to the distribution the Original Bridge Loan Lenders are being required to forgo. Moreover, it should be noted that the Debtors' original and now defunct plan of reorganization, which had the support of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and other Original Bridge Loan Lenders, provided them with an estimated 0.44% recovery in exchange for releases.

#### (2) Step One Lenders

If the Step One Lender Settlement is approved, the Bridge Plan provides the Holders of Step One Lender Claims with \$4.389 billion, which is approximately 66.3% of their Claims. The Step One Lender Settlement, if approved, also provides the Step One Lenders with 25% of the Trust Interests (to be shared on a Pro Rata basis with the Step Two Lenders if the Step Two Lender Settlement is approved, the Bridge Plan provides the Holders of Step One Lender Claims with an additional \$309 million in Cash, which is approximately 4.7% of their total Claims.

The Proponents believe that these recoveries are fair and reasonable given, among other things, the likelihoods ascribed by the Examiner to certain potential outcomes of the LBO-Related Causes of Action. In particular, the Examiner concluded that it is somewhat unlikely (although an exceedingly close call) that a court would hold that, if a court were to collapse Step One and Step Two or treat Step Two as a liability for solvency purposes at Step One, Tribune and the Guarantor Subsidiaries were rendered insolvent.

#### (3) Step Two Lenders

Under the Step Two Lender Settlement, the Step Two Lenders will receive \$950 million, which is approximately 45.1% of their Claims. The Step Two Lenders will also receive 25% of the Trust Interests to be shared on a Pro Rata basis with the Step One Lenders if the Step One Lender Settlement is approved.

The Proponents believe that these recoveries are extremely fair given, among other things, the likelihoods ascribed by the Examiner to certain potential outcomes of the LBO-Related Causes of Action. In particular, the Examiner concluded that (1) it is somewhat likely that a court would hold that Step Two was an intentional fraudulent conveyance, (2) it is highly likely that a court would hold that Tribune was rendered insolvent and left without adequate capital after giving effect to Step Two and (3) it is reasonably likely that a court would hold that the Guarantor Subsidiaries were rendered insolvent and left without adequate capital after giving effect to Step Two.

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#### (4) Senior Noteholders

If the Step One Lender Settlement is approved, the Bridge Plan provides the Senior Noteholders with (i) a total of \$600 million in Cash, which is an estimated 46.8% of their total Claims and (ii) 50% of the Trust Interests, which allows for substantial potential additional recoveries. Additionally, if the Step Two Lender Settlement is approved, the Bridge Plan provides the Senior Noteholders with \$150 million in Cash, which is approximately 11.7% of their total Claims.

The Proponents believe that these are very substantial recoveries and are eminently fair given, among other things, the likelihoods ascribed by the Examiner to certain potential outcomes of the LBO-Related Causes of Action. In particular, the Examiner concluded that: (1) it is reasonably likely that a court would hold that Step One was not an fraudulent conveyance (intentional or constructive); (2) it is only somewhat unlikely that a court would collapse Step One and Step Two in evaluating the LBO-Related Causes of Action; and (3) it is reasonably unlikely that a court would hold that Step One left Tribune and the Guarantor Subsidiaries without adequate capital, even taking Step Two into account.

#### (5) PHONES Noteholders

If the Step One Lender Settlement is approved, the Bridge Plan provides the PHONES Noteholders with (i) \$40 million in Cash, which is approximately 5.3% of their Claims, and (ii) 20% of the Trust Interests. Additionally, if the Step Two Lender Settlement is approved, the Bridge Plan provides the PHONES Noteholders with \$35 million in Cash, which is approximately 4.6% of their Claims.

Considering the Examiner's conclusions discussed above, the fact that the PHONES Noteholders only receive a recovery in a full fraudulent conveyance scenario and the contractual subordination of the PHONES Noteholders, the Proponents believe that the recovery offered to the PHONES Noteholders under the Step One Lender Settlement is fair and reasonable.

#### (6) General Unsecured Claims

If the Step One Lender Settlement is approved, the Bridge Plan provides the Holders of Other Parent Claims with (i) \$55 million in Cash, which is approximately 48.2% of their Claims, and (ii) 5% of the Trust Interests. Additionally, if the Step Two Lender Settlement is approved, the Bridge Plan provides (i) the Holders of Other Parent Claims with \$12 million in Cash, which is approximately 10.5% of their Claims and (ii) the Holders of Other Guarantor Debtor Claims with payment in full in Cash. The Proponents believe these recoveries are entirely fair in light of, among other things, the priority of these claims and the conclusions reached in the Examiner's Report.

