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| United States Bankruptcy Court District of Puerto Rico  |   |   |  |  | Vol       | luntary Petition   |              |                                     |
|---|---|---|--|--|-----------|--|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Mid BARRETO VARGAS, ROBERTO   | dle):   |   | Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle):   |  |           |  |              |                                     |
| All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):  |   |   | All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names):   |  |           |  |              |                                     |
| Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN) No./Complete EIN (if more than one, state all): <b>8224</b>  |   |   | Last four d<br>EIN (if mo  |  |           |  | axpayer I.   | D. (ITIN) No./Complete              |
| Street Address of Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code): HC-08, BOX 44488   |   |   | Street Add   | Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. & Street, City, State & Zip Code):                   |           |  |              | ate & Zip Code):                    |
| AGUADILLA, PR   | ZIPCODE 00  | 603   | 1  |  |           |  | Г            | ZIPCODE                             |
| County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Bus Aguadilla  |   |   | e or of th   | e or of the Principal Place of Business:   |           |  |              |                                     |
| Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street a   | ddress)   |   | Mailing A  | ddress of  | Joint De  | ebtor (if differer   | nt from stro | eet address):                       |
|   | ZIPCODE   |   | 1  |  |           |  | Γ            | ZIPCODE                             |
| Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if o   | lifferent from str  | eet address ab  | oove):   |  |           |  | '            |                                     |
| HC-08, BOX 44488, AGUADILLA, PR   |   |   |  |  |           |  |              | ZIPCODE 00603                       |
| Type of Debtor (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.)            | Nature of Business (Check one box.)  Health Care Business Single Asset Real Estate as defined in U.S.C. § 101(51B) Railroad Stockbroker Commodity Broker Clearing Bank Other  Tax-Exempt Entity (Check box, if applicable.) |   |  | Chapter of Bankruptcy Code Under Which the Petition is Filed (Check one box.)  Chapter 7 |           | (Check one box.)  Apter 15 Petition for cognition of a Foreign in Proceeding apter 15 Petition for cognition of a Foreign in Proceeding for the pr |              |                                     |
|   | Title 26 o  | Debtor is a tax-exempt organization under Title 26 of the United States Code (the Internal Revenue Code). |  |  | per       | sonal, family, o   | •            |                                     |
| Filing Fee (Check one box)  |   | Check one   | hov:   |  | Chap      | oter 11 Debtor   | S            |                                     |
| ☐ Full Filing Fee attached ☐ 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 ☐ Debtor is Check if: ☐ Debtor is Debtor is Check if: ☐ Debtor is Debtor is Check if: |   |   | s a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). s not a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). s aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts owed to non-insiders or affiliates are less 343,300 (amount subject to adjustment on 4/01/13 and every three years thereafter). |  |           |  |              |                                     |
| ☐ Filing Fee waiver requested (Applicable to chapter 7 individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration. See Official Form 3B.  Check all applicable boxes: ☐ A plan is being filed with this petit Acceptances of the plan were solic accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126  |   |   | etition<br>olicited p  |  |           |  |              |                                     |
| Statistical/Administrative Information  ✓ Debtor estimates that funds will be available for  □ Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property distribution to unsecured creditors.  |   |   |  | id, there v  | will be n | o funds availab  | le for       | THIS SPACE IS FOR<br>COURT USE ONLY |
| Estimated Number of Creditors   |   |   | ,001-<br>,000  | 25,001-<br>50,000  |           | 50,001-<br>100,000   | Over 100,000 |                                     |
| Estimated Assets  |   | 000,001 \$5<br>50 million \$1   | 0,000,001 to   | \$100,00<br>to \$500   |           | \$500,000,001 to \$1 billion   | More tha     |                                     |
| Estimated Liabilities   |   | 000,001 \$5<br>50 million \$1   | 0,000,001 to   | \$100,00<br>to \$500   |           | \$500,000,001 to \$1 billion   | More tha     |                                     |

