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Clint A Ross In re Crystal P Ross

Debtor(s)

Case No. **16-10191** Chapter **11**

Small Business Case under Chapter 11

CLINT A ROSS AND CRYSTAL P ROSS' DISCLOSURE STATEMENT,

DATED NOVEMBER 28, 2016

I. INTRODUCTION

This is the disclosure statement (the "Disclosure Statement") in the small business chapter 11 case of <u>Clint A</u> <u>Ross and Crystal P Ross</u> (the "Debtor"). This Disclosure Statement contains information about the Debtor and describes the Plan of Reorganization (the "Plan") filed by <u>Clint A Ross and Crystal P Ross</u> on November 28th, 2016. A full copy of the Plan is attached to this Disclosure Statement as Exhibit A. *Your rights may be affected. You should read the Plan and this Disclosure Statement carefully and discuss them with your attorney. If you do not have an attorney, you may wish to consult one.*

The proposed distributions under the Plan are discussed at pages $\underline{2}$ of this Disclosure Statement. [General unsecured creditors are classified in Class $\underline{2}$, and will receive a distribution of $\underline{2\%}$ of their allowed claims, to be distributed per the treatment set out in the Plan.]

A. Purpose of This Document

This Disclosure Statement describes:

The Debtor and significant events during the bankruptcy case, How the Plan proposes to treat claims or equity interests of the type you hold (i.e., what you will receive on your claim or equity interest if the plan is confirmed), Who can vote on or object to the Plan, What factors the Bankruptcy Court (the "Court") will consider when deciding whether to confirm the Plan, Why Debtor believes the Plan is feasible, and how the treatment of your claim or equity interest under the Plan compares to what you would receive on your claim or equity interest in liquidation, and The effect of confirmation of the Plan.

Be sure to read the Plan as well as the Disclosure Statement. This Disclosure Statement describes the Plan, but it is the Plan itself that will, if confirmed, establish your rights.

B. Deadlines for Voting and Objecting; Date of Plan Confirmation Hearing

The Court has not yet confirmed the Plan described in this Disclosure Statement. This section describes the procedures pursuant to which the Plan will or will not be confirmed.

1. *Time and Place of the Hearing to Finally Approve This Disclosure Statement and Confirm the Plan*

The hearing at which the Court will determine whether to finally approve this Disclosure Statement and confirm the Plan will take place on the date determined by the Court, at the United States Bankruptcy Court, Western District, Eastern Division, 111 South Highland Avenue, Jackson, TN 38301.

2. Deadline For Voting to Accept or Reject the Plan

If you are entitled to vote to accept or reject the plan, vote on the enclosed ballot and return the ballot in the enclosed envelope to Strawn & Edwards, PLLC, 314 North Church Avenue, Dyersburg, TN 38024. See section IV.A. below for a discussion of voting eligibility requirements.

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Your ballot must be received by the date set by the Court or it will not be counted.

3. Deadline For Objecting to the Adequacy of Disclosure and Confirmation of the Plan

Objections to this Disclosure Statement or to the confirmation of the Plan must be filed with the Court and served upon all interested parties listed on the Courts mailing matrix by the date set by the Court.

4. Identity of Person to Contact for More Information

If you want additional information about the Plan, you should contact Strawn & Edwards, PLLC, 314 North Church Avenue, Dyersburg, TN 38024.

C. Disclaimer

The Court has conditionally approved this Disclosure Statement as containing adequate information to enable parties affected by the Plan to make an informed judgment about its terms. The Court has not yet determined whether the Plan meets the legal requirements for confirmation, and the fact that the Court has approved this Disclosure Statement does not constitute an endorsement of the Plan by the Court, or a recommendation that it be accepted.

II. BACKGROUND

A. Description and History of the Debtor's Business

The Debtor is an **Individual**. Since 2009 the Debtor has been operating a cattle operation. The debtor opened a small specialty store in Newbern, TN in 2014 called the Farmhouse, where it sells its farm raised beef.