#### (7) Intercompany Claims

It appears that, as of the Petition Date, hundreds of thousands of claims existed among the Debtors and their affiliates totalling approximately \$84 billion. The allocation of DEV between Tribune, on the one hand, and the Guarantor Debtors, on the other hand, is directly related to the Debtors' so-called "resolution" of these Intercompany Claims. This resolution has not been fully disclosed by the Debtors and the Proponents intend to take extensive discovery in

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this regard. However, the Proponents believe that the resolution and associated allocation of DEV was strategic, and specifically designed to favor the Guarantor Debtors so as to enhance the recovery of the Senior Lenders in these Chapter 11 Cases.

At this juncture, the Proponents believe an appropriate resolution would be to simply Allow all Intercompany Claims. The Intercompany Claims Subordination Provision in the Bridge Loan Guaranty Agreement states that "any indebtedness of [Tribune] now or hereafter held by any Guarantor is hereby subordinated in right of payment to the prior payment in full in cash of the Guaranteed Obligations . . . " The Proponents also believe that this provision indisputably requires that no payments may be made by Tribune to any of the Guarantor Subsidiaries on account of Intercompany Claims until the Bridge Loan Claims are repaid in full in Cash. Thus, if all Intercompany Claims are Allowed, the Guarantor Debtors are indebted to Tribune on account of aggregate Intercompany Claims in excess of \$1.4 billion. Further, Guarantor Debtors are indebted to Non-Guarantor Debtors, including Tribune Finance Service Center LLC, on account of aggregate Intercompany Claims in excess of \$17 billion. Once the foregoing is taken into account (and subject to further information and analysis obtained in connection with discovery), without remitting value from Tribune to the Guarantor Debtors on account of Intercompany Claims owed by Tribune (because it is prohibited by the Intercompany Claims Subordination Provision), the value distributed by Tribune to Allowed Claims, other than Intercompany Claims, increases from \$564 million to \$1.023 billion. This would result in a materially higher recovery for the Holders of Bridge Loan Lender Claims because such claims are pari passu at Tribune. In such case, the baseline recovery for the Bridge Loan Lenders (i.e., if the Leveraged ESOP Transaction is not avoided) would be approximately \$140 million. Notably, the Plan Settlements require only \$925 million of DEV to be attributed to Tribune. If the Intercompany Claims Subordination Provision is not enforced, then the Proponents reserve the right to challenge Intercompany Claims at Confirmation.

# 2. Description of Trust Structure<sup>6</sup>

If one or more Plan Settlements are not accepted by the applicable creditor constituencies and approved by the Bankruptcy Court, the Trust structure will take effect. Under the Bridge Plan, three distinct trusts will be created on the Effective Date: (i) a Litigation Trust; (ii) a Distribution Trust; and (iii) a Creditors' Trust. The Trusts are structured such that the Litigation Trust is a sub-trust of the Distribution Trust, while the Creditors' Trust is an independent entity.

The Litigation Trust will be created in order to prosecute the Litigation Trust Causes of Action, which will be transferred from the Debtors to the Litigation Trust on the Effective Date of the Bridge Plan, along with all of the rights of the Debtors and the Creditors' Committee with respect to the Litigation Trust Causes of Action necessary to protect, conserve, and liquidate all Litigation Trust Causes of Action as quickly as reasonably practicable, including, without limitation, control over (including the right to waive) all attorney/client privileges, work product privileges, accountant/client privileges and any other evidentiary privileges relating to the

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In all respects, the Trust structure is subject to acceptance and approval by the Bankruptcy Court of one or more Plan Settlements.

Litigation Trust Causes of Action that, prior to the Effective Date, belonged to the Debtors pursuant to applicable federal and state law.

When Litigation Trust Causes of Action are resolved by the Litigation Trust pursuant to either a settlement or litigation, any net recoveries obtained by the Litigation Trust in connection therewith will be transferred to the Distribution Trust for distribution to Holders of Distribution Trust Interests in accordance with the terms of the Distribution Trust Agreement and the Litigation Distribution Orders. The distribution of proceeds to Holders of Distribution Trust Interests from the Litigation Trust Causes of Action and other value held in the Distribution Trust will be determined by the Bankruptcy Court or such other court of competent jurisdiction based on the outcome of the Litigation Trust Causes of Action. Accordingly, the Distribution Trust's role will be, among other things, to (i) hold all DEV remaining on the Effective Date of the Bridge Plan after Initial Distributions and distributions pursuant to any applicable Plan Settlements have been made, and until a resolution of the Litigation Trust Causes of Action is reached, (ii) receive the proceeds of the Litigation Trust Causes of Action and (iii) make distributions to Holders of Distribution Trust Interests in accordance with the terms of the Litigation Distribution Orders (which orders will provide for the allocation of distributions among the Holders of Distribution Trust Interests based on, among other things, the resolution (by settlement or litigation) of the applicable Litigation Trust Causes of Action).

