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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT BRIDGEPORT DIVISION

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In re:	:	CHAPTER 11
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STATE DRIVE-IN CLEANERS, INC.	:	CASE NO.: 16-50502
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Debtor	:	DATE: March 20, 2017
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# THIRD AMENDED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

PURSUANT TO § 1125 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE FOR SOLICITATION OF ACCEPTANCES OR REJECTIONS TO DEBTOR'S PLAN OF REORGANIZATION.

THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS DISSEMINATED TO THE HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST AND INTERESTS IN THE ABOVE-NAMED DEBTOR IN CONNECTION WITH SOLICITATION OF THE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF THE DEBTOR'S PLAN OF REORGANIZATION.

I

#### **INTRODUCTION**

STATE DRIVE IN CLEANERS, INC (hereinafter "Debtor") filed a voluntary Bankruptcy Petition under Chapter 11 of the United States Code (The Code) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut at Bridgeport under Case No. 16-50502 (the "Chapter 11 Case") On April 12, 2016, (the "Filing Dated"). The Debtor has continued in the operation of its business and management of its assets since the filing date as Debtor-in-Possession.

The Debtor has filed together with this Disclosure statement its proposed Plan of Reorganization (The "Plan") with the Bankruptcy Court. The Plan (a copy of which accompanies this Disclosure Statement as Exhibit "A") specifies the classes of the Debtor's creditors and the treatment of the claims and interest of such creditors. Pursuant to § 1126 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtor is soliciting acceptances of the Plan from the classes of creditors impaired by and entitled to vote on the Plan.

THE PLAN IS THE LEGALLY BINDING DOCUMENT. THE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE PLAN IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ARE SUMMARIES ONLY AND THE PLAN SHOULD BE READ IN ITS ENTIRETY BEFORE VOTING. TERMS USED HEREIN SHALL HAVE THE RESPECTIVE MEANINGS ASCRIBED TO THEM IN THE PLAN, EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE NOTED.

NO REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING THE DEBTOR, ITS BUSINESS OR FUTURE OPERATIONS, OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFICALLY SET FORTH HEREIN, ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE DEBTOR.

Any representations or inducements made to obtain your acceptance, which are other than or inconsistent with the information contained herein should not be relied upon by you in arriving at your decision.

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The Court has determined that this Disclosure Statement contains adequate information to permit you to make an informed judgment with regard to the Plan. However, the approval by the Bankruptcy Court of this Disclosure Statement is not a determination by the Bankruptcy Court on the merits of the Plan nor upon the accuracy of the information contained herein. The Debtor has made a great effort to be accurate in all material respects but is unable to warrant or represent that all the information contained herein is without inaccuracy. The Debtor believes the contents of this Disclosure Statement to be accurate although neither the Bankruptcy Court nor any other party to the Chapter 11 Case has passed upon the accuracy of the information contained herein.

# II

# **EVENTS PRECEDING BANKRUPTCY FILING**

The Debtor is a family owned company, which was incorporated in 1992. It's history however goes back to the 1954 when a predecessor corporation formed by the current owner's grandfather Mr. Zadivow was incorporated. It was started for the purpose of providing dry cleaning services to residents in the Town of Westport and immediately surrounding areas. At its inception it was one of three dry cleaning establishments in Westport. In the early 1960's the Mr Zavidow partnered with his son and son-in law and expanded the business with multiple locations. What is now State Drive-In Cleaners continued to be operated by members of the current owner's family until 1984 when it was sold to an unrelated third party. In 1992 the current owner, who had grown up in the dry-cleaning business, was looking to purchase a dry cleaning business of his own. During his search he found that State Cleaners was doing less in sales in 1992 then when his family had sold it in 1984. Feeling that this was a classic turn-around situation and knowing what the business was capable of doing if run properly, purchased what is now State Drive-In Cleaners in November 1992 with a partner who was an

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experienced drycleaner/spotter and plant manager. After rebuilding the business for the ensuing two years, Mr. Raclyn realized that the Business was better suited for a single owner and decided to Buy-out his partner. He continued to grow the business by improving our quality, customer service, call office appearance, marketing and advertising.

In the early 2000's due to personal issues, Mr Raclyn was forced to hire a manager to help run the business. Also in 2004-2005 the business needed replacement equipment consisting of a new dry cleaning machine, two used pressing machines, two used compressors and a new commercial laundry dryer, which were purchased with an existing Line of Credit from Bank of America.

In 2009 due to the 2008 recession and the Lender's internal consolidation of all credit lines and loans, Bank of America called in the credit line. The Debtor then tapped into a second existing credit line from Sovereign/Santander Bank to pay off Bank of America. A short time after that Sovereign/Santander Bank called in that credit line as well. Due to the economic conditions existing at that time the Business could not afford the monthly payments being demanded by the Bank and the credit line was converted to a term loan, which was then executed under some degree of distress by the Debtor.

Also during this same time period, the Debtor had built up a credit debt to Petro Oil Co. for oil supplied to the business from 2010 through approximately 2013. Despite the Debtor's attempts to reach a payment arrangement with Petro, Petro instead pursued litigation to collect on the outstanding balance due. Petro attached the Bank Account of the Debtor in January of 2015 forcing the Debtor to file for protection under the Bankruptcy Code in that same month in a predecessor case. That case was ultimately dismissed for technical reasons without prejudice to refile this case and pursue reorganization.

An additional factor contributing to the Debtor's financial distress was the fact that the Manager that Debtor had hired in the early 2000's left for another cleaner's in Town in

2005, taking some customers with him. As a result, business sales fell approximately 9% from 2005 to 2008. Additionally, due to a general economic downturn in the economy, business sales continued to decline from 2008 through 2013 approximately 20%. In 2014 and 2015 sales began to come back and were up approximately 2.5% in 2014 and another 7% in 2015, and approximately 4% in 2016 due, in part to a business expansion into a new pick-up and delivery services where Mr Raclyn personally went door to door to solicit new customers.