B. Insiders of the Debtor

There are currently no insiders employed by the Debtor.

C. Management of the Debtor Before and During the Bankruptcy

During the two years prior to the date on which the bankruptcy petition was filed, the officers, directors, managers or other persons in control of the Debtor (collectively the "Managers") were Clint A Ross.

The Managers of the Debtor during the Debtor's chapter 11 case have been: Clint A Ross

After the effective date of the order confirming the Plan, the directors, officers, and voting trustees of the Debtor, any affiliate of the Debtor participating in a joint Plan with the Debtor, or successor of the Debtor under the Plan (collectively the "Post Confirmation Managers"), will be: Clint A Ross

D. Events Leading to Chapter 11 Filing

The debtor was married in 2014 began building a house the same year with the financing coming from First Citizens National Bank. The bank cut off financing prior to completion of the house which forced the debtor into bankruptcy to reorganize and focus on growing the specialty store.

E. Significant Events During the Bankruptcy Case

The debtor has surrendered all of its cattle and new construction to First Citizens National Bank and Farm Service Agency. The bank has sold the cattle and holds the funds from said sale in their attorney's escrow account until further instruction from the Court. The bank foreclosed the new construction on Cleve Duke Road in Hornbeak, TN and sold the property for \$40,000 which was applied to the outstanding debt to the bank. The bank has also filed an adversary proceeding (Case# 16-05103) against the debtors requesting their debt be non-dischargeable. The adversary proceeding is pending at this time. Lastly, Farm Service Agency (the primary lienholder), First Citizens National Bank (second

lienholder), and the debtor have agreed (by consent order, Doc# 110, Attached as Exh B) to sale 172 acres on Cleve Duke Road in Hornbeak, TN. The debtors are involved in a Divorce Action with each other and the Divorce Court mat one Debtor to assume more or less debt than the other. If so, the Plan will be amended accordingly.

F. Projected Recovery of Avoidable Transfers [Choose the option that applies]

The Debtor does not intend to pursue preference, fraudulent conveyance, or other avoidance actions at this time. The Debtor will amend its Plan and Disclosure at a later date if Debtor's intentions change.

G. Claims Objections

Except to the extent that a claim is already allowed pursuant to a final non-appealable order, the Debtor reserves the right to object to claims. Therefore, even if your claim is allowed for voting purposes, you may not be entitled to a distribution if an objection to your claim is later upheld. The procedures for resolving disputed claims are set forth in Article V of the Plan.

H. Current and Historical Financial Conditions

The identity and fair market value of the estate's assets are listed in Exhibit C.

The most recent post-petition operating report filed since the commencement of the Debtor's bankruptcy case are set forth in Exhibit D. A summary of the Debtor's periodic operating reports filed since the commencement of the Debtor's bankruptcy case is also set forth in Exhibit D.

III. SUMMARY OF THE PLAN OF REORGANIZATION AND TREATMENT OF CLAIMS AND EQUITY INTERESTS

A. What is the Purpose of the Plan of Reorganization?

As required by the Code, the Plan places claims and equity interests in various classes and describes the treatment each class will receive. The Plan also states whether each class of claims or equity interests is impaired or unimpaired. If the Plan is confirmed, your recovery will be limited to the amount provided by the Plan.

B. Unclassified Claims

Certain types of claims are automatically entitled to specific treatment under the Code. They are not considered impaired, and holders of such claims do not vote on the Plan. They may, however, object if, in their view, their treatment under the Plan does not comply with that required by the Code. As such, the Plan Proponent has not placed the following claims in any class:

1. Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses are costs or expenses of administering the Debtor's chapter 11 case which are allowed under § 507(a)(2) of the Code. Administrative expenses also include the value of any goods sold to the Debtor in the ordinary course of business and received within 20 days before the date of the bankruptcy petition. The Code requires that all administrative expenses be paid on the effective date of the Plan, unless a particular claimant agrees to a different treatment.

