UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISON

IN RE:	§	
THIRD COAST INDUSTRIAL	§	CASE NO. 17-30118
COATINGS, INC.	§	
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Debtor	§	Chapter 11

THIRD COAST INDUSTRIAL COATINGS, INC - DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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I. Introduction.

A. General Information Concerning Disclosure Statement and Plan.

THIRD COAST INDUSTRIAL COATINGS, INC. ("Debtor") submits this Disclosure Statement under section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 3016 to all of its known Creditors. The purpose of this Disclosure Statement is to disclose information adequate to enable Creditors who are entitled to vote to arrive at a reasonably informed decision in exercising their rights to vote on the Plan of Reorganization ("Plan"). A copy of the Plan is attached as Exhibit A.

Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Disclosure Statement shall have the meanings assigned to them in Article I of the Plan or in the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules. All section references in this Disclosure Statement are to the Bankruptcy Code unless otherwise indicated.

The Debtor has promulgated the Plan consistent with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code. The purpose of the Plan is to provide an opportunity for the Debtor to fully repay its creditors. This Disclosure Statement is not intended to replace a careful review and analysis of the Plan, including the specific treatment of Claims under the Plan. It is submitted as an aid and supplement to your review of the Plan to explain the terms of the Plan. Every effort has been made to explain fully various aspects of the Plan as they affect the Creditors. If any questions arise, the Debtor urges you to contact the Debtor's counsel and he will attempt to resolve your questions. Counsel for the Debtor is Nelson M. Jones III, 440 Louisiana, Suite 1575, Houston, Texas 77002. You may, of course, wish to consult with your own counsel. All of the information contained in this Disclosure Statement was obtained from the Debtor's books and records or from the principal of the Debtor, Third Coast Industrial Coatings, Inc.

II. Disclaimers.

NO SOLICITATION OF VOTES HAS BEEN OR MAY BE MADE EXCEPT PURSUANT TO THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND SECTION 1125 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, AND NO PERSON HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO USE ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DEBTOR TO SOLICIT ACCEPTANCES OR REJECTIONS OF THE PLAN OTHER THAN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. CREDITORS AND EQUITY INTEREST HOLDERS SHOULD NOT RELY ON ANY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE DEBTOR OTHER THAN THAT CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND THE EXHIBITS AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED. EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND THE EXHIBITS, NO REPRESENTATION CONCERNING THE DEBTOR, ITS ASSETS, PAST OR FUTURE OPERATIONS, OR CONCERNING THE PLAN IS AUTHORIZED, NOR ARE ANY SUCH REPRESENTATIONS TO BE RELIED UPON IN ARRIVING AT THE DECISION WITH RESPECT TO THE PLAN. ANY REPRESENTATIONS MADE TO SECURE ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF THE PLAN OTHER THAN AS CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT SHOULD BE REPORTED TO COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTOR. UNLESS ANOTHER TIME IS SPECIFIED, THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ARE MADE AS OF THE DATE HEREOF. NEITHER DELIVERY OF THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT NOR ANY EXCHANGE OF RIGHTS MADE CONCERNING THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND THE PLAN SHALL UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES IMPLY THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE FACTS SET FORTH HEREIN SINCE THE DATE OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND THE MATERIALS RELIED

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III. Answers to Commonly Asked Questions.

As part of the Debtor's effort to inform Creditors regarding the Plan and the Plan confirmation process, the following summary provides answers to questions which parties who receive a disclosure statement often ask.

A. Who is the Debtor?

The Debtor, Third Coast Industrial Coatings, Inc., is a company incorporated and organized in the state of Texas in 2001. The company manufactures industrial paints, varnishes, lacquers, enamels, and allied products.

1. What is a Chapter 11 bankruptcy?

Chapter 11 is the principal reorganization chapter of the Bankruptcy Code that allows financially distressed businesses to reorganize their debts. The commencement of a Chapter 11 case creates an estate containing all the legal and equitable interests of the Debtor in property as of the date the petition is filed. Section 1101, 1107 and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code provide that a debtor may continue to operate the debtor's business as a debtor-in-possession. The Debtor remains in possession of its properties and assets. When a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case is filed, creditors are prohibited from attempting to collect debts or enforce liens against the Debtor or its assets without first obtaining approval from the Bankruptcy Court.