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| Voluntary Petition          |
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| Voluntary Petition (This page must be completed and filed in every case)   | Name of Debtor(s): BARRETO VARGAS, ROBERTO   |   |  |  |
|--|--|---|--|--|
| Prior Bankruptcy Case Filed Within Last 8  | <b>Years</b> (If more than two, attac  | ch additional sheet)  |  |  |
| Location Where Filed: <b>None</b>  | Case Number:   | Date Filed:   |  |  |
| Location Where Filed:  | Case Number:   | Date Filed:   |  |  |
| Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner or  | Affiliate of this Debtor (If r   | nore than one, attach additional sheet)   |  |  |
| Name of Debtor:<br>None  | Case Number:   | Date Filed:   |  |  |
| District:  | Relationship:  | Judge:  |  |  |
| Exhibit A  (To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11.)  Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition.   | to whose debts are primarily consumer debts.)  |   |  |  |
|  | Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s   | s) Date   |  |  |
| Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is a or safety?  Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition.  No   | alleged to pose a threat of immin  | ent and identifiable harm to public health  |  |  |
| Exhi  (To be completed by every individual debtor. If a joint petition is filed, expressed in the properties of the prop | de a part of this petition.  |   |  |  |
|  | days than in any other District.<br>partner, or partnership pending it<br>ace of business or principal asse-<br>but is a defendant in an action or | n this District. ts in the United States in this District, proceeding [in a federal or state court] |  |  |
| Certification by a Debtor Who Reside (Check all app  Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of deb  | licable boxes.)  | -   |  |  |
| (Name of landlord or less  | or that obtained judgment)   |   |  |  |
| (Address of lan  | dlord or lessor)   |   |  |  |

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

Debtor certifies that he/she has served the Landlord with this certification. (11 U.S.C. § 362(l)).

filing of the petition.

| Voluntary | <b>Petition</b> |
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(This page must be completed and filed in every case)

Name of Debtor(s):

## **BARRETO VARGAS, ROBERTO**

## **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 State 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. §

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

/s/ ROBERTO BARRETO VARGAS Signature of Debtor

**ROBERTO BARRETO VARGAS** 

Signature of Joint Debtor

Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney)

**September 13, 2010** 

Date

X

# Signature of Attorney\*



Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)

Luis A Medina Torres 7405 LUIS A. MEDINA TORRES LAW FIRM BOX 191191 **SAN JUAN, PR 00918** (787) 765-3795 Fax: (787) 756-7087 lumedina@coqui.net

## **September 13, 2010**

### 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.

| Signature of | f Authorized  | Individual    |    |  |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|----|--|
| Printed Na   | me of Author  | ized Individu | al |  |
| Title of Au  | thorized Indi | vidual        |    |  |
|              |               |               |    |  |

## Signature of a Foreign Representative

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.)

Date

- ☐ 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.

| ionature of | Foreign Repres  | centative     |  |  |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|--|--|
| ignature or | oreign repres   | schative      |  |  |
|             |                 |               |  |  |
|             |                 |               |  |  |
| rinted Name | e of Foreign Re | enresentative |  |  |

### **Signature of Non-Attorney 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); 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 bankruptcy 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.)

| Address |  |  |  |
|---------|--|--|--|
|         |  |  |  |

Signature of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose social security number is provided above.

Date

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.

<sup>\*</sup>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.

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# United States Bankruptcy Court District of Puerto Rico