That effort was stalled during the summer of 2016 due to health issues suffered by Mr Raclyn resulting in two surgical procedures. Mr Raclyn's health has been steadily improving since then and he expects that the business growth will continue at a moderate rate over the next few years.

In addition to providing the community with a valuable service, the Debtor's business currently employs 9 people in addition to Mr. Raclyn, who rely on the business to sustain their families.

The business currently leases approximately 3200 square feet at the premises located at 224 Post Road East, Westport CT where it conducts both its retail storefront and the dry cleaning operations as well. The current lease runs through November of 2017 with an option to renew for an additional five years, through November 2022. The debtor intends to exercise that option in accordance with the terms of the lease. Consequently, debtor can propose a 68 month plan to address the claims against the estate.

The Debtor intends to fund the plan payments from operating income generated during that period of time.

#### III

#### THE CHAPTER 11 CASE

#### A. BANKRUPTCYPROCEEDING

As previously stated, the severe down turn in the country's economy and the accompanying decline in

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the Debtor's business, as well as the aggressive collection efforts by Petro Inc., the Debtor was forced to file for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Protection on April 12, 2016. Since the filing of the case the Debtor has continued to service its client base while seeking to expand with new clients, and services. The Debtor has expanded its business through increased sales to existing customers, the addition of new services and through the addition of new clients. This growth and expansion has not only sustained the Debtor but allowed it to grow. Since filing the Debtor has experienced an increase in business not only from existing customers, but through the addition of new customers and additional service.

The Debtor has filed its operating reports in this on a monthly basis and has continued, post-filing, to run its business in the ordinary course in order to have sufficient capital to fund and support a successful plan of reorganization.

Debtor has performed a liquidation analysis of assets, and it was determined that a plan of reorganization would be in the best interest of the creditors.

The Plan of Reorganization, a copy of which is annexed hereto, provides for payment in full to all secured and priority creditors, as well as a partial distribution to the general unsecured class.

The Debtor believes that the terms of the proposed Plan represent a balance between paying the maximum possible to all creditors without impairing the Debtor's ability to make such payments

# B. FINANCIAL INFORMATION RESPECTING THE DEBTOR, ALTERNATIVES TO THE PLAN, FEASIBILITY AND MEANS OF EFFECTING THE PLAN

#### 1. FINANCIAL INFORMATION RESPECTING THE DEBTOR

The Debtor's income is generated from the daily operations of its business and expansion of its customer base. The Debtor believes that the continued operation of the Debtor's business would provide sufficient funds to meet the obligations set forth in the Plan of Reorganization, as well as allow the Debtor to meet any other financial obligations as may become due. This financial data is explored in full in the following sections of this Disclosure Statement.

# 2. ALTERNATIVES TO THE PLAN

An explanation as to the effect of liquidation of the Debtor's assets is later discussed in Paragraph "D" of Section "III" of this Disclosure. The Plan is based upon the Debtor's belief and determination that the liquidation value of its assets as presently constituted would yield no dividend to any unsecured creditors. A detailed calculation of the liquidation analysis is attached as "Exhibit B." The Debtor will continue in possession of its Property and will implement the proposals as set forth in this Disclosure Statement and Plan. The Debtor's Plan of Reorganization classifies the Creditor Claims as follows (The claims are taken from the Debtor's schedules and from the proofs of claims filed. Where they conflict, the proofs of claim amounts have been used):

The Debtor's Plan of Reorganization classifies the Creditor claims as follows:

Class 1: Allowed secured claim: Sovereign Bank, N.A.: \$36,530.00

Class2: Allowed secured claim: Glenn Thornhill: \$3,200.00

Class 3: Allowed Unsecured priority Claim: IRS: \$1,138.74

Class 4: Allowed General Unsecured Claims: \$212,473.62

Class 5: Equity Class

The Debtor proposes to fund payment of the plan with money earned from the operation of its business, which it believes will support the proposed Plan. As part of its business operations, the Debtor is seeking to expand its customer base through home pick-up and delivery services, and expand business opportunities with existing customers.

Class 1 will be paid in full as proposed in the Plan.

Class 2 will be paid in full as proposed in the Plan.

Class 3 will receive payment in full over the life of the Plan and within the statutory requirements of 11 U.S.C. §1129(a)(9)(C)(ii).

Class 4 claims will receive a pro-rata distribution of their allowed claim through the Plan.

Class 5, Equity Class, will retain their equity interest in exchange for the substantial contributions to the Debtor during the pendency of the case, and contributions to the funding of the plan to the extent necessary for consummation of the Plan.

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# 3. Feasibility And Means For Effecting The Plan

The Debtor proposes to fund payment of the plan with ordinary business income. The Debtor believes that moving forward the income from business operations will be sufficient to provide revenue to support a successful Plan of Reorganization as well as afford the Debtor the ability to pay all other current expenses as they may become due. With the exception of the Class 3 priority claim of the IRS, the debtor proposes to pay all allowed claims over a sixty eight month period in accordance with provisions of the Plan. During the pendency of the case the Debtor has filed its Operating Reports. The monthly operating reports contain various financial disclosures on a monthly basis since the case was filed. The significant benchmark items consist of the gross receipts, monthly operating expenses and net monthly profits. Debtor has provided a table of monthly income and expenses hereto as exhibit "C". An analysis of the operating reports from the inception of this case only show a part of the story. Due to the seasonal nature of the business, a full year analysis is required to get the true annual profit figures. Consequently, The Debtor has included monthly figures from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Based on the annual figures, The Debtor had gross receipts for 2016 of \$659,703.00 and annual operating expenses of \$650,657.00 leaving a net operating profit of \$9,046.00 or \$753.93 per month. The aggregate monthly plan payments to creditors under the proposed plan are \$924.24/month. While the profits for the 2016 year would leave a small deficit each month in the required plan payments, that deficit can be made up by contributions from the principal as well as anticipated growth in the pick-up and delivery aspect of the business. Additionally, once a plan is finally confirmed and the case is closed, the quarterly Trustee fees, currently in the approximate amount of \$1,625.00 per quarter will be eliminated thereby increasing the anticipated profits by \$541.67 per month and creating a surplus from which to fund the plan payments. The Debtor anticipates that the quarterly fees with cease after the second quarter of 2017 or approximately July of 2017. The Debtor further anticipates that the plan payments will commence in May of 2017, leaving a

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two-three month period where the debtor's net income is less than the required monthly plan payments. The monthly differential during that period would be \$170.31 per month. Mr Raclyn has deposited into the Debtor's account the sum of \$510.93 from his personal funds to cover a 3 month shortfall under the plan.

