UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	
In re:	Chapter 11
West End Financial Advisors LLC,	Case No.: 11-11152 (SMB) (Substantively Consolidated)
Debtors.	

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FOR FIRST AMENDED PLAN OF LIQUIDATION OF WEST END FINANCIAL ADVISORS, LLC

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#### **SUMMARY**

West End Financial Advisors LLC¹ (as consolidated, the "Debtor"), has filed *its First Amended Plan of Liquidation of West End Financial Advisors LLC* dated November \_\_\_, 2011 (the "Plan"), with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court"). This *Disclosure Statement for the First Amended Plan of Liquidation of West End Financial Advisors LLC* (the "Disclosure Statement") has received the approval of the Bankruptcy Court for use in connection with the solicitation of acceptances of the Plan from holders of claims against and interests in the Debtor pursuant to Section 1125 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code").

A copy of the Plan accompanies this Disclosure Statement. A glossary of terms frequently used in this Disclosure Statement is set forth in Article 1 of the Plan. Words used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the glossary. Words used in the plan but not defined in Article 1 of the Plan shall have the meanings set forth in the Plan.

The Plan seeks to liquidate the Debtor in order to provide fair, equitable, and reasonable treatment to all creditors of the Debtor. Under the Plan all of the Debtor's assets will be transferred to a grantor trust (the "Post-Confirmation Estate") which will be administered by the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator will collect the Debtor's income and monetize its assets over the existence<sup>2</sup> of the Post-Confirmation Estate and pay creditors in accordance with the terms of the Plan

The Plan is predicated on the following factors: (1) Due to the way the Debtor was operated by William Landberg pre- petition each of the Investors who acquired membership interests (however evidenced) in the Debtor was improperly induced into doing so by the Debtor's pre-petition

The Debtor, whose estates have been substantively consolidated by order of the Bankruptcy Court dated July 25, 2011 are the following entities: West End Financial Advisors LLC (Case No. 11-11152); Amagansett Realty SPV 1 LLC (Case No. 11-11167); Benedek Development Group, LLC (Case No. 11-11155); L/C Family Limited Partnership (Case No. 11-11157); Sentinel Investment Management Corp.(Case No. 11-11153); SIMCO SPV 1 LP (Case No. 11-11158); West End Absolute Return Fund I, LP (Case No. 11-11161); West End Capital Management LLC (Case No. 11-11154); West End Fixed Income Partners LP (Case No. 11-11159); West End Income Strategies Fund LP (Case No. 11-11160); West End Mortgage Finance Fund I LP (Case No. 11-11162); West End Private Client Fund LP.(Case No. 11-11163); West End Real Estate Fund 1 LP (Case No. 11-11164); West End Special Opportunity Fund II, LP (Case No. 11-11166); West End Special Opportunity Fund, LP (Case No. 11-11165); West End/Mercury Short-Term Mortgage Fund, LP. (Case No. 11-11156); West End Cash Liquidity Fund I L.P. (Case No. 11-12774) and West End Dividend Strategy Fund I L.P. (Case No. 11-13247).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Grantor trusts created to liquidate assets under a Plan are generally limited to a five year life span under the applicable Internal Revenue Code Treasury Regulations. Under section 6.19 of the Plan, the Bankruptcy Court may extend this five-year period for a finite period, if such extension is warranted by the facts and circumstances as necessary for the liquidation of the Post-Confirmation Estate Assets and the other provisions of section 6.19 are followed by the Plan Administrator.

management. Thus, all of the Investors in the Debtor have, at a minimum, rescission and restitution claims against the Debtor for return of their Investment and are classified as "Investor Creditors" holding Class 4 Investor Creditor Unsecured Claims; (2) the Bankruptcy Court determined, after an evidentiary hearing, that partial substantive consolidation was appropriate and entered an order on July 25, 2011 substantively consolidating the Debtor's estates into one entity; and (3) the recoverable Assets of the Debtor are to be derived from the monetization of the Debtor's interest in the "Hard Money Fund" and the "Franchise Fund" (as hereinafter defined) and of other assets identified in this Disclosure Statement as well as from proceeds recovered from litigation and/or settlements of legal claims owned by the Debtor, including potential equitable subordination claims and fraudulent transfer claims against third parties.

In the Debtor's opinion, the treatment of Claims and Interests under the Plan provides a greater recovery for Creditors than that which would be likely to be achieved under other alternatives for the reorganization or liquidation of the Debtor.

THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS NOT INTENDED TO REPLACE A CAREFUL AND DETAILED REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF THE PLAN BY EACH HOLDER OF A CLAIM OR INTEREST. THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS INTENDED TO AID AND SUPPLEMENT THAT REVIEW. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN IS A SUMMARY ONLY. HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST ARE CAUTIONED TO REVIEW THE PLAN AND ANY RELATED ATTACHMENTS FOR A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE PLAN'S PROVISIONS. THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS QUALIFIED IN ITS ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO THE PLAN.

IN THE EVENT OF ANY DISCREPANCY BETWEEN ANY PROVISION OF THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND ANY PROVISION OF THE PLAN, THE TERMS OF THE PLAN SHALL CONTROL.

# THE DEBTOR RECOMMENDS THAT THE HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS IN ALL SOLICITED CLASSES VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN.

The statements contained in this Disclosure Statement are made by the Debtor as of the date hereof unless otherwise specified herein, and the delivery of this Disclosure Statement does not imply that there has been no change in the information set forth herein since such date. This Disclosure Statement has been prepared by the Debtor. Holders that are entitled to vote should read it carefully and in its entirety, and where possible, consult with counsel or other advisors prior to voting on the Plan.

The projections submitted herewith<sup>3</sup> are a presentation of possible future events based on certain assumptions regarding the operations of the Post-Confirmation Estate as the successor to the Debtor. The projections were not prepared with a view toward public disclosure or compliance with the guidelines established by the Securities and Exchange Commission and were not prepared with a view towards compliance with the guidelines established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants regarding financial forecasts. The projections have not been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in all instances. Further, such projections have not been examined, reviewed or compiled by the Debtor's independent public accountants.

While presented with numerical specificity, the projections are based upon a variety of assumptions which, although the Debtor believes are reasonable, may not be realized, and are subject to significant business, economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies, many of which are beyond the control of the Debtor. Consequently, the inclusion of the projections in this Disclosure Statement should not be regarded as a representation by the Debtor (or any other person) that the projections will be realized, and actual results may vary materially from those presented below. Due to the fact that such Projections are subject to significant uncertainty and are based upon assumptions which may not prove to be correct, neither the Debtor nor any other person assumes any responsibility for their accuracy or completeness.

This Disclosure Statement may not be relied upon by any persons for any purpose other than by holders of claims entitled to vote for the purpose of determining whether to vote to accept or reject the Plan, and nothing contained herein shall constitute an admission of any fact or liability by any party, or be admissible in any proceeding involving the Debtor, the Committee, or any other party, or be deemed conclusive evidence of the tax or other legal effects of the Plan on the Debtor, the Committee, or on holders of Claims or Interests.

This Disclosure Statement summarizes the terms of the Plan, which summary is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Plan. If any inconsistency exists between the terms and provisions of the Plan and this Disclosure Statement, the terms and provisions of the Plan are controlling. Certain of the statements contained in this Disclosure Statement are forward looking projections and forecasts based upon certain estimates and assumptions. There can be no assurance that such statements will be reflective of actual outcomes. All Holders of Claims entitled to vote should read carefully and consider fully the Risk Factors enumerated in this Disclosure Statement.

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All exhibits referenced herein, if not annexed hereto, shall be filed with the Plan Supplement.

#### THE PLAN

The Plan provides for the payment of distributions to Creditors in accordance with the priorities established by the Bankruptcy Code, subject to certain concessions made by Northlight for the benefit of the Post-Confirmation Estate as is more fully set forth in the Plan and this Disclosure Statement. The creditor distributions shall be funded, subject to the provisions of the Plan, from the Plan Administrator's cash on hand, the Budget Funds<sup>4</sup>, monetization of the Post-Confirmation Estate Assets, the Post-Confirmation WEMFF/WEFIP Funds as set forth in section 6.6 of the Plan<sup>5</sup>, recoveries, if any, from the pursuit of alleged preference and fraudulent conveyance claims and pursuit of other claims held by the estate against third parties. On the Effective Date, in accordance with the provisions of the Plan, all of the assets in the estate will be transferred, under the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement, to the Post-Confirmation Estate, a grantor trust created under the Plan, in exchange for such claims. The Post-Confirmation Estate, under the aegis of the Plan Administrator, will liquidate all of the Debtor's assets and distribute the proceeds to Creditors in the order of priorities provided for in the Bankruptcy Code, subject to certain concessions made by Northlight and enumerated herein and in the Plan. The timing of distributions to Creditors in Classes 3 and 4 are not yet certain and will depend on the performance of the Debtor's investment portfolio, whether the Plan Administrator determines to sell the portfolios and, if sold, any discount on the value of the portfolio and when the obligations under the New Northlight Note are satisfied. The decision of the Plan Administrator to sell the interests in the "Hard Money Fund" or the "Franchise Fund" (as such terms are defined) may only be done with approval of a majority of the Plan Oversight Committee, and, if proposed prior to satisfaction of the New Northlight Note, if the proceeds from the sale are sufficient to satisfy the New Northlight Note. Although distributions to Classes 3 and 4 are restricted until the New Northlight Note is paid, the Debtors may pay the obligations owing to CapLease on the New CapLease Note from the sale of the Apartment Collateral, on which CapLease has a first priority security interest.

The Plan also represents a compromised treatment of certain secured claims including the claims of Northlight, Iberia Bank and CapLease. The treatment of such Claims is set forth in this Disclosure Statement beginning at page 43. Under the Plan, distributions to creditors holding Claims in Classes 3 and 4 cannot commence until after the obligations under the New Northlight Note are paid in full.

The Debtor projects that the Holders of Claims in Classes 1, 2 and 3 will be paid in full under the terms of this Plan. The Debtor is unable to set forth with numerical specificity the estimated distributions to Class 4 Claim Holders. The reasons for this is the Debtors do not know at this point in time whether the Plan Administrator will seek to sell the Estate's interests in the Hard

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The provisions of the Plan relating to "Budget Funds" expire when the obligations under the New Northlight Note are paid in full.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The provisions of the Plan relating to the Post-Confirmation WEMFF/WEFIP Funds apply only so long as the obligations under the New Northlight Note are outstanding.

Money Fund and the Franchise Fund prior to the maturity of the loans contained in those portfolios<sup>6</sup>, and if the Debtor's interests are sold, what discount, if any, might be agreed to by the Plan Administrator and the purchaser of the portfolio. In addition, it is assumed that the Plan Administrator would sell the portfolios in such a manner so as to not trigger penalties relating to breaking the interest rate hedging agreements in place in connection with the portfolio. The penalties, discussed at page 30 of this Disclosure Statement, may be as much as \$12,000,000. Accordingly, the Debtor believes there are too many potentially differing and complex scenarios relating to the sale of the portfolio assets prior to maturity to set forth with numerical specificity the percentage distribution to be achieved by Class 4 Claim Holders. However, under the Plan, such creditors will be paid in accordance with their relative absolute priority as set forth in the Bankruptcy Code. Thus, no claims junior to Class 4 will be paid until the Holders of Claims in Class 4 are paid in full with interest.

The table below provides a summary of the classification and treatment of Claims and Interests under the Plan. The figures set forth in the table below represent the Debtor's best estimate of the total amount of Allowed Claims and Allowed Interests in the Case. These estimates have been developed by the Debtor based on an analysis of the Schedules filed by the Debtor, the Proofs of Claims and Proofs of Interests filed by Creditors and Interest Holders, an analysis of outstanding claims performed by FTI Consulting, Inc. ("FTI"), the Committee's financial advisor, and certain other documents of public record. The Bankruptcy Court set October 14, 2011 as the final date for filing Proofs of Claims and Proofs of Interests by Creditors and Interest Holders. See "SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE CHAPTER 11 CASE – General Bar Date and Administrative Bar Date". Although the Debtor believes that the amounts of the claims set forth below are substantially correct, there can be no assurance that Claims and Interests will be allowed by the Bankruptcy Court in the amounts set forth below:

Class		Treatment of	Estimated Amount of Allowed Claims
	Claim/Interest	Claim/Interest	or Interests <sup>7</sup>
Unclassified	Administrative Expense Claims	N/A	\$ 3,630,000
Unclassified	Priority Tax Claims	N/A	\$ 1,000

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The principal amount of loans in the portfolios and the year of their maturity are set forth on page 9 of this Disclosure Statement. The Debtor's projections of refinancing activity which may take place in advance of the stated maturity dates of each of the loans are set forth in the charts staring on page 8 of this Disclosure Statement. Under the Debtor's settlement with Northlight, the Post-Confirmation Estate is entitled to ten (10%) percent of the early refinancing principal payments referred in section 6.6 of the Debtor's Plan as the Post-Confirmation Estate WEMFF/WEFIP Funds.

<sup>7</sup> The amounts set forth in this schedule are not, and should not be deemed admissions by the Debtor as to the validity or

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> The amounts set forth in this schedule are not, and should not be deemed admissions by the Debtor as to the validity or amount of any claim and the Debtor reserves all rights to object to any claim in this case.

1	Priority Non-Tax Claims	Unimpaired	\$ 1,000
2(a)	Northlight Secured Claim	Impaired	\$ 6,229,4788
2(b)	Iberiabank Secured Claim	Impaired	\$ 4,500,000
2(c)	CapLease Secured Claim	Impaired	\$ 1,762,068.809
3	Non-Investor Unsecured Claims	Impaired	\$ 6,550,91410
4	Investor Creditor Unsecured Claims	Impaired	\$ 84,602,30911
5	Interests	Impaired	One holder

#### **CURRENT ASSETS**

As of September 30, 2011, the Debtor has the following assets; all of which are listed at an estimated value. Parties in interest are cautioned that these assets <u>have not been appraised</u> form purposes of this Disclosure Statement and the amounts ultimately realized by the Debtor or the Post-Confirmation Estate when these assets are sold or liquidated <u>could differ</u>, <u>perhaps materially</u>, <u>from</u>, the values set forth below.

Type of Asset	Estimated Value	Notes
Cash in Bank	\$230,524	As set forth on Operating
		Report for September 2011
Loans Receivable	\$554,660	From NFA (\$97,000 approx.),
		SJ Foods (\$110,309),
		Raymond O'Dell (\$87,351),
		Robert Beller (\$250,000)
Mortgage Receivable	\$2,816,506	From Southwood Court

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The amount of Northlight's claim is currently under review by the Committee and the inclusion of this amount should not be deemed an admission by the Debtor of the amount thereof.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Agreed upon amount of CapLease Secured Claim as of August 11, 2011. CapLease has agreed that in the event payment of \$1,000,000 is made to CapLease on or before March 1, 2012, the CapLease Secured Claim will be reduced to \$1,000,000 and deemed satisfied and paid in full.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> This number is based upon filed claims and excludes insider claims filed by Landberg (\$450,000), Crandall (\$810,000) and Kevin Kramer (\$202,500).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> The amount of Investor Unsecured Creditor claims is based upon filed claims and excludes insider claims of \$20,106,934.38 which the Debtor believe are subject to subordination of Interests.

		Properties (\$2,558,000), Chicago Diversified Foods (\$208,506),
		Jannette Goodstein(\$50,000)
Estimated Net Equity	\$437,932	Net of obligation to CapLease
Investment in Apartment		of \$1,762,068.80
Collateral		
Net Equity Investment in West	\$17,199,848	Based on book value of
End Short term Mortgage		investment
Fund (Hard Money Fund)	#2 ( <b>7</b> 22 000	
Net Equity Investment in West	\$26,733,089	Subject to current swap
End Mortgage Finance Fund		breakage fee of approximately
		\$12,000,000 – See <i>Hedging</i>
Court Duranting	¢1.055.000	Agreements, infra at pg. 30.
Southwood Court Properties	\$1,055,000	Based on amount of
Investment	\$26.500	Investment
Kensington Financial Services Investment	\$36,500	Based on amount of investment
	\$357,216	Based on amount of
West End Cash Liquidity Fund Investments	\$337,210	investment
Fusion Telecommunications	\$1,900,000	Based on current "pink sheet"
International Stock	\$1,900,000	value of \$0.09 per share
Employee Receivable	\$107,729	Based on amount loaned to
Employee Receivable	\$107,729	former employee.
		Collectability is doubtful.
Avoidance and Other causes of	Unknown	Concembinity is doubtful.
Action	OHMIOWII	
Security Deposit held by	\$18,000	
landlord		
PIMCO Claim	\$250,000	Based on amount of claim

#### ANTICIPATED PAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL

The timing of the distributions to be paid by the Plan Administrator from the assets in the Post-Confirmation Estate is uncertain and is dependent upon numerous factors. One potentially significant source of funds for the Plan Administrator will be from the receipt of payments under the Franchise Fund Waterfall or the Hard Money Fund Waterfall, which are described later in this Disclosure Statement. Payments which flow through the Waterfalls, and are expected to be paid to the Plan Administrator, are based upon both interest payments on the loans in the portfolio as well as or principal payments made with respect to such loans. The Debtors have estimated, based upon their

historical experience and the current low-interest rate environment, that the following principal pay downs are expected to be received by the Plan Administrator in years 2012 to 2016.

# Franchise Fund (in \$000's)

Item	11	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
	months	(projected)	(projected)	(projected)	(projected)	(projected)	
	(9/10-						
	8/11-						
	actual)						
Anticipated	\$3423	\$5000	\$6000	\$8000	\$10000	\$18000	\$50423
Pay down							
Pay down to	\$2738	\$4000	\$4800	\$6400	\$8000	\$14400	\$40338
DZ Bank							
Pay down	\$617	\$900	\$1080	\$1440	\$0	\$0	\$4037
toNorthlight <sup>12</sup>							
Pay down to	\$68	\$100	\$120	\$160	\$2000	\$3600	\$6048
Debtor							

# Hard Money Fund (in \$000's)

Item	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total
	(actual) <sup>13</sup>	(projected)	(projected)	(projected)	(projected)	(projected)	
Anticipated	\$ 0	\$15000	\$11000	\$10000	\$10000	\$8000	\$54000
Pay down							
Pay down to	\$ 0	\$15000	\$11000	\$10000	\$10000	\$ 0	\$46000
WestLB							
Pay down	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
toNorthlight <sup>14</sup>							
Pay down to	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 8000	\$8000
Debtor							

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Principal payments to Northlight do not include approximately \$1.85 million anticipated to be paid to Northlight between 2012 and 2014 from excess waterfall payments or payments from the sale of any other assets.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Nearly all of the loans in the Hard Money Fund portfolio were in default in 2010-2011. The obligations have since been restructured or the collateral has been acquired by the lender and the underlying properties are being marketed for sale.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> While these illustrations show that insufficient funds will be generated from the Hard Money Fund to make payments to Northlight, to the extent such payments are made, there would be a corresponding reduction in the payments to be made from the Franchise Fund.

With respect to the Franchise Fund, in the event pay downs of the loans in this portfolio are realized as set forth above, the Franchise Fund will have an ending remaining loan balance of approximately \$88,000,000 as of December 31, 2016 out of which future distributions will be realized. In the event the foregoing projected results are achieved with respect to the Hard Money Fund, such fund will have an outstanding principal balance on December 31, 2016 of \$ 0.

With respect to the Franchise Fund, the following sets forth the principal balance of loans in that portfolio by maturity date. <sup>15</sup> As set forth above, the Debtor's projections assume there will be some acceleration of the maturities of the loans through borrower refinancing activity. In the event this acceleration does not occur, anticipates that the remaining loans will be satisfied in accordance with their present maturity dates, which are as follows:

Maturity Date	Principal balance	
2012	\$ 594,084.25	
2015	\$ 3,164,456.19	
2016	\$ 6,615,737.12	
2017	\$ 17,489,098.77	
2018	\$ 5,473,999.90	
2019	\$ 16,711,365.88	
2020	\$ 8,268,276.74	
2021	\$ 42,205,691.20	
2022	\$ 11,286,070.62	
2023	\$ 13,886,255.62	
2024	\$ 2,211,315.16	
2027	\$ 2,980,649.05	
2028	\$ 1,924,624.61	
total	\$ 132,811,625.11	

**NOTE:** Projected principal pay down projections are the Debtors estimates based upon its historical experience regarding the performance of these two portfolios. The projections also assume that the Plan Administrator does not, or is unable to monetize the Post-Confirmation Estate's interest in these portfolios at an earlier date. The projections further assume that borrowers will be motivated by the current low interest rate environment to refinance, when possible, their respective loans prior to the loan's stated maturity date to realize interest cost savings that could result from refinancing at a reduced interest rate. However, the borrowers may not refinance their loans in advance of the maturity dates for a wide variety of reasons including lack of credit or creditworthiness. Thus, while the Debtors believe that projected loan pay downs will be received by the Plan Administrator in the 2012-2016 periods as set forth above, **the Debtors actual results may vary from these projected illustrations and such variance may be material.** 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Based upon information supplied by servicer.

#### CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN

Pursuant to section 1128 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Court has scheduled a hearing to consider Confirmation of the Plan, on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2011 at \_\_\_\_:00 \_\_\_.m, Eastern Standard Time, in the United States Bankruptcy Court, Alexander Hamilton Custom House, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004. Objections, if any, to Confirmation of the Plan shall be filed and served on or before \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

At the Confirmation Hearing, the Bankruptcy Court will determine whether the requirements of section 1129(a) of the Bankruptcy Code have been satisfied, in which event the Bankruptcy Court will enter an order confirming the Plan. The Debtor intends to seek Confirmation of the Plan at the Confirmation Hearing. **The Debtor believes that the Plan satisfies all applicable requirements of section 1129(a) and section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code**. Confirmation makes the Plan binding upon the Debtor, their Interest Holders, all Creditors and other parties regardless of whether they have accepted the Plan.

As of the Effective Date, all holders of Claims or Interests will be precluded from asserting any Claim against the Debtor or its assets or other interests in the Debtor based on any transaction or other activity of any kind that occurred before the Confirmation Date except as otherwise provided in the Plan.

## **ATTENTION ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CREDITORS**

THE DEBTOR BELIEVES THAT ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIMS OTHER THAN THOSE TO BE PAID IN THE DEBTOR'S ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS WILL CONSIST OF PROFESSIONAL FEES ONLY AND THAT PRIORITY CLAIMS ARE DE MINIMUS AND WILL BE PAID IN FULL ON THE LATER OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OR THE DATE THAT IS 10 DAYS AFTER THE ALLOWANCE DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR PROPOSED TREATMENT UNDER THE PLAN.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE CAN BE NO ASSURANCE THAT THERE WILL BE SUFFICIENT AVAILABLE CASH TO SATISFY ALL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIMS ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE. ABSENT THE ACTUAL OR DEEMED CONSENT OF EACH HOLDER OF ALLOWED ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIM, TO BE PAID OTHER THAN AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 1129(A)(9) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE, THE PLAN MAY NOT BE CONFIRMED AS PROPOSED.

IN THE EVENT THAT ONE OR MORE OF THE HOLDERS OF SUCH CLAIMS, WHETHER DISPUTED OR UNDISPUTED, OBJECTS TO ITS TREATMENT

UNDER THE PLAN, IT MAY BE THAT A PLAN CANNOT BE CONFIRMED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 11 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE. SEE THE PROVISION ENTITLED, "PROVISIONS FOR PAYMENT OF UNCLASSIFIED ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIMS." IN THAT EVENT, IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR THE DEBTOR TO EITHER CONVERT THIS CHAPTER 11 CASE TO A CHAPTER 7 LIQUIDATION OR OTHERWISE ABANDON OR DISMISS THIS CASE. IN THE EVENT THE DEBTOR IS FORCED TO TAKE SUCH ACTION, THE DEBTOR BELIEVES THAT HOLDERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIMS WILL RECEIVE LESS THAN THEY WOULD RECEIVE UNDER A CONFIRMED PLAN, SEE THE PROVISION OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, ENTITLED "ALTERNATIVES TO CONFIRMATION AND CONSUMMATION OF THE PLAN - LIQUIDATION UNDER CHAPTER 7."

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PLAN PROVIDES THAT THE FAILURE OF HOLDERS OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIMS AND PRIORITY CLAIMS TO OBJECT TO THE CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN SHALL BE DEEMED SUCH HOLDERS' AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE TREATMENT FOR SUCH CLAIMS THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM THAT SET FORTH IN 11 U.S.C. § 1129(A)(9).

#### **VOTING INSTRUCTIONS — SUMMARY**

The following discussion summarizes more detailed voting instructions set forth in the section of this Disclosure Statement entitled "VOTING INSTRUCTIONS." If you have any questions regarding the timing or manner of casting your ballot, please refer to the "VOTING INSTRUCTIONS" section of this Disclosure Statement and the instructions contained on the ballot that you received with this Disclosure Statement.

**General**. The Debtor has sent to all of its known Creditors who are in Classes impaired under the Plan, a ballot with voting instructions and a copy of this Disclosure Statement. Creditors may refer to the above chart to determine whether they are impaired and entitled to vote on the Plan. Creditors should read the ballot carefully and follow the voting instructions. Creditors should only use the official ballot that accompanies this Disclosure Statement.

The Plan can be confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court and thereby made binding on you if it is accepted by (a) the holders of two-thirds in amount and more than one-half in number of claims in each class who actually vote on the Plan. In the event the requisite acceptances are not obtained, the Bankruptcy Court may nevertheless confirm the Plan if (i) the Bankruptcy Court finds that the Plan accords fair and equitable treatment, and does not discriminate unfairly, with respect to the class rejecting it and (ii) at least one impaired class of creditors excluding insiders has accepted the Plan. See "REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION" and "EFFECT OF CONFIRMATION."

As the preceding paragraph makes evident, a successful reorganization depends upon the receipt of a sufficient number of votes in support of the Plan. YOUR VOTE IS THEREFORE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. Creditors should exercise their right to vote to accept or reject the Plan.

Voting Multiple Claims and Interests. A single form of ballot is provided for each Class of Claims. Any Person who holds Claims in more than one Class is required to vote separately with respect to each Class in which such Person holds Claims. However, any Person who holds more than one Claim in one particular Class will be deemed to hold only a single Claim in such Class in the aggregate amount of all Allowed Claims in such Class held by such Person. Thus each Person need complete only one ballot for each Class.

**Deadline for Returning Ballots**. The Bankruptcy Court has directed that, to be counted for voting purposes, ballots for the acceptance or rejection of the Plan must be received by the Debtor, no later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2011 at the following address:

Robinson Brog Leinwand Greene Genovese & Gluck P.C. 875 Third Avenue 9<sup>th</sup> Floor
New York, New York 10022
Attn: Lori A. Schwartz

**Voting Questions**. If you have any questions regarding the provisions or requirements for voting to accept the Plan or require assistance in completing your ballot, you may contact Lori A. Schwartz or Fred B. Ringel at (212) 603-6300.

#### NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS

This Disclosure Statement and the accompanying ballots are being furnished by the Debtor to the Debtor's known Creditors pursuant to section 1125(b) of the Bankruptcy Code in connection with a solicitation of acceptances of a plan of liquidation by the Debtor. The Plan is filed with the Bankruptcy Court and is incorporated herein by reference. Parties in interest may view the Plan on the Internet at http://www.nysb.uscourts.gov.<sup>16</sup>

The purpose of this Disclosure Statement is to enable you, as a Creditor whose Claim is in a Class impaired under the Plan to make an informed decision in exercising your right to accept or reject the Plan.

A password is necessary for access to view documents on the Internet.

THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT HAS BEEN PREPARED BY THE DEBTOR. THE STATEMENTS AND OPINIONS SET FORTH HEREIN ARE THOSE OF THE DEBTOR, AND NO OTHER PARTY HAS ANY RESPONSIBILITY WITH RESPECT THERETO.

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ENTITLED TO VOTE ON THE PLAN SUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE LAW PRIOR TO THE VOTING DEADLINE, THE DELIVERY OF THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WILL NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES IMPLY THAT THE INFORMATION HEREIN IS CORRECT AS OF ANY TIME SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE HEREOF.

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CERTAIN OF THE STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, BY NATURE, ARE FORWARD-LOOKING AND CONTAIN ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS. THERE CAN BE NO ASSURANCE THAT SUCH STATEMENTS WILL BE REFLECTIVE OF ACTUAL OUTCOMES. ALL HOLDERS OF CLAIMS ENTITLED TO VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN SHOULD CAREFULLY READ AND CONSIDER FULLY THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BEFORE VOTING TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN.

SUMMARIES OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF AGREEMENTS REFERRED TO IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT DO NOT PURPORT TO BE COMPLETE AND ARE SUBJECT TO, AND ARE QUALIFIED IN THEIR ENTIRETY BY REFERENCE TO, THE FULL TEXT OF THE APPLICABLE AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THE DEFINITIONS OF TERMS CONTAINED IN SUCH AGREEMENT.

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MATTERS, ADVERSARY PROCEEDINGS, AND OTHER ACTIONS OR THREATENED ACTIONS, THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND THE STATEMENTS MADE HEREIN SHALL NEITHER CONSTITUTE NOR BE CONSTRUED AS AN ADMISSION, STIPULATION, WAIVER, EVIDENCE OR FINDING OF FACT, BUT RATHER A STATEMENT OR STATEMENTS MADE IN SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS.

Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, definitions and descriptions contained herein respecting pre-Petition Date documents, agreements, or claims are provided solely for the purpose of identification and classification thereof and do not constitute an admission by the Debtor of the existence, validity, allowance, or amount of any such claim, document or agreement. The Debtor expressly reserves the right to challenge the existence, validity, allowance, or amount of any such claim, document or agreement.

The statements contained in this Disclosure Statement are made as of the date hereof unless another time is specified herein. The delivery of this Disclosure Statement shall not create, under any circumstances, an implication that there has been no change in the facts set forth herein since the date hereof.

No solicitation of votes to accept or reject the Plan may be made except pursuant to this Disclosure Statement and Section 1125 of the Bankruptcy Code. No Person has been authorized to use or promulgate any information concerning the Debtor or its business or the Plan, other than the information contained in this Disclosure Statement and the exhibits hereto. You should not rely on any information relating to the Debtor or its business or the Plan other than that contained in this Disclosure Statement and the exhibits hereto.

## THE PRE-PETITION STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS OF THE DEBTOR

## **Pre-Petition Structure of the Debtor**

On October 26, 2000, William Landberg ("Landberg") created West End Financial Advisors, LLC ("WEFA") a Delaware Limited liability company, to act as an investment and financial management company. The L/C Family Limited Partnership<sup>17</sup> is the sole member and owner of WEFA. Subsequently, Landberg purchased Sentinel Investment Management Corp ("Sentinel") a boutique investment advisory company. Sentinel and WEFA targeted individual private clients for investments in fixed income funds and alternative investment products. The funds were generally structured as limited partnerships.

WEFA was the general partner of many of the limited partnerships created by Landberg and received fees for its administration and management of the limited partnerships.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Louise Crandall ("Crandall"), Landberg's wife, owns 99% of L/C Family Limited Partnership {00552666.DOC;1 }

Sentinel was an investment manager for some of the limited partnerships and received additional fees for its role in providing investment advice to the limited partners who invested in the various funds.

Investors invested in the limited partnerships created by Landberg and some Investors received monthly distributions even though the terms of the limited partnership agreements generally did not permit redemptions in this manner.

Some of these limited partnerships served as a partial source of funds to borrowers (generally 20% of the total loan) on either mortgage loans or loans to franchisees with the balance of the funding of the borrowers' loans (generally 80%) made by lending banks with which Landberg entered into business arrangements.

Subsequent to the initial formation of WEFA, Landberg created or invested in more than thirty five (35) additional entities. In particular, the West End Mortgage Finance Fund ("WEMFF", also known as the "Franchise Fund") and the West End Mercury Short Term Fund (also referred to as the "Hard Money Fund" or "Mercury") were the primary investment vehicles in which the investments of limited partners were made.

WEFA was the general partner of both the Franchise Fund and the Hard Money Fund, with Landberg exercising primary management and control responsibilities.

The Franchise Fund was engaged in the business of making franchise loans to commercial food service franchisees, whereas the Hard Money Fund was in the business of making short-term real estate mortgage loans.

## THE FRANCHISE FUND (WEMFF)

WEFA was the General Partner of WEMFF as well as its Investment Manager. WEMFF was the managing member of NFA Funding, LLC ("NFA I")<sup>18</sup> and the sole member of NFA Funding II, LLC ("NFA II"). NFA I was owned by WEMFF and Merrill Lynch Credit Financial Corporation ("Merrill Lynch"). NFA II was wholly owned by WEMFF. WEMFF was formed in October 2004 to invest in special purpose vehicles created to finance loans make to franchisees of Yum! Brands Inc. ("Yum! Brands") restaurants and equipment loans to Yum! Brands franchisees through NFA I, NFA II and NFA Equipment Funding I LP ("NFA Equipment")(collectively referred to as the "Funding Companies"), for which WEFA was also the General Partner or Managing Member.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> The "NFA" entities (NFA I, NFA II and NFA Equipment) are not debtors in any bankruptcy proceeding but are entities in which the Debtor owns a limited partnership interest. The Debtor's limited partnership interest in these entities will be transferred to the Post-Confirmation Estate if the Plan is confirmed.

The limited partnership interest of NFA Equipment was held by West End Fixed Income Partners LP ("WEFIP"). WEFA also owned a forty seven and a half percent (47.5%) interest in National Franchise Acceptance, LLC ("Acceptance"), a joint venture with Somerset II, LLC ("Somerset") created to service the franchise loan portfolios held by the Funding Companies (the "West End Franchise Loan Portfolios"). Due to Landberg's misappropriation and misuse of certain funds advanced to one or more of the affiliates of WEFA, the Funding Companies defaulted on their principal credit facility with Autobahn Funding Company LLC ("Autobahn"), which is an affiliate of DZ Bank (as defined below), and as a result thereof WEFA was compelled to divest itself of its interest in Acceptance as the servicer of the West End Franchise Loan Portfolios and each of WEFA and WEMFF was compelled to surrender its management of the Funding Companies.

NFA I initially had a \$500 million dollar credit line facility with Merrill Lynch through which Merrill Lynch agreed to lend NFA I funds used by NFA I to make the Franchise Loans (the "Merrill Lynch Credit Facility"). On October 26, 2007, the Merrill Lynch Credit Facility was partially paid off and DZ Bank AG Deutsche Zentral-Genossenschjaftsbank, Frankfurt Am Main, New York Branch ("DZ Bank") became the new source of funds under a Franchise Loan Origination Agreement (the "DZ Bank Credit Facility") for the Franchise Loans made by NFA II and NFA Equipment.

Under the DZ Bank Credit Facility, DZ Bank agreed to lend NFA II and NFA Equipment up to 80 percent of the total of funds used by these entities to make the Franchise Loans and equipment leases. Pursuant to the DZ Bank Credit Facility, the portion of the loan not funded by DZ Bank was required to be obtained from WEMFF and/or WEFIP (i.e., from funds provided by LPs).

THE HARD MONEY FUND (MCC)

West End Capital Management LLC ("**WECM**") is a limited partnership created by Landberg and was the General Partner of Mercury. Mercury was the managing member of MCC Funding, LLC ("**MCC**"). Under an agreement with WECM, WEFA served as the investment manager of Mercury.

Mercury invested in mortgage loans made to borrowers on select real estate properties through MCC (the "Mortgage Loans"). MCC had a \$200 million Revolving Credit and Security Agreement (the "WestLB Credit Facility") with WestLB AG, New York Branch ("WestLB"). Under the WestLB Credit Facility, WestLB agreed to lend MCC up to 80 percent of the total of funds used by MCC to make the Mortgage Loans. Pursuant to the WestLB Credit Facility, the portion of the mortgage loan made by MCC and not funded by WestLB was required to be obtained from Mercury (i.e., from funds provided by LPs).

Landberg was responsible for forming WEFA and WECM and the limited partnerships and limited liability companies in which WEFA and WECM were either a general partner, manager or managing member.

Landberg exercised day-to-day management and control over all of the activities of the limited partnerships and limited liability companies including, but not limited to, what investments each fund would make, what management and investment fees each fund would pay and what distributions each fund would make to its various LPs

Most critically, Landberg directed the flow of funds between and among the various West End Funds.

#### FRANCHISE FUND AND HARD MONEY WATERFALLS

# Franchise Fund Waterfall

In connection with the transfer of WEFA's ownership interest in Acceptance and the transfer of the management of the Funding Companies to one or more affiliates of Northlight Financial LLC (together with its affiliates, "Northlight") in exchange for all of the limited partnership interests in new Northlight funds, Autobahn, NFA I, NFA II, NFA Equipment, Northlight Food Franchise Fund, LP, Northlight Food Franchise Fund II,LP, Northlight Equipment Fund I, LP, DZ Bank AG Deutsche Zentral-Genossenschaftsbank, New York Branch, and National Finance Associates, LLC ("National Finance") entered into that Second Amended and Restated Franchise Loan Origination Agreement dated as of January 26, 2010 (the "Second FLOA"). As part of the Second FLOA, National Finance Associates LLC, which is believed to be owned by Somerset and an affiliate of Perella Weinberg Partners LP ("PWP"), became the new servicer of the West End Franchise Loan Portfolios.

As servicer, National Finance (or Acceptance as predecessor servicer to National Finance), the Second FOLA§2.8(a) required the establishment with US Bank National Association ("US Bank") of a Lock Box Account¹9 and a Collection Account for each of the Funding Companies. None of the Debtors were parties to the Second FOLA. Under the respective franchise loan agreements, the obligors under the loan agreements were required to make their payments on their franchise loans directly to the Lock Box Account established in the name of the Funding Company that made the applicable franchise loan to the Obligor. Thus, all payments from Obligors on Franchise Loans held by NFA I are wired or deposited into the Lock Box Account established for NFA I; all payments from Obligors on Franchise Loans held by NFA II are wired or deposited into the Lock Box Account established for NFA II; and all payments from Obligors on Franchise Loans held by NFA Equipment are wired or deposited into

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meaning ascribed to them in the respective transaction documents. {00552666.DOC;1}

the Lock Box Account established for NFA Equipment. The funds constituting those payments are held in the Lock Box Account for certain "Call Back" period allowing them to be collected. After the expiration of the Call Back period, the funds are then transferred by US Bank to that certain Collection Account established in the name of the respective Funding Company. It is from these Collection Accounts that the funds are then distributed pursuant to the DZ Waterfall (as defined below) provisions under the Second FLOA.

The Second FLOA provides that the funds will be distributed to each party in a set series, this set priority of payments is the so-called "waterfall" (the "DZ Waterfall"), which is paid on a monthly basis on or about the 10<sup>th</sup> business day of each calendar month (the "Settlement Date"). The Servicer is required to provide a Servicer Report summarizing, among other things, cash flow information, concentration limits, events of default, delinquent loans information, defaulted franchise loans information and the delinquency and default ratios for the immediately preceding month to each of DZ Bank, US Bank and Lyon Financial Services, Inc. ("Lyon"), as the Backup Servicer, five (5) Business Days prior to each Settlement Date. Provided that DZ Bank does not dispute any information contained in the Servicer Report prior to such Settlement Date, the available funds for the past month in the Collection Accounts are generally distributed in the following order of priority on such Settlement Date (the "Priority of Payments"):<sup>20</sup>

- (i) <u>First</u>, to hedge counterparties (each, a "**Hedge Counterparty**"), payments owed by any of the Funding Companies under any interest rate swap, cap, floor or collar agreements;
- (ii) <u>Second</u>, to US Bank, Lyon and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., the Collection Account Bank Fee, the Backup Servicer Fee and the Custodian Fee, respectively;
- (iii) <u>Third</u>, to the Servicer, the Base Servicing Fee and, without duplication, all reasonable costs and expenses of the Servicer relating to the recovery of any proceeds in respect of any Franchise Loan subject to a Liquidation Event;
- (iv) <u>Fourth</u>, to each of the Backup Servicer, the Collection Account bank and the Lock Box bank, any indemnification amounts due to such a party pursuant to the terms of the Back-up Servicing Agreement, the Securities Account Control Agreement

The description of the priority of payments set forth in the text is a general description only omitting significant technical detail and disregards all distributions priority for payments relating to (i) Deferred Servicing Fees arising from the prior default, (ii) hedge and termination payments relating to the Wagstaff, Texas loan, (iii) assumption costs of any Successor Servicer, (iv) the payment of the legal fees of DZ Bank, Northlight, Somerset, PWP and others required under the transfer of Acceptance and the transfers to Northlight, and (v) any amounts owed to PWP relating to commitments not funded by West End, all of which payments the Debtor believes are no longer outstanding. Parties desiring a full recitation of the detail are referred to the full text of the applicable loan documents.