| IN RE:  | Case No  |
|---|--|
| BARRETO VARGAS, ROBERTO  Debtor(s)  | Chapter <u>11</u>  |
| EXHIBIT D - INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STA<br>CREDIT COUNSELING RE   |  |
| Warning: You must be able to check truthfully one of the five statement do so, you are not eligible to file a bankruptcy case, and the court can do whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors will be able to resume and you file another bankruptcy case later, you may be required to pay to stop creditors' collection activities.  | ismiss any case you do file. If that happens, you will lose collection activities against you. If your case is dismissed   |
| Every individual debtor must file this Exhibit D. If a joint petition is filed, each one of the five statements below and attach any documents as directed.   | h spouse must complete and file a separate Exhibit D. Check  |
| 1. Within the 180 days <b>before the filing of my bankruptcy case</b> , I receithe United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the oppoperforming a related budget analysis, and I have a certificate from the agency certificate and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency.   | ortunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in a describing the services provided to me. Attach a copy of the   |
| 2. Within the 180 days <b>before the filing of my bankruptcy case</b> , I receit the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the oppoperforming a related budget analysis, but I do not have a certificate from the a copy of a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to you the agency no later than 14 days after your bankruptcy case is filed.   | ortunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in agency describing the services provided to me. You must file   |
| 3. I certify that I requested credit counseling services from an approved a days from the time I made my request, and the following exigent circum requirement so I can file my bankruptcy case now. [Summarize exigent circ  | stances merit a temporary waiver of the credit counseling  |
| If your certification is satisfactory to the court, you must still obtain the you file your bankruptcy petition and promptly file a certificate from the of any debt management plan developed through the agency. Failure to case. Any extension of the 30-day deadline can be granted only for caus also be dismissed if the court is not satisfied with your reasons for filing counseling briefing.   | agency that provided the counseling, together with a copy<br>fulfill these requirements may result in dismissal of your<br>e and is limited to a maximum of 15 days. Your case may |
| 4. I am not required to receive a credit counseling briefing because of: [C motion for determination by the court.]   | heck the applicable statement.] [Must be accompanied by a  |
| ☐ Incapacity. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as impaired by reason of realizing and making rational decisions with respect to financial respect to finan | esponsibilities.);   |
| <ul> <li>Disability. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as physically impaired participate in a credit counseling briefing in person, by telephone, or</li> <li>Active military duty in a military combat zone.</li> </ul>   |  |
| 5. The United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator has determined does not apply in this district.  | that the credit counseling requirement of 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)   |
| I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above  | is true and correct.   |
| Signature of Debtor: /s/ ROBERTO BARRETO VARGAS   |  |
| Date: September 13, 2010  |  |

# **United States Bankruptcy Court District of Puerto Rico**

| IN RE:                  | Case No    |
|-------------------------|------------|
| BARRETO VARGAS, ROBERTO | Chapter 11 |
| Debtor(s)               | *          |

# 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 and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1007(m).

| (1) Name of creditor and complete mailing address including zip code | (2) Name, telephone number and complete mailing address, including zip code, of employee, agent | (3)<br>Nature of claim<br>(trade debt,      | (4) Indicate if claim is contingent,              | (5)<br>Amount of<br>claim (if               |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| metading Zip Code  | or department of creditor familiar with claim who may be contacted                              | bank loan,<br>government<br>contract, etc.) | unliquidated,<br>disputed or<br>subject to setoff | secured also<br>state value of<br>security) |
| LYMPIC DEVELOPMENT, INC.   |   |   |   | 223,000.00                                  |
| OND. VIEWPOINT APT. 1803<br>AMINO ALEJANDRINO                        |   |   |   | Collateral: 200,000.00                      |
| UAYNABO, PR 00969  |   |   |   | Unsecured:                                  |
| ,  |   |   |   | 223,000.00                                  |
| DAQUIN CAPELLA BARRETO   |   |   |   | 200,000.00                                  |
| ALLE MERCEDES Q-20<br>ILLA ESPAñA                                    |   |   |   |   |
| AYAMON, PR 00962   |   |   |   |   |
| ESTERNBANK   |   |   |   | 191,772.00                                  |
| O BOX 1180   |   |   |   |   |
| ANTORI TRUCKING  |   | Donkloon                                    |   | 245 000 00                                  |
| ANTORI TRUCKING<br>/0 CANDIDO L. CORDERO PUELLO                      |   | Bank loan                                   |   | 315,000.00<br>Collateral:                   |
| O BOX 201  |   |   |   | 200,000.00                                  |
| RROYO, PR 00714  |   |   |   | Unsecured                                   |
|  |   |   |   | 115,000.00                                  |
| LLIED FINANCIAL<br>/O SUSANA B. CASTRO CINTRON                       |   | Bank loan                                   |   | 150,000.00<br>Collateral:                   |
| 28 AVE. ROOSEVELT  |   |   |   | 50,000.00                                   |
| AN JUAN, PR 00918  |   |   |   | Unsecured                                   |
|  |   |   |   | 100,000.00                                  |
| ESTERNBANK   |   |   |   | 200,000.00                                  |
| O BOX 1180   |   |   |   | Collateral                                  |
| AYAGUEZ, PR 00681-1180   |   |   |   | 100,000.00<br>Unsecured                     |
|  |   |   |   | 100,000.00                                  |
| LLIED FINANCIAL  |   |   |   | 380,000.00                                  |
| O SUSANA B. CASTRO CINTRON   |   |   |   | Collateral                                  |
| 28 AVE. ROOSEVELT  |   |   |   | 300,000.00<br>Unsecured                     |
| AN JUAN, PR 00918  |   |   |   | 80,000.00                                   |
| LADYS SOTOMAYOR NIEVES   |   | Bank loan                                   |   | 126,000.00                                  |
| O LCDO. ANDRES J. RAMOS  |   |   |   | Collateral                                  |
| O BOX 1299   |   |   |   | 55,000.00                                   |
| AYAGUEZ, PR 00681  |   |   |   | Unsecured:<br>71,000.00                     |
| R TREASURY DEPT.   |   |   |   | 22,000.00                                   |
| ANRUPTCY SECTION   |   |   |   | ,000.00                                     |
| O BOX 9024140  |   |   |   |   |
| A JUAN, PR 00902   |   |   |   |   |
| ESTERNBANK<br>O BOX 1180   |   | Bank loan                                   |   | 10,670.00                                   |
|  |   |   |   |   |

