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	Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle): Density Utilities of Louisiana, LLC					Name	of Joint De	ebtor (Spouse	e) (Last, First	t, Middle):		
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(Form of Organization) (Check one box) ☐ Individual (includes Joint Debtors) See Exhibit D on page 2 of this form. ☐ Corporation (includes LLC and LLP) ☐ Partnership ☐ Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, check this box and state type of entity below.) (Check one box) ☐ Health Care Business ☐ Single Asset Real Estate as de in 11 U.S.C. § 101 (51B) ☐ Railroad ☐ Stockbroker ☐ Commodity Broker ☐ Clearing Bank			s defined	☐ Chapt ☐ Chapt ☐ Chapt ☐ Chapt ☐ Chapt ☐ Chapt	er 7 er 9 er 11 er 12	C of C of	hapter 15 Petition for f a Foreign Main Proce hapter 15 Petition for f a Foreign Nonmain P	eeding Recognition				
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☐ Filing Fee to be paid in installments (applicable to individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b). See Official Form 3A. ☐ Filing Fee waiver requested (applicable to chapter 7 individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration. See Official Form 3B.				Debtor is not if: Debtor's agg are less than all applicable A plan is bein Acceptances	a small busing regate nonco \$2,343,300 (as boxes: the plan with the plan	ness debtor as ontingent liquida amount subject this petition.	defined in 11 that ated debts (exact to adjustment) at the repetition from	U.S.C. § 101(51D). cluding debts owed to inst ton 4/01/13 and every the	ree years thereafter).			
Statistical/Administrative Information ■ Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors. □ Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors.					S SPACE IS FOR COURT	USE ONLY						
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B1 (Official Form 1)(12/11) Page 2 Name of Debtor(s): Voluntary Petition Density Utilities of Louisiana, LLC (This page must be completed and filed in every case) All Prior Bankruptcy Cases Filed Within Last 8 Years (If more than two, attach additional sheet) Case Number: Location Date Filed: Where Filed: - None -Date Filed: Location Case Number: Where Filed: Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner, or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet) Name of Debtor: Case Number: Date Filed: Density, Inc. 12-53125 10/31/12 District: Relationship: Judge: **Affiliate** Middle District of Georgia Smith Exhibit B Exhibit A (To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts.) (To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under each such chapter. I further certify that I delivered to the debtor the notice required by 11 U.S.C. §342(b). and is requesting relief under chapter 11.) ☐ Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition. Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) (Date) Exhibit C Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety? Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition. No. Exhibit D (To be completed by every individual debtor. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and attach a separate Exhibit D.) ☐ Exhibit D completed and signed by the debtor is attached and made a part of this petition. If this is a joint petition: ☐ Exhibit D also completed and signed by the joint debtor is attached and made a part of this petition. Information Regarding the Debtor - Venue (Check any applicable box) Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District. There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District. Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place of business or principal assets in the United States in this District, or has no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a defendant in an action or proceeding [in a federal or state court] in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the relief sought in this District. Certification by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property (Check all applicable boxes) Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of debtor's residence. (If box checked, complete the following.) (Name of landlord that obtained judgment) (Address of landlord) Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, there are circumstances under which the debtor would be permitted to cure the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession, after the judgment for possession was entered, and Debtor has included in this petition the deposit with the court of any rent that would become due during the 30-day period after the filing of the petition. Debtor certifies that he/she has served the Landlord with this certification. (11 U.S.C. § 362(l)).

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Voluntary Petition

(This page must be completed and filed in every case)

Signatures

Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.

[If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7. [If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. §342(b).

I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

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Signature of Debtor

X

Signature of Joint Debtor

Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney)

Date

Signature of Attorney*

X /s/ Wesley J. Boyer

Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)

Wesley J. Boyer 073126

Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s)

Katz, Flatau, & Boyer, L.L.P.

Firm Name

355 Cotton Avenue Macon, GA 31201

Address

(478) 742-6481 Fax: (478) 742-0108

Telephone Number

March 8, 2013

Date

*In a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, this signature also constitutes a certification that the attorney has no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules is incorrect.

Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

X /s/ Miller L. Heath, III

Signature of Authorized Individual

Miller L. Heath, III

Printed Name of Authorized Individual

Title of Authorized Individual

March 8, 2013

Date

Signature of a Foreign Representative

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition.

(Check only one box.)

Name of Debtor(s):

- ☐ I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of title 11. United States Code. Certified copies of the documents required by 11 U.S.C. §1515 are attached.
- ☐ Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §1511, I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11 specified in this petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached.

X

Signature of Foreign Representative

Density Utilities of Louisiana, LLC

Printed Name of Foreign Representative

Date

Signature of Non-Attorney Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

I declare under penalty of perjury that: (1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110; (2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§ 110(b), 110(h), and 342(b); and, (3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section. Official Form 19 is attached.

Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer

Social-Security number (If the bankrutpcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.)(Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)

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Date

Address

Signature of bankruptcy petition preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose Social Security number is provided above.

Names and Social-Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual:

If more than one person prepared this document, attach additional sheets conforming to the appropriate official form for each person.

A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both. 11 U.S.C. §110; 18 U.S.C. §156.

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United States Bankruptcy Court Middle District of Georgia

In re	Density Utilities of Louisiana, LLC			
		Debtor(s)	Chapter	11

LIST OF CREDITORS HOLDING 20 LARGEST UNSECURED CLAIMS

Following is the list of the debtor's creditors holding the 20 largest unsecured claims. The list is prepared in accordance with Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(d) for filing in this chapter 11 [or chapter 9] case. The list does not include (1) persons who come within the definition of "insider" set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 101, or (2) secured creditors unless the value of the collateral is such that the unsecured deficiency places the creditor among the holders of the 20 largest unsecured claims. If a minor child is one of the creditors holding the 20 largest unsecured claims, state the child's initials and the name and address of the child's parent or guardian, such as "A.B., a minor child, by John Doe, guardian." Do not disclose the child's name. See 11 U.S.C. § 112; Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(m).

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Name of creditor and complete mailing address including zip code	Name, telephone number and complete mailing address, including zip code, of employee, agent, or department of creditor familiar with claim who may be contacted	Nature of claim (trade debt, bank loan, government contract, etc.)	Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, disputed, or	Amount of claim [if secured, also state value of security]
	jamilar win claim who may be contacted	<i>eic.)</i>	subject to setoff	security
Adams and Reese, LLP	Adams and Reese, LLP			77,321.89
Dept. 528	Dept. 528			
PO Box 2153	PO Box 2153			
Birmingham, AL 35287-5208	Birmingham, AL 35287-5208			
Associated Pump & Supply	Associated Pump & Supply Co., Inc.			132,564.18
Co., Inc.	9074 Park Avenue			
9074 Park Avenue	Houma, LA 70363			
Houma, LA 70363				
AUS Consultants, Inc.	AUS Consultants, Inc.			7,172.25
155 Gaither Drive, Suite A	155 Gaither Drive, Suite A			
Mount Laurel, NJ 08054	Mount Laurel, NJ 08054			
BMR Metal Works	BMR Metal Works			930.75
PO Box 1040	PO Box 1040			
Watson, LA 70786-1040	Watson, LA 70786-1040			
Crawford Lewis, PLLC	Crawford Lewis, PLLC			6,008.62
PO Box 3656	PO Box 3656			
Baton Rouge, LA 70821	Baton Rouge, LA 70821			
Davidson Collins, LLC	Davidson Collins, LLC			6,071.74
2600 Northside Crossing	2600 Northside Crossing			
Macon, GA 31210	Macon, GA 31210			
Density Incorporated	Density Incorporated			1,250,000.00
543 Second Street, Suite 103	543 Second Street, Suite 103			
Macon, GA 31210	Macon, GA 31210			
Ford Credit	Ford Credit			15,885.82
PO Box 650575	PO Box 650575			
Dallas, TX 75265-0575	Dallas, TX 75265-0575			
Ford Credit	Ford Credit			2,477.15
PO Box 650575	PO Box 650575			
Dallas, TX 75265-0575	Dallas, TX 75265-0575			
Hogan's Five Star Service	Hogan's Five Star Service			3,750.00
15181 Palmetto Lane	15181 Palmetto Lane			
Prairieville, LA 70769	Prairieville, LA 70769			
James D. Garner, Esq.	James D. Garner, Esq.			3,000.00
222 Buford Place	222 Buford Place			
Macon, GA 31204	Macon, GA 31204			