The Creditors' Trust will be created on the Effective Date and have dual functions. First, it will function as a litigation trust with respect to the State Law Avoidance Claims and certain other claims, which consist of claims and causes of action fundamentally different and distinct from those that will be prosecuted by the Litigation Trust. Second, and unlike the Litigation Trust, the Creditors' Trust will directly make distributions of the proceeds recovered in connection with the State Law Avoidance Claims and D&O Claims to Holders of Creditors' Trust Interests. The Creditors' Trust Interests and the Creditors' Trust Distribution Orders will govern the relative rights and priorities of distributions made on account of the State Law Avoidance Claims. Each Holder of Claims against Tribune will be deemed to have transferred, on the Effective Date, any right it may possess to bring the State Law Avoidance Claims and D&O Claims to the Creditors' Trust in exchange for Creditors' Trust Interests unless such Holder has elected, on the applicable Ballot, not make such contribution (the "Non-Contribution Election"). State Law Avoidance Claims include, but are not limited to: (i) claims; (ii) causes of action; (iii) avoidance powers or rights; and (iv) legal or equitable remedies against the shareholders in Tribune whose stock was redeemed in connection with the leveraged buyout.

Each Trust will be governed by its own three-member trust advisory board and managed by a trustee. The initial funding for the Distribution Trust will be obtained through a contribution from the Debtors of \$40 million in Cash. The Distribution Trust will use a portion of such funding to provide the initial funding for the Litigation Trust. Any portion of the Distribution Trust Initial Funding that has not been utilized prior to the wind-up of the Distribution Trust will revert back to the Reorganized Debtors and will, under no circumstances, be distributed to the Holders of Distribution Trust Interests or become part of the Distribution Trust Reserve. The initial funding for the Creditors' Trust will be obtained through interest free loans from the Distribution Trust. Each of the Trusts will have the authority to use proceeds from its assets and obtain from other sources additional financing, if necessary, in each case as set forth in the applicable trust agreement.

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#### a) Initial Distributions under the Trust Structure

Except for certain initial Cash distributions, subject to approval of any Plan Settlements, Initial Distributions to all Classes of Impaired Claims entitled to an Initial Distribution will be comprised of a "strip" of consideration consisting of a Pro Rata share of: (i) New Common Stock and/or New Warrants; (ii) the New Senior Secured Term Loan; and (iii) Cash.

After Initial Distributions are made, the remaining DEV will be placed into the Distribution Trust and reserved for distribution to Creditors pending the determination of the Litigation Trust Causes of Action and, if not determined in connection with Confirmation, the Senior Loan Claim Sharing Resolution and the PHONES Notes Claims Resolution. In addition to providing for a substantial portion of the Debtors' DEV to be distributed to Creditors on the Effective Date, or as soon thereafter as practicable, subject to any Plan Settlements, the Trust structure also avoids any possibility that Initial Distributions will be subject to disgorgement based on the outcome of the Litigation Trust Causes of Action or, to the extent not determined prior to the Effective Date, the Senior Loan Claim Sharing Resolution, since Initial Distributions are generally based upon the minimum distribution each Class would be entitled to receive regardless of the outcome of the Trust Causes of Action and the allocation of the DEV among Tribune and the Subsidiaries as set forth in the Debtor/LBO Lender Plan.<sup>7</sup>

To calculate the Initial Distributions and potential future distributions under the Trust structure, the Bridge Plan provides that the Bankruptcy Court will determine the total DEV for the Tribune Entities in connection with the Confirmation Hearing. The Bankruptcy Court will also determine, in connection with the Confirmation Hearing, the allocation of the DEV among Tribune and the Subsidiaries (on a consolidated basis), which may include allocations based on the value of Intercompany Claims. The Proponents believe that the DEV and the ultimate allocation of DEV determined by the Bankruptcy Court may differ from the total DEV contained in the Debtor/LBO Lender Plan and the allocation of value contained in the Debtor/LBO Lender Plan and accordingly, Initial Distributions shall be based on such DEV and the allocation of such DEV among Tribune and the Subsidiaries (on a consolidated basis) as is determined by the Bankruptcy Court in connection with Confirmation.<sup>8</sup>

Under the Bridge Plan, subject to any Plan Settlement approved by the Bankruptcy Court, the following Holders of Impaired Claims will receive Initial Distributions: (i) Step One Lenders; (ii) Senior Noteholders; (iii) Holders of Other Parent Claims; (iv) Holders of Other

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Notwithstanding anything contained in the Bridge Plan, subject to any Plan Settlements, under the Trust structure all current and former Holders of Loan Claims and all Loan Agents and advisors that received payments in respect of such Claims or in connection with the incurrence of obligations of the Debtors prior to the Effective Date (whether on account of principal, interest, fees, expenses or otherwise) may be required to disgorge such amounts based on the final resolution of the Litigation Trust Causes of Action.

The Proponents reserve their rights to assert that the DEV should be different than \$6.75 billion or that the allocation of the DEV among Tribune and the Subsidiaries should be different than the allocation set forth in the Debtor/LBO Lender Plan. The Trust structure provides that the determination of total DEV and allocation thereof will be resolved at Confirmation.