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

| FIRST LEASING AND RENTAL CORP.                                    | 9,510.00   |
|---|--|
| PO BOX 9146   |  |
| SAN JUAN, PR 00908-0146   |  |
| FIRST BANK  | 9,430.00   |
| PO BOX 11865  |  |
| SAN JUAN, PR 00910-3865   |  |
| BANCO POPULAR   | 15,900.00  |
| PO BOX 362708   | Collateral:  |
| SAN JUAN, PR 00936  | 10,000.00  |
|   | Unsecured:   |
|   | 5,900.00   |
| WESTERNBANK   | Bank loan 5,527.00   |
| PO BOX 1180   | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,  |
| MAYAGUEZ, PR 00681-1180   |  |
| DECLARATION UNDER PEN   | ALTY OF PERJURY BY INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR   |
| I 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: September 13, 2010 Signature /s/R0                          | OBERTO BARRETO VARGAS  |
| of Debtor   | ROBERTO BARRETO VARGAS   |
| of Debior   | ROBERTO BARRETO VARIONO  |

Signature \_\_\_\_ of Joint Debtor (if any)

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|------------------------------------|--|---|
| BARRETO VARGAS, ROBERTO            |  | Chapter 11                                  |
|                                    | Debtor(s)  | •   |
|                                    | VERIFICATION OF CREDITOR MATR                        | IX  |
| The above named debtor(s) hereby v | erify(ies) that the attached matrix listing creditor | s is true to the best of my(our) knowledge. |
|                                    |  |   |
|                                    |  |   |
| Date: September 13, 2010           | Signature: /s/ ROBERTO BARRETO VARGAS                |   |
|                                    | ROBERTO BARRETO VARGAS                               | Debtor                                      |
|                                    |  |   |
| Date:                              | Signature:   |   |
|                                    |  | Joint Debtor, if any                        |