# 4. Liquidation Analysis

As the Liquidation Analysis (Exhibit B) demonstrates, a liquidation of the company would not result in sufficient funds to satisfy the secured obligations of the Debtor, and therefore produces no funds for unsecured creditors. Sovereign Bank holds a security interest in all of the assets of the Debtor. The equipment was informally valued by equipment vendors known to the Debtor based on recent sales showing market values of comparable equipment. Any intrinsic value of the equipment is substantially diminished by the estimated costs of removal of the equipment to an alternate location which costs are estimated by the Debtor to be in excess of \$90,000.00. A formal appraisal may be obtained in the event that a stipulation as to value cannot be reached by parties.

# IV

# SUMMARY OF THE PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

# A. <u>DEFINITIONS:</u>

- 1) <u>Code</u>: Code shall mean the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978, which has been codified at Title 11 of the United States Code.
- 2) <u>Confirmation:</u> Confirmation shall mean the date on which this Plan is confirmed by Order of the Court.
- 3) <u>Court:</u> Court shall mean the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut including the United States Bankruptcy Judge presiding therein.

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- 4) <u>Effective Date of the Plan</u>: Effective Date of the Plan shall mean the first business day following the last day on which an appeal from an Order of the Court confirming this Plan may be taken under applicable law and no such appeal has been taken or if such an appeal has been taken, the first business day following the date upon which such appeal has been exhausted and the plan may proceed.
- 5) <u>Date of Confirmation of the Plan</u>: Date of Confirmation of the Plan shall mean that date upon which the Court approves the Debtor's Plan.
  - 6) The major objectives of the Debtor's Plan of Reorganization are:
    - a. Payment to and protection of the interests of the secured creditors;
    - b. Payment of all obligations to the taxing authorities;
    - c. The payment of all priority and administrative claims;
- d. Payment of an amount to unsecured creditors that is not less than such creditors would receive in the event that the Debtor was liquidated on the effective date of the Plan. The following is a brief summary of the plan and should not be relied upon for voting purposes. Creditors are urged to read the Plan in full. Creditors are further urged to consult with counsel or with each other to fully understand and evaluate the Plan.

All Creditors who are listed in the Debtor's schedules filed with the Bankruptcy Court may vote on the Plan whether or not they have filed Proofs of Claims, except in those instances where the schedules reflect that the claim is disputed, unliquidated, contingent or where objections to claims have been filed. Further, all Creditors who are listed in the schedules will receive payment pursuant to the plan whether or not a Proof was filed, except in those instances where the schedules reflect that the Creditor's claim is disputed, contingent, or unliquidated. In the case where the Debtor has made objections to claims, payments will be made in accordance with the Plan upon a final decision by the Court as to the allowed amount

of said claims. Where a Proof of Claim is filed in an amount which is different from that set forth in the Debtor's schedules, or is filed as a claim which was scheduled as disputed, contingent or unliquidated, the same may be subject to objection, and after a hearing thereon, may be either allowed, reduced or disallowed by the Court and the amount determined in that instance will establish the amount to be paid to the Creditors pursuant to the Plan.

- 7. To the extent that the word "impaired" is used, impaired are defined in 11 USC 1124 as follows except as to unfavorable treatment agreed upon by any class or claimant:
- "A class of claims or interests is impaired under a plan unless, with respect to each claim or interest of such class, the plan-
- 1) Leaves unaltered, the legal, equitable and contractual rights to which such claim or interest entitles the holder of such claim or interest; or
- 2) Notwithstanding any contractual provision or applicable law that entitles the holder of such claim or interest to demand or receive accelerated payment of such claim or interest after the occurrence of a default-
  - (A) Cures any such default that occurred before or after the commencement of the case under 11 USC 101 et seq., other than a default of a kind specified in 11 USC § 365 (b)(2);
  - (B) Reinstates the maturity of such claim or interest, as such maturity existed before such default,
  - (C) Compensates the holder of such claim or interest for any damages incurred as a result of any reasonable reliance by such holder on such contractual provision or such applicable law, and
  - (D) Does not otherwise alter the legal, equitable or contractual rights to which such claim or interest entitles the holder of such claim or interest; or

# 8) Voting, Cram Down and Confirmation

#### a. Voting

In order to obtain confirmation of the Plan by the Bankruptcy Court, the Creditors of classes 1, 2, and 4 must accept the plan.

Of those Creditors in Classes 1, 2, and 4 who actually vote on the plan,

Creditors holding at least two-thirds in dollar amount of the allowed claims and who constitute

more than one-half in number of such voting Creditors must vote for the Plan in order for the

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Plan to be confirmed. All Creditors within a class vote as part of a class

Administrative claims are to be paid in full upon confirmation; they are not impaired under the Plan and do not vote. .

#### b.Cram Down

If any class should fail to accept the plan by the required majority, the court may, under Sec. 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, none the less confirm the plan if at least one impaired class has accepted the Plan and the Court finds that the Plan does not discriminate unfairly and is fair and equitable with respect to any impaired class which has not accepted the Plan. A plan is fair and equitable" within the meaning of this section if it provides as to a dissenting class of secured creditors, retention of the lien securing the claim in the allowed amount of the claim, and payment of deferred cash payments totaling the allowed amount of such claim and having a value, as of the effective date of the Plan, of its collateral. As to a dissenting class of unsecured Creditors, a Plan is "fair and equitable" if it receives property a value, as of the effective date of the Plan, equal to the allowed amount of its claims, or the holders of claims in junior classes will receive or retain nothing under the plan. The rule that junior classes receive or retain no property is sometimes called the absolute priority rule". However, an exception to this rule exists where a junior class makes a "substantial" contribution of new money or property into the Debtor as part of a plan of reorganization, and this exception may provide an opportunity to existing share-holders of the Debtor who wish to retain an equity interest in the Debtor. The Debtor intends to invoke these "cram down" provisions against any class, secured or unsecured, that fail to accept the Plan.