Guarantor Debtor Claims; and (v) Holders of Other Non-Guarantor Debtor Claims. Additionally, Step Two Lenders may receive Initial Distributions, but only in the event that the Bankruptcy Court determines that the sharing provisions of the Senior Loan Agreement are enforceable regardless of whether Step Two Senior Loan Claims or Step Two Senior Loan Guaranty Claims are avoided. Furthermore, the Bridge Loan Lenders may receive Initial Distributions, but only in the event that the Bankruptcy Court determines that the Bridge Loan Subordination Provision is unenforceable. Certain Creditors, including Bridge Loan Lenders, PHONES Noteholders, EGI-TRB LLC Noteholders and Holders of Subordinated Securities Claims will not receive an Initial Distribution under the Bridge Plan.

For the purpose of calculating the Initial Distributions at Tribune, subject to any Plan Settlement approved by the Bankruptcy Court, the Parent Consideration will, in the first instance, be divided Pro Rata among all Impaired Classes of Claims at Tribune (other than Intercompany Claims). For the avoidance of doubt, all such Classes (*i.e.*, Step One Senior Loan Claims, Step Two Senior Loan Claims, Bridge Loan Claims, Senior Noteholder Claims, PHONES Notes Claims, EGI-TRB LLC Notes Claims, Other Parent Claims and Subordinated Securities Claims) will be treated *pari passu* for purposes of allocating the Initial Distributions, without regard to any subordination provisions in the applicable credit documents or under applicable law or any potential claims for, among other things, avoidance or subordination.

Each Holder of an Allowed Other Non-Guarantor Debtor Claim will receive under the Trust structure payment in full in Cash on account of its Allowed Claim at the same time as all other Initial Distributions.

After the Initial Distributions on account of Senior Noteholder Claims (including a Pro Rata share of the distributions that would be allocable in respect of the PHONES Notes Claims and EGI-TRB LLC Notes Claims but for the subordination provisions contained in the applicable credit documents), Other Parent Claims, Other Guarantor Debtor Claims and Other Non-Guarantor Debtor Claims are accounted for, and subject to any Plan Settlement approved by the Bankruptcy Court, and in order to ensure that DEV sufficient to satisfy all remaining Pre-LBO Debt Claims in full will be available for distribution in the event the LBO Debt is avoided, all remaining DEV will be deemed consolidated into one pool of DEV (the "Remaining Consideration Pool"). From the Remaining Consideration Pool, an amount of DEV sufficient to compensate all Pre-LBO Debt Claims (i.e., all Senior Noteholder Claims, PHONES Notes Claims (including PHONES Notes Exchange Claims that are classified as Phones Notes Claims), Other Parent Claims, Other Guarantor Debtor Claims and Subordinated Securities Claims arising from Pre-LBO Debt, if any, in full, after giving effect to the Initial Distributions discussed above, will be placed into the Distribution Trust Reserve (such amount referred to herein as the "Non-LBO Debt Reserve DEV"). After reservation of the Non-LBO Debt Reserve DEV, all remaining DEV in the Remaining Consideration Pool (the "LBO Debt Reserve DEV") will be allocated, on a Pro Rata basis, and without regard to the subordination provisions in the

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For clarity, it is noted herein that Holders of Allowed Other Parent Claims and Allowed Other Guarantor Debtor Claims, in each case, as of the Voting Deadline, will be presented with an option to put their Allowed Claims and, thus, their consideration under the Bridge Plan, to the Claims Purchaser for a fixed Cash payment of 15% and 25% of their Allowed Claims, respectively, subject to the conditions set forth in the Bridge Plan.

applicable credit documents or any potential claims for, among others, avoidance or subordination, among the Step One Lender Claims, the Step Two Lender Claims and the Bridge Loan Lender Claims.

Holders of Step One Lender Claims will receive under the Trust structure an Initial Distribution equal to their Pro Rata share of the LBO Debt Reserve DEV (*i.e.*, their own worst-case recovery if all LBO-Related Causes of Action were successful). Additionally, in the event that the Senior Loan Claim Sharing Resolution enforces the sharing provisions of the Senior Loan Agreement, Holders of Step Two Lender Claims will also receive under the Trust structure their Pro Rata share of the LBO Debt Reserve DEV. The Pro Rata share of the LBO Debt Reserve DEV in respect of (i) the Bridge Loan Lender Claims and (ii) if the sharing provisions of the Senior Loan Agreement are found not to apply (or the Court defers consideration of the Senior Loan Claim Sharing Resolution), the Step Two Lender Claims, will be transferred to the Distribution Trust Reserve, in each case for ultimate distribution in accordance with the Litigation Distribution Orders.

For the avoidance of doubt, Initial Distributions to LBO Lenders, to the extent applicable, will be on account of their Senior Loan Claims against both Tribune and the Guarantor Debtors, with the ultimate allocation of such distribution among Tribune and the Guarantor Debtors determined in connection with the Litigation Distribution Orders.