2. If the Plan governs how my claim is treated, what is this Disclosure Statement?

The Bankruptcy Code requires that debtors solicit acceptances and rejections of a proposed plan from creditors and shareholders whose claims and interests are impaired before the plan can be confirmed by the bankruptcy court. Before debtors may solicit acceptances of a plan, however, the bankruptcy court must approve a disclosure statement and determine that the disclosure statement contains information adequate to allow creditors and shareholders to make an informed judgment about the plan.

3. Do I have to attend the hearing on the Disclosure Statement and Plan?

If you do not believe that the disclosure statement contains adequate information or if you believe that there is a problem with the Debtor's plan and you want to either get additional information from the Debtor or object to the plan, you need to file a written objection stating your position and come to the hearing. Debtor's counsel can discuss your concerns from the Debtor's perspective, but cannot give you legal advice and you may wish to consult your own counsel.

4. How do I determine how my Claim or Interest is classified?

To determine the classification of your Claim you must determine the nature of your claim or interest. Under the Plan, claims and interests are classified into a series of Classes. The pertinent sections of the Disclosure Statement and Plan disclose, among other things, the treatment that each class of Claims or Interests will receive if the Plan is confirmed.

5. Why is confirmation of the Plan important?

The Bankruptcy Court's confirmation of the Plan is a condition to the Debtor's right to carry out the treatment of creditors and shareholders under the Plan. Unless the Plan is confirmed, and any other conditions to confirmation or to the effectiveness of the Plan are satisfied, the Debtor is legally prohibited from satisfying Claims or Equity Interests as provided in the Plan.

6. What is necessary to confirm the Plan?

Under applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, confirmation of the Plan requires, among other things that at least one class of impaired Claims or Interests vote to accept the Plan. Acceptance by a class of claims means that at least two-thirds in the total dollar amount and more than one-half in number of the allowed claims actually voting in the class vote in favor of the Plan. Because only those claims or interests who vote on a plan will be counted for purposes of determining acceptance or rejection of a plan by an impaired class, a plan can be approved with the affirmative vote of members of an impaired class who own less than two-thirds in amount and one-half in number of the claims. Besides acceptance of the plan by each class of impaired creditors or interests, a bankruptcy court also must find that a plan meets a number of statutory tests before it may confirm the plan. These requirements and statutory tests generally are designed to protect the interests of holders of impaired claims or interests who do not vote to accept a plan but who will nonetheless be bound by the plan's provisions if a bankruptcy court confirms a plan. If one or more classes vote to reject a plan, a debtor may still request that the bankruptcy court confirm a plan under section 1129(b). To confirm a plan not accepted by all classes, a debtor must demonstrate that the plan does not discriminate unfairly, and is fair and equitable with respect to each class of claims or interests that is impaired under, and that has not accepted, the plan. This method of confirming a plan is commonly called a "cramdown". In addition to the statutory requirements imposed by the Bankruptcy Code, the plan itself also provides for certain conditions that must be satisfied as conditions to confirmation.

7. Is there a Creditors' Committee?

In this case no Creditors' Committee was formed.

8. When is the deadline for returning my ballot?

The Bankruptcy Court has directed that, to be counted for voting purposes, your ballot must be received by the Debtor's counsel, Nelson M. Jones III, 440 Louisiana, Suite 1575, Houston, Texas 77002 or fax 713-236-8990, by 5:00 p.m., Houston time, on the date set forth in the Order Approving Disclosure Statement.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL IMPAIRED CREDITORS VOTE ON THE PLAN. THE DEBTOR BELIEVES THAT THE PLAN PROVIDES THE BEST POSSIBLE RECOVERY TO CREDITORS. THE DEBTOR THEREFORE BELIEVES THAT ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLAN IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF CREDITORS AND RECOMMENDS THAT ALL IMPAIRED CREDITORS VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN.

IV. BACKGROUND/OVERVIEW OF THE DEBTOR'S BUSINESS

A. Description and History of the Debtor's Business

The Debtor is a Texas Company with its main facility located at 211 Main Street, South Houston, Texas 77587.

The Debtor initially opened for business in 2001. Its primary business both then and now continues to be manufacturing industrial paints, varnishes, lacquers, enamels, and allied products. The Debtor's primary customer base has been those companies in the Texas oil and gas industry.

B. Management and Insiders of the Debtor

Since inception, the president and owner of the Debtor has been Felipe Antonio Ibarra.

The Manager of the Debtor during the Debtor's chapter 11 case has been Felipe Antonio Ibarra.

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 the same as the managers during the pendency of the chapter 11 case. The responsibilities and compensation of these Post Confirmation Managers are described in section V.C.2 of this Disclosure Statement.