# B. <u>CLAIMS AND INTEREST UNDER THE PLAN:</u>

1) <u>Administrative Claims</u>: Administrative expenses as defined in section 503(b) of the Code include the claims of the Debtor's bankruptcy counsel, Thomas V.

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Battaglia, Jr., estimated to be \$8,283.00, which will be paid on the effective date of the plan or when allowed, whichever is later. The allowance of the claim is required to be approved by the Court.

# 2) Secured Claims - Impaired:

- a. <u>Class 1</u> is the secured portion of the claim of Sovereign Bank, in the approximate amount of \$ 36,530.00, which will be paid its claim in full in 68 equal monthly installments commencing thirty (30) days after the effective date of the plan or May 1, 2017, whichever date is later, at the monthly rate of \$537.21 each month until the claim is paid in full. If there is a complete or partial sale of the Debtor's assets that involves the pieces of equipment that is security for this loan, the proceeds from that sale will be used to satisfy the obligations owed to the Class 1 holder. Until paid, said Creditor shall retain its lien. The balance of the claim shall be be treated as unsecured and will share in the unsecured pool identified as class 4, "pro-rarta". Class 1 is impaired.
- b. <u>Class 2</u> is the secured portion of the claim of Glenn Thornhill, Inc. in the approximate amount of \$3,200.00 which will be paid its claim in full in 68equal monthly installments commencing thirty (30) days after the effective date of the plan or May 1, 2017, whichever date is later, at the monthly rate of \$47.06 each month. Until paid, said Creditor shall retain its lien. The balance of the claim shall be be treated as unsecured and will share in the unsecured pool identified as class 4, "pro-rarta". Class 2 is impaired.

# 3) <u>Unsecured Claims - Impaired</u>:

Class 4 unsecured claims consisting of the unsecured portion of Sovereign Bank claim in the amount of \$111,279.13, the unsecured portion of Glen Thornhill's Claim in the amount of \$1800.00, the unsecured claims of Evans Feldman & Ainsworth LLC in the amount

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of: \$5,356.10, Eversource in the amount of: \$941.69, Petro Inc. in the amount of: \$23,999.75, Anita Frigo in the amount of: \$30,000.00, Baldwin Pearson in the amount of: \$1,100.00, Bank of America in the amount of: \$24,000.00, HiHO Oil Co. in the amount of: \$4799.52, Lutz & Carr CPA in the amount of: \$162.00,Minda Supply in the amount of: \$4737.34, Pay USA in the amount of: \$3,640.62, Safety Kleen Systems Inc in the amount of: \$657.47, for a Total of \$212,473.62 will receive a pro-rata share of \$312.46 per month for 68 months commencing 30 days after the effective date of the Planwhich shall result in not less than a 10% dividend on said claims pro-rata.

# 4) Unsecured Priority Claims:

There is one class comprising these creditors. This section is comprised of claim of the Internal Revenue Services.

# Class 3- Allowed Unsecured Priority Claim- Internal Revenue Services, 507(a)(8)

- 1. Approximate Amount: \$1,138.74
- 2. Not Impaired
- 3. Treatment: Treatment: This is the Claim of the United States Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Services, representing the priority portion of unpaid taxes. Under the Plan of Reorganization the claim is classified as an unsecured priority claim pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §507(a)(8). Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1129(a)(9)(C)(ii). Class 3 needs to be paid in full with interest within 5 years from the date of relief. The Debtor is proposing to pay this claim within 5 years from the date of relief. The total debt of this class is \$1,138.74. The Debtor proposes to pay the total of principal and interest in the amount of \$1,138.74 with interest at 3% for 45 months commencing 30 days from the effective day of the plan at the monthly amount of \$26.79. If confirmation is delayed and the effective date of the Plan is later than the anticipated May 2017, the Debtor shall adjust the payment of this claim in equal increments to make the

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required payments as required by ll U.S.C. §1129(a)(9)(C)(ii).

# **Class 5: Equity Class**

This is the equity ownership of the debtor currently held by Arnold Raclyn. The Equity Holder shall retain his interest in the Debtor in exchange for the substantial contributions made during the pendency of the case and future contributions to the Debtor.

# IV

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### A. Executory Contracts

The Debtor currently leases approximately 3200 square feet at the premises located at 224 Post Road East, Westport CT where it conducts both its retail storefront and the dry cleaning operations as well. The current lease runs through November of 2017 with an option to renew for an additional five years, through November 2022. The debtor intends to exercise that option in accordance with the terms of the lease. The Lease has been assumed by the Debtor which lease assumption was approved by order of the Bankruptcy Court on October 27, 2016.

#### **B** Analysis of preferences and fraudulent conveyances

An analysis of preferences and/or fraudulent conveyances has been performed by professionals, who have advised that there are no cases to be brought for preferences or fraudulent conveyances.

# **C** Modification Of The Plan

The Debtor may propose amendments or modifications of the Plan at any time prior to Confirmation with leave of the Court. After Confirmation, the Debtor, with approval of the Court, and so long as it does not materially or adversely affect the interests of creditors, may remedy any defect or omission, or reconcile any inconsistencies in the Plan or in the Confirmation Order in such a manner as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and effect of this Plan. The foregoing provisions of this paragraph do not limit the ability of any party to file a motion to modify the Plan under II U.S.C. §1127 and applicable rules. If a modification of the plan is sought after the entry of the Confirmation Order and

the entry of the Final Decree, a Motion to Reopen the case for the purpose of filing and prosecuting a motion to modify the Plan shall also be filed with the Court.

