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		Railroad (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(44))							
		Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))							
		☐ Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))							
		☐ Clearing Bank (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 781(3))							
		☐ None of the above							
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		assets or other option	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	iry, produce, or securities-related				
		Other See attached						
		Where is the property? 3103 and 3107 Good Hope Avenue						
Number Street								
			Temple Hills City	MD         20748           State         ZIP Code				
		Is the property insured	2					
		□ No □ Yes. Insurance agency						
		Contact name	Contact name Trudy Vargas					
		Phone 888-973-0016						
	Statistical and adminis	trative information						
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		Number Street Washington City (202) 663-8928	S	DC 20036 State ZIP Code patrick.potter@pillsburylaw.com			
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#### SCHEDULE TO PETITION

#### Question 2:

Names used by the Debtor in the last eight years include:

- 1. Lynnhill Condominium;
- 2. Council of Co-owners of Lynnhill Condominium;
- 3. Lynnhill Condominium Association:
- 4. Council of Unit Owners of Lynnhill Condominium;
- 5. Lynnhill Condominium, Inc.;
- 6. Lynnhill Condominium Unit Owners Association; and
- 7. The Lynnhill Condominium.

This list will be supplemented to the extent necessary.

#### **Question 12:**

In the interest of full disclosure, the Debtor provides the following response to question 12 regarding the Debtor's possession of real property that needs immediate attention.

The Debtor is an unincorporated condominium association that is in possession of the Lynnhill Apartments, two 7-story buildings located at 3103 and 3107 Good Hope Avenue, Temple Hills, Maryland 20748 (the "Property"). The Property has 219 units, a parking lot and common areas. The Property's condition has deteriorated significantly in recent years, to the point that utilities were terminated on more than one occasion, by mid-2017 the Property was approximately 40% vacant, and by the fall of 2017, utilities were conclusively terminated and the balance of the units were vacated and abandoned. Prince George's County (the "County") has determined that the Property is uninhabitable and has threatened to condemn the Property because it is a threat to the public and a burden to the county. Between the spring of 2016 and approximately December 18, 2017, the Property was uninsured because of the Debtor's dire financial situation.

On October 4, 2017, the Circuit Court for Prince George's County (the "Circuit Court") entered a judgment and order authorizing the Debtor to, among other things, (i) conduct a sale process and convey the Property through a chapter 11 bankruptcy process, and (ii) encumber the Property with first-priority liens to obtain financing to pay for insurance and the expenses associated with documenting, seeking bankruptcy court approval of, and closing the sale of the Property. See Am. Findings of Facts, Conclusions of Law and Am. Judgment, Consumer Prot. Div. Office of the Md. Attorney Gen. v. Lynnhill Condo. Dev., Inc., No. CAE16-40059 (Cir. Ct. Prince George's Cnty. Nov. 2, 2017), attached as Exhibit A.

Since entry of the Circuit Court's order, the Debtor has secured pre- and post-petition financing to enable it to pay for property insurance and other expenses associated with the Property. To attempt to keep unauthorized individuals from entering the Property, the Property

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is monitored by security officers and surrounded by a fence. Despite these efforts, the Debtor from time to time receives reports of trespassers entering the Property illegally. With the aid of a security company, a winterization and property-stabilization company and the County police, the Debtor expects to limit these nuisances (for both the Debtor and the County) pending the anticipated mid-February 2018 closing on the sale of the Property pursuant to the chapter 11 plan filed contemporaneously with the Petition.