 Further Distributions of Distribution Trust Interests and Creditors' Trust Interests

In addition to the Initial Distributions set forth above, the Trust structure provides that most Creditors will also receive interests in the Distribution Trust and, in some circumstances, interests in the Creditors' Trust. Each type of Trust Interest provides the Holder thereof with separate and distinct rights, and future distributions (if any) to all Creditors will be based upon their Trust Interests. Whether a Class receives future distributions on account of its Trust Interests will depend on the final resolution of the Trust Causes of Action, as well as upon the Senior Loan Claim Sharing Resolution.

The Distribution Trust Interests shall, subject to the approval of any Plan Settlements, determine the future distributions of the Distribution Trust Reserve, as well as the proceeds of the Litigation Trust Causes of Action, in accordance with the Litigation Distribution Orders, the Senior Loan Claim Sharing Resolution and the PHONES Notes Claim Resolution. All Classes of Impaired Claims, other than Intercompany Claims, shall, subject to the approval of any Plan Settlements, be eligible to receive Distribution Trust Interests; provided, however, that, to the extent applicable, subject to the Claims Purchase Caps, Holders of Other Parent Claims and Other Guarantor Debtor Claims that elect the Other Parent Claims Put Option or Other Guarantor Debtor Claims Put Option, respectively (and if applicable), shall not be entitled to receive Distribution Trust Interests as such Distribution Trust Interests will, instead, be distributed to the Claims Purchaser.

Similarly, subject to the approval of any Plan Settlements, the Creditors' Trust Interests will determine the future distributions of the proceeds of the State Law Avoidance Claims and claims and causes of action against the Debtors' officers and directors (the "<u>D&O Claims</u>"), in accordance with the Creditors' Trust Distribution Orders, the Senior Loan Claim Sharing Resolution and the PHONES Notes Claim Resolution. Holders of Step One Senior Loan Claims,

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Step Two Senior Loan Claims, Bridge Loan Claims, Senior Noteholder Claims, PHONES Notes Claims, EGI-TRB LLC Notes Claims, Other Parent Claims and Subordinated Securities Claims that do not make the Non-Contribution Election shall, subject to the approval of any Plan Settlements, receive a Pro Rata share of Creditors' Trust Interests allocable to their Class, calculated according to the amount of Creditors in such Class that so elect. Notwithstanding the foregoing, subject to the Other Parent Claims Purchase Cap, Holders of Other Parent Claims that elect the Other Parent Claims Put Option shall not be entitled to receive Creditors' Trust Interests if the Claims Purchase is consummated and such Creditors' Trust Interests will, instead, be distributed to the Claims Purchaser.

#### B. Certain Other Key Bridge Plan Provisions.

1. Treatment of Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases.

Under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors have the right, subject to Bankruptcy Court approval, to assume or reject executory contracts and unexpired leases to which the Debtors are a party. If a Debtor rejects an executory contract or unexpired lease that it entered into prior to the Petition Date, such contract or lease will be treated as if it were breached by the applicable Debtor(s) on the date immediately preceding the Petition Date, and the other party to the agreement may assert a claim for damages incurred as a result of the rejection, which will be treated as a prepetition unsecured claim pursuant to section 365(g) of the Bankruptcy Code. In the case of the rejection of unemployment agreements and real property leases, damages are subject to certain limitations imposed by sections 365 and 502 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Reference is made to Section 6.1 of the Bridge Plan for a description of the assumption, rejection and cure obligations specified in the Bridge Plan. Reference is made to Section 6.2 of the Bridge Plan for a description of the cure of defaults of assumed executory contract and unexpired leases specified in the Bridge Plan. Reference is made to Section 6.3 of the Bridge Plan for a description of the assumption of executory contracts and unexpired leases specified in the Bridge Plan. If necessary, the Proponents will provide supplemental disclosure in these regards based on information provided by the Debtors or other third parties.

If the rejection by a Debtor, pursuant to the Bridge Plan, of an executory contract or unexpired lease results in a Claim, then such Claim shall be forever barred and shall not be enforceable against any Debtor or Reorganized Debtor, or the properties of any of them, unless a Proof of Claim is filed and served upon counsel to the Debtors within thirty (30) days after service of the notice that the executory contract or unexpired lease has been rejected.

#### 2. Restructuring Transactions.

Reference is made to the disclosure statement filed in connection with the Debtor/LBO Lender Plan (the "Debtor/LBO Lender Specific Disclosure Statement") for a description of the restructuring transactions under the Bridge Plan. If necessary, the Proponents will provide supplemental disclosure in this regard based on information provided by the Debtors or other third parties.

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#### 3. Compensation and Benefit Programs.

Reference is made to the Debtor/LBO Lender Specific Disclosure Statement for a description of the treatment of compensation and benefit programs under the Bridge Plan. If necessary, the Proponents will provide supplemental disclosure in this regard based on information provided by the Debtors or other third parties.

