## O. <u>Corporate Governance and Management of the Reorganized Debtors</u>

### 1. Corporate Action.

On the Effective Date, all matters provided for under the Plan that would otherwise require approval of the stockholders or directors of one or more of the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, including, without limitation, the authorization to issue or cause to be issued the Reorganized Common Stock, the Additional Common Stock, and the Subscription Rights, the adoption of the Reorganized Debtors Certificates of Incorporation and the Reorganized Debtors By-Laws, and the election or appointment, as the case may be, of directors and officers of the Reorganized Debtors pursuant to the Plan, shall be authorized and approved in all respects, in each case without further action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule, including, without limitation, any action by the stockholders of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors, as the case may be. The cancellation of all Equity Interests and other matters provided under the Plan involving the corporate structure of the Reorganized Debtors or corporate action by the Reorganized Debtors shall be deemed to have occurred, be authorized, and shall be in effect without requiring further action under applicable law, regulation, order, or rule, including, without limitation, any action by the stockholders of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors. Without limiting the foregoing, from and after the Confirmation Date, the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors shall take any and all actions deemed appropriate in order to consummate the transactions contemplated in the Plan, and, notwithstanding any provision contained in the Debtors' articles of incorporation and by-laws to the contrary, such Entities shall not require the affirmative vote of holders of Equity Interests in order to take any corporate action including to (i) compromise and settle claims and causes of action of or against the Debtors and their chapter 11 estates and (ii) dissolve, merge, or consolidate with any other Entity.

## 2. Reincorporation.

Prior to the Effective Date, WMI shall reincorporate from the State of Washington to the State of Delaware.

### 3. Amendment of Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws.

The articles of incorporation and by-laws of the Debtors shall be amended as of the Effective Date to provide substantially as set forth in the Reorganized Debtors Certificates of Incorporation and the Reorganized Debtors By-Laws, each of which shall, in form and substance, be satisfactory to the Backstop Purchasers and reasonably satisfactory to the Creditors' Committee. The Reorganized Debtors Certificates of Incorporation and the Reorganized Debtors By-Laws, to the extent applicable, shall prohibit the issuance of nonvoting equity securities to the extent required by section 1123(a)(6) of the Bankruptcy Code.

### 4. Directors of the Reorganized Debtors.

On the Effective Date, the boards of directors of each of the Reorganized Debtors shall each consist of seven (7) persons and will be comprised as follows: (i) the chief executive officer of Reorganized WMI and (ii) six (6) individuals selected by the Backstop Purchasers; provided, however, that the first annual election of the boards of directors shall take place within six (6) months after the Effective Date. The initial directors shall be disclosed prior to the Confirmation Hearing. In the event that, during the period from the Confirmation Hearing up to and including the Effective Date, circumstances require the substitution of one (1) or more persons selected to serve on the boards of directors of the Reorganized Debtors, the Backstop Purchasers shall choose such substitute and the Debtors shall file a notice thereof with the Bankruptcy Court and, for purposes of section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code, any such replacement person, designated in accordance with the requirements of the immediately preceding sentence, shall be deemed to have been selected and disclosed prior to the Confirmation Hearing.

## 5. Officers of the Reorganized Debtors.

The board of directors of the Reorganized Debtors shall elect officers of the Reorganized Debtors as of or after the Effective Date.

## 6. Shareholders' Agreement.

Reorganized WMI and its shareholders (and their shares of Reorganized Common Stock and Additional Common Stock) shall be subject to, and bound by, a shareholders' agreement, which shall in form and substance be reasonably satisfactory to the Backstop Purchasers and the Creditors' Committee.

# P. <u>Miscellaneous Provisions</u>

# 1. Title to Assets.

Except as otherwise provided by the Plan and the Global Settlement Agreement on the Effective Date, title to all assets and properties encompassed by the Plan shall vest in the Reorganized Debtors, the Liquidating Trust, the JPMC Entities or the WMB Recipient, as the case may be, free and clear of all Liens and in accordance with sections 363 and 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Confirmation Order shall be a judicial determination of discharge of the liabilities of the Debtors and the Debtors in Possession except as provided in the Plan.

# 2. Discharge and Release of Claims and Termination of Equity Interests.

Except as expressly provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all a. distributions and rights afforded under the Plan and the treatment of Claims and Equity Interests under the Plan shall be, and shall be deemed to be, in exchange for, and in complete satisfaction, settlement, discharge and release of, all Claims and any other obligations, suits, judgments, damages, debts, rights, remedies, causes of action or liabilities of any nature whatsoever, and of all Equity Interests, or other rights of a holder of an Equity Interest, relating to any of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or any of their respective assets, property and estates, or interests of any nature whatsoever, including any interest accrued on such Claims from and after the Petition Date, and regardless of whether any property will have been distributed or retained pursuant to the Plan on account of such Claims or other obligations, suits, judgments, damages, debts, rights, remedies, causes of action or liabilities, or Equity Interests or other rights of a holder of an equity security or other ownership interest. Upon the Effective Date, the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors shall (i) be deemed discharged under section 1141(d)(1)(A) of the Bankruptcy Code and released from any and all Claims and any other obligations, suits, judgments, damages, debts, rights, remedies, causes of action or liabilities, and any Equity Interests or other rights of a holder of an equity security or other ownership interest, of any nature whatsoever, including, without limitation, liabilities that arose before the Effective Date (including prior to the Petition Date), and all debts of the kind specified in sections 502(g), 502(h) or 502(i) of the Bankruptcy Code, whether or not (a) a proof of Claim based upon such debt is filed or deemed filed under section 501 of the Bankruptcy Code, (b) a Claim based upon such debt is allowed under section 502 of the Bankruptcy Code (or is otherwise resolved), or (c) the holder of a Claim based upon such debt voted to accept the Plan and (ii) terminate and cancel all rights of any equity security holder in any of the Debtors and all Equity Interests.

Except as provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, all Entities shall be b. precluded from asserting against any and each of the Released Parties, and any and each of their respective assets, property and estates, any other or further Claims, or any other obligations, suits, judgments, damages, debts, rights, remedies, causes of action or liabilities of any nature whatsoever, and of all Equity Interests, or other rights of a holder of an Equity Interest, relating to any of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or any of their respective assets, property and estates, including any interest accrued on such Claims from and after the Petition Date, and regardless of whether any property will have been distributed or retained pursuant to the Plan on account of such Claims or other obligations, suits, judgments, damages, debts, rights, remedies, causes of action or liabilities, or Equity Interests or other rights of a holder of an equity security or other ownership interest. In accordance with the foregoing, except as expressly provided in the Plan or the Confirmation Order, the Confirmation Order shall constitute a judicial determination, as of the Effective Date, of the discharge and release of all such Claims or other obligations, suits, judgments, damages, debts, rights, remedies, causes of action or liabilities, and any Equity Interests, or other rights of a holder of an equity interest and termination of all rights of any such holder in any of the Debtors, pursuant to sections 524 and 1141 of the Bankruptcy Code, and such discharge shall void and extinguish any judgment obtained against any of the Released Parties, and their respective assets, property and estates at any time, to the extent such judgment is related to a discharged Claim, debt or liability or terminated right of any holder of any Equity Interest in any of the Debtors. As of the Effective Date, and in consideration for the value provided under the Global Settlement Agreement to effectuate the Plan, each holder of a Claim or Equity Interest in any Class under the Plan shall be and hereby is deemed to release and forever waive and discharge as against each and any of the Released Parties, and their respective assets, property and estates, all such Claims and Equity Interests.

c. In furtherance of the foregoing, and except for the JPMC Assumed Liabilities, Allowed WMB Vendor Claims, and Allowed WMI Vendor Claims, to the extent provided in the Global Settlement Agreement none of the JPMC Entities or any of their Related Persons shall have any liability for, and the Debtors on behalf of themselves and their respective estates and Related Persons hereby release the JPMC Entities and each of their Related Persons from liability for, any and all Claims that (i) are or were property of the Debtors, their estates, or their respective Related Persons or (ii) were or could have been brought in any of the Related Actions.