C. Events Leading to Bankruptcy In 2017

In 2014, the global reduction in oil prices dent the Texas oil industry into recession. The Debtor's customer base drastically cut back orders which substantially reduced the Debtor's revenue. This revenue loss crippled Debtor's ability to service its debt and pay its creditors.

On September 28, 2016, a judgment was signed in the case of *CFS Allocation Solutions IV*, *LLC v. Third Coast Industrial Coatings*, Inc. in the District Court, 113th Judicial District, Harris County. The judgment creditor began taking actions in order to liquidate Debtor's assets by way of a court appointed receiver. The Debtor was forced to reorganize under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy code.

D. Debtor's Financial Information

Prior to filing, Debtor's receivable collections were moderate and business was meager. As a result, Debtor depended solely on accounts receivable financing (Factoring) in order to maintain operations. The Debtor would recover approximately 85 - 90% of its receivables under the financing agreements. Since the filing of the case, Debtor's business and revenue has increased, and debtor no longer has to operate under factoring agreements. Debtor collects 100% of its collectibles, and is able to generate sufficient funds in order to continue its operations.

Since filing, the Texas oil industry has rebounded and the Debtor's revenue has substantially increased. Moreover, Debtor has increased its non-oil related business to approximately 20% of its total revenue.

The Debtor has filed operating reports in this case that reflects its current financial condition. A summary of the four (4) most recent reports reveal the following:

Average monthly gross revenue- \$14,226.43

1. Accounting Method

The Debtor uses the cash method of accounting.

2. Debtor's Assets

The Debtor filed with the Bankruptcy Court its Schedules of Assets and Liabilities and Statement of Financial Affairs (collectively, the "Schedules"). The Schedules contain a listing of the Debtor's assets and liabilities, together with the estimated fair market value of the Debtor's assets and the amounts owed to its Creditors. In connection with this Disclosure Statement, Creditors are referred to the Debtor's Schedules. The information contained in the Schedules was compiled by the Debtor to the best of its ability. These assets remain basically the same as on the date of filing and summarized below:

Type of Property	Description and	Current Value of
	Location of Property	Debtor's Interest in
		Property, Without

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		Deducting any Secured Claim or Exemption
Accounts Receivables 90 Days Old or Less		\$98,164.27
Raw Materials and Finish Product		\$60,388.07
Office furniture, fixtures, and equipment; and collectibles.		
	Wall Clock	\$40.00
	Heater	\$50.00
	7 Office Phones	\$140.00
	AM/FM Radio	\$20.00
	Executive Desk	\$200.00
	6 Wooden Desk	\$600.00
	Steel Desk	\$75.00
	Locking Storage	¢1.50.00
	Cabinet	\$150.00
	3 Ptbl. Folding Tables 20 Filing Cabinets	\$75.00 \$200.00
	8 Desk Chairs	\$200.00
	8 Arm Chairs	\$45.00
	4 Desktop Computers	\$400.00
	2 Copiers/Printers	\$250.00
	3 Laser Jet Printers	\$90.00
	Inkjet	φ20.00
	Printer/Scanner/Fax	\$60.00
	Inkjet Printer/Scanner	\$50.00
	Scanner	\$30.00
Machinery, Equipment, and Vehicles		
	4 Light Mixers	\$4,000.00
	Heavy Duty Mixer	\$2,500.00
	Sand Mills	\$12,000.00
	2 80 Gal. Capacity Premix Tanks	\$2,300.00
	120 Capacity Roll- Around Tank 2 320 Gal. Capacity	\$1,600.00
	Tank	\$3,000.00

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Stencil Punch	\$500.00
Spring Scale	\$300.00
12 Large Fire	
Extinguishers	\$600.00
Small Fire	
Extinguisher	\$40.00
Forklift	\$2,500.00
5 Hand Trucks	\$100.00
2 Drum Dollies	\$100.00
3 Platform Buggies	\$60.00
Drill Press	\$150.00
Oven	\$200.00
Total	\$191,057.34

3. Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

The Debtor has no executory contracts or unexpired leases.

E. Significant Events during the Chapter 11 Case

The Court signed an order approving counsel on February 6, 2017.

Since the filing of this case, and the imposition of the automatic stay, the Debtor has been able to meet its normal monthly obligations and stabilize its finances.

F. Post-Petition Legal Proceedings

The Debtor has not commenced any post-petition legal proceedings or lawsuits.

