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I. <u>INTRODUCTION AND PLAN OVERVIEW</u>

A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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This Second Amended Disclosure Statement ("Disclosure Statement") describes how Peek, Aren't You Curious, Inc.'s Chapter 11 Plan of Liquidation ("Plan") proposes to pay its creditors. The Disclosure Statement is intended to also provide creditors with information to decide whether to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

Peek, Aren't You Curious, Inc. ("Peek" or "Debtor") filed a voluntarily bankruptcy on February 5, 2016 (the "Petition Date"). As of its bankruptcy filing, Peek sold high-end children's clothing through twenty (21) retail stores in ten (10) states (one of which closed on January 23, 2016), a wholesale relationship with Nordstrom department stores, and an Ecommerce platform.

Peek had been experiencing operating losses of approximately \$550,000 per month for some time. After exhausting all avenues for obtaining a strategic investor or buyer, in mid-November 2015, Charlotte Russe expressed interest in acquiring several of Peek's retail locations and manufacturing assets. After a series of meetings and expedited due diligence, Charlotte Russe offered to purchase some of Peek's assets pursuant to an Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Assets ("APA") dated February 4, 2016. Under the terms of the APA, Charlotte Russe initially agreed to acquire the following assets:

- 8 of Peek's 21 retail stores¹;
- Inventory at Peek's distribution centers and in transit;
- Ecommerce assets and associated contracts; and
- Intellectual property associated with the design and manufacturing of Peek's brand and product lines.

The primary financial goal of the proposed sale was to maximize returns to unsecured creditors by: (a) minimizing operations losses and the accrual of post-bankruptcy rent and other administrative expenses, (b) reducing the pool of lease rejection claims through assignment of leases, and (c) maximizing the recoveries from store inventory not sold to Charlotte Russe.

¹ Charlotte Russe later agreed to purchase (4) four additional retail locations.

Peek filed this proceeding in order to close the sale to Charlotte Russe pursuant to §11 U.S.C.§ 363 (the "363 Sale"). This Court approved the 363 Sale to Charlotte Russe by an order dated March 14, 2016. [Docket No. 148]. Peek closed the 363 Sale on March 18, 2016 and thereafter ceased operations at its nine (9) remaining locations. Thus, Peek has no ongoing business operations.

As will be discussed in more detail below, Peek has on hand funds totaling approximately \$1.3 million to pay creditors. Peek intends to distribute these funds to creditors according to the priorities set forth in the Bankruptcy Code, *inter alia*, 11 U.S.C. §507 in a liquidating chapter 11 plan.

Further to that end, on August 25, 2016, Peek filed its proposed Chapter 11 Plan of Liquidation (August 25, 2016) (the "Plan"). The principal purpose of the Plan is to set forth how any remaining assets of Peek's estate will be liquidated and the proceeds distributed to its creditors.

The Plan contemplates that the remaining assets of the Debtors' estate will be distributed to creditors in the manner dictated by the Bankruptcy Code. That is, creditors who hold liens on specific assets, if any, will be paid from the proceeds of their collateral. After those secured claims are satisfied, all unencumbered assets will be distributed in accordance with the priorities established in Section 507 of the Bankruptcy Code. Where there is not enough cash to pay all creditors of equal priority in full, pro rata distributions will be made to allowed claim holders, and no distributions will be made to any creditors that are junior in priority.

While actual amounts to be distributed remain uncertain, Peek estimates that if the Plan is confirmed, creditors will receive the following percentage recoveries on account of their claims:

Class	Description	Approximate Aggregate Dollar Amount of Claims in Class	Estimated Percentage Recovery on the Dollar to Creditor(s) in Class
Class 1	Secured Claims	\$109, 665.13	100%
Class 2	General Unsecured Claims	\$3,014,510.34	21.99% ²

² Assumes the Late Filed Claim is allowed and included in Class 2

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Class 3	Late Filed Claim ³	\$493,261.51	0-21.99 %
Class 4	Interest Holders		0%

In addition, allowed non-classified administrative expense claims (including professionals retained by Peek and holders of tax and other claims entitled to priority under Section 507(a) of the United States Bankruptcy Code will be paid in full.

B. PURPOSE OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Disclosure Statement contains information with respect to Peek and the Plan. Except as otherwise provided herein, capitalized terms used in this Disclosure Statement shall have the meanings set forth in the Plan, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. If there is any conflict between this Disclosure Statement and the Plan, the Plan controls. Pursuant to section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code, this Disclosure Statement is being distributed to you for the purpose of enabling you to make an informed judgment about the Plan. Peek has examined various alternatives and, based on information contained in this Disclosure Statement, and for the reasons set forth below, have concluded that the Plan provides the best prospect for maximizing creditor recoveries.

The Disclosure Statement describes the Plan and contains information concerning, among other matters: (1) the history, business, results of operations, management, and liabilities of the Debtors; (2) the sale of substantially all of the Debtors' assets; and (3) potential litigation seeking recovery of assets, and the cash, claims and other assets that are available for distribution under the Plan. Peek urges you to review carefully the contents of this Disclosure Statement and the Plan (including the exhibits to each) before making a decision to accept or reject the Plan. Particular attention should be paid to the provisions affecting or impairing your rights as a Creditor.

Generally speaking, creditors who are not getting paid in full when the Plan becomes "effective" are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. Your vote on the Plan is important.

³ Turnberry Associates asserted the Late Filed Claim in the total amount of \$493,261.51 (Claim No. 56) filed on June 22, 2016, after the Claims Bar Date of June 13, 2016.

In order for the Plan to be accepted by a Class of Claims, the holders of two-thirds (2/3) in dollar amount and more than one-half (1/2) in number of Allowed Claims in such Class who vote on the Plan must vote for acceptance. Because the holders of Interests are to receive nothing under the Plan, the holders of Class 4 (Interests) are deemed to have rejected the Plan, and, therefore, the votes of such interest holders are not being solicited.

Non-acceptance of the Plan may lead to conversion of the case to a proceeding under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, or to the confirmation of another plan. These alternatives may not provide for a distribution of as much value to creditors as the Plan. Accordingly, Peek strongly encourages all creditors to accept the Plan by completing and returning the enclosed ballot no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 4, 2016.

C. INFORMATION REGARDING THE PLAN

1. <u>Exclusive Source of Information.</u>

No representations concerning the Debtor are authorized by the Debtor other than as set forth in this Disclosure Statement.

2. Plan Governs Disclosure Statement.

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

3. Source of Information.

Factual information contained in this Disclosure Statement has been provided by the Debtor and has been obtained from the Debtors' records, except where otherwise specifically noted. All financial information contained in this Disclosure Statement has been prepared by the Debtor. None of the Debtor's attorneys, accountants, or other professionals make any representation regarding that information. The Debtor, however, cannot and does not represent or warrant that the information contained in this Disclosure Statement is free from any inaccuracy. The Debtor has made great efforts to present the information accurately and fairly and believes that the information is substantially accurate. The assumptions underlying the projections contained in this Disclosure Statement concerning sources and amounts of payments

to creditors represent the Debtor's best estimates. Because these are only assumptions about or predictions of future events, many of which are beyond the Debtor's control, there can be no assurance that the assumptions will in fact materialize or that the projected realizations will in fact be met. Except as otherwise provided herein, this Disclosure Statement does not reflect any events which occurred subsequent to the date that the Debtor submitted the Disclosure Statement to the Bankruptcy Court for approval.