- and each Lock Box Agreement; provided that amounts payable under this clause do not exceed \$150,000.00 in any calendar year or \$500,000.00 during the term of the Second FLOA;
- (v) <u>Fifth</u>, to DZ Bank and Autobahn any unpaid interest on the Note given in connection with the Second FLOA and any non-use fees and other fees, costs, etc., expenses to DZ Bank and Autobahn;
- (vi) <u>Sixth</u>, to each Hedge Counterparty, any amounts payable to it to the extent not paid pursuant to clause (i) above;
- (vii) <u>Seventh</u>, (A) to Autobahn, any amounts necessary to reduce the amounts advanced by Autobahn under the Second FLOA to no more than 80% of the total principal of the Franchise Loans (the "**Maximum Advance Rate**"), and (B) then, to each Northlight Manager, the Northlight Management Fee then due;
- (viii) <u>Eighth</u>, if an Event of Default has occurred, to Autobahn, the amount required to reduce the Second FLOA loan balance to zero (0);
- (ix) <u>Ninth</u>, (A) to DZ Bank, Autobahn, or any of their affiliates, any other amounts owed to them by any of the Funding Companies and (B) any out-of-pocket expenses incurred by the Servicer in performing its obligations under the Servicing Agreement;
- (x) <u>Tenth</u>, to the Servicer, (A) a Supplemental Servicing Fee of 0.50% per annum, (B) the Additional Servicing Fee on Franchise Loans subject to payment default, and (C) any other amounts owed to it by any of the Funding Companies;
- (xi) <u>Eleventh</u>, to the Backup Servicer, any amounts not paid to the Servicer pursuant to the limitations set forth in clause (iv) above;
- (xii) <u>Twelfth</u>, to the Servicer, reimbursement of all "out-of-pocket" expenses incurred by the Servicer in connection with the Servicing of the Franchise Loan after a default, delinquency or other unanticipated event (but not overhead costs) ("Servicing Advances") and any Servicing Advance Interest; and
- (xiii) <u>Thirteenth</u>, as directed jointly by Acceptance and Northlight (a) with respect to Available Funds received from Collateral owned by NFA I to Northlight Company I (as hereinafter defined) and Merrill Lynch and in proportion to their respective capital account balances, (b) with respect to Available Funds received

from Collateral owned by NFA II, to Northlight Company II (as hereinafter defined), and (c) with respect to Available Funds received from Collateral owned by NFA Equipment to Northlight Company III (as hereinafter defined).

As noted above, to the extent that amounts paid by Obligors in respect of the West End Franchise Loan Portfolios exceed those amounts necessary to pay the those fees outlined in clauses (i) through (xii) of the DZ Waterfall, including, without limitation, hedge/swap payments, servicing and management fees and indemnity payments, such excess amounts are paid to Northlight Food Franchise Fund, LP ("Northlight Company I") if relating to Collateral owned by NFA I (reduced for amounts paid to Merrill Lynch), Northlight Food Franchise Fund II, LP ("Northlight Company II") if relating to Collateral owned by NFA II, and Northlight Equipment Fund I, LP ("Northlight Company III") if relating to Collateral owned by NFA Equipment (together with Northlight Company I and Northlight Company II, the "Northlight Companies"). Under the Agreement of Limited Partnership of each of Northlight Company I, Northlight Company II and Northlight Company III, each dated as of the th day of January 2010 (collectively, the "Northlight LP Agreements"), the respective Northlight Company agrees to distribute ninety percent (90%) of its Available Cash to WEFIP and WEMFF on an annual basis commencing with the calendar year 2011. "Available Cash" is generally defined under the Northlight LP Agreements as "... the Net Profits of the Partnership for a given year available for distribution from any source to the extent not reasonably required for current or anticipated future expenses, obligations or reserves or the funding of any anticipated investments by the Company (including Tax Distributions)."

Assuming moneys are distributed by one or more of the Northlight Companies to its limited partner, WEMFF or in the case of Northlight Company III, West End Fixed Income Partners LP ("WEFIP"), the Debtor would then have certain moneys available to distribute, subject to the terms of the Plan.

## Hard Money Fund/MCC Waterfall<sup>21</sup>

Mercury was formed by William Landberg in or about May of 2007 to solicit funds from investors in exchange for limited partnership interests in Mercury (the "Mercury Limited Partners"), which investor subscription funds would then be used to invest in "hard money" real estate finance. The investment objective of Mercury was to achieve short term, high yield interest income through the making, servicing, purchasing, and sale of short-term commercial real estate mortgage loans, which mortgage loans (the "Mortgage Loans") would be made by Mercury and then sold to its wholly-owned subsidiary MCC and serviced by Mercury. WECM, a company wholly owned and controlled by Landberg and/or his wife, Louise Crandall

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Please note the description of the payments waterfall above is a general description only omitting significant technical detail and does not include any changes made pursuant to that certain First Amendment to the WestLB Credit Facility...

("Crandall"), was established to serve as General Partner of Mercury. WEFA was the Management Company of Mercury.

The Mortgage Loans were originated by Mercury with approximately twenty (20%) percent or more of the principal of such loans from capital contributions by Mercury Limited Partners and the balance of the principal from proceeds from the sale of Mortgage Loans to MCC. Pursuant to the terms of that certain Credit and Security Agreement entered into by and among MCC, WestLB AG, New York Branch ("WestLB"), as Lender and Agent, and Wells Fargo Bank National Association ("Wells Fargo"), as Custodian, and dated as of September 21, 2007 (the "WestLB Credit Agreement"), MCC would use the proceeds of received from Lender to purchase Mortgage Loans from Mercury. The other key terms of the WestLB Credit Agreement include: (1) a restriction on the percentage of the advances that may be used to fund Mortgage Loans (the percentage is based on a calculation of funds advanced and is approximately eighty (80%) percent), (2) Mercury was obligated to repurchase any defective, delinquent or defaulted Mortgage Loans sold to MCC, and (3) MCC collaterally assigned and pledged to WestLB its interest in the Mortgage Loans.

At the time of the WestLB Credit Agreement, Mercury had a Special Limited Partner, Marc Gleitman ("Gleitman"). Gleitman was the sole member of MC Service Company LLC, which was the Sub-Servicer with respect to the Mortgage Loans.

On October 30, 2008, MCC, WestLB, and Wells Fargo Bank National Association as Custodian entered into that certain First Amendment of the WestLB Credit Agreement (the "First Amendment"). The First Amendment made certain changes to Section 2.3 of the WestLB Credit Agreement with respect to the Application of Available Funds, which is commonly referred to as the "Waterfall." The First Amendment also effectuated changes with certain defined terms in the WestLB Credit Agreement.

As noted herein, in April of 2009, Heslin discovered that Landberg had used monies advanced under the WestLB Credit Agreement for purposes inconsistent with the WestLB Credit Agreement, causing MCC to be in default there under. As a result thereof, MCC and Mercury were obliged to raise funds to cure said default. To that end, Mercury entered into a certain Amended and Restated Loan Agreement with parties including Northlight dated as of December 18, 2009, (the "Northlight Loan Agreement") pursuant to which Northlight paid approximately Five Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$5,200,000.00) to WestLB to cure MCC's default under the WestLB Credit Agreement. In connection with, and as partial consideration for, the Northlight Loan Agreement, Mercury agreed to surrender its rights to service the Mortgage Loans to Northlight and to transfer all of its membership interests in MCC to Northlight. Northlight, in turn, provided Mercury with all of the limited partnership interests in the newly created Northlight special purpose entity that owned all of MCC's membership interests.

Northlight, now having full management control over MCC, entered into an amendment of the WestLB Credit Agreement dated as of December 18, 2009 (the "Second Amendment"; the WestLB Credit Agreement as amendment by the First Amendment and the Second Amendment is referred to herein as the "Amended WestLB Credit Agreement"). <sup>22</sup>

The Amended WestLB Credit Agreement provides that all Available Funds (which term is generally defined therein as "all collections on the Mortgage Loans for the relevant settlement period") as follows:

*first,* to the Servicer [now a Northlight entity], an amount equal to that amount funded by the Servicer for the payment of interest and fees on Mortgage Loans ("Servicer Advances");

second, concurrently on a pari passu basis, (A) to Wells Fargo, as "Back-Up Servicer," an amount equal to \$3,500 monthly (the "Back-Up Servicer Fee") and any transition expenses relating to the transfer of servicing responsibilities from the Servicer to the Back-Up Servicer (provided, that all amounts payable as such "Transition Expenses" shall not exceed \$100,000.00), (B) to the Custodian, the Custodian Fee (provided, that all amounts payable as such "Custodian Fees" shall not exceed \$30,000.00 annually), and (C) to the Back-Up Servicer and the Custodian, all other out-of-pocket costs, and expenses (provided, that all amounts payable as such shall not exceed \$20,000.00 per annum in the aggregate);

third, intentionally omitted<sup>23</sup>; and

*fourth*, to the Servicer, an amount equal to the product of (i) 1/12, (ii) 1.5% and (iii) the average net pool balance of the Mortgage Loans for such settlement period (the "Servicing Fee");

fifth, to the Servicer, with respect to each Settlement Date [meaning, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the relevant Settlement Period] prior to the occurrence and continuance of an Early Amortization Event [which includes any Event of Default under the Amended WestLB Credit Agreement, a termination of the Servicer, a delinquency ratio in excess of 10% among several other events and conditions], the Servicing Fee with respect to such Settlement Date;

sixth, to (A) the Agent for the account of the Lender, accrued and unpaid Interest on the

It should be noted that certain changes made to the Waterfall in the First Amendment are in conflict and/or redundant with changes made in the Second Amendment. For example, (i) the First Amendment provides that the entire fifth point is omitted, but the Second Amendment provides that a only section of the fifth point is deleted, and (ii) the First Amendment provides that a portion of the fourth points is deleted, but the Second Amendment provides that a section of the fourth point, including the portion that had already been deleted under the First Amendment, is deleted, and (iii) the First Amendment provides that the ninth point is omitted, and the Second Amendment again provides that the ninth point is omitted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> This provision was intentionally omitted from the Amended WestLB Credit Agreement.

Loan Amount, and, (B) so long as no Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, to the Subordinated Lender, all the accrued and unpaid Interest on the Loan amount, provided, however, that so long as all of the WestLB Obligations due shall not have been indefeasibly paid in full in cash, the amount of Interest payable to the Subordinated Lender on a current basis will be equal to the lesser of (x) LIBOR plus nine percent (9%) and (y) a rate per annum equal to one-half (1/2) of the amount of the accrued and unpaid Interest due to the Subordinated Lender, and the remainder of such interest shall be automatically added (such interest so added, the "PIK Interest") to the principal outstanding under the Loan due to the Subordinated Lender and such PIK Interest shall itself bear interest, from and after the date when such Interest became due, at the rate of interest from time to time in effect with respect to the Loans due to the Subordinated Lender; provided further that if an Event of Default has occurred and is continuing, any amount that would otherwise be payable to the Subordinated Lender under this clause *sixth* shall not be paid to the subordinated Lender and shall instead be applied in accordance with the remainder of this Section 2.3; and *provided further* that after such time as all of the WestLB Obligations shall have been indefeasibly paid in full in cash, the amount of Interest due and payable to the Subordinated Lender shall be paid to the Subordinated Lender;

*seventh*, all fees owed by MCC to each of the Agent, the Lender, or Northlight (as the "**Subordinated Lender**") under this Agreement or any related Transaction Document;

*eighth*, to the Reserve Account, that amount necessary to increase the balance in the Reserve Account to the Reserve Account Requirement;

*ninth*, intentionally omitted;

tenth; on a pari passu basis, (i) to the Agent for the account of the Lender, any amount necessary to cause the Loan Amount to be no greater than the Borrowing Base, and (ii) to any counterparty to an ISDA Master [Hedge] Agreement (each, a "Hedge Counterparty"), meeting certain eligibility requirements contained in the Amended WestLB Credit Agreement, breakage fees due and payable under any such Hedge Agreement;

*eleventh*, to the Agent for the account of the Lender, on each Settlement Date, the repayment of principal to reduce the Loan Amount to zero, which shall be applied first, to the WestLB Obligations until such obligations have been paid in full and then, to those obligations owed by Mercury and its affiliates to Northlight but which obligations have been subordinated to the WestLB Obligations (the "Subordinated Obligations");

*twelfth*, any indemnity amounts owed to the Agent, the Lender, the Servicer, the Back-Up Servicer, the Custodian, and/or any other indemnified party including the bank holding the Interest Reserve Account;

*thirteenth*, to the Servicer, that amount necessary to reimburse any outstanding Servicer Advances;

*fourteenth*, to make voluntary payments of the Loan Amount pursuant to the terms of the Amended WestLB Credit Agreement; and

*fifteenth*, all remaining funds to be paid to the Borrower.

Assuming monies are distributed pursuant to item "fifteenth" above, Northlight is under certain obligations to distribute at least a portion of that money to the Debtor who would then have monies available to distribute under the Plan.

#### RAYMOND HESLIN'S INVOLVEMENT AND INVESTIGATION

Landberg recruited Raymond J. Heslin ("Heslin") to join WEFA as its General Counsel and Chief Compliance Officer based upon his substantial experience in the financial services industry and his knowledge of related regulatory matters. Not long after Heslin joined WEFA he became suspicious about the source and use of funds in connection with several loan transactions in the two major funds as well as other improprieties. Heslin discovered the following:

- **a. Movement of Funds:** Landberg moved funds between and among all fund bank accounts on an almost daily basis.
- b. WestLB Funds: monies borrowed from WestLB for hard money loans were transferred from MCC's bank account to the bank account of WEMFF and used for loans in this fund and other unauthorized uses. In addition, monies from a reserve account set up to distribute disbursements from real estate closings to WestLB were not being used as intended. Instead of remitting these monies directly to the WestLB account, Landberg directed these monies to and from his various personal accounts and the accounts of other West End funds.
- c. The Ashley Furniture Transaction: On or about April 20, 2009, WEMFF (NFA II) closed a franchise loan transaction with an entity known as St. Mar Enterprises, Inc. The transaction generally involved a franchise loan by NFA II and WEMFF. As set forth above, the terms of the credit facility with DZ Bank required that any franchise loan be funded up to 80 percent from funds borrowed by NFA II from DZ Bank and the balance from WEMFF. Previously, Heslin had been aware that it had been difficult for Landberg to raise WEMFF's participation for the St. Mar transaction. After that transaction closed, Heslin learned that WEMFF supposedly contributed approximately \$1.68 million as its equity stake. When Heslin did not receive an adequate explanation from Landberg concerning the source of the \$1.68 million, he began an investigation into this transaction. As a result Heslin learned that the \$1.68 million did not in fact come from funds contributed by WEMFF, but rather \$1.64 million came from funds furnished by WestLB that should have been used for a hard money loan that MCC had agreed to make for real property in Alabama (Ashley Furniture) which had not closed. The balance of the funds was used for other purchases and

over drafts. Heslin thereafter determined that this use of funds obtained from WestLB was in violation with the terms of the WestLB Credit Facility.

- d. The Fruitville Loan: Landberg through an advanced funding request had obtained \$3,080,000 from WestLB for a hard money loan to be made by MCC to "Somerset Holdings, LLC" for a property located in Florida. Heslin determined that the managing member of Somerset Holdings, LLC claimed he had no knowledge of the transaction and also learned that \$1,951,384.89 of the \$3,080,000 was in fact used to pay money owed to Century Bank by WEFA. In addition, Heslin discovered that other amounts from the original \$3,080,000 sum had been used to fund WEMFF's equity participation in other unspecified transactions as well as distributions to LPs and Landberg and certain of his family members. Heslin determined that this use of the funds obtained from WestLB was not consistent with the terms of the WestLB Credit Facility.
- **e.** The Interest Reserve Account: In connection with the making of the mortgage loans by MCC, an interest reserve account at Signature Bank was established into which disbursements from the various closings were deposited to be held in escrow for the payment of such items including interest. Heslin discovered that Landberg frequently utilized funds from this account to pay overdrafts in other funds, personal expenses and distributions to LPs in violation of the applicable agreements with Signature Bank and WestLB.
- **f.** The Collection Account: In addition to the Interest Reserve Account, a separate account at Signature Bank was maintained for the purpose of receiving payments from mortgagors. Heslin discovered that Landberg apparently transferred funds from it into other fund accounts and his personal accounts in violation of the applicable bank agreements.
- g. The Benedek Loan: After Landberg's resignation, Heslin began investigating a transaction in which Landberg secured an approximately \$3.948 million advance (70% of the investment funds) from WestLB for a land development project. The advance from WestLB was conditioned upon West End contributing 30% as its equity participation. Heslin discovered evidence that Landberg apparently diverted the entire WestLB's \$3.948 million advance from the West LB Credit Facility for the project and never provided West End's 30% equity participation.

After discovering these apparent misappropriations of funds, Heslin caused Sentinel, WEFA and all of the Debtors to suspend their normal operations and distributions and conducted an internal investigation that led to discovery of further improprieties. Heslin also immediately suspended Landberg's involvement in the management and operation of the West End funds and notified the various lenders of Landberg's suspected improprieties. Because of the notice, lenders issued notices of default. On June 2, 2009, Heslin secured Landberg and Crandall's global resignation from all West End related entities.

In addition to conducting an internal investigation, Heslin engaged Jeffrey Hoffman, Esq. of Hoffman & Pollack on behalf of the Debtor to conduct a criminal investigation and Heslin promptly met with representatives of the United States Department of Justice, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in order to provide full disclosure of the relevant facts and documents. Throughout the ensuing months, Heslin met repeatedly with the

governmental authorities, answered their questions, provided access to the Debtor's employees, and turned over documents as requested.

Secured Creditor Defaults and The "Nine-party" Deal

As a result of disclosure of Landberg's improprieties, at the height of the credit market freeze, MCC received a notice of default on or about May 11, 2009 from WestLB for, among other things, MCC's use of funds for purposes other than set forth in the WestLB Credit Facility. This primary default noticed by WestLB preceded numerous other defaults including the following:

- (I) On or about June 4, 2009, NFA I, NFA II, NFA Equipment, and WEMFF received a notice of default from DZ Bank of the DZ Bank Credit Facility as the result of WEMFF's failure to deliver audited consolidated financial statements and a change in the Debtor's management.
- (II) On or about June 8, 2009, another of the West End funds, West End Absolute Return Fund, L.P., received a notice of default from Signature Bank as a result of its failure to pay outstanding principal and interest on a promissory note.
- (III) On or about June 8, 2009, another of the West End funds, Amagansett Realty SPV, I LLC, received a notice of default from Signature Bank for its failure to pay principal and interest in the amount of \$3,536,093.73.
- (IV) On or about June 9, 2009, Mercury received a notice of default from Century Bank in respect of a certain Amended and Restated Note, dated as of October 20, 2008, for failure to make payments of principal and interest.

These notices of default entitled the identified lenders to pursue their remedies under the various loan agreements including foreclosing on certain secured collateral. The immediate effect of the default notice by DZ Bank was the suspension of the waterfall payments under the banking agreements with WestLB and DZ Bank to WEFA, MCC and/or WEMFF.

As a result of the foregoing, WEFA's main focus upon receiving the notices of default was to arrange for repayment of the funds misappropriated from WestLB and to ensure a resumption of the waterfall payments under the various banking agreements. In the interim, WEFA needed funding to continue its business operations until the Waterfall Payments resumed.

At that time, the most difficult problem was to find a lending source in frozen credit markets which would enable WEFA to return the approximately \$11 million in misappropriated funds to WestLB and to secure interim funding thereby allowing WEFA to maintain its business operations. To that end, WEFA immediately began investigating various funding alternatives and presented potential investment partners to WestLB and to arrange for the sale of the underlying collateral on the Benedek Loan.