G. Pre-Petition Legal Proceedings

Prior to Debtor's filing of the instant case, Debtor was named as Defendant in the District Court case of *CFS Allocation Solutions IV*, *LLC v. Third Coast Industrial Coatings, Inc. and Felipe Antonio Ibarra*, Cause No. 2015-20916 in the District Court, 113th Judicial District, Harris County, Texas.

V. 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, individual claim recovery will be limited to the amount provided by the Plan.

B. Classes of Claims

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 lists the Debtor's estimated administrative expenses and their proposed treatment under the Plan:

Class 1 Allowed Administrative Claims

These claims shall be paid in cash and in full on the Effective Date, the date on which such claim becomes an Allowed Claim or on such later date as the Debtor and the Holder of any Class 1 Administrative Claims shall agree.

A. The U.S. Trustee fees will be paid as a Class 1 claimant if any are owed on the Effective Date. The Debtor shall be responsible for timely payment of United States Trustee quarterly fees incurred pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1930(a)(6). Any fees due as of the date of confirmation of the plan will be paid in full on the effective date of the plan. After confirmation, the Debtor shall pay United States Trustee quarterly fees as they accrue until this case is closed by the Court. The Debtor shall file with the Court and serve on the United States Trustee a quarterly report for each quarter that the case remains open.

B. Additionally, the Debtor's professional fees will be paid in Class 1 after approval of the Court.

Classes of Secured Claims

Allowed Secured Claims are claims secured by property of the Debtor's bankruptcy estate (or that are subject to set off) 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.

Class 2 – Secured Claim of CFS Allocation Solutions IV, LLC – Impaired

Class 2 consists of the allowed secured claim of CFS Allocation Solutions IV, LLC resulting in a court ordered judgment dated October 3, 2016 in the amount of \$198,068.97. The claim amount, which includes the principal balance, accrued interest, and late fees is \$246,405.97. This Class 2 claim shall be paid in fifty-three (53) monthly installments at the interest rate of 5.25% beginning on the Effective Date of the Debtor's plan. The monthly installments shall be \$5,220.00 until the claim is paid in full. Default shall occur if the scheduled Plan payment is not made by the Debtor. In the event of default, CFS Allocation Solutions IV, LLC shall send written notice of default to Debtor's attorney. If the default is not cured within ten (10) days after notice of default is received, CFS Allocation Solutions IV, LLC may proceed with its remedies for collection of all amounts due under applicable law.

Class 3 – Secured Claim of Funding Metrics Lendini– Impaired

Class 3 consists of the allowed secured claim of Funding Metrics Lendini for a UCC security interest in debtor's personal business property in the amount of \$15,557.05. This Class 3 claim shall be paid in fifty-three (53) monthly installments at the interest rate of 5.25% beginning on the Effective Date of the Debtor's plan. The monthly installments shall be \$329.51 until the claim is paid in full. Default shall occur if the scheduled Plan payment is not made by the Debtor. In the event of default, Funding Metrics Lendini shall send written notice of default to Debtor's attorney. If the default is not cured within ten (10) days after notice of default is received, Funding Metrics Lendini may proceed with its remedies for collection of all amounts due under applicable law.

Class 4 -Claim of Ad Valorem Taxes - Harris County, et al – Impaired

Class 4 consists of the allowed secured claims of Harris County, et al for ad valorem property taxes in the amount of \$640.66. This claim shall be paid in fifty-three (53) equal installments beginning on the Effective Date of the Debtor's plan at the statutory interest rate (12%) under Texas law. The installment payment shall be \$15.62 monthly. This Class 4 creditor shall retain its statutory liens as provided by Texas law. As a taxing authority, default shall occur if a scheduled Plan payment is not made by the Debtor or its current post-petition taxes are not paid timely pursuant to state law. In the event of default, the taxing authority shall send written notice of default to Debtor's attorney. If the default is not cured within ten (10) days after notice of all amounts due under state law pursuant to Texas law.

Classes of Unsecured Claims

Class 5 – Unsecured Priority Claim of the Comptroller of Public Accounts- Impaired

Class 5 consists of the unsecured priority claim of the Comptroller of Public Accounts in the amount of \$1,000.00. This claim shall be paid in fifty-three (53) equal monthly installments of \$18.87 beginning on the effective date of the plan.

Class 6 – General Unsecured Claims

Class 6 consists of the General Unsecured Claims of the creditors. The Holders of Class 6 Claims shall be paid 100% of their claims. The Debtor shall open an Unsecured Creditors Escrow Account and place \$2,566.66 in this account each month beginning 30 days after the Effective Date and continuing for fifty-three (53) months or until operations of the Debtor cease or the case is converted to a case under Chapter 7. This fund shall be disbursed on a pro rata basis quarterly to all allowed Class 6 claimants beginning on the 15th day after the end of the first full quarter after the Confirmation Date.