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	Debtor(s)	_				

LIST OF CREDITORS HOLDING 20 LARGEST UNSECURED CLAIMS

(Continuation Sheet)

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Name of creditor and complete	Name, telephone number and complete	Nature of claim (trade	Indicate if claim is	Amount of claim
mailing address including zip	mailing address, including zip code, of	debt, bank loan,	contingent,	[if secured, also
code	employee, agent, or department of creditor	government contract,	unliquidated,	state value of
	familiar with claim who may be contacted	etc.)	disputed, or	security]
			subject to setoff	
Louisiana Dept. of Revenue	Louisiana Dept. of Revenue	Excise Taxes		3,006.62
PO Box 201	PO Box 201			
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0201	Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0201			
Mauldin & Jenkins	Mauldin & Jenkins			16,000.00
PO Box 1877	PO Box 1877			
Macon, GA 31202-1877	Macon, GA 31202-1877			
Phelps Dunbar, LLP	Phelps Dunbar, LLP			36,033.49
PO Box 974798	PO Box 974798			
Dallas, TX 75397-4798	Dallas, TX 75397-4798			
Pittman Law Firm, APLC	Pittman Law Firm, APLC			1,145.50
1930 Florida Avenue, SW	1930 Florida Avenue, SW			
Denham Springs, LA 70726	Denham Springs, LA 70726			
RJL, PC	RJL, PC			4,640.00
Robert J. Lambert, Jr.	Robert J. Lambert, Jr.			
PO Box 781	PO Box 781			
Metairie, LA 70004	Metairie, LA 70004			
Rolling, Perrilloux, & Sledge	Rolling, Perrilloux, & Sledge			1,213.19
PO Box 3045	PO Box 3045			
Hammond, LA 70404	Hammond, LA 70404			
SLUMTL Microbiology	SLUMTL Microbiology Testing Lab			12,320.50
Testing Lab	SELU Controllers Office			
SELU Controllers Office	SLU 107250			
SLU 107250	Hammond, LA 70402			
Hammond, LA 70402				
State of Louisiana,	State of Louisiana, Department of			19,802.36
Department of	Environmental Quality Financial Serv			
Environmental Quality	Div			
Financial Serv Div	PO Box 4311			
PO Box 4311	Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4311			
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4311				
The Fowler Group, LLC	The Fowler Group, LLC			29,387.50
600 University Park Place,	600 University Park Place, Suite 350			
Suite 350	Birmingham, AL 35209			
Birmingham, AL 35209	-			

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY ON BEHALF OF A CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP

I, the of the corporation named as the debtor in this case, declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing list and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Date	March 8, 2013	Signature	/s/ Miller L. Heath, III
			Miller L. Heath, III

Penalty for making a false statement or concealing property: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.

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In re Density Utilities of Louisiana, LLC		Case No			
	Debtor				
		Chapter	11		
LIST OF I	EQUITY SECURITY	HOLDERS			
Following is the list of the Debtor's equity security hol-	ders which is prepared in accor	dance with Rule 1007(a)(3) for filing in this chapter 11 case		
	ders which is prepared in decor	dance with Itale 1007(a)(5) for iming in this enapter 11 case		
Name and last known address	Security	Number	Kind of		
or place of business of holder	Class	of Securities	Interest		
Density, Inc.		100%			
DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF	PERJURY ON BEHAL	F OF CORPORATI	ON OR PARTNERSHIP		
I, the of the corporation named as the List of Equity Security Holders and that it is					
Date March 8, 2013 Signature /s/ Miller L. Heath, III					
	IVI	iller L. Heath, III			