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| IN RE:                  |   | Case No   | Case No      |  |
|-------------------------|---|---|--------------|--|
| BARRETO VARGAS, ROBERTO |   | Chapter 11  |              |  |
|                         | Debtor  | r(s)  |              |  |
|                         | DISCLOSURE OF   | COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY FOR DEBTOR   |              |  |
| 1.                      | Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 2 one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows: | 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above-named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me with a greed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplations:                                   | thin<br>tion |  |
|                         | For legal services, I have agreed to accept   | \$\$  | /hr          |  |
|                         | Prior to the filing of this statement I have received   | \$\$8,000   | .00          |  |
|                         | Balance Due   | \$  |              |  |
| 2.                      | The source of the compensation paid to me was:  | Debtor Other (specify):   |              |  |
| 3.                      | The source of compensation to be paid to me is:   | Debtor Other (specify):   |              |  |
| 4.                      | I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed con  | mpensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.   |              |  |
|                         | I have agreed to share the above-disclosed competogether with a list of the names of the people sha   | ensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreementing in the compensation, is attached.  | ent,         |  |
| 5.                      | In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:   |   |              |  |
|                         | b. Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules,   | endering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy; statement of affairs and plan which may be required; editors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof; lings and other contested bankruptcy matters; |              |  |
| 6.                      | By agreement with the debtor(s), the above disclosed f  | fee does not include the following services:  |              |  |
|                         |   |   |              |  |
|                         |   |   |              |  |
|                         |   | CERTIFICATION   |              |  |
|                         | certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any roceeding.  | agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy   |              |  |
|                         | Sontombor 12, 2010  | /c/Luis A Madina Torros   |              |  |
| _                       | September 13, 2010  Date  | /s/ Luis A Medina Torres  Luis A Medina Torres 7405  LUIS A. MEDINA TORRES LAW FIRM  BOX 191191  SAN JUAN, PR 00918  (787) 765-3795 Fax: (787) 756-7087   |              |  |

WARNING: Effective December 1, 2009, the 15-day deadline to file schedules and certain other documents under Bankruptcy Rule 1007(c) is shortened to 14 days. For further information, see note at bottom of page 2

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

# NOTICE TO CONSUMER DEBTOR(S) UNDER §342(b) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE

In accordance with § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, this notice to individuals with primarily consumer debts: (1) Describes briefly the services available from credit counseling services; (2) Describes briefly the purposes, benefits and costs of the four types of bankruptcy proceedings you may commence; and (3) Informs you about bankruptcy crimes and notifies you that the Attorney General may examine all information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case.

You are cautioned that bankruptcy law is complicated and not easily described. Thus, you may wish to seek the advice of an attorney to learn of your rights and responsibilities should you decide to file a petition. Court employees cannot give you legal advice.

Notices from the bankruptcy court are sent to the mailing address you list on your bankruptcy petition. In order to ensure that you receive information about events concerning your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address. If you are filing a joint case (a single bankruptcy case for two individuals married to each other), and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, you and your spouse will generally receive a single copy of each notice mailed from the bankruptcy court in a jointly-addressed envelope, unless you file a statement with the court requesting that each spouse receive a separate copy of all notices.

# 1. Services Available from Credit Counseling Agencies

With limited exceptions, § 109(h) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that all individual debtors who file for bankruptcy relief on or after October 17, 2005, receive a briefing that outlines the available opportunities for credit counseling and provides assistance in performing a budget analysis. The briefing must be given within 180 days <u>before</u> the bankruptcy filing. The briefing may be provided individually or in a group (including briefings conducted by telephone or on the Internet) and must be provided by a nonprofit budget and credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator. The clerk of the bankruptcy court has a list that you may consult of the approved budget and credit counseling agencies. Each debtor in a joint case must complete the briefing.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, an individual debtor generally must complete a financial management instructional course before he or she can receive a discharge. The clerk also has a list of approved financial management instructional courses. Each debtor in a joint case must complete the course.

# 2. The Four Chapters of the Bankruptcy Code Available to Individual Consumer Debtors

# **Chapter 7:** Liquidation (\$245 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee, \$15 trustee surcharge: Total fee \$299)

Chapter 7 is designed for debtors in financial difficulty who do not have the ability to pay their existing debts. Debtors whose debts are primarily consumer debts are subject to a "means test" designed to determine whether the case should be permitted to proceed under chapter 7. If your income is greater than the median income for your state of residence and family size, in some cases, the United States trustee (or bankruptcy administrator), the trustee, or creditors have the right to file a motion requesting that the court dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Code. It is up to the court to decide whether the case should be dismissed.

Under chapter 7, you may claim certain of your property as exempt under governing law. A trustee may have the right to take possession of and sell the remaining property that is not exempt and use the sale proceeds to pay your creditors.

The purpose of filing a chapter 7 case is to obtain a discharge of your existing debts. If, however, you are found to have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your

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discharge and, if it does, the purpose for which you filed the bankruptcy petition will be defeated.