4. Tax Consequences

(i) Tax Consequences to Debtor

With respect to the tax consequences of the Plan to Peek, it does not expect confirmation of the Plan to have a material impact. The Plan does not seek to avoid payment of any valid claims, and therefore, the Plan will not affect Peek's net operating loss carry forwards, which will remain available to offset any post-bankruptcy income. Because of this, Peek does not anticipate having to recognize or pay state or federal taxes on any significant portion of its income and post-petition activities.

(ii) Potential Tax Consequences to Creditors

A few generalizations can be made as to the basic tax consequences, although none of the following statements can be treated as advice on the tax treatment to a specific creditor.

The Plan contemplates repayment in full to all holders of unclassified, secured and priority "allowed" claims. Therefore, Peek is not of the view that any holder of these types of claims would be permitted to deduct the amount owed by Peek from the creditor's gross income on the basis that it constitutes an uncollectable debt.

The Plan contemplates less than full payment to Allowed Unsecured Claims. The extent to which a creditor must recognize loss on repayment of principal amounts owed by Peek depends upon the creditor's tax basis in the debt and overall financial situation. For example, if a creditor provided credit of \$10,000 to Peek and had a tax basis of \$10,000 in the credit advanced, repayment of 25% the principal amount would trigger a 75% loss. In general, such a loss may be credited against income. Each Holder of an Allowed Unsecured Claim is urged, however, to consult its own tax advisors as to the consequences and treatment of any such loss.

(iii) Potential Tax Consequences to Equity Holders

The Plan provides no payment on account of Equity Holder's investment in Peek. As a general matter, amounts invested in Peek may be considered an investment loss. Each Equity Holder is urged to consult its own tax advisors as to the consequences and treatment of the investment loss.

The foregoing discussion is intended to give general information, but each creditor and equity holder must be advised that the tax consequences of the Plan will vary based on the individual circumstances of each holder of a Claim. Accordingly, each creditor is strongly urged to consult with its own tax advisor regarding the federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences of the Plan.

5. <u>Bankruptcy Court Approval.</u>

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

D. VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

1. How to Vote.

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

In order to be counted, ballots must be completed, signed and returned so that they are received no later than 4:00 P.M. prevailing Pacific Time on November 4, 2016 at the following address:

By U.S. Mail:

Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc. **Re: Peek Kids Ballot Processing**Attn: Voting Department

PO Box 192016 Blythebourne Station

Brooklyn, NY 11219

By Overnight or Hand Delivery:

Donlin, Recano & Company, Inc. **Re: Peek Kids Ballot Processing**Attn: Voting Department
6201 15th Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11219

Do not send your ballot via facsimile or e-mail.

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

2. Who May Vote.

The Plan divides creditors' claims into three (3) Classes. Class 1, consisting of secured claims. Class 2, consists of general unsecured claims. Class 3 consists of the Late Filed Claim. There is one Class of Interests, Class 4.

Classes of creditors which are impaired by the Plan are entitled to vote. A Class is impaired if legal, equitable or contractual rights attaching to the claims or interest of the Class are modified, other than by curing defaults and reinstating maturities. Holders of Claims in Classes 2 and 3 are impaired and entitled to vote on the Plan.

In determining acceptances of the Plan, the vote of creditor will only be counted if submitted by a creditor whose claim is an "allowed" claim. Generally speaking, a creditor holds an allowed claim if such claim is duly scheduled by the Debtor as other than disputed, contingent or unliquidated, or the Creditor has timely filed with the Bankruptcy Court a proof of Claim which has not been objected to or disallowed prior to computation of the votes on the Plan. The Ballot form which you received does not constitute a proof of Claim.

E. CONFIRMATION

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

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believes that the Plan satisfies all statutory requirements of Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code for Confirmation of the Plan.

Voting is tabulated by class. As discussed above, a class of creditors has accepted a plan of reorganization if the plan has been accepted by 2/3 in dollar amount and more than 1/2 in number of creditors holding allowed claims in that class who actually vote to accept or reject such plan. Even if a class of creditors or interests votes against a plan of reorganization, that plan may nevertheless be confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court, notwithstanding the negative vote of that class, so long as certain statutory requirements are met by the plan. This is called a "cram down." If necessary, the Debtor is prepared to seek confirmation of the Plan through a cram down.

The Bankruptcy Court has set a hearing on November 17, 2016 to determine whether the Plan has been accepted by the requisite number of Creditors and whether the other requirements for Confirmation of the Plan have been satisfied. The hearing may be continued from time to time and day to day without further notice. If the Bankruptcy Court confirms the Plan, it will enter the Confirmation Order. Any objections to Confirmation of the Plan must be in writing and must be filed with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court and served on counsel for the Debtor and the Office of the United States Debtor on or before November 10, 2016.

Counsel on whom objections must be served are:

Counsel for the Debtor

Nuti Hart LLP Attn: Gregory C. Nuti, Esq. / Kevin W. Coleman, Esq. 411 30th Street, Suite 408 Oakland, CA 94609

and

Office of the United States Trustee

Office of the United States Trustee Attn: Donna S. Tamanaha, Esq. Phillip J. Burton Federal Building 450 Golden Gate Avenue, 5th Flr., #05-0153 San Francisco, CA 94102

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F. DISCLAIMERS

This Disclosure Statement contains information which may bear upon your decision to accept or reject the proposed Plan. Please read this document with care. The purpose of this Disclosure Statement is to provide "adequate information" of a kind, and in sufficient detail, as far as is reasonably practicable in light of the nature and history of the Debtor and the condition of the Debtors' books and records, that would enable a hypothetical reasonable investor typical of holders of claims or interests of the relevant Class to make an informed judgment concerning the Plan. *See* 11 U.S.C. § 1125(a).

For the convenience of creditors, this Disclosure Statement summarizes the terms of the Plan, but the Plan itself qualifies any summary. If any inconsistency exists between the Plan and this Disclosure Statement, the terms of the Plan are controlling.

No representations concerning the Debtor's financial condition or any aspect of the Plan are authorized by the Debtor other than as set forth in this Disclosure Statement. Any representations or inducements made to secure your acceptance other than as contained in or included with this Disclosure Statement should not be relied upon by you in arriving at your decision.

The contents of this Disclosure Statement should not be construed as legal, business or tax advice. Each Creditor or Interest holder should consult his or her own legal counsel and accountant as too legal, tax and other matters concerning his or her Claim.