- 4. Injunctions, Releases and Discharge.
  - a) Discharge of Claims and Termination of Interests.

As of the Effective Date, except as provided in the Bridge Plan, the distributions and rights afforded under the Bridge Plan and the treatment of Claims and Interests under the Bridge Plan shall be in exchange for, and in complete discharge of, all Claims against the Debtors, and in satisfaction of all Interests and the termination of Interests in Tribune. Accordingly, except as otherwise provided in the Bridge Plan or the Confirmation Order, confirmation of the Bridge Plan shall, as of the Effective Date, (i) discharge the Debtors from all Claims or other debts that arose before the Effective Date, and all debts of the kind specified in sections 502(g) or 502(i) of the Bankruptcy Code, whether or not (x) a Proof of Claim based on such debt is filed or deemed filed pursuant to section 501 of the Bankruptcy Code (or is otherwise resolved), or (z) the Holder of a Claim based on such debt has accepted the Bridge Plan; and (ii) satisfy, terminate or cancel all Interests and other rights of equity security holders in the Debtors except as otherwise provided in the Bridge Plan. In addition, confirmation of the Bridge Plan shall, as of the Effective Date, authorize the release of the Senior Loan Guaranty Claims and the Bridge Loan Guaranty Claims against the Guarantor Non-Debtors.

As of the Effective Date, except as provided in the Bridge Plan, all Persons shall be precluded from asserting against the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, or their respective successors or property, any other or further Claims, debts, rights, causes of action, liabilities or Interests based upon any act, omission, transaction or other activity of any kind or nature that occurred prior to the Petition Date and from asserting against the Guarantor Non-Debtors any Senior Loan Guaranty Claims or Bridge Loan Guaranty Claims. In accordance with the foregoing, except as provided in the Bridge Plan or the Confirmation Order, the Confirmation Order shall constitute a judicial determination, as of the Effective Date, of the discharge of all such Claims and other debts and liabilities of the Debtors, pursuant to sections 524 and 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code, and such discharge shall void and extinguish any judgment obtained against the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors at any time, to the extent such judgment is related to a discharged Claim

#### b) Discharge Injunction.

Except as provided in the Bridge Plan or the Confirmation Order, as of the Effective Date, all Persons that hold, have held, or may hold a Claim or other debt or liability that is discharged, or an Interest or other right of an equity security holder that is terminated pursuant to the terms of the Bridge Plan, are permanently enjoined from taking any of the following actions on account of, or on the basis of, such discharged Claims, debts or liabilities, or terminated Interests or rights: (i) commencing or continuing any action or other proceeding against the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or their respective property; (ii) enforcing, attaching,

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collecting or recovering any judgment, award, decree or order against the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or their respective property; (iii) creating, perfecting or enforcing any Lien or encumbrance against the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or their respective property; (iv) asserting any setoff, right of subrogation or recoupment of any kind against any debt, liability or obligation due the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors or their respective property; and (v) commencing or continuing any judicial or administrative proceeding, in any forum, that does not comply with or is inconsistent with the provisions of the Bridge Plan.

#### c) Releases.

The following shall apply in addition to any other releases under the Bridge Plan.

i) Release of Guarantor Non-Debtors from Loan Guaranty Claims.

All Holders of Loan Guaranty Claims against the Guarantor Non-Debtors shall be deemed on the Effective Date to have granted the Guarantor Non-Debtor Release and the Guarantor Non-Debtors shall be unconditionally relieved from any liability to the Senior Lenders or the Bridge Loan Lenders on account of the Senior Loan Guaranty Claims or the Bridge Loan Guaranty Claims and the Senior Loan Agent and the Bridge Loan Agent, respectively, shall be unconditionally relieved from any liability of any nature whatsoever to such Holders as a result of the release of the Guarantor Non-Debtors from any and all Senior Loan Guaranty Claims and Bridge Loan Guaranty Claims. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, the Bankruptcy Court's entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute its approval of these good faith settlements and compromises of the claims released by the Guarantor Non-Debtor Release and adequate factual findings that the Guarantor Non-Debtor Release is: (1) fair, equitable and reasonable; (2) necessary and essential to the Debtors' successful reorganization; (3) in exchange for good and valuable consideration provided by the Guarantor Non-Debtors and the Loan Agents; (4) warranted by the exceptional and unique circumstances of the Debtors' reorganization; and (5) consistent with public policy and due process principles.