# D <u>Discharge</u>

Confirmation of the Plan will constitute the full settlement, release, and discharge of all claims against State Drive In Cleaners, Inc., except for the payments set forth in the Plan. The Bankruptcy Court will continue to retain jurisdiction after confirmation only to resolve outstanding matters in the Chapter 11 Case, such as objections to claims, and with respect to compelling fulfillment, if necessary, of any terms of the Plan.

# E. <u>Liquidation Value</u>

The liquidation values of the Debtor's assets are believed to be less than that of its debts. The Debtor's properties are estimated to have a combined value of not more than \$41, 665.00. Debtor's liabilities on said properties equals or exceed that value.

# Liquidation Analysis in Table format:

Assets	Liq. Value:	
Cash (: cash and bank account balance as	<b>4.20.001.10</b>	
of January 31, 2017)	\$ 30,891.18	
Accounts Receivable (per schedules)	0.00	
Office Fixtures, equipment and machinery (per schedules)	25,450.00	
Motor vehicle (per schedules)	3200.00	
Security deposit (per schedules)	1,935.00	_
<b>Total Value</b>	\$61,476.18	
Less Secured & Priority Claims (per schedules and/or claims filed)	-153,947.87	Percentage of unsecured creditor pool
Funds Available for unsecured creditor pool	\$ 0.00	0.00%
Payments to Unsecured Creditor pool under plan	\$ 21,247.36	10.00%

# F. Profit History and projection

The Debtor plans to make payments to Creditors from ordinary business

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income. The reader is cautioned that the income is, of course, dependent on a variety of factors, not all of which are under the Debtor's control, including, but not limited to, the state of the economy. The Debtor reasonably expects that sufficient revenue will be generated in order for the Debtor to make the required payments under the Plan and that the Plan as proposed is in the best interests of his creditors. The attainment of the objective of providing unsecured Creditors with value that is not less than what would be received in liquidation is therefore dependent on the Debtor's future income.

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#### **CONCLUSION**

For all of the foregoing reasons and for the information contained herein, the Debtor requests that you vote to accept the Plan of Reorganization. The deadline for filing votes to accept or reject the Plan of Reorganization is contained in the Court's Order Scheduling a Hearing on Confirmation which is enclosed herewith. Please complete your ballots promptly and return same to: Law Offices of Thomas V Battaglia, Jr., 3267 Main Street, Stratford, CT 06614.

STATE DRIVE IN CLEANERS INC.

Arnold Raclyn, President

Thomas V. Battaglia, Jr.

Debtor's Attorney

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EXHIBIT "A"

Proposed plan

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT BRIDGEPORT DIVISION

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In re: : CHAPTER 11

STATE DRIVE-IN CLEANERS, INC. : CASE NO.: 16-50502

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Debtor : DATE: March 20, 2017

# THIRD AMENDED PLAN OF REORGANIZATION

STATE DRIVE IN CLEANERS INC.., ("Debtor"), proposes the following plan of Reorganization ("Plan"), to its Creditors pursuant to §1121 (a) of Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. §101 et. seq.) (The "Bankruptcy Code").

# **ARTICLE ONE**

#### **DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of this Plan of Reorganization, the following terms shall have the respective meanings as hereinafter set forth and shall be capitalized when used as terms defined in this Article I. Other capitalized terms used herein are defined in the Bankruptcy Code.

1.01 "Administrative Claims" means the costs and expenses of administration of these Chapter 11 cases as, when and to the extent allowed by the Bankruptcy Court including, the actual, necessary costs and expenses of preserving the Debtor's estate, (other than such claims or portions thereof which, by their express terms, are not due or payable by the date when the Confirmation Order becomes a Final Order), all allowances of compensation or for reimbursement of costs and expenses under 330 of the Code, or as otherwise allowed by the Bankruptcy Court, and for all fees and charges assessed against the Debtor under Chapter 123 of Title 28 of the United States Code.

1.02 "Allowed Claim" means a Claim (a) which has been scheduled by the Debtor pursuant to 52l(a) and 1106(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code, other than a Claim scheduled as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, or (b) proof of which has been filed pursuant to 501 (a) of the Bankruptcy Code within the time limitation fixed by order of the Bankruptcy Court, and as to which no objection to the

- allowance thereof has been interposed, or (c) the portion of any Claim so scheduled or filed which, after objection thereto, has been allowed by a Final Order.
- 1.03 "Allowed Interest" means the equity interest in the Debtor held by the owners of the common stock.
- 1.04 "Allowed Priority Tax Claim" means that portion of an Allowed Claim entitled to priority under 507(a)(8), inclusive, of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1.05 "Allowed Secured Claim" means that portion of an Allowed Claim equal to the value of the interest of the holder thereof in property of the Debtor securing such Allowed Claim as agreed upon between the holder thereof and the Debtor or, in the event of a dispute, as determined by the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to 506(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1.06 "Allowed Tax Claim" means that portion of a claim by a governmental unit entitled to priority under 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1.07 "Bankruptcy Court" means the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Connecticut in which the Debtor's Chapter 11 case is pending.
- 1.08 "Chapter 11" means Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code ("Bankruptcy Code").
- 1.09 "Chapter 11 Case" means STATE DRIVE-IN CLEANERS, INC., Case No. 16-50502 currently pending in the Bankruptcy Court.
- 1.10 "Claim" means a claim against the Debtor as defined in 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1.11 "Claimant" means the holder of an Allowed Claim.
- 1.12 "Confirmation" means entry of an Order confirming the Plan by the Bankruptcy Court in accordance with Chapter 11.
- 1.13 "Confirmation Date" means the date upon which the Bankruptcy Court enters an order confirming the Plan in accordance with Chapter 11.
- 1.14 "Confirmation Order" means the order entered by the Bankruptcy Court confirming the Plan, in accordance with Chapter 11.
- 1.15 "Consummation" means payment on, or as soon as practicable after, the Effective Date of substantially all sums or other consideration due under the Plan as of such date.
- 1.16 "Debtor" means STATE DRIVE-IN CLEANERS, INC..
- 1.17 "Disbursing Agent" means the Debtor or its designee.
- 1.18 "Disputed Claim" means any Claim (i) which is scheduled or disputed, contingent or unliquidated, or (ii) proof of which has been filed within the time limitation fixed by an order of the Bankruptcy

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Court pursuant to 50l(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, as to which an objection to the allowance thereof has been interposed, which objection has not been determined by a Final Order.