Heslin began negotiations with DZ Bank in June 2009 with the goal of restoring the waterfall payments. In order to accomplish this result, the Debtor was required to obtain the consent of DZ Bank, National Franchise Acceptance LLC and Merrill Lynch, WEMFF's former banking partner in NFA I which still had an equity interest in the fund. Through these tripartite negotiations, the Debtor succeeded in obtaining a three hundred thousand dollar waterfall payment from DZ Bank. DZ Bank, which was the lender for the franchise loans made by NFA II and NFA Equipment, as a condition to indirectly restoring the waterfall payments, did not want WEFA to have any future involvement in future financings or servicing the Franchise Loans through National Franchise Acceptance, LLC.

## The Northlight Loan

On July 9, 2009, after substantial negotiations, Mercury entered into a letter of intent and term sheet with Northlight Financial, LLC ("Northlight") in which Northlight agreed under certain conditions to provide a secured credit loan to Mercury of up to \$6 million (the "Northlight Loan"). The funds loaned by Northlight to Mercury occurred in a series of transactions that closed over the span of several months in August 2009, December 2009, January and February 2010.

The August closing occurred on August 6, 2009 (the "**August Closing**") and provided loan proceeds of \$632,500 to Mercury. The proceeds of this loan were used primarily to maintain the business operations of WEFA, WECM and the West End funds. This "Bridge Loan" was intended to serve the purpose of keeping WEFA and the West End funds in operation until Northlight had completed its due diligence for its contemplated \$6 million loan to Mercury.

The Northlight Loan was made in multiple stages over the course of several months because Northlight's due diligence was a time consuming process which required investigation of the inner workings of the West End funds and the various loan programs related to the mortgage loans and the franchise loans. In addition, the closings involved complex negotiations and agreement on transaction documents with numerous parties including, but not limited to, WestLB, DZ Bank, Merrill Lynch, Somerset, Northlight, Century Bank, Signature Bank, Perella Weinberg Capital Management LP ("Perella Weinberg") and CapLease.

Prior to the December Closing, defined below, the Debtor was able to sell two (2) real estate properties that were used for collateral for the Benedek Loan and fully repay WestLB for this loan as well as reduce the principal owed to WestLB.

The transaction which funded the second tranche of the Northlight Loan occurred on December 18, 2009 (the "**December Closing**"). At the December Closing, loan proceeds of approximately \$5.2 million were paid by Northlight directly to WestLB on behalf of MCC to cure its existing default in connection with the funds misappropriated by Landberg.

At the December Closing, Mercury transferred its membership interest in MCC to Northlight Distressed Real Estate Fund LP, which was a condition of the Northlight Loan. Additional conditions of the Northlight Loan were that (a) WEMFF transfer its membership interests in NFA I and NFA II and (b) West End Fixed Income Partners, LP ("WEFIP") transfer its limited partnership interest in NFA Equipment to newly formed limited partnership entities created by Northlight, namely Northlight Food Franchise Fund I LP, Northlight Food Franchise Fund II LP and Northlight Equipment Fund I LP (collectively referred to herein as the "Northlight Limited Partner Entities"). WEMFF and WEFIP received corresponding limited partnership interests in the newly formed Northlight Limited Partnership Entities.

These conditions with respect to the transfer of the entities involved in the Franchise Loans were not satisfied at the December Closing of the Northlight Loan as required by the Northlight Loan Agreement because additional agreements had to be negotiated and drafted and finalized with other parties involved in making the Franchise Loans in order to restore the Waterfall Payments. These conditions were satisfied in the January Closing which occurred on January 26, 2010 (the "January Closing").

After the monetary default of West LB was cured with the payment of approximately \$5.2 million from the December Closing, it was necessary for WEFA to satisfy the demands of DZ Bank in order to restore the waterfall payments. The restoration of the waterfall payments indirectly benefits WEMFF and WEFIP and, in turn, the LPs in the relevant West End funds, through WEMFF and WEFIP's respective limited partnership interests in the Northlight Limited Partnership Entities. Also, a portion of the waterfall payments have, in the sole discretion of Northlight, been paid to WEFA for operating expenses.

The principal demand made by DZ Bank was that WEFA not have any future involvement with the financing and servicing of the franchise loans by National Franchise Acceptance, LLC, which was owned jointly by WEFA and Somerset. After a deadlock was declared by Somerset, it was demanded that National Franchise Acceptance, LLC redeem WEFA's 45% membership interest in National Franchise Acceptance, LLC. In a transaction which occurred contemporaneously with the January Closing, Perella Weinberg is believed to have acquired an interest in National Franchise Acceptance, LLC or a successor entity thereto.

The January Closing accomplished, inter alia, the following: (1) the transfer of WEFA's interest in NFA I, NFA II and NFA Equipment to Northlight Food Franchise Fund I LP, Northlight Food Franchise Fund II LP and Northlight Equipment Fund I LP, respectively; (2) the redemption of WEFA's interest in National Franchise Acceptance, LLC (3) the acquisition by Perella Weinberg of an interest in National Franchise Acceptance, LLC or a successor entity; (4) the issuance of a Second Amended Franchise Loan Origination Agreement by DZ Bank; (5) the sale by WEFA of its membership interest in Venture Restaurant Partners LLC to JBB Partners LLC and, in

turn, the apparent sale of the same interest to Perella Weinberg; (6) the sale of certain defaulted franchise loans from the portfolios of NFA I and NFA II to Perella Weinberg; (7) the receipt of consents from DZ Bank and Merrill Lynch for the transfer of the NFA I, NFA II and NFA Equipment to the Northlight Limited Partnership Entities; and (8) an Amended and Restated Purchase Agreement with Merrill Lynch.

# Hedging Agreements

In connection with the January Closing described above, the Second Amended and Restated Franchise Loan Origination Agreement was executed with DZ Bank and in accordance with the terms of that agreement, as long as the franchise loans constituted any part of DZ Bank's collateral, the Funding Companies (defined to be Northlight Food Franchise Fund I LP, Northlight Food Franchise Fund II LP and Northlight Equipment Fund I LP) were required to hedge the interest rate risk associated with fixed rate franchise loans pursuant to one of more Hedge Agreements, as DZ Bank determined in its sole discretion. The Funding Companies, in which the Debtor holds an equity interest, are responsible for the costs of the Hedging Agreements. In the event of the swap breakage under the Hedge Agreements, the equity the Debtor has in the Funding Companies would be responsible for the breakage fees there under.

As of June 30, 2011, the Debtor was advised that the swap breakage fees under the Hedge Agreements total approximately \$12,000,000. While the swap breakage fees will decrease over time as loans in the Franchise Fund loan portfolio are paid off or refinanced, the sale of the Debtor's interest as a limited partner in the entity that has an interest in the Franchise Fund loan portfolio as of the date of this Disclosure Statement would be subject to approximately \$12,000,000 in additional costs, thereby dramatically reducing the value of this investment portfolio.

As the result of the complicated negotiation and agreements effectuated at the December Closing and the January Closing, the waterfall payments were restored in February 2011 and initially were utilized to pay expenses arising out of the transactions. Currently the waterfall payments are being used to pay down the Northlight Loan. Eventually, WEFA expects that the Waterfall Payments will generate revenue which will be distributed to the Post-Confirmation Estate and ultimately to creditors under the Plan.

## The SEC Action and Independent Monitor

On January 20, 2011, the SEC filed a complaint against WEFA, WECM and Sentinel Investment Management Corporation (the "**Company Defendants**"). For almost two years the Debtor has been actively assisting and cooperating with the SEC's investigation, the United States Attorney's investigation, and the Commodity Futures and Trade Commission's Investigation.

On January 26, 2011, the SEC made an *ex parte* motion for a TRO and a motion for a preliminary injunction appointing an Independent Monitor, Mark Radke, ("**Radke**") with few restrictions on his fees and powers. The Company Defendants filed a motion to dissolve the *ex parte* TRO, and opposed the SEC's Motion, as, among other reasons, the Debtor has not been engaged in the sales of securities since May 2009. On February 10, 2011, the Company Defendants entered into a stipulation with the SEC which they presented to the Court for "so ordering" whereby Radke would become the independent monitor but where Radke's responsibilities would be limited. Pursuant to the Stipulation and Order, the Company Defendants agreed that in the event that the Company Defendants find themselves as debtors in Bankruptcy Cases then the Company Defendants would make the appropriate application to the court for the continuance of Radke as the Independent Monitor.

On March 15, 2011, after careful consideration of alternatives, the Debtor determined that the commencement of the Bankruptcy Cases will provide the best opportunity to maximize the return for both creditors and LPs of the funds as the protections afforded the funds in bankruptcy court will offer relief, allow for the consolidation of the funds to account for the comingling that occurred under Landberg and permit an equitable result for all the creditors and parties of interest including the LPs.

## SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE CHAPTER 11 CASE

### RETENTION OF DEBTOR'S PROFESSIONALS

Section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that the Debtor, with the Court's approval, may employ one or more accountants or other professional persons that do not hold or represent an interest adverse to the estate and that are disinterested persons to represent or assist the Debtor in carrying out its duties under the Bankruptcy Code. 11 U.S.C. § 327(a).

The Debtor determined to retain the firm of Robinson Brog Leinwand Greene Genovese & Gluck P.C. as its bankruptcy counsel. On May 4, 2011, the Office of the United States Trustee objected to the retention of Robinson Brog contending that Robinson Brog, who had been the company's counsel from the time that Heslin undertook management of the companies and was counsel during the negotiation and implementation of the "nine-party" deal, had received "excessive" fees which it should be required to disgorge. In addition, the United States Trustee contended that Robinson Brog had received payments in the ninety days prior to the Petition Date which may be preferential and thus the firm was not disinterested and could not be retained as counsel. Robinson Brog filed a response to the objection.

The Court held a hearing to consider the retention objection. During the course of the hearing, the United States Trustee made an oral motion for the appointment of an examiner to investigate the issues raised by the United States Trustee in its retention objection. On July 5, 2011, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order authorizing the retention of Robinson Brog as counsel to the Debtor. Contemporaneously, the Court also entered an order authorizing the appointment of an examiner to investigate whether Robinson Brog had collected excessive fees which ought to be disgorged and other matters set forth in the examiner order. The examiner's appointment was subject to a \$110,000 cap to complete the investigation and file a report.

The United States Trustee selected Albert Togut, Esq. as the examiner. Mr. Togut has retained the firm of Togut Segal & Segal as his counsel and the retention of the firm has been approved by the Bankruptcy Court. As of the date of this disclosure statement, the examiner has not issued his report.

#### FORMATION OF THE OFFICIAL CREDITORS COMMITTEE

On May 3, 2011, the Office of the United States Trustee appointed a five member committee of unsecured creditors consisting of the following members:

Signature Bank

Mr. Thomas Reed

Ms. Doris K. Silverman

Ms. Jayne M. Kurzman

Mr. Darren Conte

Thereafter, the Committee selected Klestadt & Winters LLP as its counsel and FTI Consulting, Inc. as its financial advisors. The retentions of both firms have been approved by the Bankruptcy Court.

#### GENERAL BAR DATE AND ADMINISTRATIVE BAR DATE.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 521 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 1007, the Debtor filed their Schedules<sup>24</sup> of their assets and liabilities, including schedules of all of their known creditors and the amounts and priorities of the Claims the Debtor believes are owed to such creditors. Pursuant to Section 501 of the Bankruptcy Code any creditor or interest holder may file a Proof of Claim or Interest and, unless disputed, such filed Proof of Claim or Interest supersedes the amount and priority set forth in the Debtor's schedules. The Bankruptcy

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> After an initial extension of time to file schedules, each of the debtor entities filed schedules in their respective cases. After the cases were substantively consolidated, the Debtor filed a consolidated Schedule F – Creditors Holding Unsecured Non-Priority Claims, so as to reflect the partial substantive consolidation of the cases.

Court set October 14, 2011 as the last date for filing Proofs of Claim and Proofs of Interest with the Bankruptcy Court by Creditors and Interest Holders ("Bar Date").

#### **OPERATING REPORTS**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of New York, the Debtor has regularly prepared and filed monthly operating reports with the Bankruptcy Court detailing the results of the Debtor's ongoing business operations. Copies of such reports may be obtained from the Bankruptcy Court during normal business hours, or may be obtained upon written request made to counsel for the Debtor.

#### MOTION TO APPOINT A TRUSTEE

By application dated March 22, 2011, the Office of the United States Trustee moved for the appointment of a chapter 11 trustee or the conversion of the debtors' cases to cases under chapter 7 (the "Chapter 11 Trustee Motion"). The United States Trustee alleged, among other things, gross mismanagement of the debtors by current management alleging that the debtors had been paying large salaries and expenses (particularly legal fees) and that current management has been unresponsive to requests for information from investors and the Independent Monitor. The Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") joined in the Chapter 11 Trustee Motion.

The Debtor denied the allegations set forth in the Chapter 11 Trustee Motion. The Bankruptcy Court held six days of hearings on the Chapter 11 Trustee Motion during which the United States Trustee presented its case. At the conclusion of the United States Trustee's direct case, the Debtor moved to dismiss the Chapter 11 Trustee Motion. The Court denied the Debtor's motion and scheduled further dates for the presentation of the Debtor's direct case. The next hearing date has yet to be scheduled.

During the hearings on the Chapter 11 Trustee Motion, the Debtor and the SEC reached preliminary understandings with respect to the contours of a proposed plan of reorganization and the need for substantive consolidation of the debtors' cases. The Court has not conducted further evidentiary hearing on the Chapter 11 Trustee Motion thereby permitting the Debtor and other interested parties to attempt to reach consensus regarding a plan of liquidation.

As of the date of this Disclosure Statement, the Chapter 11 Trustee Motion remains pending before the Court although no additional hearing dates have been scheduled.

### SUBSTANTIVE CONSOLIDATION

On May 4, 2011, the Debtor filed its motion seeking the substantive consolidation of the various related chapter 11cases (the "**Substantive Consolidation Motion**"). A declaration was

submitted by Raymond Heslin in support of the Substantive Consolidation Motion. Among other things, the Substantive Consolidation Motion alleged that William Landberg co-mingled the debtors' assets to such an extent that it was not feasible to unravel its financial affairs.

The United States Trustee filed an objection to the Substantive Consolidation Motion and the Court thereafter scheduled an evidentiary hearing on the Substantive Consolidation Motion.

In connection with the Substantive Consolidation Motion, the Debtor sought the support and consent of the Committee to the relief sought. Before the Committee could take a position on the Substantive Consolidation Motion, it requested its financial advisor, FTI, review the Debtor's books and records and form an opinion as to whether substantive consolidation was proper. Accordingly, FTI, with the Debtor's co-operation, undertook an expedited review in order to reach an opinion on the issue prior to the date for the evidentiary hearing set by the Court.

After reviewing approximately 1,400 transactions whereby cash was transferred among the debtor entities with apparent disregard for legal restrictions on transfer and differing investment objectives of the funds, FTI prepared an extensive report and concluded that substantive consolidation below the Debtor's secured debt was warranted. FTI's report provided examples which demonstrated the varying ways in which money was transferred among the debtor entities on a regular basis to cover the cash needs of the receiving entities as the result of:

Overdrafts in bank accounts of other Entities and of family members of William Landberg;

- Recurring distributions and redemptions made to investors in other funds;
- Investments made by, and in, other Entities;
- Operating expenses of other Entities; and
- Payments to Landberg, Crandall or their family members.

FTI's report stated that foregoing uses of money transferred among the entities bear the hallmarks of a Ponzi scheme, albeit one combined with investing activities. FTI's report also concluded that the key defining element of a Ponzi scheme was present in that new moneys were used to redeem and make distributions to earlier investors in order to create the appearance of profitability and thereby attract new investors in order to perpetuate the scheme.

The report concluded that there is no doubt that there was extensive commingling of funds among the Entities during the period from at least 2004 to 2009.

Further, the report devoted a significant portion to the exposition and evaluation of the evidence weighing in favor of, and militating against, substantive consolidation under the circumstances found in this case. FTI's investigation to date has uncovered extensive levels of commingling of cash among the entities, as well as instances of incomplete and inconsistent record keeping by the entities, casting doubt on the ability to disentangle the financial affairs of the Debtor, and to accurately determine the ultimate origin of payments. Based upon the information reviewed and analyzed by FTI at the time of the report, it was FTI's professional opinion that, while it might be possible to disentangle the accounts of the Entities, it would be cost-prohibitive to effectively reconstruct the Debtor's business records to give effect to their operations as if each debtor had been segregated and independently operated throughout this period, particularly considering the costs to disentangle the accounts relative to the anticipated recoveries to the unsecured creditors and investors.

On July 6, 2011, the Debtor filed a supplement to the Substantive Consolidation Motion. The principal purpose of the supplement was to clarify that the Debtor was seeking substantive consolidation below the level of secured creditors in this case so that the interests of secured creditors would be neither enhanced nor disadvantaged by the Substantive Consolidation Motion. The supplement was also filed to bring the two later filed cases within the ambit of the Substantive Consolidation Motion.

The sole objection to the Debtor's' motion for substantive consolidation was interposed by the Office of the United States Trustee.

On July 20, 2011, the Bankruptcy Court conducted an evidentiary hearing on the Substantive Consolidation Motion. The Debtor presented the testimony of FTI, through its Managing Director, Raymond T. Sloane, as an expert witness and moved FTI's report into evidence. The Debtor also offered the testimony of Raymond Heslin. After cross examination and hearing the arguments of counsel, the Bankruptcy Court determined that partial substantive consolidation in accordance with the Debtor's request was appropriate. To address an issue raised by the United States Trustee concerning the treatment and classification of potential deficiency claims, the rights of all parties concerning the classification and treatment of such claims was preserved.

On July 25, 2011, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order granting the Substantive Consolidation Motion and overruling the objection of the United States Trustee. The Court also fixed August 31, 2011 as the date for the filing of the Debtor's Plan and Disclosure Statement.

#### SUMMARY OF THE PLAN

The following summary of the terms of the Plan is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of the Plan, a copy of which accompanies this Disclosure Statement and which is incorporated herein by reference.

# A. Provisions For Implementation of the Plan

# 1. <u>Establishment of Post-Confirmation Estate</u>

The Plan provides that on the Effective Date, the Debtor, on their behalf and on behalf of holders of Allowed Claims, shall execute the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement and shall take all other steps necessary to establish the Post-Confirmation Estate. On the Effective Date, and in accordance with and pursuant to the terms of the Plan, the Debtor shall assign and transfer to the Post-Confirmation Estate all assets of the Debtor and its estate (including without limitation all property of its estate, all rights as a trustee or debtor in possession to assert Bankruptcy Causes of Action, and all rights as a trustee or debtor in possession to assert a other retained causes of action) and all of the right, title, and interest in and to all of the Post-Confirmation Estate Assets, notwithstanding any prohibition of assignability under applicable non-bankruptcy law. In connection with the transfer of these assets, including rights and causes of action (including Bankruptcy Causes of Action), any attorney-client privilege, work-product privilege, or other privilege or immunity attaching to any documents or communications (whether written or oral) transferred to the Post-Confirmation Estate shall vest in the Post-Confirmation Estate and its representatives, and the Debtor and the Plan Administrator on behalf of the Post-Confirmation Estate are authorized to take all necessary actions to effectuate the transfer of such privileges.