### 3. Injunction on Claims.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, the Confirmation Order or such other order of the Bankruptcy Court that may be applicable, all Entities, and each Related Person of such Entities, who have held, hold or may hold Claims or any other debt or liability that is discharged or Equity Interests or other right of equity interest that is terminated or cancelled pursuant to the Plan or the Global Settlement Agreement or who have held, hold or may hold Claims or any other debt or liability that is discharged or released pursuant to the Plan, respectively, are permanently enjoined, from and after the Effective Date, from (a) commencing or continuing, directly or indirectly, in any manner, any action or other proceeding (including, without limitation, any indicial, arbitral, administrative or other proceeding) of any kind on any such Claim or other debt or liability or Equity Interest that is terminated or cancelled pursuant to the Plan against any of the Released Parties or any of their respective assets, property or estates, (b) the enforcement, attachment, collection or recovery by any manner or means of any judgment, award, decree or order against any of the Released Parties or any of their respective assets, property or estates, (c) creating, perfecting, or enforcing any encumbrance of any kind against any of the Released Parties or any of their respective assets, property or estates, and (d) except to the extent provided, permitted or preserved by sections 553, 555, 556, 559 or 560 of the Bankruptcy

Code or pursuant to the common law right of recoupment, asserting any right of setoff, subrogation or recoupment of any kind against any obligatiou due from auy of the Released Parties or any of their respective assets, property or estates, with respect to any such Claim or other debt or liability that is discharged or Equity Interest or other right of equity interest that is terminated or cancelled pursuant to the Plan; provided, however, that such injunction shall not preclude the United States of America, auy state or any of their respective police or regulatory agencies from enforcing their police or regulatory powers; and, provided, further, that, except in connection with a properly filed proof of Claim, the foregoing proviso does not permit the United States of America, any State or any of their respective police or regulatory agencies from obtaining any monetary recovery from any of the Released Parties or any of their respective assets, property or estates, with respect to any such Claim or other debt or liability that is discharged or Equity Interest or other right of equity interest that is terminated or cancelled pursuant to the Plan, including, without limitation, any monetary claim or penalty in furtherance of a police or regulatory power and, provided, further that such injunction shall not preclude the JPMC Entities from pursuing any and all claims against the FDIC Receiver, the Receivership, or the FDIC Corporate under the Purchase and Assumption Agreement. Such injunction shall extend to all successors and assigus of the Released Parties and their respective assets, property and estates.

### 4. Integral to Plan.

Each of the discharge, injunction and release provisions provided in the Plan is an integral part of the Plan and is essential to its implementation. Each of the Released Parties shall have the right to independently seek the enforcement of the discharge, injunction and release provisions set forth in the Plan.

### 5. Released Claims.

Collectively, to the extent provided in the Global Settlement Agreement, and except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in the Global Settlement Agreement, the term "Released Claims," as used in the Plan, means (a) any and all WMI Released Claims, JPMC Released Claims, FDIC Released Claims, Settlement Note Released Claims and Creditors' Committee Released Claims, in each case to the extent provided and defined in the Global Settlement Agreement and (b) any and all Claims released or deemed to be released pursuant to the Plan, in each case pursuant to clauses (a) and (b) above, to the extent any such Claims arise in, relate to or have been or could have been asserted (i) in the Chapter 11 Cases, the Receivership or the Related Actions, (ii) that otherwise arise from or relate to any act, omission, event or circumstance relating to any WMI Entity, WMB, or any subsidiary or Affiliate of any WMI Entity or of WMB, or (iii) that otherwise arise from or relate to the Receivership, the Purchase and Assumption Agreement, the Chapter 11 Cases, the 363 Sale and Settlement as defined in the Global Settlement Agreement, the Plan and the negotiations and compromises set forth in the Global Agreement and the Plan, excluding however, in the case of clauses (a) and (b) hereof, any and all claims that the JPMC Entities may have against the FDIC Receiver, FDIC Corporate or the Receivership pursuant to the Purchase and Assumption Agreement, and any and all claims held by entities against WMB, FDIC Corporate, and/or FDIC Receiver in the Receivership.

### 6. Releases by the Debtors.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or the Global Settlement Agreement, on the Effective Date, for good and valuable consideration, each of the Debtors and the Reorganized Debtors on its own behalf and as representative of its respective estate, and each of its respective Related Persons, and on behalf of the Liquidating Trust, the Liquidating Trustee, the

Liquidating Trust Beneficiaries and the Disbursing Agent, and each of their respective Related Persons, shall be deemed to have and hereby does irrevocably and unconditionally, fully, finally and forever waive, release, acquit and discharge the Released Parties and each of their respective Related Persons, from any and all Claims or Causes of Action that the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Liquidating Trust, the Liquidating Trustee, the Liquidating Trust Beneficiaries, and the Disbursing Agent, and their respective Related Persons, or any of them, or anyone claiming through them, on their behalf or for their benefit, have or may have or claim to have, now or in the future, against any Released Party or any of their respective Related Persons that are Released Claims or otherwise are based upon, relate to, or arise out of or in connection with, in whole or in part, any act, omission, transaction, event or other circumstance relating to the Debtors, the Affiliated Banks, or any of their respective Related Persons, taking place or existing on or prior to the Effective Date, and/or any Claim, act, fact, transaction, occurrence, statement, or omission in connection with or alleged or that could have been alleged in the Related Actions, including, without limitation, any such claim, demand, right, liability, or cause of action for indemnification, contribution, or any other basis in law or equity for damages, costs or fees.

### 7. Releases by Holders of Claims and Equity Interests.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or the Global Settlement Agreement, on the Effective Date, for good and valuable consideration each Entity that has held, currently holds or may hold a Released Claim or any Equity Interest that is terminated, and each of its respective Related Persons, on their own behalf and on behalf of anyone claiming through them, on their behalf, or for their benefit, shall be deemed to have and hereby does irrevocably and unconditionally, fully, finally and forever waive, release, acquit and discharge each and all of the Released Parties from any and all Released Claims in connection with or related to any of the Debtors, the Reorganized Debtors, the Affiliated Banks, or their respective subsidiaries, assets, liabilities, operations, property or estates, the Chapter 11 Cases or the Plan or the Disclosure Statement, the assets to be received by JPMC pursuant to the Global Settlement Agreement, the Plan Contribution Assets, the Debtors' Claims, the JPMC Claims, the FDIC Claim, the Purchase and Assumption Agreement, the WMI/WMB Intercompany Claims, any intercompany claims on the books of WMI or WMB related to the WaMu Pension Plan or the Lakeview Plan, claims related in any way to the Trust Preferred Securities (including, without limitation, the creation of the Trust Preferred Securities, the financing associated therewith, the requested assignment of the Trust Preferred Securities by the Office of Thrift Supervision and the transfer and the asserted assignment of the Trust Preferred Securities subsequent thereto), and/or any claim, act, fact, transaction, occurrence, statement, or omission in connection with or alleged in the Actions or in the Texas Litigation, or that could have been alleged in respect of the foregoing or other similar proceeding, including, without limitation, any such claim demand, right, liability, or cause of action for indemnification, contribution or any other basis in law or equity for damages, costs or fees incurred by the releasors in the Plan arising directly or indirectly from or otherwise relating thereto; provided, however, that each Entity that has submitted a Ballot may elect, by checking the appropriate box on its Ballot, not to grant the releases set forth in the Plan with respect to those Released Parties other than (i) the Debtors, (ii) the Reorganized Debtors, (iii) the Trustees under the Indentures and Guarantee Agreements, and (iv) the Creditors' Committee and its members in such capacity and for their actions as members, their respective Related Persons, and their respective predecessors, successors and assigns (whether by operation of law or otherwise), in which case, such Entity that so elects to not grant the releases will not receive a distribution hereunder; and provided, further that, because the Plan and the Global Settlement Agreement, and the financial contributions contained therein, are conditioned upon the aforementioned releases and, as such, these releases are essential for the successful reorganization of the Debtors, pursuant to the Confirmation Order, those Entities that opt out of the releases provided hereunder shall be bound and shall receive the distributions they otherwise would be entitled to receive pursuant to the Plan.