The following chart lists the Debtor's estimated administrative expenses, and their proposed treatment under the Plan:

Туре	Estimated Proposed Treatment
	Amount Owed

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Expenses Arising in the Ordinary Course of Business After the Petition Date	\$2,500.00	Paid in full on monthly.
Professional Fees, as approved by the Court.	this time. We estimate	Paid in full on the effective date of the Plan, or according to separate written agreement, or according to court order if such fees have not been approved by the Court on the effective date of the Plan.
Office of the U.S. Trustee Fees	\$650.00 quarterly	Paid in full quarterly.
TOTAL (approximately)	\$15,150.00	

2. *Priority Tax Claims*

Priority tax claims are unsecured income, employment, and other taxes described by 507(a)(8) of the Code. Unless the holder of such a 507(a)(8) priority tax claim agrees otherwise, it must receive the present value of such claim, in regular installments paid over a period not exceeding 5 years from the order of relief.

The following chart lists the Debtor's estimated § 507(a)(8) priority tax claims and their proposed treatment under the Plan:

Description (name and type of tax)	Estimated Amount		Treatment	
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , 	Owed			
TN Department of Revenue PO Box 20207 Nashville, TN 37202-0207	\$611.40	03/10/16	Will be paid in full on = \$611.40 or before the effective date of the plan.	

C. Classes of Claims and Equity Interests

The following are the classes set forth in the Plan, and the proposed treatment that they will receive under the Plan:

1. Classes of Secured Claims

Allowed Secured Claims are claims secured by property of the Debtor's bankruptcy estate (or that are subject to setoff) to the extent allowed as secured claims under § 506 of the Code. If the value of the collateral or setoffs securing the creditor's claim is less than the amount of the creditor's allowed claim, the deficiency will [be classified as a general unsecured claim].

The following chart lists all classes containing Debtor's secured prepetition claims and their proposed treatment under the Plan:

Class #	Description	Insider	Impairment	Treatment
		?		
		(Yes or		
		No)		

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Class #	Description	? (Yes or No)	Impairment	Treatment
1	Ally Financial Balance of \$24,395.33 Collateral: 2013 Jeep Grand Cherokee vin# 1C4RJFBG7DC541939	No	unimpaired	SURRENDER
1	United States of America, Farm Service Agency Balance of \$295,744.10 Collateral: 172 Acres located on Cleve Duke Road Hornbeak, Tn and livestock	No	unimpaired	To be paid in full by the proceeds of the sale of land. Specific instructions set out in order. (Doc# 110) (See Exh B)
1	<i>Schefield Financial</i> Balance of \$4,926.72 Collateral: 2015 ExMark enclosed trailer	No	unimpaired	\$111.75 monthly payment 10.4% interest 54 months
1	<i>US Bank</i> Balance: \$35,415.01 Collateral: 2014 Dodge Ram 3500	No	unimpaired	\$769.89 per month 0% Interest Rate 46 months

2. Classes of Priority Unsecured Claims

General unsecured claims are not secured by property of the estate and are not entitled to priority under § 507(a) of the Code.

The following chart identifies the Plan's proposed treatment of Class <u>2</u>, which contain general unsecured claims against the Debtor:

Class #	Description	Impairment	Treatment
2	General Unsecured Class	Impaired	Total Payout: \$16,296.43
		_	Term: 5 years
			Annual Payments: 1,259.29

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D. Means of Implementing the Plan

1. Source of Payments

Payments and distributions under the Plan will be funded by the following:

Revenues generated through Debtors specialty store, The Farmhouse.

2. Post-confirmation Management

The Post-Confirmation Managers of the Debtor, and their compensation, shall be as follows:

Name	Affiliations	Insider (yes or no)?	Position	Compensation
Clint A Ross		Yes	owner	

E. Risk Factors

The proposed Plan has the following risks:

There is a very low risk that the Farmhouse will not generate the income needed to fund the plan. If that becomes a risk the Debtor will seek other employment opportunities to fund the plan.

F. Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

Debtor does not have any executory contract or unexpired leases to assume or reject under the Plan.

G. Tax Consequences of Plan

Creditors and Equity Interest Holders Concerned with How the Plan May Affect Their Tax Liability Should Consult with Their Own Accountants, Attorneys, And/Or Advisors.

IV. CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES

To be confirmable, the Plan must meet the requirements listed in §§ 1129(a) or (b) of the Code. These include the requirements that: the Plan must be proposed in good faith; at least one impaired class of claims must accept the plan, without counting votes of insiders; the Plan must distribute to each creditor and equity interest holder at least as much as the creditor or equity interest holder would receive in a chapter 7 liquidation case, unless the creditor or equity interest holder with the Plan must be feasible. These requirements are <u>not</u> the only requirements listed in § 1129, and they are not the only requirements for confirmation.

A. Who May Vote or Object

Any party in interest may object to the confirmation of the Plan if the party believes that the requirements for confirmation are not met.

Many parties in interest, however, are not entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. A creditor or equity interest holder has a right to vote for or against the Plan only if that creditor or equity interest holder has a claim or equity interest that is both (1) allowed or allowed for voting purposes and (2) impaired.

In this case, the Plan Proponent believes that class 2 is impaired and that holders of claims in each of these classes are therefore entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. The Plan Proponent believes that class 1 is unimpaired and that holders of claims in each of these classes, therefore, do not have the right to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

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1. What Is an Allowed Claim or an Allowed Equity Interest?

Only a creditor or equity interest holder with an allowed claim or an allowed equity interest has the right to vote on the Plan. Generally, a claim or equity interest is allowed if either (1) the Debtor has scheduled the claim on the Debtor's schedules, unless the claim has been scheduled as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated, or (2) the creditor has filed a proof of claim or equity interest, unless an objection has been filed to such proof of claim or equity interest. When a claim or equity interest is not allowed, the creditor or equity interest holder holding the claim or equity interest cannot vote unless the Court, after notice and hearing, either overrules the objection or allows the claim or equity interest for voting purposes pursuant to Rule 3018(a) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

2. What Is an Impaired Claim or Impaired Equity Interest?

As noted above, the holder of an allowed claim or equity interest has the right to vote only if it is in a class that is *impaired* under the Plan. As provided in § 1124 of the Code, a class is considered impaired if the Plan alters the legal, equitable, or contractual rights of the members of that class.

3. Who is **Not** Entitled to Vote

The holders of the following five types of claims and equity interests are not entitled to vote:

holders of claims and equity interests that have been disallowed by an order of the Court;

holders of other claims or equity interests that are not "allowed claims" or "allowed equity interests" (as discussed above), unless they have been "allowed" for voting purposes.

holders of claims or equity interests in unimpaired classes;

holders of claims entitled to priority pursuant to §§ 507(a)(2), (a)(3), and (a)(8) of the Code; and

holders of claims or equity interests in classes that do not receive or retain any value under the Plan;

administrative expenses.

Even If You Are Not Entitled to Vote on the Plan, You Have a Right to Object to the Confirmation of the Plan [and to the Adequacy of the Disclosure Statement].

4. Who Can Vote in More Than One Class

A creditor whose claim has been allowed in part as a secured claim and in part as an unsecured claim, or who otherwise hold claims in multiple classes, is entitled to accept or reject a Plan in each capacity, and should cast one ballot for each claim.

B. Votes Necessary to Confirm the Plan

If impaired classes exist, the Court cannot confirm the Plan unless (1) at least one impaired class of creditors has accepted the Plan without counting the votes of any insiders within that class, and (2) all impaired classes have voted to accept the Plan, unless the Plan is eligible to be confirmed by "cram down" on non-accepting classes, as discussed later in Section [B.2.].

1. Votes Necessary for a Class to Accept the Plan

A class of claims accepts the Plan if both of the following occur: (1) the holders of more than one-half (1/2) of the allowed claims in the class, who vote, cast their votes to accept the Plan, and (2) the holders of at least two-thirds (2/3) in dollar amount of the allowed claims in the class, who vote, cast their votes to accept the Plan.