# Exhibit A

# IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CIVIL DIVISION

CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION ) OFFICE OF THE MARYLAND ) ATTORNEY GENERAL )	
200 St. Paul Place, 16 <sup>th</sup> Floor ) Baltimore, Maryland 21202, ) Plaintiff, )	
v. )	Case No. CAE16-40059
LYNNHILL CONDOMINIUM  DEVELOPMENT, INC.  29 Gaither Street  Temple Hills, Maryland 20748  )	
and )	
JOHN DOES 1-75, Defendants.	
LYNNHILL CONDOMINIUM  DEVELOPMENT, INC.  29 Gaither Street  Temple Hills, Maryland 20748  Cross-Claim Plaintiff,  v.  JOHN DOES 1-75,  Cross-Claim Defendants.	CROSS-CLAIM
LYNNHILL CONDOMINIUM  DEVELOPMENT, INC.  29 Gaither Street  Temple Hills, Maryland 20748  Third-Party Plaintiff,	
v. )	THIRD-PARTY COMPLAINT
JOHN DOES 1-219, et. al.  Third-Party Defendants, )	

# AMENDED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND AMENDED JUDGMENT

THIS CAUSE came to be heard on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2017, upon (among other things) the pleadings filed herein, the evidence adduced, and the arguments of counsel; where upon the Court made (and makes) the following findings of fact and conclusions of law, and enters judgment accordingly:

- 1. The Condominium Association of the Lynnhill Condominium (the "Association") is an unincorporated condominium association existing under the laws of the State of Maryland.
- 2. The Association is responsible for managing, administering, and taking certain critical actions (and providing certain services) with respect to certain real estate, amenities and improvements (including residential units) thereon located at 3103-3107 Good Hope Avenue, Temple Hills, Maryland 20748 (the "Property"). The Property is generally described as two 7-story residential unit buildings (comprised of 219 living units, the "Units"), a single/shared parking lot, land and related common and non-common (e.g., office, utility space, etc.) areas and amenities; all situated on approximately 4.88 acres of land. Without limitation, the Property, including the land, the buildings and all improvements as well as easements, rights and appurtenances thereunto belonging, is described as (and includes) the real property now or formerly designated as:

Parcel lettered "A" in the subdivision known as "LYNNHILL GARDENS" as per plat recorded in Plat Book WWW-56, Plat No. 87, among the Land Records of Prince George's County, Maryland.

- 3. Presently, the Association acts through a board of directors (each a "Member"; more than one "Members"; and collectively, the "Board").
- 4. Presently, the entirety of the Property, including but not limited to the Units, has been vacated and abandoned by those with interests in the Units.

The Property has been secured by a fence that surrounds the entire Property and Law Enforcement Officers, and to attempt to keep unauthorized individuals from accessing the Property. Prince George's County (the "County") has set October 2, 2017 as the deadline for individuals to remove any belongings from the Property. All utilities will be terminated at the Property by October 5, 2017. The Property is in disrepair and has been determined by the County to be uninhabitable. The Property is covered by no property-loss or any other insurance (*i.e.*, completely uninsured). The Association is without the financial resources sufficient to insure and maintain the Property through the closing on a sale of the Property. The Association or Council of Unit owners shall not seek to reconnect utilities pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 366 or subsequent bankruptcy filing.

- 5. The Property, in its present state, represents a threat to the public and a burden to the County. The County has represented on the record to the Court it may condemn the Property in the near future.
- 6. A solution to address the issues confronting the Association, owners of Units, the public, the County and others is required. Claims in this case, including requests for declaratory relief were brought in this action to obtain authorization from this Court to approve a strategy for adequately addressing these issues.
- 7. Pursuant to the Court's legal, equitable and statutory powers, the Court possesses the authority to grant the relief set forth herein.
- 8. The Association has proffered that it has received offers or expressions of interest from parties indicating a willingness to purchase the Property for prices ranging approximately from \$11 million to \$15 million. The purchaser would presumably rehabilitate the property in a way that reverses the threat to the public and the burden to the County. The Association has proffered that, if it is authorized to convey title to the entirety of the Property to a purchaser, that the proceeds would be distributed to creditors (of the Association and of Unit

owners) and to the Unit owners in accordance with an order of a court with jurisdiction to approve such distributions (either this Court or a U.S. Bankruptcy Court). The Association also proffered that first-priority debt financing (secured by the Property) will be required to obtain insurance and to fund the expenses (including those of professionals) that will be required to document the transaction, prosecute approval of the transaction and close the same. The foregoing is referred to as the "**Proposed Sale Process**."