Total amount of claim

		Payment to Class 6 Claimants	\$2,566.66
		Total Class 6 Claims	\$136,033.31
Wells Fargo Bank N.A	Impaired		\$18,401.13
Funding Metrics Lendini	Impaired		\$9,351.41
Maroon Group, LLC	Impaired		\$3,855.60
Great Plains Capital Corporation	Impaired		\$100,000.00
BBVA Compass	Impaired		\$4,425.17

C. Means of Implementing the Plan

1. Source of Payments

Debtor plans to finance its 100% Repayment of Plan of Reorganization through continued operations in the industry of paints, varnishes, lacquers, enamels, and allied (manufactured) products.

2. Post-confirmation Management

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

Name	Insider (yes or no)?	Position	Compensation
Felipe Antonio Ibarra	Yes	Owner	\$0.00

D. Risk Factors

Confirmation of the Plan and successful completion of the Plan depends on a number of factors. Set forth below are risks that are material to Debtor's business operations.

There are certain risks inherent in the reorganization process under the Bankruptcy Code. If certain standards set forth in the Bankruptcy Code are not met, the Bankruptcy Court will not confirm the Plan even if Creditors accept the Plan. Although the Debtor believes that the Plan meets such standards, there can be no assurance that the Bankruptcy Court will reach the same conclusion. If the Bankruptcy Court were to determine that such requirements were not met, it could require the Debtor to re-solicit acceptances, which could delay and/or jeopardize confirmation of the Plan. In this case, the same is true if the Bankruptcy Court determines that the contents of this Disclosure Statement are not sufficient or do not meet the standards of 11 U.S.C. § 1125.

Also, risk ensues from the Debtor's primary customer base. However, the Debtor believes its business to be stable based on current economic projections for the Texas oil industry. Additionally, the Debtor has diversified its business in order to minimize the financial impact of a potential oil industry downturn.

As to the consummation of the Plan, if this Plan is confirmed then the Debtor believes it can perform as set forth in the proposed Plan.

E. Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases

The Debtor has no executory contracts or unexpired leases.

F. Tax Consequences of Plan

1. Introduction

The following discussion summarizes certain of the important federal income tax consequences of the transactions described herein and in the Plan. This discussion is for informational purposes only and does not constitute tax advice. This summary is based upon the Internal Revenue Code and the Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, including judicial authority and current administrative rulings and practice. Neither the impact on foreign holders of claims and equity

interests nor the tax consequences of these transactions under state and local law is discussed. Also, special tax considerations not discussed herein may be applicable to certain classes of taxpayers, such as financial institutions, broker-dealers, life insurance companies and tax-exempt organizations. Furthermore, due to the complexity of the transactions contemplated in the Plan, and the unsettled status of many of the tax issues involved, the tax consequences described below are subject to significant uncertainties. No opinion of counsel has been obtained and no ruling has been requested from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") on these or any other tax issues. There can be no assurance that the IRS will not challenge any or all of the tax consequences of the Plan, or that such a challenge, if asserted, would not be sustained.

HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AGAINST AND EQUITY INTERESTS IN THE DEBTOR ARE THEREFORE URGED TO CONSULT WITH THEIR TAX ADVISORS REGARDING THE FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL AND FOREIGN TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE TRANSACTIONS DESCRIBED HEREIN AND IN THE PLAN.

2. Tax Consequences to the Debtor

Generally, under the terms of the Plan, Creditors' claims are to be discharged. Any income corresponding to the satisfaction of claims at a discount should not constitute taxable income to the Debtor since the debt forgiveness arises in connection with a case under Title 11of the United States Code. The Debtor may be required to reduce certain tax attributes, such as net operating loss ("NOL") carryovers. Any NOLs remaining may be subject to utilization limitations imposed by Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