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A class of equity interests accepts the Plan if the holders of at least two-thirds (2/3) in amount of the allowed equity interests in the class, who vote, cast their votes to accept the Plan.

2. Treatment of Nonaccepting Classes

Even if one or more impaired classes reject the Plan, the Court may nonetheless confirm the Plan if the nonaccepting classes are treated in the manner prescribed by § 1129(b) of the Code. A plan that binds nonaccepting classes is commonly referred to as a "cram down" plan. The Code allows the Plan to bind nonaccepting classes of claims or equity interests if it meets all the requirements for consensual confirmation except the voting requirements of § 1129(a)(8) of the Code, does not "discriminate unfairly," and is "fair and equitable" toward each impaired class that has not voted to accept the Plan.

You should consult your own attorney if a ''cramdown'' confirmation will affect your claim or equity interest, as the variations on this general rule are numerous and complex.

C. Liquidation Analysis

To confirm the Plan, the Court must find that all creditors and equity interest holders who do not accept the Plan will receive at least as much under the Plan as such claim and equity interest holders would receive in a chapter 7 liquidation. A liquidation analysis is attached to this Disclosure Statement as Exhibit E.

D. Feasibility

The Court must find that confirmation of the Plan is not likely to be followed by the liquidation, or the need for further financial reorganization, of the Debtor or any successor to the Debtor, unless such liquidation or reorganization is proposed in the Plan.

1. Ability to Initially Fund Plan

The Plan Proponent believes that the Debtor will have enough cash on hand on the effective date of the Plan to pay all the claims and expenses that are entitled to be paid on that date

2. Ability to Make Future Plan Payments And Operate Without Further Reorganization

The Plan Proponent must also show that it will have enough cash over the life of the Plan to make the required Plan payments.

The Plan Proponent's financial projections show that the Debtor will have an aggregate annual average cash flow, after paying operating expenses and post-confirmation taxes, of \$50,000.00.

You Should Consult with Your Accountant or other Financial Advisor If You Have Any Questions Pertaining to These Projections.

V. EFFECT OF CONFIRMATION OF PLAN

A. **DISCHARGE OF DEBTOR**

<u>Discharge.</u> Confirmation of the Plan does not discharge any debt provided for in the Plan until the court grants a discharge on completion of all payments under the Plan, or as otherwise provided in § 1141(d)(5) of the Code. Debtor will not be discharged from any debt excepted from discharge under § 523 of the Code, except as provided in Rule 4007(c) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

B. Modification of Plan

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The Plan Proponent may modify the Plan at any time before confirmation of the Plan. However, the Court may require a new disclosure statement and/or revoting on the Plan.

The Plan Proponent may also seek to modify the Plan at any time after confirmation only if (1) the Plan has not been substantially consummated and (2) the Court authorizes the proposed modifications after notice and a hearing.

C. Final Decree

Once the estate has been fully administered, as provided in Rule 3022 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Plan Proponent, or such other party as the Court shall designate in the Plan Confirmation Order, shall file a motion with the Court to obtain a final decree to close the case. Alternatively, the Court may enter such a final decree on its own motion.

> /s/ Clint A Ross /s/ Crystal P Ross Clint a Ross and Crystal P Ross The Plan Proponents

Strawn & Edwards, PLLC

By: /s/ Thomas H. Strawn THOMAS H. STRAWN BOPR # 002710 314 NORTH CHURCH AVE DYERSBURG, TN 38024 Counsel to the Debtor and Debtor in Possession

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A true and correct copy of the foregoing was served, via U.S. mail, postage prepaid upon:

MATRIX

OFFICE OF THE US TRUSTEE 200 Jefferson Ave Suite 400 Memphis, TN 38103

this 28^{th} day of November, 2016.

<u>/s/ Thomas H. Strawn</u> Thomas, H. Strawn