## 2. Funding Expenses of the Post-Confirmation Estate

The Plan Administrator shall fund the Expenditures provided for in each Monthly Budget from the following sources of funds (the "**Budget Funds**") in the sequence set forth below to the extent necessary to fund such Expenditures:

First, Cash on hand held by the Post-Confirmation Estate;

Second, the Post-Confirmation Estate Additional Collateral Net Proceeds;

Third, the proceeds from the RE Collateral; provided, however, that the Plan Administrator, in his discretion, may retain and reserve such proceeds for the purpose of funding the scheduled interest payments to CapLease pursuant to the Plan;

Fourth, the receivables related to the swap breakage, risk transfer and interest rate differential payments that arose under the DZ Bank Franchise Loan Origination Agreement and are payable to West End Financial Advisors, LLC pursuant to Section 10.2 of that certain VRP Membership Interest Purchase Agreement, dated as of January \_\_, 2010, by and among West End Financial Advisors, LLC, JBB Partners, LLC, Venture Restaurant Partners, LLC, National Franchise Acceptance, LLC, Somerset II, LLC, Sam Mascheri and Anthony P. Basile;

Fifth, the interest rate differential payments (the "WEMFF Swap Payments") received by West End Mortgage Finance Fund I, LP during the twenty-four (24) months following the Effective Date pursuant to Section 5.1(a)(ii) of the Amended and Restated Limited Liability Company Agreement of NFA Funding LLC, dated as of June 10, 2008; provided, however, that, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default under the NL Exit Loan Documents, the Post-Confirmation Estate no longer shall be entitled to receive or use any WEMFF Swap Payments, and, thereafter, unless and until such Event of Default

shall be cured, any and all WEMFF Swap payments shall be applied as a mandatory amortization payment in respect of the New Northlight Note;

Sixth, subject to Section 6.6 hereof, the funds derived from the DZ Bank Franchise Loan Origination Agreement Waterfall (the "WEMFF/WEFIP Waterfall Funds") that are distributed during the twenty-four (24) months following the Effective Date to West End Mortgage Finance Fund I LP and West End Fixed Income Partners LP by Northlight Food Franchise, LP, Northlight Food Franchise II, LP and Northlight Equipment Fund I, LP pursuant to the respective partnership agreements of the NL Partnerships, after payment by the NL Partnerships to Northlight of accrued and unpaid interest under the New Northlight Loan Transaction Documents; provided, however, that, for each month during such twenty-four (24)-month period, the Post-Confirmation Estate shall not be entitled to use more than the lesser of (a) \$30,000 or (b) an amount equal to the funds necessary to fund the Expenditures for such month, as set forth in the Monthly Budget for such month, after application of the Budget Funds contemplated by subsections 6.4.1, 6.4.2, 6.4.3, 6.4.4 and 6.4.5 of Section 6.2 of the Plan; and provided further, however, that the Post-Confirmation Estate shall not be entitled to use more than \$360,000 in the aggregate of WEMFF/WEFIP Waterfall Funds during such twenty-four (24)-month period. To the extent that any of the WEMFF/WEFIP Waterfall Funds are not needed and used to fund Expenditures for a particular month, as provided for in the applicable Monthly Budget, the Plan Administrator shall distribute such excess WEMFF/WEFIP Waterfall Funds to Northlight as a mandatory amortization payment under the New Northlight Note; provided further, however, that, upon the occurrence of an Event of Default under the NL Exit Loan Documents, the Post-Confirmation Estate no longer shall be entitled to receive or use any WEMFF/WEFIP Waterfall Funds, and, thereafter, unless and until such Event of Default shall be cured, any and all WEMFF/WEFIP Waterfall Funds payments shall be applied as a mandatory amortization payment under the New Northlight Note.

The Post-Confirmation Estate shall be operated in accordance with a budget prepared initially by the Debtor, and thereafter by the Plan Administrator in accordance with Section 6.1.11 of the Plan. The Budget shall be a six (6) month budget and the Plan Administrator is obligated under the Plan to provide Northlight with monthly reconciliations to the budgets (subject to a 10% line item variance).

Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, the Plan Administrator is entitled to employ counsel and other professions needed to perform his duties as the fiduciary for the Debtor's estate after confirmation of the Plan. With respect to actions the Plan Administrator intends to commence which are reasonably expected to result in the creation of a fund of money (such as avoiding actions), the Plan Administrator will retain professionals on a contingency fee basis. In such event, the fees of counsel shall be payable only from the fund created by such litigation. With respect to other actions, including any actions to be brought against the Landberg Defendants, the fees of

counsel may be paid on a hourly basis, subject to the Budget, so long as the fees of such counsel are at a blended rate of no more than \$425.00 per hour.

# 3. <u>Dissolution/ Corporate Action</u>

On the Effective Date, immediately following the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Plan, each of the Debtors shall be deemed to be dissolved under applicable state law without the need for any further acts or actions by their respective officers, members of their respective boards of directors or managers, or general partners, as the case may be, and without the need for the execution, delivery, filing or recording of any document or instrument that, in the absence of this Order, otherwise would be required to effect such dissolution.

Upon the entry of the Confirmation Order by the Bankruptcy Court, all matters provided under the Plan involving the limited liability company power of the Debtor shall be deemed authorized and approved without any requirement of further action by the Debtor, the Debtor's limited liability company members or the Debtor's boards of managers.

## 4. Preservation of Rights of Action

- a. Under the Plan, the Plan Administrator, on behalf of the Post-Confirmation Estate, retains all rights on behalf of the Debtor and the Post-Confirmation Estate to commence and pursue any and all bankruptcy causes of action (under any theory of law or equity, including, without limitation, the Bankruptcy Code, and in any court or other tribunal including, without limitation, in an adversary proceeding filed in the Debtor's Case) discovered in such an investigation, (other than claims exculpated under the Plan) to the extent the Plan Administrator, on behalf of the Post-Confirmation Estate, deems appropriate, in accordance with and subject to the terms of the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement. Potential bankruptcy causes of action currently being investigated by the Debtor, which may but need not have been pursued by the Debtor prior to the Effective Date and by the Plan Administrator, on behalf of Post Confirmation Estate, after the Effective Date to the extent warranted, include, without limitation, the following Bankruptcy causes of action (collectively, the "Bankruptcy Causes of Action"):
  - i. Any lawsuits for, or in any way involving, the collection of accounts receivable or any matter related thereto;
  - ii. Any claims against a director and/or officer of the Debtor;
  - iii. Any and all potential claims for prepetition breaches of fiduciary

duty, negligent management and wasting of corporate assets and corporate opportunity and/or arising under the Debtor's Directors and Officers insurance policies against the Debtor's prepetition directors and officers, board manager or manager (as the case may be) and general partner, among others;

- iv. Any and all potential claims against the prepetition members of the Debtor's boards of directors, managers, general partner, officers and/or shareholders, for acts or omissions occurring prior to the Petition Date, including, without limitation, the right to equitably subordinate claims held by such directors, managers, general partners officers, or shareholders pursuant to Section 510(c) of the Bankruptcy Code;
- v. \_ Claims arising out of, and in connection with, the prepetition management, operation and/or reporting of financial and other information against all persons and entities having any responsibility with respect thereto, whether such claims are legal, equitable or statutory in nature;
- vi. Claims to recover amounts improperly awarded to employees under the terms of any prepetition employment or change in control agreement;
- vii. All Claims against third parties with respect to prepetition violations of applicable federal or state securities laws;
- viii. All claims or causes of action arising out of or that relate to prepetition acquisitions or financings;
- ix. All claims, counterclaims, cross-claims, third party claims, and affirmative defenses asserted or that could be asserted in any litigation involving the Debtor, whether arising before or after the Petition Date; and
- x. All claims or causes of action for credits; overpayments; overcharges; prepaid deposits and other amounts; adjustments;

recoupments; setoffs; and other rights to payment from those Entities who have received payments or other transfers of property of the Estate during the course of the Chapter 11 Case; and

- b. In addition, potential Bankruptcy Causes of Action, which may be pursued by the Debtor prior to the Effective Date and by the Plan Administrator on behalf of the Post-Confirmation Estate after the Effective Date, also include, without limitation the following:
  - Any other actual or potential Bankruptcy Causes of Action, whether i. legal, equitable or statutory in nature, arising out of, or in connection with the Debtor's business or operations, including, without limitation, the following: possible claims against vendors, landlords, sublessees, assignees, customers or suppliers for warranty, indemnity, back charge/set-off issues, overpayment or duplicate and collections/accounts receivable matters: issues deposits or other amounts owed by any creditor, lessor, utility, supplier, vendor, landlord, sublessee, assignee, or other entity; employee, management or operational matters; claims against landlords, sublessees and assignees arising from various leases, subleases and assignment agreements relating thereto, including, without limitation, claims for overcharges relating to taxes, common area maintenance and other similar charges; financial reporting; and product liability matters; actions against environmental, insurance carriers relating to coverage, indemnity or other matters; counterclaims and defenses relating to notes or other obligations; contract or tort claims which may exist or subsequently arise; and
  - ii. Except for the express waiver of certain claims in the Plan, any and all actual or potential avoidance claims pursuant to any applicable Section of the Bankruptcy Code, including, without limitation Sections 544, 545, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 553(b) and/or 724(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, arising from any transaction involving or concerning the Debtor.
- c. In addition, there may be numerous other Bankruptcy Causes of Action which currently exist or may subsequently arise, because the facts upon which such Bankruptcy Causes of Action are based are not fully or currently known by the Debtor and, as a result, cannot be raised during the pendency of the Chapter 11 Case (collectively, the "Unknown Causes of Action"). The failure to list any such Unknown Cause of Action herein is not intended to limit the rights of the Plan Administrator, on behalf of the Post-Confirmation Estate, to pursue any Unknown

Cause of Action to the extent the facts underlying such Unknown Cause of Action become fully known to the Debtor and/or the Plan Administrator.

- d. The Debtor is unable to predict the estimated amount of net preference recoveries on account of transfers made within the 90 days prior to the petition date. The Debtor is currently analyzing what potential preferential transfers may not be recoverable because the transferee may have valid defenses under Section 547(c) and (i)of the Bankruptcy Code.
- e. Counsel to the Post-Confirmation Estate shall be selected by the Plan Administrator after consultation with the Plan Oversight Committee ("POC"). In addition, the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement contains certain limits on the costs and terms of retention of counsel to the Post-Confirmation Estate Administrator. With respect to any Adversary Proceeding commenced by the Plan Administrator which is expected to result in an affirmative recovery by the Post-Confirmation Estate, such professionals shall be engaged only pursuant to a written contingency fee arrangement between the Plan Administrator and such professional and (b) with respect to the engagement of professionals where their work is not expected to result in an affirmative recovery in favor of the Post-Confirmation Estate, such professionals shall only be retained on an hourly basis pursuant to a written engagement letter provided that the blended hourly rates charged by such professionals does not exceed \$425.00 per hour.

The Debtor has not yet performed an analysis of the value of any potential Claims held by the Estate which are avoiding claims under the Bankruptcy Code. The analysis of such claims as well as the determination of whether to bring those claims will be decided by the Plan Administrator in the exercise of his fiduciary duties.

## **Provisions Governing Post-Confirmation Estate**

The following is a brief description of the Plan's treatment of the Post-Confirmation Estate, which is a grantor trust established to be the transferee of the Debtor's Assets as of the Effective Date, and from which such Assets, when liquidated into Cash, will be distributed to holders of Allowed Claims entitled to distributions under the Plan.

# 1. Purpose of Post-Confirmation Estate

The "Post-Confirmation Estate" is a trust to be created on the Effective Date in accordance with the provisions of the Plan and the "Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement," a copy of which is annexed to the Plan, for the benefit of holders of Allowed Claims entitled to distributions under the Plan. The Post-Confirmation Estate is to be established for the primary purpose of liquidating its assets, in accordance with Treasury Regulation Section 301.7701-4(d), with no

objective to continue or engage in the conduct of a trade or business, except to the extent reasonably necessary to, and consistent with, the liquidating purpose of the Post-Confirmation Estate. The Post-Confirmation Estate shall not be deemed to be a successor of the Debtor. The Post-Confirmation Estate is intended to qualify as a "grantor trust" for federal income tax purposes with the beneficiaries there under treated as grantors and owners of the trust. It is anticipated that the Debtor will not incur any federal income tax liability from the transfer of the Post-Confirmation Estate Assets to the Post-Confirmation Estate.

# 2. Plan Administrator

The Plan provides that Joshua Rizack shall be designated as the Plan Administrator, who will, not individually, but solely in his capacity as Plan Administrator, act on behalf of and be the representative of the Post-Confirmation Estate and be subject to all fiduciary duties attendant thereto. A copy of the proposed Plan Administrators CV is annexed to this Disclosure Statement as an exhibit. The Plan Administrator will generally be responsible for complying with the Plan and liquidating into Cash (or abandoning) the Post-Confirmation Estate Assets for distribution to holders of Allowed Claims entitled to distributions under the Plan in accordance with the Plan and the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement. The Plan Administrator shall take all steps necessary to carry out the Plan, according to the terms set forth in the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement.

The Plan Administrator shall issue reports not less frequently that semi-annually. The reports shall be distributed to the POC and filed with the Bankruptcy Court. In the event the case is closed and therefore the reports cannot be filed with the Court, the Plan Administrator shall distribute copies of the report to any creditor who is a beneficiary and who make a written request to the Plan Administrator for a copy of such report.

No Investor, employee, former employee or consultant, general partner or managing member of or to West End Financial Advisors LLC or its affiliates shall be eligible to be the Plan Administrator or successor Plan Administrator.

The Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement imposes various financial and litigation reporting requirements on the Plan Administrator as well as an obligation to maintain a website to keep parties informed of the Plan Administrator's activities.

The compensation to be paid to the Plan Administrator has been negotiated between the Plan Administrator and the Plan Oversight Committee. The compensation structure consists of certain base compensation and incentive compensation based upon the amount received by holders of Class 4 Claims.

The Plan Oversight Committee was particularly concerned with retaining a Plan Administrator on a flat fee basis rather than an hourly basis. As the Debtor understands it, the POC was concerned that hourly billing for this position might be inequitable to Class 4 Claim Holders. Accordingly, the following base compensation schedule has been agreed to between the POC and the Plan Administrator:

PA Base Compensation-Adjustment. The Plan Administrator's base compensation shall be \$300 per hour for the first two (2) months of his employment by the Post-Confirmation Estate subject to a monthly cap on such fees of \$20,000, provided that the Plan Administrator shall be compensated only for the hours actually worked during this two (2) month period. Commencing on the first day of the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) month of the Plan Administrator's employment by the Post-Confirmation Estate, and continuing through the last day of the twenty-fourth (24<sup>th</sup>) month of his employment, the Plan Administrator shall receive monthly fixed compensation of ten thousand (\$10,000) per month. The Plan Administrator and the POC shall negotiate in good faith to adjust the Plan Administrator's compensation commencing on the first day of the twenty-fifth (25<sup>th</sup>) month of his employment to fix his annual compensation thereafter based upon such factors as the Plan Administrator and the POC shall then deem reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances in light of the duties and responsibilities of the Plan Administrator as of that time.

The agreed upon structure for incentive compensation is as follows:

*PA Incentive Compensation.* In addition to the Base Compensation provided for in section 1.13(f)(i) of this agreement, the Plan Administrator shall be entitled to the following additional incentive compensation which shall be based upon the amounts distributed by the PA to holders of Class 4 Claims under the Plan:

Amount Distributed to Class 4	Incentive Compensation			
\$0 - \$5,000,000	\$0			
\$5,000,001 to \$10,000,000	2.00% of any excess over			
	\$5,000,001			
\$10,000,001 to \$15,000,000	\$100,000 plus 2.125% of any excess			
	over \$10,000,001			
\$15,000,001 to \$20,000,000	\$212,500 plus 2.25% of any excess			
	over \$15,000,001			
\$20,000,001 to \$25,000,000	\$331,250 plus 2.375% of any excess			
	over \$20,000,001			

\$25,000,001 to \$30,000,000	\$456,250 plus 2.5% of any excess
	over \$25,000,001
\$30,000,001 to \$35,000,000	\$587,500 plus 2.625% of any excess
	over \$30,000,001
\$35,000,001 to \$40,000,000	\$725,000 plus 2.75% of any excess
	over \$35,000,001
\$40,000,001 to \$45,000,000	\$868,750 plus 2.875% of any excess
	over \$40,000,000
\$45,000,001 to \$60,000,000	\$1,018,750 plus 3% of any excess
	over \$45,000,001
\$60,000,001+	\$ 1,448,750 plus 4% of any excess
	over \$60,000,001

*Vesting of Incentive Compensation*. The Plan Administrator's right to receive the incentive compensation set forth above shall be indefeasibly vested in the Plan Administrator on the following schedule:

Event	Vesting Schedule			
First Day of Employment	Thirty-three (33%) percent of the			
	incentive compensation earned in			
	accordance with the foregoing			
	paragraph.			
First day of the sixth (6 <sup>th</sup> ) month of	Fifty (50% percent of the incentive			
employment	compensation earned in accordance			
	with the foregoing paragraph			
First day of the first (1 <sup>st</sup> )	Sixty-six (66%) percent of the			
anniversary of employment	incentive compensation earned in			
	accordance with the foregoing			
	paragraph			
First day of the eighteenth (18 <sup>th</sup> )	One hundred (100%) percent of the			
month of employment	incentive compensation earned in			
	accordance with the foregoing			
	paragraph			

PA Severance. The Plan Administrator shall be entitled to a one time severance payment in the amount of \$50,000 plus payment of any earned but unpaid base compensation as set forth in section 1.13(f)(i) of the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement in the event the Plan Administrator is removed without Cause pursuant to section 5.1 of the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement. If the Plan Administrator is removed by the POC with cause, the PA shall not be entitled to any severance payment under this

provision.

Finally, the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement provides that the Plan Administrator shall not be entitled to any incentive compensation in the event he is removed with Cause as provided for in the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement.

# 3. Governance and Administration

The Plan provides that the Post-Confirmation Estate will be administered by the Plan Administrator and any replacements thereafter selected in accordance with the provisions of the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement. It is the responsibility of the Plan Administrator to determine in accordance with the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement whether to prosecute, compromise or discontinue any Post-Confirmation Estate Claims of the Post-Confirmation Estate and the liquidation or abandonment of any Post-Confirmation Estate Assets. The powers, authority, responsibilities and duties of the Post-Confirmation Estate and the Plan Administrator are set forth in, and shall be governed by, the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement. On or before ten days prior to the Voting Deadline, the Debtor shall file with the Court a Statement which will disclose the identities of the POC for the Post-Confirmation Estate.

## 4. <u>Plan Oversight Committee</u>

On the Effective Date, the POC shall be appointed as described in the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement, with the rights and authority described therein. Two people designated by the Committee and two people designated by the Debtor shall be the initial members of the POC. These four (4) appointees shall jointly select one (1) additional member to the POC who shall be a holder of an Investor Unsecured Claim. The POC shall adopt its own bylaws. The POC shall oversee the actions of the Plan Administrator in accordance with the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement. The POC shall approve, by majority vote, all budgets proposed by the Plan Administrator from time to time for the operation of the Post-Confirmation Estate. A designee of the POC shall be a joint signatory with the Plan Administrator on the Post-Confirmation Estate operating account and all checks over \$10,000 on this account shall require the signature of the Plan Administrator and a member of the POC. Only Investors shall be eligible to serve on the POC. No employee, former employee or consultant, general partner or managing member of or to West End Financial Advisors LLC or its affiliates shall be eligible to serve as a member of the POC.

The POC is permitted to remove the Plan Administrator by vote of four (4) of the five (5) members of the POC if such removal is without Cause, or by a vote of a majority of the members

of the POC if such removal is for Cause. For purposes of this agreement, "Cause" shall mean (i) the Plan Administrator's fraud or willful misconduct that has caused or is reasonably expected to result in material injury to the Post-Confirmation Estate; (ii) the Plan Administrator's conviction of or entering a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a crime that constitutes a felony in the jurisdiction involved; or (iii) any material breach by the Plan Administrator of any of his obligations hereunder which is not fully cured within 45 days after written notice to the Plan Administrator by the POC of such event and demanding cure.

In the event the Plan Administrator is removed by the POC without Cause, the Plan Administrator shall be paid the sum of \$50,000, as a lump sum severance payment plus any outstanding, but unpaid, base and incentive compensation when due. Such payment shall be made on the date that a Successor Plan Administrator executes and delivers his acceptance to the POC in accordance with Section 5.2 of the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement.

The Plan Administrator shall not be required to obtain Bankruptcy Court approval with respect to any proposed action or inaction authorized in the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement.

# 5. Transfer of Assets

The Plan provides that the transfer of the Post-Confirmation Estate Assets to the Post-Confirmation Estate shall be made, as provided herein, for the benefit of the holders of Allowed Claims only to the extent such holders are entitled to distributions under the Plan. On the Effective Date, the Debtor shall transfer title to all of its assets to the Post-Confirmation Estate. Upon the transfer of the Post-Confirmation Estate Assets to the Post-Confirmation Estate, the Debtor shall have no interest in or with respect to the Post-Confirmation Estate Assets or the Post-Confirmation Estate.

For all federal income tax purposes, all parties (including, without limitation, the Debtor, the Plan Administrator and the beneficiaries of the Post-Confirmation Estate) shall treat the transfer of assets to the Post-Confirmation Estate in accordance with the terms of the Plan, as a transfer by the Debtor to the holders of Allowed Claims entitled to distributions under the Plan followed by a transfer by such holders to the Post-Confirmation Estate, and the beneficiaries of the Post-Confirmation Estate shall be treated as the grantors and owners thereof.