#### ii) Non-Release of Certain Defined Benefit Plans.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, with respect to any Defined Benefit Plan that has not been terminated or does not terminate by its terms prior to the entry of the Confirmation Order, all Claims of, or with respect to, such a Defined Benefit Plan (including any based on fiduciary duties under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended) and all Claims of the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, whether or not contingent, under 29 U.S.C. § 1362(b) for unfunded benefit liabilities, under 29 U.S.C. § 1306(a)(7) for termination premiums, and under 29 U.S.C. § 1362(c) for due and unpaid employer contributions shall not be discharged, released, exculpated or otherwise affected by the Bridge Plan (including Section 11.2.2 of the Bridge Plan), the entry of the Confirmation Order or the Chapter 11 Cases. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, in the event that a Defined Benefit Plan does not terminate prior to the entry of the Confirmation Order, obligations of the Debtors under the Defined Benefit Plan as of the Effective Date shall become obligations of the applicable Reorganized Debtors and, as required by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended, the controlled group members.

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#### d) Exculpation.

The Bridge Plan provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, none of the Proponents nor any of their respective Related Persons shall have any liability to any person or entity for acts or omissions in connection with, relating to, or arising out of the Chapter 11 Cases, negotiation of any plans of reorganization, including the Bridge Plan, pursuit of confirmation or implementation of any plans of reorganization, including the Bridge Plan, the property to be distributed under the Bridge Plan, the Bridge Specific Disclosure Statement, Restructuring Transactions, releases and injunctions under the Bridge Plan.

#### C. Issuance and Distribution of New Securities and Related Matters.

Reference is made to the Debtor/LBO Lender Specific Disclosure Statement for a description of the issuance of new securities under the Bridge Plan. Reference is made to the Debtor/LBO Lender Specific Disclosure Statement for a description of the distribution of New Common Stock and New Warrants under the Bridge Plan. If necessary, the Proponents will provide supplemental disclosure in these regards based on information provided by the Debtors or other third parties.

Reference is made to the Debtor/LBO Lender Specific Disclosure Statement for a summary description of the FCC matters pertaining to a plan of reorganization in these Chapter 11 Cases. If necessary, the Proponents will provide supplemental disclosure in respect of this issue based on information provided by the Debtors or other third parties.

# III. DESCRIPTION OF DEBT AND NEW CAPITAL STRUCTURE OF THE DEBTORS

#### A. New Senior Secured Term Loan Agreement.

Reference is made to the Debtor/LBO Lender Specific Disclosure Statement for a description of the New Senior Secured Term Loan Agreement. If necessary, the Proponents will provide supplemental disclosure in this regard based on information provided by the Debtors or other third parties.

#### **B.** Description of Exit Facility.

Reference is made to the Debtor/LBO Lender Specific Disclosure Statement for a description of the Exit Facility. If necessary, the Proponents will provide supplemental disclosure in this regard based on information provided by the Debtors or other third parties.

### IV. BEST INTERESTS TEST AND LIQUIDATION ANALYSIS

As discussed in Section X.B.4 of the General Disclosure Statement, the "best interests" test under section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code requires as a condition to confirmation of a plan of reorganization that each holder of an Impaired Claim or Impaired Interest receive property with a value not less than the amount such holder would receive in a chapter 7 liquidation. The Debtors, with the assistance of their advisors, have prepared a hypothetical liquidation analysis, attached as Exhibit D to the General Disclosure Statement (the "Liquidation Analysis"), which

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details, among other things, the estimated hypothetical recovery range for holders of Claims against and Interests in the Debtors in a chapter 7 liquidation. If necessary, the Proponents will provide supplemental disclosure in this regard based on information provided by the Debtors or other third parties.

To demonstrate that the proposed Bridge Plan satisfies the "best interests" test, the chart below compares the estimated recovery of each Impaired Class of Claims under the Bridge Plan against the high end of the hypothetical recovery range set forth in the Liquidation Analysis for such Claims in a chapter 7 liquidation.

			Bridge Plan very <sup>1</sup>	 -	on Analysis Values)	 Difference
Claims	 imated Allowed is & Bridge Claim	Recovery \$	Recovery %	Recovery \$	Recovery %	Recovery \$ (Liquidation vs. Bridge Plan)
Senior Loan	\$ 8,722,140	\$ 5,648,000	64.8%	\$ 3,743,009	42.91%	\$ (1,905,000)
Bridge Loan	1,619,507	125,000	<b>7.7</b> %	19,544	1.21%	(105,456)
Senior Noteholder	1,283,056	750,000	<b>58.5</b> %	15,484	1.21%	(734,516)
PHONES Notes	760,881	75,000	9.9%	-	0.00%	(75,000)
EGI-TRB LLC Notes	235,300	0	0%	-	0.00%	(0)
Other Parent	113,794	67,000	58.8%	3,195	1.21%	(63,805)
Other Guarantor Debtor	85,000	85,000	100%	2,041	2.40%	(82,959)
<b>Total</b> Notes to Table:	\$ 12,970,627	\$ 6,750,000	•	\$ 3,783,273	-	\$ (2,966,727)

 Based upon the acceptance of the Step One Lender Settlement, the Step Two Lender Settlement and the Bridge Loan Lender Settlement, but does not include any proceeds from the Litigation Trust or Creditors' Trust. Resolution of any causes of action by the Litigation or Creditors' Trust may impact the ultimate recovery received against the various Claims.