G. PLAN SUMMARY

1. The Plan Classifies Claims

The following is a brief summary of the Plan, which is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Plan, attached as **Exhibit A** to this Disclosure Statement.

All remaining assets of the Estate shall be liquidated and distributed to creditors as set forth under the terms of the Plan. Under the Plan, claims other than Administrative Claims and Tax Claims entitled to priority are divided into several classes. The several classes of claims fall into three categories: (i) secured claims, (ii) general unsecured non-priority claims; and (iii) the

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Late Filed Claim. There is also one class of Interests consisting of holders of stock, or other equity interests in the Debtors.

2. Actual Recoveries to Creditors Are Uncertain.

At this time the Debtor cannot predict precisely the timing or amount of any remaining recoveries with any certainty, success inherently depends on facts not currently known and circumstances that may be beyond its control. As of the date of this Disclosure Statement, the Debtor has not identified any Litigation Claims that would materially affect the estimated distributions. Similarly, the Debtor has not identified any potential objections to claims that would materially affect the estimated distribution. The net amount of funds currently available is set forth on the attached Exhibit B. Holders of allowed unsecured claims in Class 2 will receive pro rata distributions of the cash remaining after satisfying all administrative claims, secured claims and priority claims. The Debtor does not believe that there will be sufficient funds to pay Class 2 unsecured non-priority claim holders in full, but rather, creditors in Class 2 will receive approximately 22% on account of their allowed claims. The holder of the Class 3 Late Filed Claim will share in the pro rata distribution of Class 2 only if it obtains an order from the Bankruptcy Court allowing the Late Filed Claim. If the Holder of the Late Claim fails to obtain an order allowing its claim as set forth in the Plan, it will not receive any payment under the Plan⁴. The Plan cancels all ownership interests (whether stock, or other interests) in the Debtor. Hence, Interests in Class 4 are entitled to no distributions under the Plan and are deemed to reject the Plan.

II. OVERVIEW OF CHAPTER 11 CASE

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

A. EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE FILING OF THE CHAPTER 11 CASE

1. Corporate Snap Shot

⁴ The distribution analysis set forth on Exhibit B assumes the Late Filed Claim will be allowed and included in Class 2.

As of its bankruptcy filing on February 5, 2016 ("Petition Date"), Peek sold high-end children's clothing through twenty (21) retail stores in ten (10) states (one of which closed on January 23, 2016), a wholesale relationship with Nordstrom department stores, and an Ecommerce platform. In addition to its retail locations, Peek maintained corporate offices at 425 Second Street, San Francisco, California and a distribution center located at 2256 MacArthur Blvd., Tracy, CA 95376.

Peek's gross revenues in the fiscal year 2014 were \$26,899,638, and \$28,842,234 in fiscal year 2015. From this revenue, Peek incurred losses in 2014 and 2015 of \$5,033,743 and \$6,670,211, respectively – an average of approximately \$550,000 per month.

Peek's primary assets consisted of its inventory, trademarks and related intellectual property, fixtures located at its stores, office equipment, accounts receivable, and approximately\$1,124,500 in cash. Peek owned no real property – all of its store locations, warehouse facilities, and headquarters space were leased.

Peek had approximately 170 employees who were owed accrued wages totaling approximately \$109,000.00 from February 1, 2016 through the Petition Date. In addition, Peek also had incurred approximately \$121,500.00 in severance obligations prior to the Petition Date. Peek has no secured debt or unsecured liabilities to any banks or other financial institutions, and it was current on all of its state, federal and local tax liabilities as of the Petition Date.

After an exhaustive two-year search for a strategic investor or buyer in 2014 and 2015, on February 4, 2016, Peek entered into an asset purchase agreement with Charlotte Russe, Inc. to sell its inventory, trademarks, store fixtures, Ecommerce platform, and leases for eight (8) of the retail stores⁵. The primary goal of the proposed transaction with Charlotte Russe was to maximize returns to unsecured creditors by: (a) minimizing the accrual post-bankruptcy operational losses, rent and other administrative expenses, (b) reducing the pool of lease rejection claims through assignment of those leases, and (c) maximizing the recoveries from store inventory not sold to Charlotte Russe. As set forth below, Peek closed the sale to Charlotte Russe on March 18, 2016.

⁵ During the bankruptcy proceedings, Charlotte Russe agreed to buy an additional four (4) retail locations.

2. The Birth of Peek

After working in retail sales since of the age of 16, founder and former CEO, Tina Canales began her fashion career with The GAP. She began her 12-year tenure at the The Gap as assistant store manager and subsequently held several field positions including manager of its high-profile Melrose Avenue retail location. She was later promoted to merchandising, holding a variety of posts throughout the brand's many divisions. As a senior merchant, Ms. Canales gained experience identifying trends and sourcing opportunities, in planning, production, design and delivery of product. Ultimately, she was promoted to Vice President of Women's merchandising, a \$4 billion brand division, with both domestic and international responsibilities.

After leaving The Gap in 2001, Ms. Canales, along with a partner, formed Peek in 2006 based on a concept to address a void that she believed existed in the children's clothing market: a premium children's brand that offers high quality contemporary clothes. Peek's merchandise addressed the same considerations that adults demanded and expected in their wardrobe and that kids would love to wear: thoughtful detail, luxurious materials and interesting finishes that come together in durable, easy care styles that appeal to a child's sensibility and comfort while appealing to an adult's sense of style. Additionally, Peek retail locations also featured a curated collection of books, toys and accessories to compliment the clothing collection in a sophisticated and fun environment. The name "Peek... Aren't You Curious" stems from a concept related to this product offering and the intersection of an adult's nostalgic "peek" back into their own childhood, while "peeking" forward into their child's future.

Peek's business plan was developed with three channels of distribution: company owned and operated stores, wholesale, and online Ecommerce. Six distinct proprietary sub-branded product lines were created to allow style and personality separation which would also offer distinct wholesale opportunities. The sub brands were: Fleur des Champs, Williams and Sons, Sgt. Fletcher, Surf Royalty, Craft Dungarees and Little Peanut.

Peek generated roughly 60% of its revenue from its retail locations, 8% from through Ecommerce, and 32% through wholesale distributions. As noted above, gross revenue in fiscal year 2014 and 2015 were approximately \$26.8 million and \$28.8 million respectively, but from

this revenue Peek incurred losses in 2014 and 2015 of \$5,033,743 and \$6,670,211, respectively - an average of approximately \$550,000 per month.

3. <u>Peek's Financial History</u>

In 2006, Peek was initially formed as a limited liability company with \$3.0 million in capital contributed by its founders. With the initial capital, Peek opened its first three physical stores, the first of which was opened in February of 2007 and located in Santa Monica, CA. In October 2007, Peek opened its second store in Corte Madera, CA, followed by a third store in November, 2007 in Scottsdale, AZ. Peek also launched its Ecommerce site that same year.