# 6. <u>Termination</u>

The Plan provides that the duties, responsibilities and powers of the Plan Administrator

will terminate on the date set forth in the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement. In essence, the Post-Confirmation Estate will terminate on the fifth (5th) anniversary of the Effective Date; provided, however, that the Bankruptcy Court, upon motion by the Plan Administrator, may extend the term of the Post-Confirmation Estate for a finite period, if such extension is warranted by the facts and circumstances as necessary for the liquidation of the Post-Confirmation Estate Assets. Notwithstanding the foregoing, multiple extensions can be obtained so long as Bankruptcy Court approval is obtained within (6) months of the beginning of such extended term; provided, however, that the Plan Administrator may seek, in his discretion, an opinion of counsel or a favorable ruling from the IRS that any further extension, under Treasury Regulations § 301.7701-4(d) and Rev. Proc. 94-45, would not adversely affect the status of the Post-Confirmation Estate as a grantor trust for federal income tax purposes.

# 7. Post-Confirmation Estate Implementation

The Plan provides that on the Effective Date, the Post-Confirmation Estate will be established and become effective for the benefit of the holders of Allowed Claims entitled to distributions under the Plan. The Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement shall contain provisions customary to trust agreements utilized in comparable circumstances, including, but not limited to, any and all provisions necessary to ensure the continued treatment of the Post-Confirmation Estate as a grantor trust and the holders of Allowed Claims as the grantors and owners thereof for federal income tax purposes. All parties (including the Debtor, the Plan Administrator and holders of Allowed Claims) shall execute any documents or other instruments as necessary to cause title to the applicable assets to be transferred to the Post-Confirmation Estate.

# 8. Other Assets

On the Effective Date, the Debtor shall also convey to the Post-Confirmation Estate, to the extent such assets have not previously been monetized, all of its other assets held by the estate including but not limited to its equity in the Apartment Collateral, the Sentinel Insurance Policy, the Fusion Stock, the PIMCO Claim, the Chicago Diversified Note and its interest in the Basile Insurance Policy.

# 9. Sale of Assets.

Northlight Additional Collateral. The Northlight Additional Collateral means (i) the Sentinel Insurance Policy and all recoveries thereunder; (ii) the Fusion Stock; (iii) the PIMCO Claim; (iv) the Chicago Diversified Note; (v) the Apartment Collateral, subject to the first priority security interest held by CapLease; (vi) the Basile Insurance Policy; and (vii) the Avoidance Actions and any and all other claims and causes of action described in Section 6.5 of the Plan.

Until such time as all Professional Fees are paid in full, ten (10%) percent of the proceeds from the sales of Northlight Additional Collateral (net of Contingency Fees) shall be paid to Northlight as mandatory amortizations payments, and, pursuant to a carve-out from the Northlight Exit Lien, ninety (90%) percent of the proceeds from the Northlight Additional Collateral shall be paid to the Post-Confirmation Estate and remain subject to the discretion of the Plan Administrator. After the date on which all Professional Fees are paid in full through the second anniversary of the Effective Date, eighty (80%) percent of the proceeds from the Northlight Additional Collateral shall be distributed to Northlight and the remainder shall be distributed to the Plan Administrator. Thereafter, seventy (70%) percent of the proceeds from the Northlight Additional Collateral shall be paid to Northlight and thirty (30%) percent shall be paid to the Plan Administrator.

Sale of Interest in "Hard Money Fund" and "Franchise Fund.

The Debtors do not own a direct interest in waterfalls created from collection of the Hard Money Fund or Franchise Fund portfolios. Rather, the Debtors are limited partners in partnerships of which Northlight is the general partner. It is the Northlight Funds which have the direct interest in the waterfalls created from the Debtor's investments in these portfolios. The Debtor's interest is an indirect interest.

Further, as set forth earlier in this Disclosure Statement, the Debtor's ability to monetize its interest in the two waterfalls is further constrained due to the Hedging Agreements that were established in connection with the Franchise Fund waterfall. If the Debtors were to cause a default under the Hedging Agreements due to its attempt to monetize its interest in the portfolio, the Debtors could incur up to \$12,000,000 in penalties.

To maximize the Plan Administrator's ability to realize on the potential value of the Debtor's indirect interest in these waterfalls, the Debtors have negotiate Section 6.15 of the Plan entitled "Mandatory Transfer of General Partner Interests in Northlight Partnerships. In accordance with this provision of the Plan, if the Plan Administrator gives the Northlight GP Entity prior notice of the entity or entities to which he desired Northlight to transfer the Northlight GP Interests to, and provided, as set forth in the Plan, that (i) the obligations under the New Northlight Note are satisfied in full, (ii) all management fees owing to the Northlight GP Entity have been paid, (iii) the Northlight GP Entity has received the Consents (as defined in the Plan), the Northlight GP Entity has received a written releases regarding any claims the limited partners may have against such entity and (v) Northlight receives payment of the sum of \$500,000, then the Northlight GP Entity shall transfers its GP entity to the Plan Administrators Designee.

As a result of this provision, the Plan Administrator will be able to sell its interests in the Franchise Fund portfolio and waterfall by transferring both the Northlight GP Interest and the

limited partnership interest held by the Plan Administrator to a prospective purchaser without triggering the \$12,000,000 in Hedging Agreement penalties. Absent such a provision, unless the Plan Administrator was (or is) able to find an entity willing to purchase only the Debtor's limited partnership interest, any sale of the Debtor's interest would result in an up to \$12,000,000 dilution of the recovery to creditors in this case. Thus, this provision of the Plan paves the way for the Plan Administrator to monetize the Post-Confirmation Estate's interest at the maximum possible price. Further, in the event the Plan Administrator is able to find a buyer for the Post-Confirmation Estate's position, the Post-Confirmation Estate is not required to pay the Northlight GP Entity any additional funds unless he also needs to transfer the general partnership interest.

The Debtor anticipates that the Plan Administrator will utilize his best efforts to monetize the value of the Debtor's limited partnership interest on the Franchise Fund as soon as practicable to accelerate the distributions to all Holders of Allowed Claims.

#### CLASSIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS

Classification of claims is governed, in part, by Sections 1122 and 1123(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. Section 1123(a) requires that a plan designate classes of claims, requires that the plan specify the treatment of any impaired class of claims, and requires that the plan provide the same treatment for each claim of a particular class, unless the holder of a claim receiving less favorable treatment consents to such treatment. 11 U.S.C.§1123(a)(1), (3) and (4). Section 1122(a) of the Bankruptcy Code provides, subject to an exception for administrative convenience, that "a plan may place a claim or interest in a particular class only if such claim or interest is substantially similar to the other claims or interests of such class"

As set forth in Article 2 of the Plan, pursuant to Section 1123(a) (1) of the Bankruptcy Code, certain Administrative Claims against the Debtor have not been classified.

Article 3 of the Plan classifies the various Claims against and Interests in the Debtor into six (6) classes of Claims and one (1) class of Interests:

Class 1 -	Priority Non-Tax Claims
Class 2(a) -	Northlight Secured Claim
Class 2(b) -	Iberiabank Secured Claim
Class 2(c)-	CapLease Secured Claim

Class 3 - Non-Investor Unsecured Claims
Class 4 - Investor Creditor Unsecured Claims

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Class 5 - Allowed Interests

Claims in Classes 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), 3 and 4 and Interests in Class 5 are impaired under the Plan. Holders of Claims in all impaired classes are being solicited and are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. Allowed Interests are deemed to reject the Plan and hence the interests in Class 5 are not being solicited. Holders of Allowed Claims in Class 1 are unimpaired under the Plan and deemed to accept the Plan.

Class 1 - Priority Non-Tax Claims. Class 1 consists of Priority Non-Tax Claims.

Class 2(a) - Northlight Secured Claim. Class 2(a) consists of the Northlight Secured Claim

Class 2(b) - Iberiabank Secured Claim. Class 2(b) consists of the Iberiabank Secured Claim.

Class 2(c) - CapLease Secured Claim. Class 2(c) consists of the CapLease Secured Claim.

Class 3 – Non-Investor Unsecured Claims. Class 3 consists of all Non-Investor Unsecured Claims.

Class 4 – Investor Creditor Unsecured Claims. Class 4 consists of all Investor Unsecured Claims

Class 5 - Interests. Class 5 consists of the Allowed Interests in the Debtor.

#### TREATMENT OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS CLASSIFIED UNDER THE PLAN

Article 4 of the Plan provides for the treatment of impaired and unimpaired Claims classified in Article 3 of the Plan as follows:

## Class 1 - Priority Non-Tax Claims.

Class 1 consists of all Allowed Claims, other than Administrative Claims or Bankruptcy Fees, or Priority Tax Claims, to the extent entitled to priority under section 507 of the Bankruptcy Code. Claims that may be classified in Class 1 may include, for example, certain claims of employees of the Debtor for wages, salaries and commissions or contributions to employee benefit plans up to an aggregate amount of \$11,725 per employee. Certain Claims for taxes and the payment of expenses incurred by the Debtor subsequent to the Petition Date are entitled to priority under section 507 of the Bankruptcy Code, and are treated elsewhere as non-classified Claims. The Debtor believes that the total claims in this class aggregate approximately less than \$1,000.00.

If not paid in full pursuant to a Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court prior to the Effective Date, and except to the extent such holder has agreed to a less favorable treatment of its Allowed Claim, each holder of an Allowed Priority Non-Tax Claim, if any, against the Debtor shall receive, in full satisfaction, settlement, and release of, and in exchange for, such Allowed Claim, Cash equal to the amount of such Allowed Claim on the later of (a) the Effective Date and (b) the date that is 10 days after the Allowance Date.

# Class 2(a) – Northlight Secured Claim.

Class 2 consists of the Secured Claim held by Northlight in the Allowed amount of 5,666,081 as of November 1, 2011. This claim is secured by several items of collateral including:

- (i) A collateral assignment of the Debtor's interest in any management fees or other payments derived from the "Hard Money" Fund, The West End Income Strategies Fund and the "Franchise" Fund.
- (ii) A collateral assignment of the Debtor's interest in various investment properties in East Hampton and Amagansett New York.
- (iii) A collateral assignment of the Debtor's interest in the DZ Bank Franchise Loan Agreement Waterfall and the WestLB Mortgage Loan Agreement Waterfall.
- (iv) A collateral assignment of all the right and interest of West End/Mercury Short-term Mortgage Fund L.P. ("**WEMO**") in and to the Franchise Loans
- (v) A collateral assignment of the monies received by West End that have not been paid directly to the accountants, attorneys and/or forensic accountants as a result of insurance claims under D&O insurance policies held by WEMO, West End Mortgage Finance Fund LP. and each of its general partners and fund managers
- (vi) A pledge of WEMFF's interest in and to a Key Man life insurance policy insuring the life of Tony Basile in the face amount of \$5,000,000.
- (vii) A pledge of certain termination payments owed top WEMFF with respect to a hedging arrangement that NFA Funding LLC had in place with respect to that certain Franchise Loan Funding Agreement dated October 29, 2004 between NFA Funding LLC, as Borrower and Merrill Lynch Commercial Finance Company.
- (viii) A collateral assignment of the proceeds of any sale of the interest held by the Debtor or WEMFF in Venture Restaurant Partners LLC.

On the Effective Date, Northlight shall receive the New Northlight Note, the New

Northlight Loan and Security Agreement and the New Northlight Loan Transactions Documents. The Northlight Allowed Secured Claim as evidenced by the New Northlight Note and all other obligations of the Post-Confirmation Estate to Northlight under the New Northlight Loan Transaction Documents shall be secured by a senior, first-priority lien on the Northlight Exit Collateral, provided however, that the Northlight Exit Lien shall be junior and subordinate in priority to the lien of CapLease on the Apartment Collateral. The New Northlight Note shall modify Northlight's current note to bear interest at the rate of 15% per annum, payable monthly in arrears with a balloon payment of the unpaid principal balance of the New Northlight Note due on the maturity date. The New Northlight Note shall mature on the earlier of the Investment Period Termination Date (as defined in the DZ Bank Franchise Loan Origination Agreement or January 10, 2015. The New Northlight Note may be pre-paid at any time without penalty.

# Class 2(b) – Iberiabank Secured Claim

Century Bank F.S.B. ("Century"), Iberiabank's predecessor in interest<sup>25</sup>, entered into a loan agreement with WEMFF on or about March 2, 2009. On that same date, Century entered into the following agreements with WEMFF: (a) credit agreement, dated as of March 2, 2009 (the "Credit Agreement"), (b) revolving credit note, dated March 2, 2009 in the principal amount of \$5,000,000.00 (the "Note"), (c) securities pledge agreement, dated March 2, 2009 (the "Securities Pledge Agreement", and together with the Credit Agreement and the Note, referred to herein as the "Loan").

Iberia filed two secured proof of claim (Claims Nos. 156 and 157) in the aggregate amount of \$11,744,467. Debtor believes that Iberia's claim was not validly perfected under Delaware law and intended to commence an adversary proceeding or motion objecting to Iberia's secured claim. However, the Debtor was able to negotiate a resolution to any issues surrounding the Iberia claims without the need for litigation and has incorporated the agreed upon treatment of Iberia's claim under the terms of this Plan.

Under the Plan, Iberia's claims shall be deemed an Allowed Secured Claims in the amount of \$4,500,000 and the Post-Confirmation Estate shall issue a mew promissory note to Iberia in that amount. The promissory note shall bear interest at the rate of three and one-third (3.33%) percent per annum and mature on the fifth  $(5^{th})$  anniversary of the Effective Date. Interest on the New Iberia Note shall be payable at maturity. Under the terms of the agreement with Iberia, and upon payment of all accrued but unpaid interest due under the New Iberia Note on or prior to the fifth  $(5^{th})$  anniversary of the Effective Date, the Post-Confirmation Estate shall be entitled to extend the maturity date of the New Iberia Note to the sixth  $(6^{th})$  anniversary of the Effective Date provided the Plan Administrator gives thirty (30) days prior notice of the Post-Confirmation Estates intent to extend the New Iberia Note Maturity Date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> On or about November 13, 2009, Century was taken over by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Thereafter, the FDIC sold certain of Century's assets, including the loan to the Debtor to IberiaBank,

The New Iberia Note shall be secured by a lien on the Post-Confirmation Estate Assets. Such lien shall be subject and subordinate to (i) the lien of Northlight on the Northlight Exit Collateral, (ii) the prior payment of all Allowed Administrative Expense Claims and (iii) payment of the budgeted operating expenses of the Post-Confirmation Estate.

# Class 2(c) - CapLease Secured Claim

On the Effective Date, CapLease shall receive the New CapLease Note granting CapLease a first priority lien and security interest in the Apartment Collateral. The New CapLease Note shall have a maturity date of 5 years from the Effective Date and shall bear interest at the rate of five (5%) percent per annum, payable quarterly, in arrears. The Debtor shall have the right to prepay the New CapLease Note without premium or penalty. In the event CapLease is paid the sum of \$1,000,000 on or before March 1, 2012, the CapLease Secured Claim shall be deemed paid in full. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Debtor shall pay to CapLease the net proceeds from the sale of any of its collateral which is sold prior to the maturity date with such net proceeds being applied first to interest outstanding on the date of such payment and the balance, if any, to reduce the then outstanding principal amount of the CapLease Secured Claim.

## Class 3 – Non-Investor Unsecured Claims.

Class 3 consists of Non-Investor Unsecured Claims against the estate. Non-Investor Unsecured Claims are all Unsecured Claims against the Debtor (including (i) any and all Rejection Claims, (ii) any Claims of Vendors, and (iii) claims for good delivered or services rendered in the ordinary course of the Debtor's business, that, in each case are (A) not Administrative Expense Claims, Priority Tax Claims, Priority Non-Tax Claims, or Investor Unsecured Claims, and (B) not otherwise entitled to distributive priority under the Bankruptcy Code or an order of the Bankruptcy Court. Except as may otherwise be set forth in the Plan, for purposes of the Plan, Investor Creditors are not deemed to hold a Non-Investor General Unsecured Claim against the Debtor.

These claims are principally trade claims incurred by the Debtor in the ordinary course of business prior to the various Petition Dates that are not eligible for priority or administrative treatment under the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

Except to the extent such holder has agreed to a less favorable treatment of its Allowed Claim, each holder of an Allowed Class 3 Claim shall receive, in full satisfaction, settlement, and release of, and in exchange for, such Allowed Claim, such holder's Pro Rata share of the Cash distributed from the Post-Confirmation Estate in the time and manner set forth in the Plan and the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement. There will be no distributions to holders of Allowed

Investor Creditor Unsecured Claims unless and until holders of Allowed Non-Investor Unsecured Claims have been deposited in the Disputed Claims Reserve or paid in full.

## **Class 4 – Investor Unsecured Creditor Claims**

Class 4 consists of all Allowed Investor Unsecured Claims, which are all Allowed Claims of Investor Creditors. Except as may otherwise be set forth in the Plan, Class 4 does not consist of any Claims of Vendors or Rejection Claims.

Subject to payment in full of, or A Disputed Claims Reserve for, all Allowed Non-Investor Unsecured Claims, and except to the extent such holder has agreed to a less favorable treatment of its Allowed Claim, each holder of an Allowed Investor Unsecured Claim shall receive, in full satisfaction, settlement, and release of, and in exchange for, such Allowed Claim, such holder's Pro Rata Share of the Cash distributed by the Post-Confirmation Estate in the time and manner set forth in the Plan and the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement. No distributions shall be made to holders of Allowed Investor Unsecured Claims against the Debtor until all holders of Allowed Non-Investor Unsecured Claims (if any) against the Debtor have been deposited in the Disputed Claims Reserve or paid, in full.

#### **Class 5 - Interests.**

Class 5 consists of Allowed Interests in the Debtor. These claims are held by L/C Family Trust an entity owned by Louise Crandall, William Landberg's wife.

On the Effective Date, all outstanding Interests in the Debtor shall be canceled and deemed terminated and of no force and effect and the Holders of such Interests shall not be entitled to retain or receive any property on account of such Interest.

#### TREATMENT OF NON-CLASSIFIED CLAIMS

Pursuant to Section 1123(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Plan does not classify Administrative Claims entitled to priority treatment under Section 507(a)(2) of the Bankruptcy Code or Claims of Governmental Units entitled to priority pursuant to Section 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code. Article 2 of the Plan provides for the manner of treatment of such non-classified Claims.

Administrative Claims. Administrative Claims are the costs and expenses of administration of this Case, allowable under Section 503(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, other than Bankruptcy Fees. Administrative Claims include Claims for the provision of goods and service to the Debtor after the Petition Date, the liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of the Debtor's business (other than claims of governmental units for taxes or interest or penalties related to such taxes) after the Petition Date, Claims of professionals, such as attorneys, financial advisors, and

accountants, retained pursuant to an order of the Bankruptcy Court, for compensation and reimbursement of expenses under section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, and tax claims for the period from the Petition Date to the Effective Date of the Plan. Administrative Claims are estimated to total approximately \$3,500,000.

The Plan provides that, on the later to occur of (i) the Distribution Date or (ii) the date on which such Claim shall become an Allowed Claim, the Debtor or the Plan Administrator shall (a) pay to each Holder of an allowed Administrative Claim a Pro Rata portion of Cash reasonably determined by the Debtor or the Plan Administrator, as the case may be, to be available based on the amount of available Post-Confirmation Estate Assets in the Post-Confirmation Estate at that time, and thereafter, as often as reasonable in the Plan Administrator's sole discretion, make periodic pro rata payments to the holders of Allowed Administrative Claims until such claims are paid in full or (b) satisfy and discharge such Administrative Expense Claim in accordance with such other terms as may be agreed upon by and between the Holder thereof and the Debtor or the Plan Administrator, provided such terms are consistent with the Plan.

Article 2 of the Plan sets a final date for the filing of applications by the Professionals for the approval of compensation and reimbursement of necessary expenses incurred in connection with the Case. The deadline for Professionals to file such applications is 90 days after the Confirmation Date. Any application timely filed shall be deemed an Administrative Claim.

Section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code sets the standard for the determination by the Bankruptcy Court of the appropriateness of fees to be awarded to Professionals retained by the Debtor in a case under the Bankruptcy Code. In general, bankruptcy legal services are entitled to command the same competency of counsel as other cases. "In that light, the policy of this section is to compensate attorneys and other professionals serving in a case under title 11 at the same rate as the attorney or other professional would be compensated for performing comparable service other than in a case under title 11." 124 Cong. Rec. H11091 (Daily ed. Sept. 28, 1978).