Even if you receive a general discharge, some particular debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible for most taxes and student loans; debts incurred to pay nondischargeable taxes; domestic support and property settlement obligations; most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; and debts for death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs. Also, if a creditor can prove that a debt arose from fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, or theft, or from a willful and malicious injury, the bankruptcy court may determine that the debt is not discharged.

# <u>Chapter 13</u>: Repayment of All or Part of the Debts of an Individual with Regular Income (\$235 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$274)

Chapter 13 is designed for individuals with regular income who would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time. You are only eligible for chapter 13 if your debts do not exceed certain dollar amounts set forth in the Bankruptcy Code.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, using your future earnings. The period allowed by the court to repay your debts may be three years or five years, depending upon your income and other factors. The court must approve your plan before it can take effect.

After completing the payments under your plan, your debts are generally discharged except for domestic support obligations; most student loans; certain taxes; most criminal fines and restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury; and certain long term secured obligations.

# Chapter 11: Reorganization (\$1000 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$1039)

Chapter 11 is designed for the reorganization of a business but is also available to consumer debtors. Its provisions are quite complicated, and any decision by an individual to file a chapter 11 petition should be reviewed with an attorney.

## Chapter 12: Family Farmer or Fisherman (\$200 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$239)

Chapter 12 is designed to permit family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time from future earnings and is similar to chapter 13. The eligibility requirements are restrictive, limiting its use to those whose income arises primarily from a family-owned farm or commercial fishing operation.

# 3. Bankruptcy Crimes and Availability of Bankruptcy Papers to Law Enforcement Officials

A person who knowingly and fraudulently conceals assets or makes a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury, either orally or in writing, in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both. All information supplied by a debtor in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the United States Trustee, the Office of the United States Attorney, and other components and employees of the Department of Justice.

**WARNING:** Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information regarding your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. Your bankruptcy case may be dismissed if this information is not filed with the court within the time deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court. The documents and the deadlines for filing them are listed on Form B200, which is posted at <a href="http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy\_forms.html#procedure">http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy\_forms.html#procedure</a>.

Many filing deadlines change on December 1, 2009. Of special note, 12 rules that set 15 days to act are amended to require action within 14 days, including Rule 1007(c), filing the initial case papers; Rule 3015(b), filing a chapter 13 plan; Rule 8009(a), filing appellate briefs; and Rules 1019, 1020, 2015, 2015.1, 2016, 4001, 4002, 6004, and 6007.

# **United States Bankruptcy Court District of Puerto Rico**

| IN RE:                  |           | Case No    |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|
| BARRETO VARGAS, ROBERTO |           | Chapter 11 |
| ,                       | Debtor(s) | •          |

| CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE TO CONSUMER DEBTOR(S)<br>UNDER § 342(b) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE                        |   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Certificate of [No  | n-Attorney] Bankruptcy Petition Preparer  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I, the [non-attorney] bankruptcy petition preparer sign notice, as required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Coo | ing the debtor's petition, hereby certify that I delivered to the de.                                   | lebtor the attached  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Address:   | petition preparer is not a the Social Security numb principal, responsible pe the bankruptcy petition p | Social Security number (If the bankruptcy 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.) |  |  |  |  |  |
| X   | principal, responsible person, or   | , 110.,  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Certificate of the Debtor   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I (We), the debtor(s), affirm that I (we) have received   | and read the attached notice, as required by § 342(b) of the Ba   | nkruptcy Code.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| BARRETO VARGAS, ROBERTO   | X /s/ ROBERTO BARRETO VARGAS  | 9/13/2010  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Printed Name(s) of Debtor(s)  | Signature of Debtor   | Date   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Case No. (if known)   | X   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   | Signature of Joint Debtor (if any)  | Date   |  |  |  |  |  |

Instructions: Attach a copy of Form B 201A, Notice to Consumer Debtor(s) Under § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Use this form to certify that the debtor has received the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) **only** if the certification has **NOT** been made on the Voluntary Petition, Official Form B1. Exhibit B on page 2 of Form B1 contains a certification by the debtor's attorney that the attorney has given the notice to the debtor. The Declarations made by debtors and bankruptcy petition preparers on page 3 of Form B1 also include this certification.

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