After this initial launch, Peek sought outside investor capital and closed a \$5.15 million first round of funding in September 2007. As a result of this financing, Peek converted to a C Corp.

In 2008, Peek opened four additional stores: (1) Fashion Island in Newport Beach CA. (April), (2) Americana at Grand in Glendale CA (May), (3) Fashion Valley in San Diego CA (August), and (4) Northpark in Dallas TX (October). Peek continued to develop Ecommerce and launched its wholesale channel, supplying several specialty boutiques and Barney's New York.

In 2008, Peek closed a second financing for \$10 million from Mousseluxe SARL. In late 2008, however, Peek began to suffer a series of setbacks related to the downturn caused by the Great Financial Crisis. This change in the economic environment resulted in Peek receiving an inordinate number of wholesale order cancellations against product for which Peek was already obligated and several unpaid wholesale invoices. In response to the deteriorating overall economic situation in 2008 and 2009, Peek began to renegotiate the existing rent structures, evaluate store locations, focus on building instore staff and close down the then un-profitable wholesale channel. Ultimately Peek shuttered three retail locations⁶, while it negotiated rent relief on the remaining stores.

Peek soon recognized that as a small vertical retailer it lacked economies of scale to achieve target margin efficiency or to internally support the needed infrastructure in areas of Ecommerce, Real Estate, IT, Logistics and Marketing. Peek determined that the best course was

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⁶ One each in Glendale CA (November 2009), Roseville (July 2010), and Fashion Valley (May 2011).

to identify strategic partners. In August of 2010, Peek partnered with Nordstrom Inc., with Peek providing Nordstrom with Peek designed product through its wholesale channels, thus increasing Peek's economy of scale and increasing margin efficiency. Nordstrom also agreed to assist in Marketing, IT, Ecommerce and Real Estate.

Equally as important, Nordstrom and Mousseluxe SARL each made an additional equity investment in the company to finance its inventory purchases and assure that Peek was financially viable. The financing was structured as a common stock investment.

Peek's wholesale relationship with Nordstrom quickly grew from an initial product offering in 20 Nordstrom stores in March of 2011, to 50 in May 2011 and to all 115 Nordstrom stores by July 2011. In 2011, Peek generated \$1.7 million in revenue from this relationship.

In 2012, Peek again sought to grow, opening four stores: (1) University Village, Seattle WA (May 2012), (2) Fashion Place, Murray UT (August 2012), (3) Fashion Square, Scottsdale AZ (August 2012), and (4) Bellevue Square, Seattle WA (October 2012).

In 2013, Mousseluxe and Nordstrom committed to invest \$6.4 million each in additional common equity to fund store growth. Peek opened an addition seven (7) new stores in 2013: (1) University Center in La Jolla CA (April 2012), (2) Chestnut Street in San Francisco CA (August 2013), (3) Houston Galleria in Houston TX (September 2013), (4) Park Meadows in Denver CO (September 2013), (5) Northbrook Court in Northbrook IL (October 2013), (6) Oakbrook in Oakbrook, IL (November 2013), and (7) Merrick Park in Coral Gables FL (December 2013).

In 2014, Peek engaged the investment bank of William Blair & Company to advise and assist in seeking growth equity capital to continue its store build out, make a significant Ecommerce investment and execute on much needed marketing initiatives in order to become a fully realized Omni-channel retailer. William Blair expressed high confidence that the thorough growth plan would yield several prospective, competitive investor partners. However, after more than eight months of management focus on due diligence, investor information and meetings, no viable investor emerged. During this period, Mousseluxe and Nordstrom each committed up to an additional \$6 million in convertible bridge notes to provide working capital until a strategic partner was identified.

Peek opened five new locations in anticipation of obtaining additional growth capital: (1) Phipps Plaza in Atlanta GA (April 2014), (2) Damen Avenue in Chicago IL (May 2014), (3) The Woodlands in TX (September 2014), (4) Mall of America in Minneapolis MN (October 2014) and (5) Aventura in Miami FLA (November 2014). Peek also continued to invest in infrastructure and headcount. Peek's operating loss, however widened to \$5 million, driven largely by new store operating costs, key talent upgrades to set the foundation for growth, along with consulting and other onetime investments. When William Blair failed to source any viable investors, Peek targeted operational initiatives to develop a five-year plan to profitability by early 2018. Based on this plan, Mousseluxe and Nordstrom funded an additional \$4.6 million, converted to equity existing bridge notes of \$10.7 million and structured another equity round of funding. The early 2015 plan proved to be overly optimistic as Peek faced a retail environment in which competitors aggressively competed on price forcing Peek to mark down its prices more aggressively in order to monetize product inventory, which in turn caused a sizeable impact to sales, margin, profitability and cash reserves.

By late July 2015, Peek identified a need to close several stores and reduce headcount. But even with these reductions, the company would be cash challenged by late 2015/early 2016. At this point, Mousseluxe and Nordstrom, Peek's two majority shareholders, indicated that they were not interested in making further investments in Peek, but Nordstrom was open to any solution that preserved the wholesale relationship.

4. Marketing of Assets

In mid-August, Peek and Nordstrom investigated an acquisition of Peek by Nordstrom. A proposal was developed that would close 10 unprofitable retail locations, leverage

Nordstrom's scale, operational and functional expertise and reduce Peek's head count. The savings generated were expected to yield positive EBITDA in 2016. On September 28, 2015,

Nordstrom, after serious internal consideration, declined to pursue the opportunity. It should be noted again that Nordstrom had made a substantial investment in Peek, served on Peek's board, and had continued interest in continuing the Peek wholesale business. It therefore seemed to be

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best positioned to understand the value proposition in acquiring a scaled back version of Peek, and so its decision not to proceed raised questions about Peek's overall value.

On September 30, 2015, Peek's board convened to discuss options, including ceasing operations and filing Chapter 7 bankruptcy by the end of fiscal year 2015, while continuing to pursue any "last ditch" investors or acquirers. Peek's Board Chair, CEO and CFO had a series of meetings with William Blair to identify potential investor/acquirers and define a timeline. It was quickly apparent that the process to identify, engage and complete a transaction would be too lengthy, too costly and held little to no probability of success. As a result, Peek terminated its relationship with William Blair but continued to independently seek an investor/acquirer. In mid-October, Peek needed to decide whether to order Spring inventory for both retail locations and Nordstrom's wholesale purchase to be delivered beginning in January, a financial commitment of several million dollars. In the normal course, Peek places its orders for product with its overseas manufacturers several months in advance of when the product is needed in the stores for the next season. Thus, Spring inventory is ordered in mid-October, with deliveries starting the following January and continuing through February. In general, Peek becomes financially obligated for inventory from the manufacturer upon each shipment being invoiced and placed in transit to Peek's distribution center. For inventory sold at wholesale, e.g. to Nordstrom, Nordstrom becomes obligated to Peek upon the shipment from Peek to Nordstrom. Peek struggled whether to place its Spring inventory orders given the uncertainty of whether it would still be operating by the time the shipments were ready. While Peek was not legally obligated for the product until shipped, it did not want its manufacturers to incur production costs if Peek would be ceasing operations prior to the Spring season. With the Spring 2016 inventory commitments looming, Nordstrom verbally agreed, in essence, to guarantee acceptance of 100% of Peek's Spring 2016 inventory production. In addition to purchasing inventory through the wholesale relationship, Nordstrom agreed to pay for inventory originally intended for Peek's own retail locations in the event Peek shut down at year end. This gave Peek some comfort in ordering Spring inventory for its retail locations and extended the time Peek had to seek another investment/acquisition solution.