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In re	Density Utilities of Louisiana,	LLC	Case No.	
		Debtor(s)	Chapter 11	
	VER	RIFICATION OF CREDITOR I	MATRIX	
I, the	of the corporation named as the de	btor in this case, hereby verify that the attached	list of creditors is true and	d correct to the best
of my l	knowledge.			
Date:	March 8, 2013	/s/ Miller L. Heath, III		
		Miller L. Heath, III/		
		Signer/Title		

Adams and Reese, LLP Dept. 528 PO Box 2153 Birmingham, AL 35287-5208

Associated Pump & Supply Co., Inc. 9074 Park Avenue Houma, LA 70363

AUS Consultants, Inc. 155 Gaither Drive, Suite A Mount Laurel, NJ 08054

Barrileaux and Associates, Inc. 42333 Deluxe Plaza, Suite 8 Hammond, LA 70403

BMR Metal Works PO Box 1040 Watson, LA 70786-1040

Bone Endustries, LLC PO Box 78128 Baton Rouge, LA 70837

Crawford Lewis, PLLC PO Box 3656 Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Davidson Collins, LLC 2600 Northside Crossing Macon, GA 31210

Density Incorporated 543 Second Street, Suite 103 Macon, GA 31210

Ford Credit PO Box 650575 Dallas, TX 75265-0575

Hogan's Five Star Service 15181 Palmetto Lane Prairieville, LA 70769

James D. Garner, Esq. 222 Buford Place Macon, GA 31204

Jones, Cork & Miller, LLP PO Box 6437 Macon, GA 31208-6437

Klotz & Early W. Patrick Klotz, Esq. 365 Canal Street, Suite 1700 New Orleans, LA 70130

LaPorte, APAC 111 Veterans Memorial Blvd, Suite 600 Metairie, LA 70005

Louisiana Department of Revenue PO Box 1231 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-1231

Louisiana Dept. of Revenue PO Box 201 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0201

Louisiana One Call PO Box 40715 Baton Rouge, LA 70835-0715

Mauldin & Jenkins PO Box 1877 Macon, GA 31202-1877

McGlinchey Stafford, PLLC Dept. 5200 PO Box 2153 Birmingham, AL 35287-5200

Phelps Dunbar, LLP PO Box 974798 Dallas, TX 75397-4798

Pittman Law Firm, APLC 1930 Florida Avenue, SW Denham Springs, LA 70726

RJL, PC Robert J. Lambert, Jr. PO Box 781 Metairie, LA 70004

Rolling, Perrilloux, & Sledge PO Box 3045 Hammond, LA 70404

SLUMTL Microbiology Testing Lab SELU Controllers Office SLU 107250 Hammond, LA 70402

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State of Louisiana, Department of Environmental Quality Financial Serv Div PO Box 4311 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4311

The Fowler Group, LLC 600 University Park Place, Suite 350 Birmingham, AL 35209

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In re	Density Utilities of Louisiana, LLC		Case No.	
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	CORPORATI	E OWNERSHIP STATEMENT	(RULE 7007.1)	
or receive the form or more 7007.		ensity Utilities of Louisiana, LLC ir than the debtor or a government	in the above capt al unit, that direc	ioned action, certifies that tly or indirectly own(s) 10%
Dens	ity, Inc.			
□ No	one [Check if applicable]			
Marc	h 8, 2013	/s/ Wesley J. Boyer		
Date	<u> </u>	Wesley J. Boyer		
		Signature of Attorney or Litig		_
		Counsel for Density Utilities Katz, Flatau, & Boyer, L.L.P.	of Louisiana, LL	<u>C</u>
		355 Cotton Avenue		
		Macon, GA 31201		
		(478) 742-6481 Fax:(478) 742-0	108	

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STATEMENT OF INFORMATION REQUIRED BY 11 U.S.C. §341

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1994, the Office of the United States Trustee, United States Department of Justice, has prepared this information sheet to help you understand some of the possible consequences of filing a bankruptcy petition under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. This information is intended to make you aware of...

- (1) the potential consequences of seeking a discharge in bankruptcy, including the effects on credit history;
- (2) the effect of receiving a discharge of debts
- (3) the effect of reaffirming a debt; and
- (4) your ability to file a petition under a different chapter of the Bankruptcy Code.