- 9. Based upon the record in the case and the findings of the Court, the Court finds that the Proposed Sale Process is in the best interest of all entities and individuals with claims against and interests in the Property.
- 10. Accordingly, the Court hereby authorizes the Association to take all appropriate and necessary actions to sell the Property to a buyer that the Association, in the exercise of its business judgment, deems to be the highest and best offeror with the ability to close a transaction as soon as reasonably practicable ("Purchaser").
- 11. The Association is authorized to conduct the Proposed Sale Process and convey the fee simple absolute Property through or outside of a chapter 11 bankruptcy process (in which latter case subject to the rulings of a bankruptcy judge of competent jurisdiction).
- that it may vest the Association with the authority to sell the Property in fee simple absolute under a number of circumstances, including (a) where the equities and public welfare require it; (b) where there has been a threat of condemnation; and (c) where the condominium regime is terminated and the Association becomes the effective owner of the Property for such purposes. The Court finds that each of these conditions exist, and that by necessity under the circumstances, and as a practical matter (where the Property has been fully vacated, is uninsured, lacking in financial resources, and possess a threat to the public and a burden to the

County), the condominium is for all intents and purposes terminated. The Association shall be deemed the fee simple absolute owner of the Property for the purpose of prosecuting the consummating the Proposed Sale Process, and making distributions subject to court order.

Based upon the foregoing, the Court concludes that the Association is entitled to Judgment.

WHEREFORE, it is by the Court this day of October, 2017.

#### ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

- The Association (through its Board) is immediately authorized to A. take any and all actions necessary (including but not limited to execution of all necessary documents, including but not limited to purchase agreements, deeds, and other conveyance documents), to prosecute and consummate the Proposed Sale Process (including obtaining debt financing secured by first-priority liens against the Property), and convey all right title of interest (regardless of holder) in the Property to the Purchaser. The foregoing authorization includes, but is not limited to, engaging professionals (e.g., real estate brokers/advisors, lawyers, etc. the "Association Professionals") to assist the Association in consummating the Proposed Sale Transaction, and distributing the proceeds thereof in accordance with applicable law. The foregoing authorization also includes the Association having access to the Property in order to enable brokers and potential purchasers to inspect (and conduct due diligence on) the Property, and no one shall interfere with the Association's rights to access the Property for such purposes. Access shall be coordinated with Prince George's County.
- All distributions to creditors (of the Association and Unit owners) В. and ultimately to Unit owners, shall be the subject of an order of this Court or a U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

- C. The condominium/condominium regime of the Lynnhill Condominium is hereby terminated.
- D. This case will remain open until the final distribution of sale proceeds. This Court will retain jurisdiction to interpret its findings of fact and conclusions of law, and to enforce this judgment.
- E. The proposed version of this Order contained the following language, which this Court struck:

"The Association is authorized to satisfy the costs of maintaining the Property (including insurance) and the costs of the Proposed Sale Transaction and other related costs (including the fees and expenses of Association Professionals) from the first proceeds of sale of the Property."

This language was stricken to avoid the appearance that the Court was preapproving fees and expenses, including those of professionals. Said deletion is without prejudice to the Association or any other party with appropriate standing to request in the future (whether from this Court or the Bankruptcy Court), allowance of fees, expenses, costs, etc., and to request that the same be paid from the proceeds of the sale of the Property or any other available assets; which requests this Court or the Bankruptcy Court (whichever possesses jurisdiction) may grant or deny as each may deem appropriate at that time.

IT IS SO ORDERED AND ADJUDGED.

Judge Leo Green

Cc:

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#### **NOTICE**

The parties pursuant to the provisions of Prince Georges County Circuit Court and the Maryland Rules, may obtain a review of this matter by a Judge of the Circuit Court of Price Georges County, by filing a written motion complying with this Rule within ten (10) days of entry of this judgment.