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In late October, early November, Peek met with the Gap Inc. to gauge any potential interest the Gap may have had in either investing or acquiring Peek. After consideration, Gap Inc. also passed on the opportunity.

5. Purchase Offer from Charlotte Russe, Inc.

In mid-November, Peek was approached by Charlotte Russe, to discuss Charlotte Russe's potential interest in investing in or acquiring Peek. Charlotte Russe had learned of Peek's situation from sources within the industry. After a series of meetings and expedited due diligence which began in earnest in early January 2016, Charlotte Russe offered to purchase some of Peek's assets pursuant to an Agreement for Purchase and Sale of Assets ("APA") dated February 4, 2016. Under the terms of the APA, Charlotte Russe agreed to acquire the following assets:

- 8 of Peek's 21 retail stores⁷
- Inventory, trade fixture and other operating assets;
- Inventory at Peek's distribution centers and in transit;
- Ecommerce assets and associated contracts;
- Assumption of contracts for inventory ordered but not yet delivered;
- \$597,654 account receivable owed by Nordstrom for inventory sales (but it should be noted that Charlotte Russe assumed an \$850,438 corresponding liability which represents Peek's inventory purchase obligation to the vendors); and
- Intellectual property associated with the design and manufacturing of Peek's brand and product lines.

6. The Sale to Charlotte Russe and Cessation of Business

Peek filed this proceeding on February 5, 2016 and immediately sought Court approval to (1) close the proposed transaction with Charlotte Russe pursuant to 11 U.S.C.§ 363 (the "363 Sale"); and (2) conduct going out of business sales and cease operations at the retail locations not included in the 363 Sale. The Court approved the procedures and timing for conducting the 363

⁷ Charlotte Russe later agreed to purchase an additional four (4) retail locations during the process of obtaining Court approval of the sale.

Sale pursuant to its Order Granting Motion to Approve Bidding and Sale Procedures and Setting Sale Hearing Date dated February 16, 2016 [docket no. 64], setting a hearing for March 10, 2016 to consider the 363 Sale.

Several landlords raised formal and informal objections to the terms of the 363 Sale. Peek and Charlotte Russe engaged these landlords in discussions in an attempt to resolve their objections. These discussions were successful and led to an amendment to the APA whereby Charlotte Russe agreed to purchase four (4) additional retail locations and the assumption of their related leases. The Court approved the 363 Sale at the March 10 hearing and by its subsequent Order Granting Motion to Approve Sale Free and Clear of Liens and Interests dated March 14, 2016 [docket no. 148].

Peek closed the 363 Sale with Charlotte Russe on March 18, 2016. Peek wound down its operations at its other nine (9) retail locations, rejected the associated leases, and ceased operations. Thus, Peek has no ongoing business operations.

The consideration provided by Charlotte Russe was an assumption of Peek's obligations under the leases for the retail locations and the various other executory contracts, and its liability for so-called "Spring 2" inventory purchases that, as noted above, was approximately \$850,000. Charlotte Russe further agreed to pay Peek the amount of all security deposits held by landlords at the retail locations it acquired that in the aggregate total in excess of \$48,000.00 (which would be unavailable to creditors if the leases were rejected), to pay an additional \$10,000 for fixtures located at some of the closed stores, and reimburse Peek for certain pre-paid expenses.

Although the transaction did not generate substantial cash, it did reimburse Peek for the potential administrative cost of the post-petition Spring inventory deliveries, and relieve Peek from substantial lease and contract rejection damage claims. Most importantly, approval of the sale stopped the operational cash drain of \$550,000 per month and allows Peek now to distribute more cash to a smaller pool of unsecured creditors than if all 20 remaining stores were closed.

At this point, Peek has no ongoing operations. All Peek's assets have been liquidated and converted to Available Cash. Peek is currently analyzing potential Litigation Claims, including Avoidance Actions, and Claim Objections. As of the date of this Disclosure Statement, Peek has

not identified any such claims that would materially alter the projected distributions set forth herein.

III. DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN

A discussion of the principal provisions of the Plan as they relate to the treatment of Classes of Allowed Claims is set forth below. The discussion of the Plan which follows constitutes a summary only, and should not be relied upon for voting purposes. You are urged to read the Plan in full in evaluating whether to accept or reject the Plan proposed by the Debtor. If any inconsistency exists between this summary and the Plan, the terms of the Plan shall control.

A. DESCRIPTION OF CLASSES

The Plan divides Creditors into three (3) Classes. Creditors with similar Claims are placed in the same Class. There is one (1) Class of Interests under the Plan.

<u>Class 1 Claims (Unimpaired)</u>. Class 1 consists of creditors holding valid lien claims against property of the Estate.

<u>Class 2 Claims (Impaired)</u>. Class 2 consists of general unsecured claims. Class 2 claims are Impaired.

<u>Class 3 Claims (Impaired)</u>. Class 3 consists of the Late Filed Claim. The Class 3 claim is Impaired.

<u>Class 4 Interests (Impaired).</u> Class 4 consists of Equity Interests in the Debtor. Class 4 Equity Interests are Impaired.

B. TREATMENT OF UNCLASSIFIED CLAIMS

Administrative Claims.

Administrative Claims will fall in one of two categories: (1) administrative claims asserted by general creditors of the estate and (2) administrative claims held by professionals employed by the Debtor in these proceedings. If the Administrative Claim is held by a general creditor of the estate and it remains unpaid, such creditor must file an Administrative Claim no later than thirty (30) days of entry of the Confirmation Order. If the Administrative Claim is held by a professional employed by the Debtor in this case, a Fee Application must be filed no

later than sixty (60) days after entry of the Confirmation Order. An Administrative Claim for professional fees will be paid if and to the extent that it is Allowed by the Bankruptcy Court.

Each holder of an Allowed Administrative Claim will receive either a single payment for its Allowed Administrative Claim or another amount as agreed with the Debtor. The payment will be made on the Effective Date or upon allowance of the Administrative Claim, whichever occurs later. The Payment will be from the Available Cash upon Confirmation, and or proceeds from the recoveries from Remaining Assets. Aggregate unpaid Administrative Claims is currently estimated be approximately \$702,805.26⁸. *See* Exhibit B.