### 8. Injunction Related to Releases.

Except as provided in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or the Global Settlement Agreement, as of the Effective Date, (i) all Entities that hold, have held, or may hold a Released Claim or Equity Interest relating to any of the Debtors or the Reorganized Debtors or any of their respective assets, property and estates, that is released pursuant to the Plan, (ii) all other parties in interest, and (iii) each of the Related Persons of each of the foregoing entities, are, and shall be, permanently, forever and completely stayed, restrained, prohibited, barred and enjoined from taking any of the following actions, whether directly or indirectly, derivatively or otherwise, on account of or based on the subject matter of such discharged Released Claims or such Equity Interests: (i) commencing, conducting or continuing in any manner, directly or indirectly, any suit, action or other proceeding (including, without limitation, any judicial, arbitral, administrative or other proceeding) in any forum; (ii) enforcing, attaching (including, without limitation, any prejudgment attachment), collecting, or in any way seeking to recover any judgment, award, decree, or other order; (iii) creating, perfecting or in any way enforcing in any matter, directly or indirectly, any Lien; (iv) setting off, seeking reimbursement or contributions from, or subrogation against, or otherwise recouping in any manner, directly or indirectly, any amount against any liability or obligation owed to any Entity released under the Plan; and (y) commencing or continuing in any manner, in any place of any judicial, arbitration or administrative proceeding in any forum, that does not comply with or is inconsistent with the provisions of the Global Settlement Agreement, the Plan or the Confirmation Order.

### 9. Exculpation.

The Released Parties and the members of the Plan Administration Committee and Plan Investment Committee of the WaMu Savings Plan shall not have or incur any liability to any Entity for any act taken or omitted to be taken in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases (including any actions taken by the Creditors' Committee after the Effective Date), the formulation, preparation, dissemination, implementation, confirmation or approval of the Plan or any compromises or settlements contained therein, the Disclosure Statement related thereto, the Global Settlement Agreement, or any contract, instrument, release or other agreement or document provided for or contemplated in connection with the consummation of the transactions set forth in the Plan and the Global Settlement Agreement; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that this provision of the Plan shall not affect the liability of any Entity that otherwise would result from any such act or omission to the extent that such act or omission is determined in a Final Order to have constituted gross negligence or willful misconduct. Any of the foregoing parties in all respects shall be entitled to rely upon the advice of counsel with respect to their duties and responsibilities under the Plan.

### 10. Bar Order.

Each and every Entity is permanently enjoined, barred and restrained from instituting, prosecuting, pursuing or litigating in any manner any and all claims, demands, rights, liabilities, or causes of action of any and every kind, character or nature whatsoever, in law or in equity, known or unknown, direct or derivative, whether asserted or unasserted, against any of the Released Parties, based upon, related to, or arising out of or in connection with any of the Released Claims, the Debtors' Claims, the JPMC Claims, the FDIC Claim, the Purchase and Assumption Agreement (other than any rights or claims the JPMC Entities may have under the Purchase and Assumption Agreement, as provided for in the Global Settlement Agreement), confirmation and consummation of the Plan, the negotiation and consummation of the Global Settlement Agreement or any claim, act, fact, transaction, occurrence, statement or omission in connection with or alleged or that could have been alleged in the Related Actions, including, without limitation, any such claim, demand, right, liability, or cause of action for

indemnification, contribution, or any other basis in law or equity for damages, costs or fees incurred arising directly or indirectly from or otherwise relating to the Related Actions, either directly or indirectly by any Person for the direct or indirect benefit of any Released Party arising from or related to the claims, acts, facts, transactions, occurrences, statements or omissions that are, could have been or may be alleged in the Related Actions or any other action brought or that might be brought by, through, on behalf of, or for the benefit of any of the Released Parties (whether arising under federal, state or foreign law, and regardless of where asserted).

## 11. Deemed Consent.

By submitting a Ballot and receiving a distribution under or any benefit pursuant to the Plan and not electing to withhold consent to the releases of the applicable Released Parties set forth in the Plan or by order of the Bankruptcy Court, each holder of a Claim or Equity Interest shall be deemed, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, to have specifically consented to the releases set forth in the Plan.

### 12. No Waiver.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Plan, the releases and injunctions set forth in such sections shall not, and shall not be deemed to, limit, abridge or otherwise affect the rights of the Reorganized Debtors, the Creditors' Committee, the Liquidating Trustee, the JPMC Entities, the FDIC Receiver, FDIC Corporate, or the Settlement Note Holders to enforce, sue on, settle or compromise the rights, claims and other matters expressly retained by any of them.

### 13. Supplemental Injunction.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Plan to the contrary, all Entities, including Entities acting on their behalf, who currently hold or assert, have held or asserted, or may hold or assert, any Released Claims or Equity Interests against any of the Released Parties based upon, attributable to, arising out of or relating to any Claim against or Equity Interest in any of the Debtors, whenever and wherever arising or asserted, whether in the U.S. or anywhere else in the world, whether sounding in tort, contract, warranty, statute or any other theory of law, equity or otherwise, shall be, and shall be deemed to be, permanently stayed, restrained and enjoined from taking any action against any of the Released Parties for the purpose of directly or indirectly collecting, recovering or receiving any payment or recovery with respect to any Released Claims or Equity Interests arising prior to the Effective Date (including prior to the Petition Date), including, but not limited to:

*a.* Commencing or continuing in any manner any action or other proceeding of any kind with respect to any such Released Claim or Equity Interest against any of the Released Parties or the assets or property of any Released Party;

**b.** Enforcing, attaching, collecting or recovering, by any manner or means, any judgment, award, decree or order against any of the Released Parties or the assets or property of any Released Party with respect to any such Released Claim or Equity Interest;

c. Creating, perfecting or enforcing any Lien of any kind against any of the Released Parties or the assets or property of any Released Party with respect to any such Released Claim or Equity Interest;

*d.* Except as otherwise expressly provided in the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or the Global Settlement Agreement, asserting, implementing or effectuating any setoff, right of subrogation, indemnity, contribution or recoupment of any kind against any obligation due to any of the Released Parties or against the property of any Released Party with respect to any such Released Claim or Equity Interest; and

*e.* Taking any act, in any manner, in any place whatsoever, that does not conform to, or comply with, the provisions of the Plan, the Confirmation Order, or the Global Settlement Agreement relating to such Released Claim or Equity Interest;

<u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the Debtors' compliance with the formal requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 3016 shall not constitute an admission that the Plan provides for an injunction against conduct not otherwise enjoined under the Bankruptcy Code.