- 1.19 "Distribution Date" means the latter of the effective date or, as to a claim to which an objection is pending on the effective date, ten (1 0) days after the entry of a Final Order determining such claim or any part thereof to be an Allowed Claim.
- 1.20 "Effective Date" means the first business day more than 14 days after the Confirmation Date provided the Confirmation Order becomes a Final Order, or as soon as physically practicable thereafter.
- 1.21 "Final Order" means an Order or judgment which has not been reversed, stayed, modified or amended and as to which no appeal is pending and as to which the time to appeal and to seek leave to appeal or to seek review or rehearing has expired.
- 1.22 "Petition Date" means April 12, 2016 the date on which the Debtor filed the petition.
- 1.23 "Plan" means this Plan of Reorganization and any amendments hereto or modifications hereof made in accordance with Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 1.24 "Post-Confirmation Expense" means all expenses reasonably incurred subsequent to the entry of the confirmation order in consummating the Plan, including, but not limited to, fees and expenses of counsel and accountants retained by the Debtor pursuant to 327 and 1103(a) of the Code.
- 1.25 "Post-Petition" means occurring, arising or happening after the filing of the petition on April 12, 2016.
- 1.26 "Pre-Petition" means occurring, arising or happening prior to the filing of the petition on April 12, 2016.
- 1.27 "Pro-Rata" means, with respect to a claimant of a particular class, in the proportion that the allowed claim (or the then unpaid portion thereof) of such claim in such class bears to the aggregate allowed claims (or the aggregate then unpaid portion thereof) of all claimants in the same class. Included in such calculation shall be the full amount of the Disputed Claims in the particular class which have not been asserted or are otherwise pending and which have not yet been allowed or disallowed by a final order.

# **ARTICLE TWO**

# **CLASSIFICATION OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS**

2.01	<u>Class 1</u> :	Allowed secured claim: Sovereign Bank, N.A.:	\$36,530.00
2.02	Class2:	Allowed secured claim: Glenn Thornhill:	\$3,200.00
2.03	Class 3:	Allowed Unsecured priority Claim: IRS:	\$1,138.74
2.04	Class 4:	Allowed General Unsecured Claims:	\$212,473.62
2.05	Class 5:	Equity Class	

# **ARTICLE THREE**

# TREATMENT OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS NOT IMPAIRED UNDER THE PLAN

# 3.0. Administrative Claims.

The costs and expenses of administration of the Chapter 11 Case allowed under \$507(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code are to be paid in full upon confirmation, or as proposed in this Plan of Reorganization, or as agreed between the Debtor and the parties holding such claims. Included herein are claims incurred in the Chapter 11 Case by the Debtor. The fees required to be paid to the United States Trustee, shall be paid in full on the confirmation of the Debtor's Plan of Reorganization.

Included in Administrative Expenses are fees and expenses of Law Offices of Thomas V Battaglia, Jr., LLC, retained by the Debtor. The fees and expenses will be paid on the effective date, or as soon thereafter as they are approved by the Bankruptcy Court. The funds and terms to pay the fees and expenses of Law Offices of Thomas V Battaglia, Jr, LLC will be available from the Debtor and paid prior to the distribution to the secured creditors.

# 3.1 Classification Of Claims And Equity Interest

The following table summarizes the classifications established under the Plan, indicating the approximate amount of claims of that class, whether the status of that class is impaired or unimpaired by the Plan, and the treatment of the claims of that class.

# Class 1 -Allowed secured claim: Sovereign Bank, N.A.

- 1. Approximate Amount: 36,530.00
- 2. Impaired
- 3. Treatment: This is the secured portion of the claim of Sovereign Bank, in the approximate amount of \$ 36,530.00, secured by all of the personal property of the Debtor. The debtor shall pay this claim in full in 68 equal monthly installments commencing thirty (30) days after the effective date of the plan or May 1, 2017, whichever date is later, at the monthly rate of \$537.21 each month until the claim is paid in full. If there is a complete or partial sale of the Debtor's assets that involves the pieces of equipment that is security for this loan, the proceeds from that sale will be used to satisfy the obligations owed to the Class 1 holder.

#### Class2: Allowed secured claim: Glenn Thornhill

- 1. Approximate Amount: 3,200.00
- 2. Impaired
- 3. Treatment: This is the secured portion of the claim of Glenn Thornhill, Inc. in the approximate amount of \$3,200.00 which will be paid its claim in full in 68equal monthly installments commencing thirty (30) days after the effective date of the plan or May 1, 2017, whichever date is later, at the monthly rate of \$47.06 each month. Until paid, said Creditor shall retain its lien.

# **Unsecured Priority Claims:**

There is one class comprising these creditors. This section is comprised of claim of the Internal Revenue Services.

# Class 3- Allowed Unsecured Priority Claim- Internal Revenue Services, 507(a)(8)

- 1. Approximate Amount: \$1,138.74
- 2. Not Impaired
- 4. Treatment: Treatment: This is the Claim of the United States Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Services, representing the priority portion of unpaid taxes. Under the Plan of Reorganization the claim is classified as an unsecured priority claim pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §507(a)(8). Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1129(a)(9)(C)(ii) Class 5 needs to be paid in full with interest within 5 years from the date of relief. The Debtor is proposing to pay this claim within 5 years from the date of relief. The total debt of this class is \$1,138.74. The Debtor proposes to pay the total of principal and interest in the amount of \$1,138.74 with interest at 3% for 45 months commencing 30 days from the effective date of the Plan at the monthly amount of \$26.79. If confirmation is delayed and the effective date of the Plan is later than the anticipated May 2017, the Debtor shall adjust the payment of this claim in equal increments to make the required payments as required by Il U.S.C. § Il29(a)(9)(C)(ii).