The Plan also provides that the failure to object to confirmation of the Plan by a holder of an Administrative Expense Claim shall be deemed to be such holder's agreement to receive treatment for such Claim that is different from that set forth in Section 1129(a)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code. Section 1129(a)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code essentially provides that a court shall only confirm a plan if, among other things, the plan provides that all claims for the actual, necessary costs and expenses of preserving a debtor's bankruptcy estate under Section 503 of the Bankruptcy Code are paid in full in cash on the plan's effective date, unless and to the extent the holders of such claims agree to different treatment of their claims.

**Bankruptcy Fees.** All fees and charges assessed against the Debtor under Section 1930 of title 28 of the United States Code and Section 3717 of title 31 of the United States Code shall be paid in Cash in full as required by statute until the closing of the Case.

**Professional Fees.** Reasonable compensation due to the Debtor's and the Committee's Professionals pursuant to section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, as determined by the Bankruptcy Court, shall be payable by the Plan Administrator within 30 days of the date upon which the order relating to any such Professional Fee Claim is entered, provided that the Post-Confirmation Estate has sufficient available Cash to pay such claims as determined by the Plan Administrator, or upon such other terms as may be mutually agreed upon between the holder of the Professional Fee Claim and the Debtor and/or the Plan Administrator.

The estimated Professional Fees incurred through September 30, 2011 for professionals retained by the Debtor are as follows:

Name of Professional	Fees and Expenses incurred as of 9/31/2011
Robinson Brog Leinwand Greene Genovese & Gluck P.C., Counsel to the Debtor	\$ 1,677,670
Klestadt & Winters, counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors	\$ 322,431
FTI Consulting, Inc., Financial Advisors to the Official Creditor's Committee	\$1,232,360
Togut Segal & Segal, counsel to the Examiner, Al Togut	Not to exceed \$110,000 unless a greater amount is approved by the Court after notice and a hearing
Mark Radke, Independent Monitor <sup>26</sup>	\$288,000

**Priority Tax Claims.** Priority Tax Claims are those Allowed Claims entitled to payment pursuant to Section 507(a)(8) of the Bankruptcy Code.

The Plan provides that, on the later to occur of (i) the Distribution Date or (ii) the date on which such Claim shall become an Allowed Claim, the Debtor or the Plan Administrator shall (a) pay to each Holder of an allowed Priority Tax Claim regular installment payments in cash equal to the allowed amount of such claim over a period ending not later than five (5) years from the Petition Date.

The Debtor estimates the dollar amount of the Allowed Priority Tax Claims relating to income taxes to be negligible based on the fact that the Debtor has operated at a loss.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> Mr. Radke's retention application requires him to apply to the Bankruptcy Court for the allowance of fees and reimbursement of his expenses. Such an application has not been filed as of the date hereof.

#### **DISPUTED CLAIMS AND INTERESTS**

Article 7 of the Plan contains a mechanism for resolving disputes concerning the amount of certain Claims or Interests asserted against the Debtor by any Entity.

**Time to Object.** Unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, objections to the allowance of any Claim or Interest may be filed no later than the later to occur of (i) 90 days after the Effective Date or (ii) 90 days after the date proof of such Claim or Interest is filed. Until the earlier of (i) the filing of an objection to a Proof of Claim or Interest or (ii) the last date to file objections to Claims or Interests as established by the Plan or by Final Order, Claims or Interests shall be deemed to be Disputed in their entirety if, (i) the amount specified in a Proof of Claim or Interest exceeds the amount of any corresponding Claim or Interest listed in the Schedules; (ii) any corresponding Claim or Interest listed in the Schedules day of the Schedules.

#### DISTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE PLAN

Article 7 contains provisions governing the making of distributions on account of Claims and Interests. In general, any payments, distributions or other performance to be made pursuant to the Plan on account of any Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest shall be deemed to be timely made if made on or within five days following the later of (i) the Effective Date or (ii) the expiration of any applicable objection deadline with respect to such Claim or Interest or (iii) such other times provided in the Plan and/or the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement, which payments are to be made at the discretion of the Plan Administrator to the extent sufficient Cash is available in the Post-Confirmation Estate to support any such distribution. All Cash payments to be made by the Debtor or the Plan Administrator pursuant to the Plan shall be made by check drawn on a domestic bank.

**Plan Administrator.** The Post-Confirmation Estate created under the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement shall make distributions under the Plan. The Plan Administrator shall be entitled to compensation for services rendered under the Plan at its usual and customary fee and reimbursement of all expenses incurred in the performance of its duties. The Plan Administrator shall serve without a bond.

Distributions shall be made: (1) at the addresses set forth on the Proofs of Claim or Proofs of Interests filed by such holders; (2) at the addresses set forth in any written notices of address changes delivered to the Plan Administrator after the date of any related Proof of Claim or Proof of Interest; or (3) at the address reflected in the Schedules if no Proof of Claim or Proof of Interest is filed and the Plan Administrator has not received a written notice of a change of address. If the distribution to the holder of any Claim or Interest is returned to the Plan Administrator as

undeliverable, no further distribution shall be made to such holder unless and until the Plan Administrator is notified in writing of such holder's then current address. The Debtor and/or the Plan Administrator shall not be required to attempt to locate any holder of an Allowed Claim or an Allowed Interest.

#### **UNCLAIMED DISTRIBUTIONS**

Any Cash or other property to be distributed under the Plan shall revert to the Debtor if it is not claimed by the Entity entitled thereto before the later of (i) 180 days after the Effective Date or (ii) 60 days after an Order allowing the Claim of that Entity becomes a Final Order or is otherwise Allowed, and such Entity's claim shall be deemed to be reduced to zero.

#### DISTRIBUTIONS WITH RESPECT TO DISPUTED CLAIMS

During the pendency of any objection to any Claim or Interest, no distribution under the Plan will be made to the holder of such Claim or Interest. However, at the discretion of the Plan Administrator, and to the extent sufficient Cash is available to make a distribution, the Plan Administrator shall segregate Cash equal to the amount which would be distributed on account of such Disputed Claim if such Claim had been an Allowed Claim but for the pendency of the objection, provided that such reserve shall be established only after the prior or contemporaneous payment in full of the New Northlight Note. The Debtor or Plan Administrator may seek an order of the Bankruptcy Court estimating or limiting the amount of Cash or property that must be deposited in respect of any such disputed Claims or Interests. Cash held in Disputed Claims Reserve will be held in trust for the benefit of the holders of such Claims

Until the dispute over the claim is resolved, the Plan Administrator shall also segregate any interest or dividends earned upon such amount it is holding on account of such Disputed Claim.

Within 30 days after the entry of a Final Order resolving an objection to a Disputed Claim, the Plan Administrator shall distribute all Cash or other property held in escrow with respect to such claim, including any interest, dividends or proceeds thereof, to which a holder is then entitled with respect to any formerly Disputed Claim that has become an Allowed Claim. Any segregated amounts remaining after all Disputed Claims and Interests have been resolved will be retained by the Post-Confirmation Estate.

## **SURRENDER OF INSTRUMENTS**

In accordance with Section 6.6 of the Plan, On the Effective Date, except to the extent provided otherwise in the Plan, all notes, instruments, debentures, certificates and other documents evidencing Claims and all Interests in the Debtor shall be canceled and deemed

terminated and surrendered (regardless of whether such notes, instruments, debentures, certificates or other documents are in fact surrendered for a cancellation to the appropriate indenture trustee or such other person), except for purposes of distribution in accordance with the terms of the Plan. On the Effective Date, the indentures shall be deemed canceled as permitted by Section 1123(a)(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.

## COMPLIANCE WITH TAX REQUIREMENTS

In connection with the Plan, the Plan Administrator shall comply with all withholding and reporting requirements imposed by federal, state and local taxing authorities and distributions under the Plan shall be subject to such withholding and reporting requirements.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

The Effective Date of the Plan is defined as the first business day that is 30 days after the Confirmation Order becomes a Final Order.

#### CONDITIONS TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE

The only condition to the Effective Date is that the Confirmation Order must be a Final Order.

#### TREATMENT OF EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES

Effective on and as of the Effective Date, any and all of Executory Contracts to which the Debtor is a party which (i) have not expired or terminated pursuant to their own terms, or (ii) have not previously been assumed, or assumed and assigned or rejected pursuant to an order of the Bankruptcy Court shall be deemed rejected in accordance with Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.

**Rejection Claims**. Allowed Claims arising from the rejection of any Executory Contract of the Debtor pursuant to the Plan (as opposed to a separate order of the Bankruptcy Court) shall, pursuant to Section 502(g) of the Bankruptcy Code, be treated as Non-Investor Unsecured Claims. A Proof of Claim with respect to any Unsecured Claim for damages arising from the rejection of an Executory Contract or Unexpired Lease pursuant to the Plan shall be filed within thirty (30) days after the Confirmation Date. The Debtor or Plan Administrator shall have until the Claims Objection Deadline to object to any such rejection Claims filed in accordance with Section 5.2 of the Plan.

#### THE REORGANIZED DEBTOR

The Debtor as the Reorganized Debtor shall cease to exist after the Effective Date upon completion of the transfer of all of its assets to the Post-Confirmation Estate.

#### THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS

The Plan provides that upon the completion of the transfers of the Debtor's assets to the Post-Confirmation Estate, the committee shall be dissolved and each member of the Committee, and the professionals retained by the Committee, shall be released and discharged from their respective fiduciary obligations.

#### VESTING OF ASSETS

On the Effective Date, the Debtor, on its own behalf and on behalf of Holders of Allowed Claims, shall execute the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement and shall take all other steps necessary to establish the Post-Confirmation Estate. On the Effective Date, and in accordance with and pursuant to the terms of the Plan, the Debtor shall assign and transfer to the Post-Confirmation Estate all of the assets of the Debtor and its Estate (including without limitation all property of its estate, all rights as a trustee or debtor in possession to assert causes of action, and all rights as a trustee or debtor in possession to assert a Director and Officer Action) and all of its right, title, and interest in and to all of the Post-Confirmation Estate Assets, notwithstanding any prohibition of assignability under applicable non-bankruptcy law. In connection with the transfer of these assets, including rights and causes of action (including Avoidance Actions), any attorney-client privilege, work-product privilege, or other privilege or immunity attaching to any documents or communications (whether written or oral) transferred to the Post-Confirmation Estate shall vest in the Post-Confirmation Estate and its representatives, and the Debtor and the Post-Confirmation Estate are authorized to take all necessary actions to effectuate the transfer of such privileges.

#### TRANSFER TAXES

Pursuant to Section 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the initial issuance, transfer, or exchange of any security and the making or delivery of any instrument of transfer in connection with or in furtherance of the Plan shall be exempt and shall not be subject to tax under any law imposing a Transfer Tax, mortgage recording tax or similar tax as set forth in the Plan. Specifically, the transfer, assignment, conveyance or delivery of the Post-Confirmation Estate Assets to the Post-Confirmation Estate and the execution of an transfer documents in connection with the Plan, including, but not limited to the treatment of holders of claims in Class 2(a), 2(b) and 2(c) shall not be subject to any transfer or mortgage recording tax.

#### REVOCATION OF THE PLAN

The Debtor may revoke or withdraw the Plan at any time prior to entry of the Confirmation Order. If the Debtor revokes or withdraws the Plan, or if no Confirmation Order is entered, the Plan shall be null and void, and nothing contained in the Plan shall constitute a waiver or release of any claims by or against, or any Interest in, the Debtor; or prejudice in any manner the rights of the Debtor, or any other party, in any further proceedings involving the Debtor or its Estate.

#### RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

The Plan contains detailed provisions providing for the retention of jurisdiction by the Bankruptcy Court over the Case for the purposes of, *inter alia*, determining all disputes relating to Claims or Interests and other issues presented by or arising under the interpretation, implementation or enforcement of the Plan, and to determine all other matters pending on the date of confirmation.

#### RISK FACTORS

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The Plan provides for the creation of the Post-Confirmation Estate and the liquidation of the Debtor. There can be no assurance that the Plan will be confirmed or that the Effective Date will occur and/or that Post-Confirmation Estate and the assets transferred to the Post-Confirmation Estate will provide sufficient Cash to satisfy payments to Creditors in the future. Each Creditor, Interest Holder and their respective advisers should consider the following factors (and other risks considered elsewhere in this Disclosure Statement).

# REQUIREMENT OF COMPROMISE BY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE CLAIM AND PRIORITY CLAIM HOLDERS

The Plan (subject to certain exceptions described herein) generally provides for the creation of the Post-Confirmation Estate, the liquidation of the Debtor's Assets into Cash and then the distribution of that Cash to holders of Allowed Claims. There may not be sufficient Cash available to satisfy the holders of Administrative Claims in full at confirmation.

The Plan provides that the failure of holders of Administrative Expense Claims to object to the Plan shall be deemed to be such holders' agreement to treatment other than that set forth in Section 1129(a)(9) of the Bankruptcy Code. In the event that one or more of the holders of such Claims, objects to their treatment under the Plan, the Plan may not be confirmed pursuant to Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. In that event, it may be necessary for the Debtor to either convert the Chapter 11 Case to Chapter 7 liquidation or otherwise abandon or dismiss this Chapter 11 Case and/or proceed with the appropriate liquidation

# proceeding in the District Court.

# RISK OF SUBSEQUENT REORGANIZATION OR LIQUIDATION

The Plan provides for the liquidation of the Debtor and the creation of the Post-Confirmation Estate.

## **CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN**

All distributions to Creditors are contingent on the Plan being confirmed by this Court and the Confirmation Order becoming a Final Order. Otherwise, the Debtor is not obligated, in any way, to make the payments required hereunder.

#### **VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

As noted herein, Claims in Class 1 are not impaired by the Plan. Accordingly, holders of claims in Class 1 are deemed to have accepted the Plan and votes of holders of Claims in Class 1 will not be solicited. In addition the holders of Allowed Interests are deemed to reject the Plan. The holders of Allowed Interests will not be solicited under this Plan.

#### **VOTING INSTRUCTIONS**

A Creditor who is entitled to vote may accept or reject the Plan by executing and returning to the Balloting Agent (as defined below) the ballot (a "Ballot") that was sent out with this Disclosure Statement. See below "Who May Vote – In General". The following instructions govern the time and manner for filing Ballots accepting or rejecting the Plan, withdrawing or revoking a previously filed acceptance or rejection, who may file a Ballot, and procedures for determining the validity or invalidity of any Ballot received by the Balloting Agent.

## DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF BALLOTS

The solicitation period	I for votes accepting or rejecting the Plan will expire at 5:00
p.m., Eastern Standard Time,	, 2011 (the "Voting Deadline"). A Ballot accepting
or rejecting the Plan must be received	d no later than that date and time or it will not be counted in
connection with the Confirmation of	the Plan or any modification thereof.
BALLOTING AGENT	

All votes to accept or reject the Plan must be cast by using the Ballot. Executed Ballots should be returned no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. to:

Robinson Brog Leinwand Greene Genovese & Gluck P.C. 875 Third Avenue
New York, New York 10022
Attn: Lori A. Schwartz

(the "**Balloting Agent**"). A Creditor entitled to vote who has not received a Ballot, or their Ballot has been lost, stolen or destroyed, may contact the Balloting Agent at the address indicated above, or call Lori A. Schwartz at (212) 603-6300 to receive a replacement Ballot.

#### WHO MAY VOTE - IN GENERAL

Claims in Classes 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), 3 and 4 are impaired under the Plan. Holders of Claims in Classes 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), 3 and 4 are being solicited and are entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. Claims in Class 1 are not impaired by the Plan and are deemed to have accepted the Plan. Interests in Class 5 are impaired and deemed to reject the Plan. The Debtor is soliciting the votes of the holders of claims in Classes 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), 3 and 4 to accept or reject the Plan.

**Ballots Executed in a Representative or Fiduciary Capacity**. Ballots executed by the Debtor, executors, administrators, guardians, attorneys-in-fact, officers of corporations or others acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, must indicate the capacity in which such person executed the Ballot and, unless otherwise determined by the Debtor, must submit proper evidence satisfactory to the Debtor of their authority to so act.

**Voting Multiple Claims**. A single form of Ballot is provided for each Class of Claims. Any Person who holds Claims in more than one Class is required to vote separately with respect to each Class in which such Person holds Claims. However, any Person who holds more than one Claim in one particular Class will be deemed to hold only a single Claim in such Class in the aggregate amount of all Allowed Claims in such Class held by such Person. Thus each Person need complete only one Ballot for each Class.

# **DEFECTS OR IRREGULARITIES**

IN THE EVENT AN EXECUTED AND TIMELY FILED BALLOT DOES NOT INDICATE EITHER AN ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF THE PLAN, THE BALLOTING AGENT SHALL NOTIFY THE CREDITOR OR INTEREST HOLDER WHICH HAS EXECUTED THE BALLOT SO THAT ALL BALLOTS THAT ARE CAST INDICATE EITHER AN ACCEPTANCE OR A REJECTION OF THE PLAN. IN THE EVENT SUCH CREDITOR OR INTEREST HOLDER DOES NOT RESPOND TO THE DEBTOR'S REQUEST TO CORRECT ITS BALLOT BY THE VOTING DEADLINE, THEN SUCH BALLOTS AND THE AMOUNTS INDICATED THEREON SHALL BE COUNTED AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE ACCEPTED THE PLAN.

Where more than one timely and properly completed Ballot is received, the Ballot which bears the latest date will be counted.

The Debtor reserves the right, after consultation with the Committee, to waive any defects or irregularities or conditions of delivery as to any particular Ballot. Unless waived, any defects or irregularities in connection with deliveries of Ballots must be cured prior to the deadline for filing timely Ballots. Except as set forth above, neither the Debtor, the Balloting Agent, nor any other person will be under any duty to provide notification of defects or irregularities with respect to deliveries of Ballots, nor will any of them incur any liability for failure to provide such notification. All questions as to the validity, form, eligibility (including the time of receipt), acceptance and revocation or withdrawal of Ballots will be determined by the Bankruptcy Court, upon motion and upon such notice and hearing as is appropriate under the circumstances. Unless otherwise directed by the Bankruptcy Court, delivery of Ballots will not be deemed to have been made until such irregularities have been cured or waived. Ballots as to which any irregularities have not been cured or waived will not be counted toward the acceptance or rejection of the Plan.

### REVOCATION OF PREVIOUSLY FILED ACCEPTANCES OR REJECTIONS

Any Creditor who has delivered a valid Ballot for the acceptance or rejection of the Plan may withdraw such acceptance or rejection by delivering a written notice of withdrawal to the Balloting Agent at any time prior to the Voting Deadline.

A notice of withdrawal, to be valid, must (i) describe the Claim, as the case may be, if appropriate, represented by such Claim, (ii) be signed by the Creditor in the same manner as the Ballot was signed and (iii) be received by the Balloting Agent on or before the Voting Deadline. The Debtor reserves the absolute right to contest the validity of any such withdrawals of Ballots.

## **CONFIRMATION OF PLAN**

## **CONFIRMATION HEARING**

Tł	ne Bankruptcy Code req	uires that the	e Bankruptcy C	ourt, after notice.	hold a hearing
	mation of the Plan. Th	1	1 2		,
	, 2011, at	:00n	. in the Unite	d States Bankr	ruptcy Court
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O	bjections, if any, to co	onfirmation	of the Plan sh	all be filed and	l served on or
before	<b>,2011</b> . C	Objections mu	ust be served up	on (i) Robinson H	Brog Leinwand
Greene Genovese	& Gluck P.C., 875 Thi	rd Avenue, 9	oth Fl, New Yorl	c, NY 10022, Att	tn.: A. Mitchel

Greene, Esq.; and (ii) Klestadt & Winters LLP, 570 Seventh Avenue, 17<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10018, Attn: Fred Stevens, Esq.; and filed electronically in accordance with the Court's ECF procedures.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR CONFIRMATION

At the Confirmation Hearing, the Bankruptcy Court will determine whether the requirements of Section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code have been satisfied, in which event the Bankruptcy Court will enter an order confirming the Plan. These requirements include determinations by the Bankruptcy Court that: (i) the Plan has classified Claims and Interests in a permissible manner, (ii) the contents of the Plan comply with various technical requirements of the Bankruptcy Code, (iii) the Debtor has proposed the Plan in good faith, (iv) the Debtor has made disclosures concerning the Plan that are adequate and include information concerning all payments made or promised in connection with the Plan and the Case, (v) the Plan is in the "best interests" of all Creditors and Interest Holders, (vi) the Plan is feasible, and (vii) the Plan has been accepted by the requisite number and amount of Creditors or Interest Holders in each Class entitled to vote on the Plan, or that the Plan may be confirmed without such acceptances. The Debtor believes that all of these conditions have been or will be met prior to the Confirmation Hearing.