# 14. Term of Existing Injunctions or Stays.

Unless otherwise provided, all injunctions or stays provided for in the Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to sections 105, 362, or 525 of the Bankruptcy Code, or otherwise, and in existence on the Confirmation Date, shall remain in full force and effect until entry of an order in accordance with the Plan or such other Final Order of the Bankruptcy Court; <u>provided</u>, <u>however</u>, that the terms of the Stock Trading Order shall remain in full force and effect forever, including, without limitation, with respect to any violation thereof on or before the Effective Date.

# 15. Payment of Statutory Fees.

All fees payable pursuant to section 1930 of title 28 of the United States Code, and, if applicable, any interest payable pursuant to section 3717 of title 31 of the United States Code, as determined by the Bankruptcy Court, shall be paid on the Effective Date or thereafter as and when they become due or otherwise pursuant to an agreement between the Reorganized Debtors and the United States Department Justice, Office of the United States Trustee, until such time as the Chapter 11 Cases are closed in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.

## 16. Post-Effective Date Fees and Expenses.

From and after the Effective Date, the Reorganized Debtors shall, in the ordinary course of business and without the necessity for any approval by the Bankruptcy Court, retain professionals and pay the reasonable professional fees and expenses incurred by the Reorganized Debtors related to implementation and consummation of the Plan without further approval from the Bankruptcy Court.

# 17. Exemption from Transfer Taxes.

Pursuant to section 1146(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the issuance, transfer, or exchange of notes or equity securities under or in connection with the Plan or the Global Settlement Agreement, the creation of any mortgage, deed of trust, or other security interest, the making or assignment of any lease or sublease, or the making or delivery of any deed or other instrument of transfer under, in furtherance of, or in connection with the Plan or the Global Settlement Agreement, including, without limitation, the Reorganized Common Stock, the Additional Common Stock, the Subscription Rights, the Trust Preferred Securities, and any merger agreements or agreements of consolidation, deeds, bills of sale, or assignments executed in connection with any of the transactions contemplated under the Plan or the Global Settlement Agreement shall not be subject to any stamp, real estate transfer, mortgage recording, sales, use or other similar Tax. The Confirmation Order shall direct all state and local government officials and agents to forego the collection of any such tax or governmental assessment and to accept for filing and recordation any instrument or other document issued or transferred pursuant to the Plan, without the payment of any such tax or government assessment.

### 18. Withdrawal of Equity Committee Proceedings.

On the Effective Date, the Equity Committee Adversary Proceeding and, to the extent it has been transferred to the Bankruptcy Court, the Equity Committee Action to Compel, shall be deemed withdrawn, with prejudice, without any further action.

### 19. Payment of Fees and Expenses of Certain Creditors.

Except to the extent paid pursuant to the Backstop Commitment Agreement, within ten (10) Business Days of receiving a detailed invoice with respect thereto, but in no event more than ninety (90) days after the Effective Date, the Disbursing Agent shall pay all reasonable fees and expenses incurred by (i) Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, (ii) Blank Rome LLP, (iii) White & Case LLP, (iv) Kasowitz, Bensen, Torres & Friedman LLP, and (v) Zolfo Cooper on behalf of certain Creditors who hold claims against the Debtors, during the period from the Petition Date through and including the Effective Date, in connection with the Chapter 11 Cases, the Global Settlement Agreement, the Plan, or the transactions contemplated therein (including, without limitation, investigating, negotiating, documenting, and completing such transactions and enforcing, attempting to enforce, and preserving any right or remedy contemplated under the Global Settlement Agreement and in the Chapter 11 Cases), without the need for any of these professionals to file an application for allowance thereof with the Bankruptcy Court. In the event that the Disbursing Agent disagrees with the reasonableness of all or a portion of any such invoice, the Creditors may, in their sole discretion, request that the Bankruptcy Court (i) determine the reasonableness and allowance of such contested amounts and (ii) direct the Disbursing Agent to pay such additional amounts determined to be reasonable, if any, and the Disbursing Agent, Creditors' Committee, and any other Creditor or party in interest may object thereto.

### 20. Severability.

If, prior to the Confirmation Date, any term or provision of the Plan shall be held by the Bankruptcy Court to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the Bankruptcy Court shall, with the consent of the Debtors, have the power to alter and interpret such term or provision to make it valid or enforceable to the maximum extent practicable, consistent with the original purpose of the term or provision held to be invalid, void or unenforceable, and such term or provision shall then be applicable as altered or interpreted. Notwithstanding any such holding, alteration, or interpretation, the remainder of the terms and provisions of the Plan shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated by such holding, alteration or interpretation; provided, however, that, any holding, alteration or interpretation that alters, amends or modifies the definition of JPMC Assumed Liabilities or the releases provided in the Plan or the assets or benefits to be provided to JPMC pursuant to the Global Settlement Agreement absent JPMC's express written consent (which may be withheld, delayed, or conditioned in JPMC's sole discretion) shall render the remainder of the terms and provisions of the Plan and the Global Settlement Agreement of no force or effect. Except with respect to the foregoing proviso, the Confirmation Order shall constitute a judicial determination and shall provide that each term and provision of the Plan, as it may have been altered or interpreted, is valid and enforceable pursuant to its terms.

# 21. Governing Law.

Except to the extent that the Bankruptcy Code or other federal law is applicable, or to the extent that an exhibit hereto or any document to be entered into in connection herewith provides otherwise, the rights, duties, and obligations arising under the Plan shall be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with, the Bankruptcy Code and, to the extent not inconsistent therewith, the laws of the State of New York, without giving effect to principles of conflicts of laws.

# 22. Closing of Cases.

The Liquidating Trustee shall, promptly upon the full administration of the Chapter 11 Cases, file with the Bankruptcy Court all documents required by Bankruptcy Rule 3022 and any applicable order of the Bankruptcy Court.

# VI. FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND PROJECTIONS

# A. <u>Projected Financial Information</u>

The Debtors believe that the Plan meets the feasibility requirement set forth in section 1129(a)(11) of the Bankruptcy Code, as confirmation is not likely to be followed by liquidation or the need for further financial reorganization of the Debtors or any successor under the Plan. In connection with the development of the Plan and for the purposes of determining whether the Plan satisfies this feasibility standard, the Debtors analyzed their ability to satisfy their financial obligations while maintaining sufficient liquidity and capital resources. The Debtors developed a business plan and prepared financial projections (the "Projections") for the fiscal years of 2010 through 2014 (the "Projection Period").

The Debtors do not, as a matter of course, publish their business plans or strategies, projections or anticipated financial position. Accordingly, the Debtors do not anticipate that they will, and disclaim any obligation to, furnish updated business plans or projections to holders of Claims or other parties in interest after the Confirmation Date, or to include such information in documents required to be filed with the SEC or otherwise make such information public, unless required to do so by the SEC or other regulatory body pursuant to the provisions of the Plan.

In connection with the planning and development of the Plan, the Projections were prepared by the Debtors to present the anticipated impact of the Plan. The Projections assume that the Plan will be implemented in accordance with its stated terms. The Projections are based on forecasts of key economic variables and may be significantly impacted by, among other factors, changes in the mortgage insurance environment, regulatory changes and/or a variety of other factors, including those factors listed in the Plan and the Disclosure Statement. Accordingly, the estimates and assumptions underlying the Projections are inherently uncertain and are subject to significant business, economic and other uncertainties. Therefore, such Projections, estimates and assumptions are not necessarily indicative of current values or future performance, which may be significantly less or more favorable than set forth herein. The Projections included herein were prepared in May 2010.