Priority Tax Claims

- (i) To the extent not paid prior to the Effective Date, all Tax Claims against the Debtors that are entitled to priority under Section 507(a)(8) shall be paid in full with interest at the applicable rate determined under non-bankruptcy law pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 511 on the later of: (a) the Effective Date, or (b) the date the Tax Claim is allowed by a Final Order.
- (ii) Several local taxing authorities have filed proofs of claim for taxes due, asserting that these claims are entitled to treatment as secured claims. The Plan defines these claims as Asserted Secured Tax Claims. There is, however, no property of the estate to which the Asserted Secured Tax Claims attach. This is because the Debtor no longer has rights in any leaseholds they have all been rejected or assumed and assigned to Charlotte Russe and the Court's March 14, 2016 order approving the sale to Charlotte Russe provided for the attachment of only the lien asserted by Dallas County, Texas to the proceeds received upon sale. Although not entitled to treatment as secured claims, each Asserted Secured Tax Claim shall be treated as a priority unsecured claim pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §507(a)(8). To the extent not paid prior to the Effective Date, all Asserted Secured Tax Claims against the Debtors shall be paid in full in the amount as set forth in the Claim with interest at the applicable rate determined under non-bankruptcy law pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 511 on the later of: (a) the Effective Date, or (b) the date the Tax Claim is allowed by a Final Order. Any Claim Holder that filed an Asserted Secured

⁸ Sum of Administrative Costs (\$93,250.00), Professional Administrative Costs (\$484,145.22) and Other Administrative Costs (\$125,410.04).

⁹ A list of the Asserted Secured Tax Claims is set forth on Exhibit A to the Plan.

Tax Claim in an estimated amount and asserts amounts in addition to the amounts set forth in its filed Claim shall file an amended claim asserting such additional amounts within thirty (30) days of the Effective Date. The Debtor shall pay or object to any such claim for additional amounts within thirty (30) days.

Aggregate unpaid Priority Tax Claims and Asserted Secured Tax Claims is approximately \$ 131,044.39. *See* Exhibit B.

U.S. Trustee Fees

The Debtor shall pay in cash in full on the Effective Date any statutory fees then owing and unpaid to the U.S. Trustee, or to the Bankruptcy Court. After the Effective Date, the Liquidating Debtor shall pay a quarterly fee to the U.S. Debtor, for deposit into the U.S. Treasury, for each quarter (including any fraction thereof) until this chapter 11 case is converted, dismissed, or closed by entry of a final decree, pursuant to Section 1930(a)(6) of Title 28, United States Code.

C. TREATMENT OF CLASSIFIED CLAIMS

Secured Claims.

Class 1— Allowed Secured Claims (Unimpaired): Allowed Secured Claims will receive payment in full from the funds they currently hold securing such claims and shall not receive any further payments under the Plan on account of the secured portion of any Claim. Specifically, the Allowed Secured Claims of IMI Market Street, Bellevue Square, and HG Galleria LLC shall be paid in full from the funds in their possession securing such claims. The Allowed Secured Claim of Taxing Authorities Dallas County shall be paid from the funds set aside pursuant to paragraph 11 of the Bankruptcy Court's Order Granting Motion to Approve Sale Free and Clear of Liens and Interests [Docket No. 148].

Unsecured Claims.

<u>Class 2 – General Unsecured Claims (Impaired)</u>: Class 2 claims shall share in pro rata distributions from Available Cash, after paying all unclassified claims, allowed secured claims, administrative claims, and priority claims in full.

Late Filed Claim.

<u>Class 3 – Late Filed Claim (Impaired):</u> The Late Filed Claim shall receive no distribution *unless* within sixty (60) days of the Confirmation Order, the Claim Holder of the Late Filed Claim obtains an order from the Bankruptcy Court allowing the Late Filed Claim, in which case the Late Filed Claim shall be placed in Class 2 and share in pro rata distributions from Available Cash.

Interests.

<u>Class 4 – Equity Interests of the Debtor (Impaired)</u>: Equity Interests of the Debtor shall receive no distributions and retain no interest.

D. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN

The Plan will be implemented as follows:

1. Assets Shall Remain Property of the Estate

Pursuant to Section 1141(b) of Title 11, upon Confirmation all assets of the Debtor or Debtor's Estate shall remain in the Debtor's Estate to be distributed by the Debtor according to the terms of the Plan. The Debtor will be deemed to have all powers, authority and responsibilities of a Debtor under sections 704, 108 and 1106 of the Bankruptcy Code and Rule 2004 of the Bankruptcy Rules. All remaining property of the Estate will be distributed by the Debtor pursuant to the Plan free and clear of all Liens. From and after the Effective Date, the Debtor may dispose of assets free of any restrictions contained in Sections 361, 363, 364, or 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, provided however, that disposition of any proceeds is made in accordance with the Plan.

The Debtor may retain counsel and other professionals as necessary in any matter related to the administration of the Remaining Assets or the performance of its duties under the Plan.

After the Effective Date, professional fees and other expenses incurred by the Debtor will be paid from Available Cash after Confirmation, or proceeds from the recoveries from Remaining Assets subject to Court approval upon notice and hearing.

The Debtor shall be responsible for and act as the Distribution Agent for all creditors receiving distributions under the Plan, but may utilize the services of Donlin Recano & Company for the actual cutting of checks and mailing them to Claimants.

2. Preservation of All Causes of Action

Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in any contract, instrument, release or agreement entered into in connection with the Plan, the Debtor will retain and may exclusively enforce and prosecute any Litigation Claims that the Debtors or the Estate may have against any person or entity in accordance with section 1123(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtor may pursue such retained Litigation Claims in accordance with the best interests of the creditors or the Estate.

E. CLAIMS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

1. Administrative Reserve

On the Effective Date, the Debtor will establish a reserve for all Allowed and Contested Administrative Claims to the extent such Claims are not paid on the Effective Date (the Administrative Claims Reserve") which is funded by the Available Cash. The Administrative Reserve will also serve to pay projected costs and expenses of administering the Estate after the Effective Date (the "Administrative Reserve"). The Debtor will make payments from the Administrative Claims Reserve to holders of Administrative Claims as soon as contested claims become Allowed Administrative Claims. The Debtor estimates that the Administrative Claims reserve will be approximately \$150,000.

2. Estimation of Claims

In order to effectuate distributions pursuant to this Plan and avoid undue delay in the administration of the Chapter 11 cases, the Debtor after notice and a hearing (which notice may be limited to the holder of such Contested Claim), can seek an order of the Bankruptcy Court to estimate or limit the amount of property that must be withheld from distribution on account of Contested Claims; if the Bankruptcy Court first determines whether such Claims can be estimated under the Bankruptcy Code and establish the timing and procedures for this estimation.

3. Distribution Procedures

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in the Plan, distributions may be made in full or on a pro rata basis depending on (i) the amount of the Allowed Claims in a class, (ii) the cash available to Allowed Claims in the class, and (iii) the Debtor's projection of reserves necessary to fund disputed claims and pay future costs of administration.