3. Tax Consequences to Creditors

In General, the federal income tax consequences of the implementation of the Plan to a holder of a Claim will depend, among other things, on: (a) whether its Claim constitutes a debt or security for federal income tax purposes, (b) whether the Claimant receives consideration in more than one tax year, (c) whether the Claimant is a resident of the United States, (d) whether all the consideration by the Claimant is deemed to be received by that Claimant as part of an integrated transaction, (e) whether the Claimant reports income using the accrual or cash method of accounting, and (f) whether the holder has previously taken a bad debt deduction or worthless security deduction with respect to the Claim. Gain or Loss on Exchange. Generally, a holder of an Allowed Claim will realize a gain or loss on the exchange under the Plan of his Allowed Claim for cash and other property in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the sum of the amount of any cash and the fair market value on the date of the exchange of any other property received by the holder (other than any consideration attributable to accrued but unpaid interest on the Allowed Claim), and (ii) the adjusted basis of the Allowed Claim exchanged therefore (other than basis attributable to accrued but unpaid interest previously included in the holder's taxable income). Any gain recognized generally will be a capital gain (except to the extent the gain is attributable to accrued but unpaid interest or accrued market discount, as described below) if the Claim was a capital asset in the hand of an exchanging holder, and such gain would be a longterm capital gain if the holder's holding period for the Claim surrendered exceeded one (1) year at the time of the exchange. Any loss recognized by a holder of an Allowed Claim will be a capital loss if the claim constitutes a "security" for federal income tax purposes or is otherwise

held as a capital asset. For this purpose, a "security" is a debt instrument with interest coupons or in registered form.

4. **Preservation of Net Operating Loss and Tax Attributes**

Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code could substantially limit, or deny in full, the availability of the Debtor's net operating loss and tax credit carry forwards as a result of the transactions contemplated under the Plan. Moreover, Section 108 of the Internal Revenue Code could result in the reduction of the loss and credit carry forwards based on the amount of debt discharged or converted to equity in the Reorganized Debtor as provided by the Plan.

5. Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Under the backup withholding rules of the Internal Revenue Code, holders of Claims may be subject to backup withholding at the rate of 31 percent with respect to payments made pursuant to the Plan unless such holder (i) is a corporation or comes within certain other exempt categories and, when required, demonstrates this fact, or (ii) provides a correct taxpayer identification number and certifies under penalties of perjury that the taxpayer identification number is correct and that the holder is not subject to backup withholding because of a failure to report all dividends and interest income. Any amount withheld under these rules will be credited against the holder's federal income tax liability. Holders of Claims may be required to establish exemption from backup withholding or to make arrangements with respect to the payment of backup withholding.

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.

The following are the anticipated tax consequences of the Plan: List the following general consequences as a minimum: (1) Tax consequences to the Debtor of the Plan; (2) General tax consequences on creditors of any discharge, and the general tax consequences of receipt of plan consideration after confirmation.

VI. 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 votes to accept the Plan; and 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

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 classes 2, 3, 4, and 5 are impaired and that holders of claims in each of these classes are therefore entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

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.

The deadline for filing a proof of claim in this case is May 22, 2017.

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 \S 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 A 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.

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 A discriminate unfairly, and is a 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

At this date, the Debtor does not believe that the case should be converted to Chapter 7. If a conversion of the case were to occur, a trustee would be elected or appointed to liquidate the Debtor's assets. The proceeds of the liquidation would be distributed to the respective holders of Claims against and Equity Interests in the Debtor according to the priorities established by the Bankruptcy Code. Under Chapter 7, a secured creditor whose claim is fully secured would be entitled to full payment, including interest, from the proceeds of the sale of its collateral. Unless its claim is nonrecourse, a secured creditor whose collateral is insufficient to pay its claim in full would be entitled to assert an unsecured claim for its deficiency. Claims entitled to priority under the Bankruptcy Code would be paid in full before any distribution to general unsecured creditors. Funds, if any, remaining after payment of secured claims and priority claims would be distributed pro rata to general unsecured creditors. Debtor believes that liquidation under Chapter 7 will not result in funds available for payment to the Unsecured Creditors. In this instance continued operation of the Debtor's business will result in a 100% repayment to all creditors.

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 chapter liquidation. In the event of liquidation, the Debtor is uncertain as to the amount the ad valorem taxing authorities, as well as the IRS, will receive under their claims. It is therefore in the best interest of all creditors that the Plan be confirmed.

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.

Ability to 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. Attached as Exhibit "B" is the Debtor's one-year projection of income and expenses. The Debtor believes these projections demonstrate efficient cash flow to fund its plan.

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

VII. V. EFFECT OF CONFIRMATION OF PLAN

A. Discharge

<u>Discharge</u>. On the effective date of the Plan, the Debtor shall be discharged from any debt that arose before confirmation of the Plan to the extent permitted by the Bankruptcy Code and except as expressly provided in this Plan.

B. Modification of Plan

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.

THE DEBTOR STRONGLY URGES ALL IMPAIRED CREDITORS TO VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN.

Respectfully submitted,

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