There are many other provisions of the Bankruptcy Code that may affect your situation. This information sheet contains only general principles of law and is not a substitute for legal advice. If you have questions or need further information as to how the bankruptcy laws apply to your specific case, you should consult with your lawyer.

WHAT IS A DISCHARGE?

The filing of a chapter 7 petition is designed to result in a discharge of most of the debts you listed on your bankruptcy schedules. A discharge is a court order that says you do not have to repay your debts, but there are a number of exceptions. Debts which may not be discharged in your chapter 7 case include, for example, most taxes, child support, alimony, and student loans; court-ordered fines and restitution; debts obtained through fraud or deception; and personal injury debts caused by driving while intoxicated or taking drugs. Your discharge may be denied entirely if you, for example, destroy or conceal property; destroy, conceal or falsify records; or make a false oath. Creditors cannot ask you to pay any debts which have been discharged. You can only receive a chapter 7 discharge once every eight (8) years.

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL EFFECTS OF A DISCHARGE?

The fact that you filed bankruptcy can appear on your credit report for as long as 10 years. Thus, filing a bankruptcy petition may affect your ability to obtain credit in the future. Also, you may not be excused from repaying any debts that were not listed on your bankruptcy schedules or that you incurred after you filed for bankruptcy.

WHAT ARE THE EFFECTS OF REAFFIRMING A DEBT?

After you file your petition, a creditor may ask you to reaffirm a certain debt or you may seek to do so on your own. Reaffirming a debt means that you sign and file with the court a legally enforceable document, which states that you promise to repay all or a portion of the debt that may otherwise have been discharged in your bankruptcy case. Reaffirmation agreements must generally be filed with the court within 60 days after the first meeting of the creditors.

Reaffirmation agreements are strictly voluntary — they are not required by the Bankruptcy Code or other state or federal law. You can voluntarily repay any debt instead of signing a reaffirmation agreement, but there may be valid reasons for wanting to reaffirm a particular debt.

Reaffirmation agreements must not impose an undue burden on you or your dependents and must be in your best interest. If you decide to sign a reaffirmation agreement, you may cancel it at any time before the court issues your discharge order or within sixty (60) days after the reaffirmation agreement was filed with the court, whichever is later. If you reaffirm a debt and fail to make the payments required in the reaffirmation agreement, the creditor can take action against you to recover any property that was given as security for the loan and you may remain personally liable for any remaining debt.

OTHER BANKRUPTCY OPTIONS

You have a choice in deciding what chapter of the Bankruptcy Code will best suit your needs. Even if you have already filed for relief under chapter 7, you may be eligible to convert your case to a different chapter.

Chapter 7 is the liquidation chapter of the Bankruptcy Code. Under chapter 7, a trustee is appointed to collect and sell, if economically feasible, all property you own that is not exempt from these actions.

Chapter 11 is the reorganization chapter most commonly used by businesses, but it is also available to individuals. Creditors vote on whether to accept or reject a plan, which also must be approved by the court. While the debtor normally remains in control of the assets, the court can order the appointment of a trustee to take possession and control of the business.

Chapter 12 offers bankruptcy relief to those who qualify as family farmers. Family farmers must propose a plan to repay their creditors over a three-to-five year period and it must be approved by the court. Plan payments are made through a chapter 12 trustee, who also monitors the debtor's farming operations during the pendency of the plan.

Finally, chapter 13 generally permits individuals to keep their property by repaying creditors out of their future income. Each chapter 13 debtor writes a plan which must be approved by the bankruptcy court. The debtor must pay the chapter 13 trustee the amounts set forth in their plan. Debtors receive a discharge after they complete their chapter 13 repayment plan. Chapter 13 is only available to individuals with regular income whose debts do not exceed \$1,347,500 (\$336,900 in unsecured debts and \$1,010,650 in secured debts).

AGAIN, PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR LAWYER IF YOU NEED FURTHER INFORMATION OR EXPLANATION
INCLUDING HOW THE BANKRUPTCY LAWS RELATE TO YOUR SPECIFIC CASE.

Date	March 8, 2013	Signature	/s/ Miller L. Heath, III
			Miller L. Heath, III