#### **Unsecured Nonpriority Claims**

Unsecured Creditors are provided for in Class 4.

# **Class 4:** Allowed General Unsecured Claims

- 1. Approximate Amount: \$212,473.62
- 2. Impaired
- 3. Treatment: This class includes the submitted claims of unsecured creditors that have "allowed claims" as defined by 11 U.S.C. §502, or creditors that did not file a Proof of

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Claim, but the amount of the debt was listed on Schedule F as filed by STATE DRIVE IN CLEANERS, INC as well as the unsecured portions of the Claims of Sovereign Bank and Glenn Thornhill as determined by stipulation of the parties and/or order of the bankruptcy Court.. Under the Plan of Reorganization, these claims are classified as unsecured claims, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §506(a).

A listing of the creditors and their claim amount is as follows: the unsecured portion of Sovereign Bank claim in the amount of \$111,279.13, the unsecured portion of Glen Thornhill's Claim in the amount of \$1800.00, the unsecured claims of Evans Feldman & Ainsworth LLC in the amount of: \$5,356.10, Eversource in the amount of: \$941.69, Petro Inc. in the amount of: \$23,999.75, Anita Frigo in the amount of: \$30,000.00, Baldwin Pearson in the amount of: \$1,100.00, Bank of America in the amount of: \$24,000.00, HiHo Oil Co. in the amount of: \$4799.52, Lutz & Carr CPA in the amount of: \$162.00,Minda Supply in the amount of: \$4737.34, Pay USA in the amount of: \$3,640.62, Safety Kleen Systems Inc in the amount of: \$657.47, for a Total of \$212,473.62. Payment will be made to this class in the amount of \$312.46 per month for 68 months commencing 30 days from the effective date of the plan and each creditor in the class will receive its pro rata share which shall result in not less than a 10% dividend on said claims prorata

#### Class 5: Equity Class

This is the equity ownership of the debtor currently held by Arnold Raclyn. The Equity Holder shall retain his interest in the Debtor in exchange for the substantial contributions made during the pendency of the case and future contributions to the Debtor.

# **ARTICLE FOUR**

# EXECUTION OF THE PLAN AND DISCHARGE

The Debtor proposes to fund payment of the plan with ordinary business income. The Debtor believes

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that moving forward the income from business operations will be sufficient to provide revenue to support a successful Plan of Reorganization as well as afford the Debtor the ability to pay all other current expenses as they may become due. With the exception of the Class 3 priority claim of the IRS, the debtor proposes to pay all allowed claims over a sixty eight month period in accordance with provisions of the Plan. During the pendency of the case the Debtor has filed its Operating Reports. The monthly operating reports contain various financial disclosures on a monthly basis since the case was filed. The significant benchmark items consist of the gross receipts, monthly operating expenses A table of monthly income and expenses can be found as exhibit "C" and net monthly profits. attached to the Debtor's Disclosure Statement. An analysis of the operating reports from the inception of this case only show a part of the story. Due to the seasonal nature of the business, a full year analysis is required to get the true annual profit figures. Consequently, The Debtor has included monthly figures from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Based on the annual figures, the Debtor had gross receipts for 2016 of \$659,703.00 and annual operating expenses of \$650,657.00 leaving a net operating profit of \$9,046.00 or \$753.83 per month. The aggregate monthly plan payments to creditors under the proposed plan are \$917.19/month. While the profits for the 2016 year would leave a small deficit each month in the required plan payments, that deficit can be made up by contributions from the principal as well as anticipated growth in the pick-up and delivery aspect of the business. Additionally, once a plan is finally confirmed and the case is closed, the quarterly Trustee fees, currently in the approximate amount of \$1,625.00 per quarter will be eliminated thereby increasing the anticipated profits by \$541.67 per month and creating a surplus from which to fund the plan payments.

#### ARTICLE FIVE

#### **EXECUTORY CONTRACTS**

The Debtor currently leases approximately 3200 square feet at the premises located at 224 Post Road East, Westport CT where it conducts both its retail storefront and the dry cleaning operations as well. The current lease runs through November of 2017 with an option to renew for an additional five years, through November 2022. The debtor intends to exercise that option in accordance with the terms of the lease. The Lease has been assumed by the Debtor which lease assumption was approved by order of the Bankruptcy Court on October 27, 2016.

# **ARTICLE SIX**

# **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 1. The Debtor reserves the right to modify the Plan in accordance with §1127 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 2. Except as otherwise provided herein, Confirmation of the Plan shall constitute full settlement, release and discharge of any and all claims in the Chapter 11 Case.
- 3. The Debtor shall act as its own disbursing agent under the Plan and shall establish such account or accounts as may be required therefore with respect to the payments to be made to the holders of all claims.
- 4. Notwithstanding any other provisions hereof respecting time of payment, no payment shall be made on a Disputed Claim until the entry of a Final Order resolving such dispute.
- 5. The Debtor is authorized to make payments on a Claim to the holder thereof as set forth in the most recent proof of such Claim filed with the Court, or in the absence of a proof, to the holder as scheduled by the Debtor or ordered by the Court.

# **ARTICLE SEVEN**

# PROCEDURES FOR RESOLVING AND TREATING CONTESTED AND CONTINGENT CLAIMS

1. Objection Deadlines: As soon as practicable, but in no event later than the the effective date of the Plan, Objections to Disputed Claims shall be filed with the Bankruptcy Court and subsequently served upon the Holders of each of the Disputed Claims. Debtor does not intend to object to any claims.