The Projections should be read in conjunction with the significant assumptions, qualifications and notes set forth below.

THE DEBTORS PREPARED THE PROJECTIONS WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THEIR PROFESSIONALS. THE DEBTORS DID NOT PREPARE SUCH PROJECTIONS TO COMPLY WITH THE GUIDELINES FOR PROSPECTIVE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PUBLISHED BY THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION. EXCEPT FOR PURPOSES OF THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE DEBTORS DO NOT PUBLISH PROJECTIONS OF THEIR ANTICIPATED FINANCIAL POSITION OR RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

MOREOVER, THE PROJECTIONS CONTAIN CERTAIN STATEMENTS THAT ARE "FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS" WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE PRIVATE SECURITIES LITIGATION REFORM ACT OF 1995. THESE STATEMENTS ARE SUBJECT TO A NUMBER OF ASSUMPTIONS, RISKS, AND UNCERTAINTIES, MANY OF WHICH ARE BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE DEBTORS, INCLUDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN, THE CONTINUING AVAILABILITY OF SUFFICIENT BORROWING CAPACITY OR OTHER FINANCING TO FUND OPERATIONS AND MINIMUM TRUST REOUIREMENTS PER THE **REINSURANCE AGREEMENTS, ACHIEVING OPERATING EFFICIENCIES, INVESTMENT** YIELDS, MORTGAGE PREPAYMENT RATES, MORTGAGE DELINQUENCY RATES, HOME PRICE APPRECIATION, MORTGAGE INSURER RECISSION ACTIVITY AND OTHER LOSS MITIGATION FACTORS, LOSS DEVELOPMENT CURVES AND PAYMENT PATTERNS, HAWAII CAPTIVE INSURANCE GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS, EXISTING AND FUTURE GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS AND ACTIONS OF GOVERNMENTAL BODIES (INCLUDING SPECIFIC ACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT TO ASSIST HOME OWNERS), INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC RISK FACTORS (AS DETAILED IN ARTICLE VIII OF THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ENTITLED "CERTAIN FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED"), AND OTHER MARKET AND COMPETITIVE CONDITIONS. HOLDERS OF CLAIMS AND INTERESTS ARE CAUTIONED THAT THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS SPEAK AS OF THE DATE MADE AND ARE NOT GUARANTEES OF FUTURE PERFORMANCE. ACTUAL RESULTS OR DEVELOPMENTS MAY DIFFER MATERIALLY FROM THE EXPECTATIONS EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED IN THE FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS, AND THE DEBTORS UNDERTAKE NO OBLIGATION TO UPDATE ANY SUCH STATEMENTS.

THE PROJECTIONS, WHILE PRESENTED WITH NUMERICAL SPECIFICITY, ARE NECESSARILY BASED ON A VARIETY OF ESTIMATES AND ASSUMPTIONS WHICH, THOUGH CONSIDERED REASONABLE BY THE DEBTORS, MAY NOT BE REALIZED AND ARE INHERENTLY SUBJECT TO SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS, ECONOMIC, INDUSTRY, REGULATORY, LEGAL, MARKET, AND FINANCIAL UNCERTAINTIES AND CONTINGENCIES, MANY OF WHICH ARE BEYOND THE REORGANIZED DEBTORS' CONTROL. THE DEBTORS CAUTION THAT NO REPRESENTATIONS CAN BE MADE OR ARE MADE AS TO THE ACCURACY OF THE PROJECTIONS OR TO THE REORGANIZED DEBTORS' ABILITY TO ACHIEVE THE PROJECTED RESULTS. SOME ASSUMPTIONS INEVITABLY WILL BE INCORRECT. MOREOVER, EVENTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES OCCURRING SUBSEQUENT TO THE DATE ON WHICH THE DEBTORS PREPARED THESE PROJECTIONS MAY BE DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ASSUMED, OR, ALTERNATIVELY, MAY HAVE BEEN UNANTICIPATED, AND THUS THE OCCURRENCE OF THESE EVENTS MAY AFFECT FINANCIAL RESULTS IN A MATERIALLY ADVERSE OR MATERIALLY BENEFICIAL MANNER, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE PLAN OR THIS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT, THE DEBTORS AND REORGANIZED DEBTORS, AS APPLICABLE, DO NOT INTEND AND UNDERTAKE NO OBLIGATION TO UPDATE OR OTHERWISE REVISE THE PROJECTIONS TO REFLECT EVENTS OR CIRCUMSTANCES EXISTING OR ARISING AFTER THE DATE THE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT IS INITIALLY FILED OR TO REFLECT THE OCCURRENCE OF UNANTICIPATED EVENTS. THEREFORE, THE PROJECTIONS MAY NOT

# BE RELIED UPON AS A GUARANTY OR OTHER ASSURANCE OF THE ACTUAL RESULTS THAT WILL OCCUR. IN DECIDING WHETHER TO VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN, HOLDERS OF CLAIMS MUST MAKE THEIR OWN DETERMINATIONS AS TO THE REASONABLENESS OF SUCH ASSUMPTIONS AND THE RELIABILITY OF THE PROJECTIONS AND SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR OWN ADVISORS.

The Projections should be read in conjunction with the assumptions, qualifications, and explanations set forth in this Disclosure Statement, the Plan, and the Plan Supplement, in their entirety, and the historical consolidated financial statements (including the notes and schedules thereto) and other financial information as submitted to court in the Debtors' Monthly Operating Reports filed with the Bankruptcy Court.

### 1. Projected Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

### Reorganized Debtor Projected Income Statement (Unaudited) As of December 31, XXXX

(\$ in thous <b>a</b> nds)	2010	<b>20</b> 1 <b>1</b>	2012	2013	2014
Premiums Written	\$43,262	\$37,325	\$31,079	\$23,406	\$16,666
Change in Unearned Premiums	187	122	117	116	115
Premiums Revenue	43,449	37,447	31,195	23,522	16,780
Losses Paid	181,291	131,285	56,219	21,600	5,570
Provision for Reserves	(102,869)	(92,669)	(37,732)	(17,804)	(4,591)
Ceding Commission	4,637	3,812	3,172	2,379	1,625
Underwriting Expenses	83,059	42,428	21,659	6,175	2,604
Underwriting Income (Loss)	(39,610)	(4,981)	9,536	17,347	14,177
General & Administrative Expenses	(917)	(1,487)	(1,532)	(1,578)	(1,625)
Interest Expense	(333)	-	-	(101)	(192)
Investment Income	17,781	10,077	8,240	7,902	8,254
Other Income <sup>(1)</sup>	12,844	-	-	-	-
Gain/(Loss) on Commutation		-	-	-	-
Pre-Tax Income (Loss)	(10,234)	3,608	1 <b>6,244</b>	23,570	20,614
Tax Expense	-	-	-	-	
Net Income (Loss)	(\$10,234)	\$3,608	\$16,244	\$23,570	\$20,614

### Notes:

(1) 2010 Figure represents cancellation of indebtedness related to waiver of all intercompany claims including the existing intercompany note between WMI and WMMRC prior to confirmation.