The Plan provides that the Debtor will commence making interim distributions to holders of Allowed Class 2 claims within 180 days of the Plan Effective Date, provided however, that the deadline for making the first interim distribution may be extended upon further order of the Bankruptcy Court. Except as noted below, the Debtor will make payments to the holders of Allowed Claims: (a) in U.S. dollars by check, draft or warrant, drawn on a domestic bank, or by wire transfer from a domestic bank, at the Debtor's option, and (b) by first-class mail (or by other equivalent or superior means as determined by the Debtor).

4. Setoffs and Recoupment

The Debtor may, but will not be required to, set off against or recoup from the payments to be made pursuant to the Plan in respect of a Claim, any claim of any nature whatsoever the Debtor or the Estate may have against the holder, but neither the failure to do so nor the allowance of any Claim will constitute a waiver or release by the Debtor or the Estate of any such claim.

5. Full and Final Satisfaction

On the Effective Date, all Debts of the Debtors will be deemed fixed and adjusted pursuant to the Plan and the Debtors will have no further liability on account of Claims or Interests as set forth in the Plan. All payments and all distributions made by the Debtor under the Plan will be in full and final satisfaction, settlement and release of all Claims; provided, however, that nothing contained in the Plan will be deemed to constitute or result in a discharge of the Debtors under Bankruptcy Code section 1141(d).

6. Objections to Claims

After the Effective Date, the Debtor will have the authority to file, settle, compromise, withdraw or litigate to judgment objections to Claims. Unless otherwise provided in the Plan or

ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, all objections to Claims will be filed no later than ninety (90) days after the Effective Date, unless that deadline is extended by the Court.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, no payment or distribution will be made with respect to any Claim until it becomes an Allowed Claim. Unless a Claim is specifically Allowed under the Plan, the Debtor reserves any and all objections to Claims, whether secured or unsecured, including any objection to the validity or amount of alleged liens and security interests, whether under the Bankruptcy Code, other applicable law or contract.

F. EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES

Under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code, a debtor may assume or reject executory contracts and unexpired leases. At the present time, the Debtor is not aware of any prebankruptcy contracts or leases that have not been either assumed or rejected. Nevertheless, should an unassumed / rejected contract or lease exist, the Plan provides that on the Effective Date, each such executory contract and unexpired lease that exists between the Debtor and any person that was not assumed or rejected before the Confirmation Date with the approval of the Bankruptcy Court, or for which the Debtor has not filed a motion to assume or reject before the Confirmation Date, is rejected. Entry of the Confirmation Order by the Bankruptcy Court will constitute approval of such rejections pursuant to section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Notwithstanding the preceding paragraph, on the Effective Date, each Non-Disclosure Agreement that exists between the Debtors and any person, to the extent that it constitutes an executory contract, is assumed pursuant to the Plan. Entry of the Confirmation Order by the Bankruptcy Court will constitute approval of such assumptions pursuant to section 365(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Claims created by the rejection of any executory contract or unexpired lease (including claims under section 365(d)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code) must be served on the Debtor and filed with the Bankruptcy Court by the earlier of thirty (30) days after the Confirmation Date or such earlier date previously set by order of the Bankruptcy Court. Any Claims not filed within such time will be forever barred from assertion against the Debtors' Estate. Unless otherwise ordered

by the Bankruptcy Court, all the Claims arising from the rejection of executory contracts will be treated as Class 2 Claims under the Plan to the extent they become Allowed Claims.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Court's Order Granting Motion To Assume and Assign Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases In Connection With the Sale of Assets ("Assumption Order") [Docket No. 147] and Order Granting Debtor's Omnibus Motion For Authorization To Reject Certain Leases ("Rejection Order")[Docket No. 145] shall remain in full force and effect and the executory contracts subject to the Assumption Order and Rejection Order shall receive the treatment as set forth therein.

G. CONDITIONS TO EFFECTIVENESS

The Plan will not become effective unless and until the Bankruptcy Court has entered the Confirmation Order approving the Plan in all respects.

H. RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

The Plan will in no way limit the Bankruptcy Court's post-confirmation jurisdiction as provided under the Bankruptcy Code. Pursuant to sections 105(a) and 1142 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Court will retain and have exclusive jurisdiction (to the extent granted by applicable law, including any provisions permitting mandatory or discretionary withdrawal of such jurisdiction) over any matter (i) arising under the Bankruptcy Code, (ii) arising in or related to the Chapter 11 Cases or the Plan, or (iii) that relates to the following:

- Allowance, disallowance, reconsideration, estimation, compromise, settlement, adjustment, treatment, or liquidation of claims and objections thereto;
- Allowance of Claims and requests for payment of Administrative Expenses of the Estate;
- The rights, title, or interest of the Debtor, as modified or specified under the Plan, in any property, including liens thereon;
- Resolution of controversies and disputes, including disputes regarding
 interpretation of the Plan and the Confirmation Order, and the correction of any
 mistake, defect, or omission regarding interpretation or enforcement of the Plan
 and the Confirmation Order;

- Modification(s) of the Plan pursuant to Section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code;
- Adjudication of any actions brought by the Debtor or on behalf of the Debtor to
 enforce any right or recover any claim created, granted, or preserved under the
 Plan, including, but not limited to, Independent Claims and Causes of Action;
- Entry of orders in aid of implementation of this Plan;
- Such other matters for which jurisdiction is provided under the Bankruptcy Code, the Plan the Confirmation Order, or other applicable law; and,
- Entry of a final decree closing the Chapter 11 Case.

I. POST CONFIRMATION ISSUES

1. Payment of Statutory Fees

All fees payable through the Effective Date pursuant to section 1930 of Title 28 of the United States Code will be paid on or before the Effective Date. All fees payable after the Effective Date pursuant to section 1930 of Title 28 of the United States Code shall be paid by the Liquidating Debtor.

2. Exculpation

Neither the Debtor, nor any of its employees, attorneys, advisors, members, shareholders, fiduciaries or agents (including any professionals retained by such persons), nor any of their respective predecessors or successors, will have or incur any liability as set forth in 11 U.S.C §1125(e) to any holder of a Claim or Interest or any other entity for any act or omission in connection with, or arising out of, the Chapter 11 case, the pursuit of approval of the Disclosure Statement or the solicitation of votes for or confirmation of the Plan or consummation or administration of the Plan or the property to be distributed under the Plan.

3. Distributions in Satisfaction and Binding Effect of Plan

Except as otherwise provided in section 1141(d)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, on and after the Confirmation Date, the provisions of the Plan will bind any holder of a Claim against, or Interest in, the Debtor, the Estate and their respective successors or assigns, whether or not the Claim or Interest of such holders is impaired under the Plan and whether or not such holder has accepted the Plan. The rights, benefits and obligations of any entity named or referred to in the

Plan, whose actions may be required to effectuate the terms of the Plan, shall be binding on and shall inure to the benefit of any heir, executor, administrator, successor or assign of such entity (including, without limitation, any trustee appointed for the Debtors under Chapters 7 or 11 of the Bankruptcy Code). All creditors will continue to be barred from commencing or continuing legal action to collect the debts owed to them, however, all creditors will retain the right to commence legal actions in the Bankruptcy Court to enforce the rights granted to them under the Plan.