#### **Best Interest Test**

Confirmation of a plan also requires a finding that the plan is in the "best interests" of creditors. In the context of the Plan, this requires that each holder of an Allowed Claim or Allowed Interest who is entitled to vote for or against the Plan either (a) accepts the Plan or (b) receives or retains under the Plan property of a value, as of the Effective Date of the Plan, that is not less than the value such holder would receive or retain if the Debtor was liquidated under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

This analysis requires that the Bankruptcy Court determine what the holders of Allowed Claims and Allowed Interests in each impaired Class would receive if the Debtor's Chapter 11 Case was converted to a Chapter 7 liquidation case and the Debtor's Assets were liquidated in the context of a Chapter 7. In this scenario, the Cash available for the satisfaction of holders of Allowed Claims would consist of the proceeds resulting from the liquidation of the Debtor's unencumbered Assets plus the unencumbered Cash held by the Debtor at the time of the conversion to the Chapter 7 liquidation case. This Cash amount would be reduced by the costs and expenses of the Chapter 7 liquidation case, and by such additional Administrative Expense Claims incurred during the course of the Chapter 7 liquidation case.

The Plan Supplement contains the Debtor's Estimated Liquidation and Distribution Analysis Pursuant to Chapter 7 (the "Chapter 7 Liquidation Analysis"), which together provide a summary of the proceeds of the liquidation of the Debtor's Assets under the Plan as compared to the

proceeds of the liquidation of the Debtor's Assets by a bankruptcy trustee in a hypothetical Chapter 7 liquidation.

The Debtor's costs of liquidation under Chapter 7 would include, among other things, the fees payable to a trustee in bankruptcy, as well as those fees payable to the trustee's attorneys, investment bankers and other professionals, plus any unpaid expenses incurred by the Debtor during the Chapter 11 Case, such as compensation for attorneys, financial advisors, accountants, and the costs and expenses of members of any official committees that are allowed in the Chapter 7 case. The fees payable to a Chapter 7 trustee are pursuant to the Bankruptcy Code. In the Chapter 7 Liquidation Analysis, the Debtor estimates that a Chapter 7 Trustee's fees would exceed \$ but could be greater depending upon the recoveries on claims and causes of action pursued by the trustee. In addition, Claims could arise as a result of the breach or rejection of obligations incurred and executory contracts entered into or assumed by the Debtor during the Chapter 11 Case, and the appointment of a Chapter 7 Trustee may be deemed to be a default under the Northlight Loan documents and/or the Northlight Cash Collateral Stipulation. The foregoing types of Claims, and such other Claims which may arise in the Chapter 7 liquidation case, would be paid in full from the liquidation proceeds before the balance of those proceeds would be made available to pay Secured Claims, Administrative Expense Claims, Priority Claims, and Unsecured Claims arising in the Debtor's Chapter 11 Case.

In addition to Chapter 7 trustee's fees, the Debtor has several advantages over a potential Chapter 7 trustee that will contribute to cost saving and lead to a higher recovery in liquidating the Debtor's Assets. The Debtor estimates that a Chapter 7 trustee and its professionals would take at least 120 days to educate themselves regarding the many complicated facets of the Debtor's Estate. The Chapter 7 trustee and its professionals will have to learn about the former operations of the Debtor to understand how to best liquidate the Assets and evaluate the value of the Creditor's Claims to such Assets. As currently structured, the Plan Administrator will work in conjunction with the POC whose members are fully familiar with the Debtor and its operations and will be able to advise the Plan Administrator effectively.

The distributions proposed in the Plan provide for a greater recovery than in a Chapter 7 case. There are numerous factors that support the Debtor's conclusion that the Chapter 11 distribution pursuant to the Plan, as contemplated herein, exceed the distributions that would occur in a Chapter 7 liquidation, in addition to the savings realized in a Chapter 11 distribution from not paying Chapter 7 trustee fees. As provided for in the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement, the Plan Administrator of the Post-Confirmation Estate will be Joshua Rizack, who will work in conjunction with the POC whose members are fully familiar with the Debtor and its operations so as to enhance the Plan Administrator's ability to and enable him to realize a higher recovery than would a Chapter 7 Trustee in terms of the amount of assets and the likely recovery for each particular asset.

To determine if the Plan is in the best interests of each impaired Class, the value of

the distributions from the proceeds of the hypothetical Chapter 7 liquidation of the Debtor's Assets (after subtracting the amounts attributable to the aforesaid Claims) as provided in the Chapter 7 Liquidation Analysis is then compared with the value offered to such classes of Claims and interests under the Plan as provided under Chapter 11. Moreover, in applying the "best interests" test, it is possible that in Chapter 7, the Claims against and interests in the Debtor may not be classified according to the seniority of such Claims and interests. Rather, in the absence of a contrary determination by the Bankruptcy Court, all pre-Chapter 11 Unsecured Claims which have the same rights upon liquidation would be treated as one Class for the purposes of determining the potential distribution of the liquidation proceeds resulting from the Debtor's hypothetical Chapter 7 case. The distributions from the liquidation proceeds would be calculated on a Pro Rata basis according to the amount of the Claim held by each Creditor. Therefore, certain Creditors might have to seek to enforce the classification contained in the Plan in the Bankruptcy Court. The Debtor believes that in a hypothetical Chapter 7 liquidation of the Debtor's Assets, the rule of absolute priority of distributions would apply. Under that rule, no junior Creditor receives any distribution until all senior Creditors are paid in full with interest, and no shareholder receives any distribution until all Creditors are paid in full with postpetition interest. Consequently, the Debtor believes that in a Chapter 7 liquidation of the Debtor's Assets, holders of Allowed Unsecured Claims would receive less of a distribution than as provided under the Plan.

After consideration of the effects that a Chapter 7 liquidation of the Debtor's Assets would have on the ultimate proceeds available for distribution to the Debtor's Creditors in the Chapter 11 Case, including (a) the increased costs and expenses of a liquidation under Chapter 7 arising from fees payable to a bankruptcy trustee and his professional advisors, (b) the further erosion in value of the Debtor's Assets in a Chapter 7 case due to the expeditious liquidation required under Chapter 7, and (c) the increased amount of Claims that would have to be satisfied on a parity or priority basis with the Debtor's creditors in the Chapter 11 Case, the Debtor believes that Confirmation of the Plan will provide each holder of an Allowed Claim entitled to distributions under the Plan with more than the amount it would receive pursuant to a hypothetical liquidation of the Debtor's Assets under Chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

The Debtor also believes that the present value of any distributions from the liquidation proceeds of a hypothetical Chapter 7 liquidation to each Class of Allowed Claims under Chapter 7 would be less than the present value of distributions under the Plan because the distributions in a Chapter 7 case would not occur for a substantial period of time. It is likely that distribution of Chapter 7 liquidation proceeds could be delayed for at least a year or more after the completion of the liquidation in order to resolve Claims and prepare for distributions.

In light of the foregoing, the Debtor believes it is clear that holders of Allowed Claims entitled to distributions under the Plan will receive under the Plan more than they would receive in a hypothetical Chapter 7 liquidation by a Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee.

**Liquidation Analysis.** In a liquidation scenario, while a distribution to unsecured creditors may be possible, the distribution would not be substantial and would be less than is likely under the Plan. After payment to administrative and priority creditors, the amount of claims asserted against the Debtor's estate in both the unsecured and equity classes would increase significantly as a result of the claims resulting from the administration of the estate in chapter 7 including the commissions of a chapter 7 trustee and the additional fees and expenses of the trustee's professionals. Accordingly, the Debtor believes that the Plan provides Creditors with at least as much as they would be entitled to receive in a chapter 7 liquidation. A liquidation analysis is attached hereto as an exhibit.

**Feasibility.** The Bankruptcy Code requires that confirmation of a plan is not likely to be followed by the liquidation or the need for further financial reorganization of a debtor. The Plan contemplates that all of the Debtor's Assets ultimately will be liquidated to Cash and all Cash proceeds will be distributed pursuant to the terms of the Plan to holders of Allowed Claims entitled to distributions under the Plan. Because no further financial reorganization of the Debtor will be possible, the Debtor believes that the Plan meets the feasibility requirement.

Confirmation With the Acceptance of Each Impaired Class. The Plan may be Confirmed if each impaired Class of Claims or Interests accepts the Plan. Classes of Claims or Interests which are not impaired are deemed to have accepted the Plan. A Class is impaired if the legal, equitable or contractual rights attaching to the Claims or Interests of that Class are modified other than by curing defaults and reinstating maturities or by payment in full in cash.

Holders of Claims or Interests impaired by the Plan are entitled to file Ballots accepting or rejecting the Plan. Holders of Claims or Interests not impaired by the Plan, are deemed to accept the Plan, and may not vote to accept or reject the Plan. Holders of Claims or Interests that will neither receive nor retain any property under the Plan are deemed to reject the Plan.

The Bankruptcy Code defines acceptance of a plan by a Class of Claims as acceptance by the holders of two-thirds in dollar amount and a majority in number of Claims of that Class. Only those Claims, the holders of which actually vote to accept or reject the Plan, are counted for the purpose of determining whether the requisite number and amount of acceptances have been received.

# **Confirmation Without the Acceptance of Each Impaired Class.**

The Debtor will seek to confirm the Plan notwithstanding the nonacceptance or deemed nonacceptance of the Plan by any impaired Class of Claims or Interests. To obtain such Confirmation, it must be demonstrated to the Bankruptcy Court that the Plan "does not discriminate unfairly" and is "fair and equitable" with respect to such dissenting impaired Class. A plan does not discriminate unfairly if the legal rights of a dissenting class are treated in a manner consistent with the treatment of other classes whose legal rights are substantially similar to those of

the dissenting class and if no class receives more than it is entitled to for its Claims or interests. The Debtor believes that the Plan satisfies this requirement.

The Bankruptcy Code establishes different "fair and equitable" tests for Secured Claims, Unsecured Claims, and Interests.

## a. Secured Claims:

In order for a plan to satisfy the "fair and equitable" test, the plan must provide: (i) that the holders of Secured Claims retain the Liens securing such Claims, whether the property subject to such Liens is retained by the Debtor or transferred to another entity, to the extent of the allowed amount of such Claims, and each holder of a Claim receives deferred Cash payments totaling at least the allowed amount of such Claim, of a value, as of the effective date of the plan, of at least the value of such holder's interest in the estate's interest in such property;(ii) for the sale of any property that is subject to the Liens securing such Claims, free and clear of such Liens, with such Liens to attach to the proceeds of such sale; or (iii) for the realization by such holders of the indubitable equivalent of such Claims.

#### b. Unsecured Claims:

In order for a plan to satisfy the "fair and equitable" test, the plan must provide: (i) that each holder of an impaired Unsecured Claim receives or retains under the plan property of a value equal to the amount of its allowed Claim; or (ii) the holders of Claims and Interests that are junior to the Claims of the dissenting Unsecured Claim class will not receive any property under the plan.

#### c. Interests:

In order for a plan to satisfy the "fair and equitable" test, the plan must provide: (i) each interest holder will receive or retain under the plan property of a value equal to the greater of (y) the fixed liquidation preference or redemption price, if any, of such stock or (z) the value of the stock; or (ii) that the holders of Interests that are junior to the dissenting Equity interest Class will not receive any property under the plan.

THE DEBTOR BELIEVES THAT THE PLAN MAY BE CONFIRMED ON A NONCONSENSUAL BASIS (PROVIDED AT LEAST ONE IMPAIRED CLASS OF CLAIMS VOTES TO ACCEPT THE PLAN) BECAUSE THE PLAN SATISFIES THE "FAIR AND EQUITABLE" TEST WITH RESPECT TO ANY CLASS OF CREDITORS ENTITLED TO VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN WHO IN FACT DO NOT VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PLAN. ACCORDINGLY, IF NECESSARY,

THE DEBTOR IS PREPARED TO DEMONSTRATE AT THE CONFIRMATION HEARING THAT THE PLAN SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 1129(b) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AS TO ANY NON-ACCEPTING CLASS.

#### **EFFECT OF CONFIRMATION**

#### Injunction

Except (i) as otherwise provided under Final Order entered by the Bankruptcy Court or (ii) with respect to the Debtor's obligations under the Plan, the entry of the Confirmation Order shall forever stay, restrain and permanently enjoin with respect to any Claim or Interest held as of the date of entry of the Confirmation Order (i) the commencement or continuation of any action, the employment of process, or any act to collect, enforce, attach, recover or offset from property of the Estate that has been, or is to be, distributed under the Plan or the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement, and (ii) the creation, perfection or enforcement of any lien or encumbrance against property of the Estate that has been, or is to be, distributed under the Plan or the Post-Confirmation Estate Agreement.

Except as otherwise provided in the Confirmation Order, the entry of the Confirmation Order shall constitute an injunction against the commencement or continuation of any action, the employment of process, or any act, to collect, recover or offset, from the Debtor, or from property of the Estate, any claim, any obligation or debt that was held by any person or entity as of the Confirmation Date except pursuant to the terms of the Plan.

Nothing in the Plan or the confirmation order shall effect a release of any claim by the United States Government or any of its agencies or any state and local authority whatsoever, including, without limitation, any claim arising under the Internal Revenue Code, the environmental laws or any criminal laws of the United States or any state and local authority against the Debtor, or any of its respective members, shareholders, officers, directors, employees, attorneys, advisors, agents, representatives and assigns (the "Released Parties"), nor shall anything in the Plan enjoin the United States or any state or local authority from bringing any claim, suit, action or other proceedings against the Released Parties referred to herein for any liability whatever, including without limitation, any claim, suit or action arising under the Internal Revenue Code, the environmental laws or any criminal laws of the United States or any state or local authority, nor shall anything in this Plan exculpate any party from any liability to the United States Government or any of its agencies or any state and local authority whatsoever, including liabilities arising under the Internal Revenue Code, the environmental laws or any criminal laws of the United States or any state and local authority against the Released Parties referred to herein.

Pursuant to Bankruptcy Code Section 1141(d)(3), the Debtor is not receiving a discharge.

#### LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

The Plan contains certain limitations on liability with respect to actions taken in connection with the promulgation, confirmation and dissemination of the Plan. Such limitation is intended to require any person or entity which may desire to assert claims against the Debtor and certain other persons named in section 8.2 to assert such claims prior to confirmation of the Plan or be forever barred from raising such claims at a later date. This provision gives finality to parties with respect to any actions taken in connection with the promulgation, formulation and confirmation of the Plan. Persons or entities who fail to raise such claims prior to confirmation of the Plan shall be deemed to have waived such claims and be forever barred from raising such claims as set forth in the Plan.

Section 1125(e) of the Bankruptcy Code, commonly referred to as the "safe harbor," protects persons acting in good faith, from civil claims arising in connection with solicitations of acceptances of plans of reorganization or participating in the offer, issuance, sale or purchase of a security under the Plan. Pursuant to section 1125(e), as set forth in Article 8 of the Plan, neither the Debtor, nor any of its respective officers, directors, members, general partner, managers or employees (acting in such capacity), nor any professional person employed by any of them shall have or incur any liability to any entity for any action taken or omitted to be taken in connection with or related to the formulation, preparation, dissemination, confirmation or consummation of the Plan, the Disclosure Statement or any contract, instrument, release or other agreement or document created or entered into, or any other action taken or omitted to be taken in connection with the Plan except for (i) willful misconduct and gross negligence and (ii) liability of any released person for any debt owed to the United States Government, any state, city or municipality arising under (a) the Internal Revenue Code or any state, city or municipal tax code, (b) the environmental laws of the United States or any state, city or municipality or (c) laws regarding the regulation of securities administrated by the SEC and (d) any criminal laws of the United States, any state, city or municipality. From and after the Effective Date, a copy of the Confirmation Order and the Plan shall constitute, and may be submitted as, a complete defense to any claim or liability released pursuant to Article 8 of the Plan.

#### ALTERNATIVES TO THE PLAN

If the Plan is not confirmed by the Bankruptcy Court the alternatives may include (a) liquidation of the Debtor under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code or (b) the promulgation and confirmation of an alternative plan of reorganization or (c) proceed with the appropriate liquidation

proceeding in the District Court. If the Plan is not confirmed, the Debtor could attempt to formulate a different plan of reorganization. Such a plan might involve a different alternative orderly liquidation of its assets.

The Plan proposes the best opportunity for the payment of a substantial distribution to holders of claims in impaired classes and therefore the Plan provides a recovery to all Creditors and Interest Holders equal to or greater than would be obtainable in a Chapter 7 liquidation.

## **CERTAIN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES**

The following summary of certain U.S. Federal income tax consequences is for informational purposes only and is not a substitute for careful tax planning and advice based upon the particular circumstances pertaining to each holder of an Allowed Claim. Each holder of an Allowed Claim is urged to consult his own tax advisors. This summary does not cover all potential U.S. federal income tax consequences that could possible arise under the Plan and does not address the Plan's U.S. federal income tax consequences for any holder of an Allowed Claim that is a partnership (or other pass-through entity) or otherwise subject to special tax rules.

The Debtor has not requested any ruling from the Internal Revenue Service or any other taxing authority with respect to such matters nor will the Debtor, with respect to the federal income tax consequences of the Plan, obtain any opinion of counsel. Consequently, there can be no assurance that the treatment set forth in the following discussion will be accepted by the IRS. The Debtor offers no statements or opinions that are to be relied upon by the creditors as to the treatment of creditors' claims under the Plan. Matters not discussed in this Disclosure Statement may affect the tax consequences of the Plan on any particular holder of a Claim or Equity Interest

This summary is based upon the laws in effect on the date of this Disclosure Statement and existing judicial and administrative interpretations thereof, all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect. Holders of Allowed Claims should consult their own tax advisors as to the Plan's specific federal, state, local and foreign income and other tax consequences.

The tax consequences to Holders will differ and will depend on factors specific to each Holder, including but not limited to: (i) whether the Holder's Claim (or portion thereof) constitutes a claim for principal or interest; (ii) the origin of the Holder's Claim; (iii) the type of consideration received by the Holder in exchange for the Claim; (iv) whether the Holder is a United States person or foreign person for tax purposes; (v) whether the Holder reports income on the accrual or cash basis method; (vi) whether the Holder has taken a bad debt deduction or otherwise recognized loss with respect to a Claim.

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OF THE PLAN ARE COMPLEX, AND IN SOME CASES, UNCERTAIN. THEREFORE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EACH HOLDER OBTAIN HIS, HER OR ITS OWN TAX ADVICE REGARDING THE TAX CONSEQUENCES TO SUCH HOLDER AS A RESULT OF THE PLAN.

THE DISCUSSION HEREIN IS NOT INTENDED OR WRITTEN TO BE USED, AND CANNOT BE USED, BY ANY HOLDER FOR THE PURPOSE OF AVOIDING TAX PENALTIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED ON A TAX PAYER. THE DISCUSSION HEREIN WAS WRITTEN TO SUPPORT THE TRANSACTIONS DESCRIBED IN THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT. EACH HOLDER SHOULD SEEK ADVICE BASED UPON THE HOLDER'S PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES FROM AN INDEPENDENT TAX ADVISOR.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Requests for information and additional copies of this Disclosure Statement, and the other materials delivered together herewith and all deliveries, correspondence and questions, as the case may be, relating to the Plan should be directed to (i) the Debtor's counsel, Robinson Brog Leinwand Greene Genovese & Gluck P.C., 875 Third Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Fl., New York, NY 10022, Attn.: Lori A. Schwartz, Esq. or Fred B. Ringel, Esq., (212) 603-6300 or (ii) may be retrieved from the Court's web site at https://ecf.nysb.uscourts.gov (provided such party has PACER access) by searching case no 11-11152(SMB).

Copies of all pleadings, orders, lists, schedules, proofs of claims or other documents submitted in this case are on file in the Office of the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court at Alexander Hamilton Customs House, One Bowling Green, New York, New York 10004, and are available for public inspection Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Debtor believes that the Plan is in the best interests of the Estate. Accordingly, creditors are urged to vote to accept the Plan.

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