# 2. Projected Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

# Reorganized Debtor Projected Balance Sheet (Unaudited) As of December 31, XXXX

(\$ in thousands)	2010	<b>20</b> 11	2012	2013	2014
ASSETS					
Cash and Investments	\$360,205	\$257,872	\$234,260	\$239,878	\$255,379
Accrued Interest	1,114	774	698	707	751
Reinsurance Premiums Receivable	3,401	2,875	2,360	1,778	1,266
Total Assets	364,721	261,521	237,318	242,362	257,395
LIABILITIE5 & SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Accrued Expenses	113	117	120	124	127
Accrued Investment Expenses	63	44	39	40	42
Accrued Ceding Fees	346	294	241	181	123
Notes Payable / Line of Credit	-	-	40	2,375	2,887
Unearned Premiums	815	693	577	461	346
Losses Payable	21,21 <b>9</b>	7,270	4,685	1,800	464
Reserves	153,557	60,889	23,157	5,353	762
Total Liabilities	<b>176,1</b> 14	69,305	28,859	10,333	4,752
Paid-In Capital	69,880	69,880	69,880	69,880	69,880
Retained Earnings (Accumulated Deficit)	128,961	118,727	122,335	138,580	162,149
Net Income (Loss) - YTD	(10,234)	3,608	16,244	23,570	20,614
Cumulative Dividends Paid	-	-	~	-	-
Total Stockholders' Equity	188,607	192,215	208,460	232,029	252,643
Total Liabilities & Stockholders' Equity	\$364,721	\$261,521	\$237,318	\$242,362	\$257,395

Reorganized Debtor Indirect Cash Flows As of December 31, XXXX					
(\$ in thousands)	2010	<b>20</b> 11	2012	<b>2013</b>	2014
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS					
Net (Loss) Income	(\$10,234)	\$3,608	\$16,244	\$23,570	\$20,614
Non-Cash Items:					
Cancellation of Indebtedness Income <sup>(1)</sup>	(12,844)	-	-	-	-
Other Non-Cash Charges <sup>(2)</sup>	(S67)	-	**	-	-
Total Non-Cash Items	(13,410)	-	-	-	-
Working Capital:					
Accrued Investment Income	3,253	341	76	(9)	(44)
Premiums Receivable	614	526	515	583	512
Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses	(102,302)	(92,669)	(37,732)	(17,804)	(4,591)
Losses Payable	18,583	(13,949)	(2,585)	(2,885)	(1,336)
Unearned Premiums	(187)	(122)	(117)	(116)	(115)
Accrued Ceding Commission Expense	(121)	(53)	(53)	(60)	(57)
Accrued Interest	333	-	-	101	192
Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	68	3	3	4	4
Accrued Investment Expenses	63	(19)	(4)	1	2
Total Working Capital	(79,697)	(105,941)	(39,896)	(20,187)	(5,433)
Net Cash from Operations	(103,341)	(102,333)	(23,652)	3,383	15,181
CASH FLOW FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Dividend of Unrestricted Cash	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowings / (Repayments)			40	2,234	320
Net Cash from Financing Activities	-	-	40	2,234	320
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(103,341)	(102,333)	(23,612)	5,617	15,502
Beginning Cash & Investments Balance	463,546	360,205	257,872	234,260	239,878
Ending Cash & Investments Balance	\$360,205	\$257,872	\$234,260	\$239,878	\$255,379

# 3. Projected Statements of Cash Flow – Indirect Method (Unaudited)

#### Notes:

(1) 2010 Figure represents cancellation of indebtedness related to waiver of all intercompany claims including the existing intercompany note between WMI and WMMRC prior to confirmation.

(2) Non-Cash prior period adjustments to retained earnings recognized in March 2010

### 4. Projected Statements of Cash Flow – Direct Method (Unaudited)

# Reorganized Debtor Direct Cash Flows *As of December 31, XXXX*

(\$ in thousands)	2010	<b>20</b> 11	2012	2013	2014
Cash & Investments - Beginning Balance	463,546	360,205	257,872	234,260	239,878
Assumed Premiums Written	43,876	37,851	31,594	23,989	17,178
Net Investment Income	21,097	10,399	8,312	7,893	8,213
Paid Losses	(162, <b>7</b> 08)	( <b>1</b> 45,234)	(58,804)	(24,485)	(6,906)
Ceding Commission	(4,758)	(3,865)	(3,225)	(2,439)	(1,682)
G&A Expenses	(848)	(1,484)	(1,529)	(1,574)	(1,62 <b>2</b> )
Final Commutation	-	-	-	-	-
Federal Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Cash Interest Expense	-	-	-	-	-
Borrowings (Repayment)	-	-	40	2,234	320
Dividends Paid	-	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(103,341)	(102,333)	(23,612)	5,617	15,502
Cash & Investments - Ending Balance	\$360,205	\$257,872	\$234,260	\$239,878	\$255,379

## B. Assumptions To Financial Projections

### 1. Projections

The Debtors prepared the Projections for fiscal years 2010 through 2014 (the "Projection Period"). The Projections are based on the primary assumption that 100% of the operating results for the Reorganized Debtors would be consistent with the operating projections of its only remaining active operating subsidiary — WMMRC. Please see Section IV.D.16.a of the Disclosure Statement for a brief overview of WMMRC and its operations. Based on the aforementioned, the key assumptions defined below are related to the key assumptions of WMMRC and its ongoing operations. Although the Debtors prepared the Projections in good faith and believe the assumptions to be reasonable, it is important to note that the Debtors can provide no assurance that such assumptions will be realized. As described in detail in Article VIII of this Disclosure Statement, a variety of risk factors could affect the Reorganized Debtors' financial results and must be considered. The Projections should be reviewed in conjunction with a review of these assumptions, including the qualifications and footnotes set forth herein. The Projections are not provided in a "Modified GAAP" form, which would add contingency reserves to the liabilities section with a commensurate reduction to the equity section.

# 2. Key Assumptions

### a. General

C. <u>Operating Plan</u>. The Projections reflect a mortgage insurance captive in a state of runoff with its existing reinsured loans affiliated with six (6) primary Mortgage Insurance ("<u>MI</u>") companies. As of September 25, 2008 the Debtors were no longer able to accept new mortgage insurance business from the MI companies since new reinsured loans (WMB-originated or acquired loans) would no longer be affiliated with the Debtors. As a result, no additional or new business has been added to the Debtors' reinsurance captive since such date and no new business is anticipated nor forecasted in the Projections.

Generally, the Debtors' share of premiums (in addition to the risk associated therewith) will be collected on actively reinsured loans for a term of 10 years, based on the loan origination date. Premiums will continue to be collected until such time the loan is refinanced, matures, or claims on such loans have been fully paid. Based on the last active date of new business being added, the Debtors will continue to receive their share of mortgage insurance premium from the MIs through 2018.

The Projections contained herein assume that the Debtors will continue to collect premiums and pay losses through 2018 and distribute all excess cash flow to its shareholders over such time. Related to the Rights Offering as described in section V.H of this Disclosure Statement, no new business ventures nor opportunities for expansion of WMI are included in the Projections, the results of which may materially affect results. Moreover, the proceeds of any Rights Offering are <u>not</u> included in the Projections. By March 31, 2019, the Debtors assume that 1) premiums will no longer be collected, 2) no risk exposure will exist, and 3) all remaining assets contained within the six MI affiliated trusts will become either unrestricted and distributed to the equity holders less a final commutation settlement amount of the contingency reserves.