4. Final Order

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, any requirement in the Plan for a Final Order may be waived by the Debtors upon written notice to the Bankruptcy Court. Such waiver will not prejudice the right of any party in interest to seek a stay pending appeal of any order that is not a Final Order.

5. <u>Amendments and Modifications</u>

To the fullest extent permitted under section 1127 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Plan may be altered, amended or modified at any time prior to the Effective Date by the Debtor. At any time after the Effective Date, the Debtor may amend or modify the terms of the Plan if such amendment or modification is approved by the Bankruptcy Court.

6. Withholding and Reporting Requirements

In connection with the Plan and all instruments issued in connection therewith and distributions thereon, the Debtor will comply with all withholding and reporting requirements imposed by any federal, state, local or foreign taxing authority, and all distributions pursuant to the Plan will be subject to any such withholding and reporting requirements.

7. Tax Exemption

Pursuant to section 1146(c) of the Bankruptcy Code, the issuance, transfer or exchange of any security under the Plan, or the execution, delivery or recording of an instrument of transfer pursuant to, in implementation of or as contemplated by the Plan, including, without limitation, any transfers to or by the Liquidating Debtor of the Debtors' property in implementation of or as contemplated by the Plan will not be taxed under any state or local law imposing a stamp tax,

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transfer tax or similar tax or fee. Consistent with the foregoing, each recorder of deeds or similar official for any county, city or governmental unit in which any instrument hereunder is to be recorded shall, pursuant to the Confirmation Order, be ordered and directed to accept such instrument, without requiring the payment of any documentary stamp tax, deed stamps, stamp tax, transfer tax, intangible tax or similar tax.

IV. LIQUIDATION ANALYSIS

Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 1129(a)(7), unless there is unanimous acceptance of the Plan by an impaired Class, the Plan proponents must demonstrate that, and the Bankruptcy Court must determine that, with respect to such Class, each holder of a Claim or Interest will receive property of a value, as of the Effective Date of the Plan that is not less than the amount that such holder would receive if the Debtor were liquidated under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code on the Effective Date of the Plan. This requirement is commonly referred to as the "best interests test." For the reasons set forth below, the Debtor submits that the proposed Plan satisfies the "best interests test" and therefore should be approved.

In a Chapter 7 liquidation, holders of Allowed Claims would receive distributions based on the liquidation or collection of the Debtors' assets. Such assets would include the same assets that are available to creditors under this Plan. However, if the Case were converted to a chapter 7 case at this point, the new chapter 7 trustee and his or her attorneys and accountants would have to educate themselves regarding the remaining assets of the Estate. A new chapter 7 trustee would not have the knowledge of the Case without spending time and resources, which would ultimately add an additional layer of chapter 7 administrative expenses, which would effectively reduce the ultimate distribution to Creditors.

The Plan on the other hand provides for the Debtor's current officers and current bankruptcy counsel who already have extensive knowledge of the of this Case to administer the Debtor's assets pursuant to the Plan. Moreover, the Plan contemplates that the Debtor will not be required to seek approval from the Bankruptcy Court for the sale or disposition of any potential remaining assets, whereas a Chapter 7 trustee would be required to continue to incur these expenses. A comparison of the projected recoveries to Class 2 Claimants under the Plan

versus a scenario in which the case is converted to Chapter 7 is attached hereto as **Exhibit C**. As set for on Exhibit C, which is based upon the Debtor's best estimates, Class 2 Claimants should receive approximately \$64,000 more than if the case is converted to Chapter 7. Accordingly, the Debtor believes that administration of the estate through closing can be done at less cost than if the case were converted to Chapter 7, thereby provides a higher distribution to creditors.

V. <u>CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN</u>

A. BEST INTERESTS OF CREDITORS

As addressed in the section IV above, the Debtor believes that confirmation of the Plan is in the best interest of the holders of Claims because it provides to holders of Impaired Claims distributions having a present value as of the Effective Date of not less than the value such holders would likely receive if the Debtor were liquidated under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

In sum, the Plan proponents believe that the holders of Claims would realize less value if the case were converted to a chapter 7 case at this point. Conversion would only create unnecessary additional administrative expenses.

B. FEASIBILITY

In order to confirm a plan, the Bankruptcy Code requires the Bankruptcy Court to find that confirmation of the Plan is not likely to be followed by liquidation or the need for further financial reorganization of the debtor, unless that liquidation is contemplated by the plan ("Feasibility Test"). Since a form of liquidation is proposed under the Plan and no further reorganization of the Debtor is contemplated, the Plan proponents believe that the Plan meets the Feasibility Test.

C. ACCEPTANCE BY IMPAIRED CLASSES

Section 1129(a) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that each class of claims or interests that is impaired under a plan accept the plan subject to the "cramdown" exception contained in section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. Under section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, if at least one but not all impaired classes do not accept the Plan, the Court may nonetheless confirm

the Plan if the non-accepting classes are treated in the manner required by the Bankruptcy Code. The process by which non-accepting classes are forced to be bound by the terms of the Plan is commonly referred to as "cramdown." The Bankruptcy Code allows the Plan to be "crammed down" on non-accepting classes of claims or interests if (i) the Plan meets all confirmation requirements except the requirement of section 1129(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code that the Plan be accepted by each class of claims or interests that is impaired and (ii) 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 section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and applicable case law.

A class of claims under a plan accepts the plan if the plan is accepted by creditors that hold at least two-thirds in amount and more than one-half in number of the allowed claims in the class that actually vote on the plan. A class of interests accepts the plan if the plan is accepted by holders of interests that hold at least two-thirds in amount of the allowed interests in the class that actually vote on a plan.

A class that is not "impaired" under a plan is conclusively presumed to have accepted the plan. Solicitation of acceptances from such a class is not required. A class is "impaired" unless (i) the legal, equitable and contractual rights to which a claim or interest in the class entitles the holder are not modified or (ii) the effect of any default is cured and the original terms of the obligation are reinstated.

Under the Plan, Class 2 (General Unsecured Claims) and Class 3 (Late Filed Claim) are impaired under the Plan and holders of Allowed Claims in such Class are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. Class 4 (Equity Interests) are deemed to reject the Plan.

The Plan provides fair and equitable treatment of impaired Claims, as either (a) each impaired secured and unsecured creditor receives or retains under the plan property of a value equal to the amount of its allowed Claim or (b) the holders of Claims and Interests that are junior to such class of impaired claims will not receive or retain any property under the Plan. Pursuant to the Plan, no holders of any Claim or Interest junior to the holders of such impaired Classes will receive or retain any property on account of such junior Claims.

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