Under the Plan Settlements, all non-subordinated prepetition Claims recover substantially more than under a hypothetical liquidation; therefore, the Proponents believe that the "best interests" of creditors test is satisfied.

The Liquidation Analysis does not consider recoveries from potential Claims arising from the Leveraged ESOP Transactions. As explained in herein, the Bridge Plan provides for the settlement of certain Claims related the Leveraged ESOP Transactions (subject to Bankruptcy Court approval of the Bridge Plan) and for certain other Claims related to the Leveraged ESOP Transactions (or all of them if no Plan Settlement is accepted) to be assigned to the Trusts. In either event, it is assumed that the recoveries from these Claims would be substantially similar in either a reorganization or a liquidation and thus not change the conclusion regarding the "best interests" test.

#### V. RISK FACTORS

The implementation of the Bridge Plan is subject to a number of risks. These risks are similar to those described in the Debtor/LBO Lender Specific Disclosure Statement. Reference is made to Article V of the Debtor/LBO Lender Specific Disclosure Statement for a summary description of these risk factors where applicable. If necessary, the Proponents will provide supplemental disclosure in this regard based on information provided by the Debtors or other third parties.

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# VI. ALTERNATIVES TO CONFIRMATION AND CONSUMMATION OF THE BRIDGE PLAN

If the Bridge Plan is not confirmed, the alternatives include (i) continuation of the Chapter 11 Cases, (ii) approval of a competing plan of reorganization, or (iii) liquidation of the Debtors under chapter 7 or chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. Each of these possibilities is discussed in turn below.

#### A. Continuation of the Chapter 11 Cases.

If the Debtors remain in chapter 11, the Debtors could continue to operate their businesses and manage their properties as debtors in possession, but they would remain subject to the restrictions imposed by the Bankruptcy Code. It is not clear whether the Debtors could continue as viable going concerns in protracted Chapter 11 Cases. If the Debtors remain in chapter 11 for an extended period of time, they could have difficulty operating with the high costs, operating financing and the eroding confidence of their employees, customers and trade vendors.

In addition, if the Debtors fail to settle outstanding Claims through the Bridge Plan, litigation of certain Claims may be required, which litigation may take years to resolve, be burdensome and expensive, prolong the Chapter 11 Cases, and have a detrimental impact on the Debtors' businesses and enterprise value.

## B. Approval of a Competing Plan.

The Proponents believe that the Bridge Plan provides the best option for restructuring the Debtors. Please refer to the Proponents' Responsive Statement included in Volume III of the Joint Disclosure Statement for a detailed discussion of the Proponents' views regarding the inferiority of other Competing Plans.

### C. Liquidation under Chapter 7 or Chapter 11.

If the Bridge Plan or another plan of reorganization is not confirmed, the Debtors' Chapter 11 Cases could be converted to liquidation cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. In chapter 7, a trustee would be appointed to liquidate the assets of the Debtors. The Debtors believe that in a liquidation under chapter 7 additional administrative expenses involved in the appointment of a trustee and professionals to assist such trustee, along with expenses associated with an increase in the number of unsecured claims that would be expected, would cause a substantial diminution in the value of the estates. In addition, the Proponents believe that the Liquidation Analysis attached as <a href="Exhibit D">Exhibit D</a> to the General Disclosure Statement is speculative as it is necessarily premised upon assumptions and estimates. As such, the Liquidation Analysis can give no assurance as to the value which would be realized in chapter 7 liquidation. Further, as demonstrated in Article IV above, the Proponents believe that recoveries to creditors in a chapter 7 liquidation would be substantially lower less than those provided pursuant to the Bridge Plan.

The Debtors could also be liquidated under a chapter 11 plan of reorganization. In a chapter 11 liquidation, the Debtors' assets could be sold in a more orderly fashion over a longer period of time than in a liquidation under chapter 7 and a trustee would not be required. Thus,

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chapter 11 liquidation might result in larger recoveries than in chapter 7 liquidation; however, the delay in distributions could result in lower present values being received and higher administrative costs.

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### VII. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Proponents believe that confirmation of the Bridge Plan is preferable to the alternatives because it is fairest, most confirmable and provides the greatest opportunity for Holders of Claims against and Interests in any of the Debtors to resolve all issues and avoid extensive delays and increased administrative expenses.

Accordingly, the Proponents urge all Holders of Cla	aims entitled to vote on the
Bridge Plan to vote to accept the Bridge Plan and to eviden	nce such acceptance by returning
their Ballots so that they are received no later than	(prevailing Eastern Time) on
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Dated: October 29, 2010

Date: October 29, 2010

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By: King Street Capital Management, L.P.

Its Manager

Name: Jay Kyan / Title: Chief Financial Officer

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