# ARTICLE EIGHT

# **DEFAULT AND MODIFICATION**

- 1. The occurrence of any of the following shall constitute an Event of Default:
- (A) Failure on the part of the Debtor to pay fully when due any payment required to be made in accordance with the provisions of this Plan, which failure remains uncured for a period of thirty (30) days after written notice from the Claimant so affected; and
- (B) Failure on the part of the Debtor to perform or observe any term or provision set forth in this Plan, other than those referred to in subsection (1) above, or set forth in any document or instrument delivered in connection herewith, which failure remains uncured for a period of sixty (60) days after written notice from the Claimant so affected.
- 2. If an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing without cure for the applicable time period set forth in 1 above, all Claimants covered by this Plan shall have the right to pursue any and all remedies available to them under law and, as to holders of Allowed Secured Claims as to whom an Event of Default has occurred and remained uncured, said holders shall be permitted to take possession of their collateral without further recourse to the Bankruptcy Court or other Courts.
- 3. The Plan may be modified upon application of the Debtors or corrected prior to entry of the Confirmation Order without additional disclosure, pursuant to §1127 of the Bankruptcy Code, provided that, after notice and hearing, the Bankruptcy Court finds that such modification does not materially or adversely affect any claimant or class of claimants and the Plan, as modified, meets the requirements of Sections 1122 and 1123 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 4. After the entry of the Confirmation Order, the Debtors, with approval of the Bankruptcy Court, and so long as it does not materially or adversely affect the interest of any such claimants or

class of claimants, may remedy any defect or omission or reconcile any inconsistencies in the Plan, or in the Confirmation Order, in such manner as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and effect of the Plan..

# **ARTICLE NINE**

# **RETENTION OF JURISDICTION**

The Court shall retain jurisdiction of this case pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, until the final allowance or disallowance of all Administrative Expenses and Claims, but only with respect to the following matters:

- 1. To enable the Debtor to complete any and all proceedings which they may bring prior to entry of the Confirmation Order, to set aside liens or encumbrances and to recover any preferences, transfers, assets or damages to which it may be entitled under applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code or other federal, state or local law;
- 2. To adjudicate all controversies concerning the classification or allowance of any Claim or equity security interest;
- 3. To hear and determine all Claims arising from the rejection of any executory contracts, including leases, and to complete the rejection and termination thereof with respect to any executory contracts as to which an application for rejection or termination is filed prior to entry of the Confirmation Order;
  - 4. To liquidate damages in connection with any disputed, contingent or unliquidated Claims;
- 5. To adjudicate all Claims to a security or ownership interest in any property of the Debtor or in any proceeds thereof including any Order of the Bankruptcy Court as entered by this Court during the pendency of the Chapter 11 proceedings;
  - 6. To recover all assets and properties of the Debtor wherever located;

- 7. To fix the allowance of compensation to all professionals; and to determine any disputed Administrative Expenses;
  - 8. To determine such other matters for which provision is made in the Confirmation Order;
- 9. To issue such Orders and enforce such Orders as are necessary, integral or appropriate to carry out the provisions of the Plan, including but not limited to orders interpreting, clarifying or enforcing the provisions thereof, and to authorize modifications of the Plan consistent with the Bankruptcy Code, along with hearing Motions and adjudicating matters that arise under Article IV for the funding of the Plan

# **ARTICLE TEN**

# **DISCHARGE AND RELEASE**

Except as otherwise provided in the Confirmation Order or the Plan, the entry of the Confirmation Order acts as a discharge effective as of the effective date of any and all debts of the Debtor that arose at any time before entry of the Confirmation Order including, but not limited to, all principal and interest accrued thereon, pursuant to \$1141(d)(l) of the Bankruptcy Code. The discharge of the Debtor shall be effective as to each claim, regardless of whether a proof of claim therefore was filed, whether the claim is an Allowed Claim, or whether the holder thereof votes to accept the Plan.

# ARTICLE ELEVEN

# **NOTICES**

All notices required to be made in or under the Plan shall -be in writing and shall be mailed by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested:

- If to the Debtors, State Drive-In Cleaners, c/o Law Offices of Thomas V Battaglia, Jr., LLC,
   Main Street, Stratford, Connecticut 06614.
  - 2. If to a creditor, at the address set forth on the Debtor's schedules or on a proof of claim of

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such Creditor, if one has been filed. Any person may change the address at which he or she is to receive notices for purposes of the Plan by sending written notice pursuant to this provision to the Person to be charged with knowledge of such change

STATE DRIVE IN CLEANERS INC..

Arnold Raclyn, President

Thomas V. Battaglia, Jr.

Debtor's Attorney

# EXHIBIT B LIQUIDATION TABLE

Assets	Liq. Value:	
Cash (cash and bank account balance as of January 31, 2017)	\$ 30,891.18	
Accounts Receivable (as of January 2017 Monthly Operating Report)	0.00	
Office Fixtures, equipment and machinery (per schedules)	25,450.00	
Motor vehicle (per schedules)	3200.00	
Security deposit (per schedules)	1,935.00	_
Total Value	\$61,476.18	
Less Secured & Priority Claims (per schedules and/or claims filed)	-153,947.87	Percentage of unsecured creditor pool
Funds Available for unsecured creditor pool	\$ 0.00	0.00%
Payments to Unsecured Creditor pool under plan	\$ 21,247.36	10.00%

# EXHIBIT "C" 2106 MONTHLY PROFIT CALCULATIONS:

Month:	Gross receipts	Operating expenses	Net Profit
January	\$ 48,128.45	\$ 51,263.18	-2447.73
February	57,326.69	50,856.48	6470.21
March	56,312.93	55,529.50	783.43
April	54,248.97	46,735.47	7513.50
May	59,841.79	57,766.00	2075.79
June	59,313.81	60,253.68	-939.87
July	48,622.63	58,149.84	-9527.21
August	55,401.33	50,073.81	5327.52
September	55,894.98	56,053.57	-846.59
October	57,485.94	52,628.67	4857.27
November	53,434.16	50,151.83	3282.33
December	53,692.45	61,193.88	-7501.43
Annual Total:	\$659,704.13	\$650,655.91	\$9,047.22

Monthly net average net profit: \$9047.22/12 = \$753.93/month