**D.** <u>Methodology</u>. The Projections are primarily based upon actuarial forecasts of future premiums, incurred losses, and paid losses over the projection period that were provided to the Debtors by their professionals as of December 31, 2009. Based on activity to date, the Debtors continue to believe that such projections continue to reflect a reasonable forecast over the projection period — such that no modification other than updates to actual results through March 31, 2010 have been made. The Projections also contain the Debtors' assumptions, including forecasts for investment earnings, general and administrative expenses, and the amounts and timing of capital available for distribution.

E. <u>Plan Consummation</u>. The operating assumptions assume that the Plan will be confirmed and consummated by July 30, 2010.

**F.** <u>Macroeconomic and Industry Environment</u>. Uncertainty associated with forecasts is magnified by the nature of mortgage insurance. Mortgage insurance results are sensitive to external factors such as unemployment, housing market conditions, and so on. Accordingly, past experience may not be indicative of future conditions. A loan underwritten in a given year is generally insured over several calendar years. Therefore, adverse economic conditions in a given calendar year could affect results not only for the current underwriting year but also for prior underwriting years. The reinsurer's losses are subject to even greater uncertainty because of the excess-of-loss structure of its reinsurance business. Excess losses tend to be more volatile, as they are associated with more severe economic deteriorations. Future economic developments that give rise to additional delinquencies and losses will impact ultimate losses. Additionally, estimates are significantly more uncertain given the current economic deterioration, elevated default rates and adverse house price trends. Based on the aforementioned, the forecasts reflect the current economic environment.</u>

Additional material assumptions include investment yields on assets and amount and timing of dividend approvals from the Hawaii State Insurance Commissioner's office. Given the uncertainty faced by the Debtors in the mortgage insurance environment and counsel with local professionals, the Debtors believe access to unrestricted capital (*e.g.* dividends) will not be approved by the Commissioner's office until the majority of paid losses on claims have been realized. Out of an abundance of caution, the Debtors did not include dividends in the Projections contained herein, but believe such dividends may become available as early as March 2014. Additionally, investment yields were held constant over the projection period based on current investment yields, though economic conditions and government actions can have a material impact on such forecasted yields.

### a. Projected Statement of Operations

**G.** <u>Premium Revenue</u>: Revenues consist entirely of premiums earned as part of the Debtors reinsurance agreements with its six MI partners. The typical reinsurance agreements the Debtors have are referred to as a "4/10/40" excess of loss structure. After the first 4% of losses are paid by the primary MI ("4"), the Debtors would be responsible for the next 10% of losses ("10") with the primary MI being responsible for all other losses above the reinsurer's layer. For taking on such risk, the MI pays the Debtors 40% ("40") of the mortgage insurance premiums that the MI collects from the borrower. Typically these mortgage insurance premiums are contained in the borrower's monthly payment to the loan servicer, who then forwards on such payment to the MI. All ceded premium revenues are deposited into each respective trust account ("Trust</u>") by the MI on a monthly basis (though they are netted against any losses for which the Debtors are responsible before such deposit). Based on 12/31/09 data, the Debtors currently reinsure approximately 102,000 loans with origination dates between 1998 and 2008. Consistent with the operating plan, the Debtors. Premium projections were based on actuary forecasts of premium persistency of each of the loans, by origination year, over the projection period.

**H.** <u>Losses Paid</u>: Consistent with the "4/10/40" structure above, losses paid represent the losses for which the Debtors are responsible. Based on 12/31/09 data, the Debtors reinsure loans with the six Mortgage Insurers of over \$21 billion dollars ("original risk in force"). Based on the Debtors' current risk exposure relative to the \$21 billion of mortgage insurance currently being provided, taking into account current loans outstanding and the amount of losses relative to the Debtors' starting risk layer (4%), the Debtors have \$1.14 billion of potential loss exposure (or aggregate risk exposure) remaining assuming 100% frequency and severity of loss claims. The amount and timing of losses paid through the 2019 period were based on actuary forecasts which assumed total future paid losses of \$396 million as of 12/31/09 — the majority of which will be paid over the projection period. The amount of losses related to an insured loan is based on frequency and severity forecasts while the timing of paid losses is based on assumptions related to the MIs timing on payments once a claim becomes delinquent. The total losses indicated were adjusted by the Debtors to reflect actual results through March 2010.

I. <u>Provision for Reserves</u>: The provision of reserves is a function of reserves being taken on an insured loan when it is declared in default (generally two payments past due). The MI companies have various methodologies for taking reserves on delinquent loans, including the timing of taking reserves and the severity of the reserve which is normally a function of how long the loan is in delinquency status. Based on actual results to date, the Debtors have already reserved a large percentage of loans expected to go into payment status. As of 12/31/09, the Debtors had reserves of \$256 million compared against the \$396 million of projected paid losses above. Thus the provision is generally seen as a reduction of operating expenses as claims get paid out, the reserves would get extinguished. Over the projection period, the Debtors will incur additional provisions of \$140 million (\$396 million less \$256 million) under the assumption that all claims that are paid would be reserved prior to payment. The timing of such provisions was based on actuary forecasts taking into account current delinquency rates and severity.

J. <u>Ceding Commissions</u>: Of the six MI companies for which the Debtors have reinsurance agreements, four of those agreements contain a structure for which the Debtors pay ceding commissions to the carriers – represented as a percentage of the premiums paid from the MI to the Debtors. These ceding commissions range from 0.4% to 19.8% of premium revenue earned on an aggregate basis affiliated with these four MIs. Assumptions were made for each MI that the ceding commission rate would remain constant and apply to the premiums earned each year during the projection period.

K. <u>General and Administrative Expenses</u>: General and administrative expenses were projected based on the captive's operations on a stand-alone basis and were assumed to grow at a 3% annual inflation rate over the projection period. Projections reflect existing operating expenses plus additional infrastructure, investment management, salaries and benefits, and contingency expenses. Existing expenses include 1) management fees paid to a Hawaii-based management company responsible for accounting, payable disbursements, and coordination of all state filings, 2) actuary consulting fees 3) professional fees including audit and legal, 4) bank and trustee fees, and 5) insurance licensing expenses/fees. Though not currently out-sourced, the Debtors assumed investment management expenses of 20 basis points per year based on assets under management. Additional stand-alone infrastructure needs include expenses related to officers/management, supplies, rent/infrastructure, director fees, and D&O/Liability insurance.

L. <u>Interest Expense</u>: Initial interest expense relates to the 4.5% interest rate that is being paid in-kind on the \$11.9 million of intercompany funding provided by WMI on or about December 12, 2008 ("<u>WMI Loan</u>") as approved by the Bankruptcy Court to assist the captive in funding a capital requirement associated with one of its trust accounts. Prior to confirmation, the Debtors plan to waive all intercompany balances between WMI and WMMRC. At such time, WMMRC will recognize cancellation of indebtedness ("<u>COD</u>") income related to the intercompany note described above ("<u>Other Income</u>") and have no further obligation to any amounts from/(to) WMI nor the established Liquidation Trust. In addition, the Debtors assume additional funding needs may exist from time to time to assist them in funding the capital requirements that may be required for their trust accounts. To this end, interest expense on/after July 2010 assumes monthly payment in-kind interest of 7.0% on an additional \$3 million of capital loaned into the captive during the end of 2012 through 2014, with the funds due March 2015. No further capital needs are anticipated thereafter.

**M.** <u>Investment Income</u>: The Debtors' assets contained in six MI trusts and 1 custodial account are invested in various high-grade products, including money markets (3% of total cash and investments), treasuries (2%), agencies (42%), corporate bonds (38%), mortgage securities (12%), and foreign issues (3%). Current yields on the mix above provide a return of 3.5%. The Debtors assumed a fixed yield of 3.5% over the projections period – though the yields could be materially different given future decisions on investment mix. The Debtors are precluded from investing trust assets in lower grade investments per the reinsurance agreements.

**N.** <u>*Tax Expense*</u>: No provision for federal tax expense has been made during the projection period as it is assumed that the entity would be able to take advantage of retained WM1 tax attributes providing for net operating loss (NOL) carry-forwards sufficient to cover projected earnings streams.

# a. Projected Balance Sheet and Cash Flows from Operating Activities

**O.** <u>Cash and Investments</u>: Cash and investments reflect restricted cash and investments in the six reinsurance trusts associated with each MI and unrestricted cash and investments in the custodial account (custodial account is primarily used to fund operating expenses and capital requirements that may be needed from time-to-time in the trust accounts). Consistent with the above, the cash and investments reflect a current mix of money markets (3% of total cash and investments), treasuries (2%), agencies (42%), corporate bonds (38%), mortgage securities (12%), and foreign issues (3%). The Debtors did not distinguish between cash and investments, since generally minimum cash is held on account for operating expenses and the remaining cash is deployed as needed to investments to take advantage of better yields. The Debtors assumed the maintenance of a minimum cash balance of \$1.5 million throughout the projection period to fund operating expenses. Any projected decreases of the cash balance below this minimum will require funding draws from a future note or line of credit. Based on projections of the individual trusts' reserve requirements and withdrawal requirements, the Debtors project unrestricted cash may become available for dividends to shareholders beginning in March 2014.

**P.** <u>Reserves</u>: Reflect the anticipated future paid loss amounts associated with delinquent loans. The reserve changes in a given period are a function of the current reserve balance (beginning balance), paid losses (reduction), and new delinquencies (addition). The Projections assume that 100% of paid losses forecasted will be reserved prior to payment based upon actuary forecasts.

Q. <u>Note Payable/Line of Credit</u>: Consistent with the discussion on interest expense, an intercompany loan of \$11.9 million was provided by WMI to its insurance captive in December 2008. This loan will be waived at confirmation along with all intercompany amounts due from/(owed) to WMI. In addition, the Debtors are forecasting the need of an additional \$3 million from 2012 - 2014 of funds to be made available for operations and capital requirements of various trusts. These funds are required to maintain a minimum unrestricted cash balance of \$1.5 million over the projection period to cover operating expenses. The funds would be paid-in-kind at a rate of 7% and mature in March 2015.

R. *Cumulative Dividends Paid*: Consistent with the operating plan, the Projections assume payout of all available assets by 2019 in the form of a note repayment, dividend, or negotiated termination of each trust. All dividends paid to shareholders must be approved by the Hawaii State Insurance commissioner's office. Given the amount of paid losses anticipated during 2010-2013 and the inherent uncertainty in the mortgage insurance market, the Debtors believe that dividend payments would not begin until 2014. The amount of dividend is predicated on maintenance of the capital in each trust per the applicable reinsurance agreement. Each agreement specifies the minimum capital requirements that need to be maintained in the trust as well as the maximum capital ("Withdrawal Calculation") that needs to be maintained. The calculations are specific to each MI but generally take into account the captive's current risk exposure related to all of the current books of business, reserve for losses (based on the MIs calculations), and contingency reserves. The Projections assume that all capital above the Withdrawal calculation specific to each trust as of each December year end period can be withdrawn and ultimately provided in the form of a dividend (March of the following year) to shareholders starting in 2013 (with the actual dividend paid in March of 2014). The three month time period allows the Debtors to receive final statements from the MIs and receive approval from the Insurance commissioner. Due to inherent uncertainties of the amount/timing of payments, the Debtors have not specifically provided for such dividends in the projections and, instead, included such amounts in the cash and investments line item.

S. <u>Working Capital</u>: Other current asset/liability accounts including accrued interest, premium receivables, accrued expenses (including investment management and ceding fees), and losses

payable generally assume 30 day terms from recognition to collection/(payment). Generally, cash and investments will be monetized, as appropriate, to fund operating needs.

## VII. CONSEQUENCES UNDER THE FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS

### A. New Securities and Rights Offering

Pursuant to the Plan, Reorganized WMI will issue Reorganized Common Stock and Additional Common Stock and Rights to purchase Additional Common Stock ("<u>Subscription Rights</u>"). To the maximum extent provided by section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code and applicable non-bankruptcy law, the issuance under the Plan of the Reorganized Common Stock, the Additional Common Stock, and the Subscription Rights will be exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

### B. Transfer and Securities Law Restrictions

Section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code generally exempts from registration under the Securities Act the offer or sale, under a chapter 11 plan of reorganization, of a security of a debtor, of an affiliate participating in a joint plan with the debtor, or of a successor to a debtor under a plan, if such securities are offered or sold in exchange for a claim against, or equity interest in, such debtor or affiliate or principally in such exchange and partly for cash. In reliance upon this exemption, the Reorganized Common Stock and the Additional Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the Subscription Rights (the "1145 Securities") to be issued to holders of claims against the Debtors generally will be exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, and state and local securities laws. Accordingly, such securities may be resold without registration under the Securities Act or other federal securities laws pursuant to the exemption provided by Section 4(1) of the Securities Act, unless the holder is an "underwriter" with respect to such securities, as that term is defined in Section 1145(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. In addition, such securities generally may be resold without registration under state securities laws pursuant to various exemptions provided by the respective laws of the several states. However, recipients of new securities issued under the Plan are advised to consult with their own legal advisors as to the availability of any such exemption from registration under state law in any given instance and as to any applicable requirements or conditions to such availability.

Section 1145(b) of the Bankruptcy Code defines "underwriter" for purposes of the Securities Act as one who (a) purchases a claim with a view to distribution of any security to be received in exchange for the claim other than in ordinary trading transactions, (b) offers to sell securities issued under a plan for the holders of such securities, (c) offers to buy securities issued under a plan from persons receiving such securities, if the offer to buy is made with a view to distribution, or (d) is a control Person of the issuer of the securities as defined in Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act.

The Debtors believe that (i) the Subscription Rights issued pursuant to the Backstop Commitment Agreement and the Additional Common Stock issuable upon exercise of such Subscription Rights (the "<u>Investor Securities</u>") will be exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act, as transactions by an issuer not involving any public offering, and equivalent exemptions in state securities laws.

For Persons deemed to be "underwriters" who receive 1145 Securities pursuant to the Plan including control Person underwriters, as referred to in clause (d) above and Persons who receive Investor Securities (collectively, the "<u>Restricted Holders</u>"), resales of such securities would not be exempted by section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code from registration under the Securities Act or other applicable law. Restricted Holders may, however, be able, at a future time and under certain conditions described below, to sell securities without registration pursuant to the resale provisions of Rule 144 or other applicable exemptions under the Securities Act.

Under certain circumstances, holders of 1145 Securities deemed to be "underwriters" or holders of the Investor Securities may be entitled to resell their securities pursuant to the limited safe harbor resale provisions of Rule 144 of the Securities Act, to the extent available, and in compliance with applicable state and foreign securities laws. Generally, Rule 144 of the Securities Act provides that persons who hold securities received in a transaction not involving a public offering or who are affiliates of an issuer who resell securities will not be deemed to be underwriters if certain conditions are met. These conditions vary depending on whether the seller is a holder of restricted securities or a control Person of the issuer and whether the security to be sold is an equity security or a debt security. The conditions include required holding periods in certain cases, the requirement that current public information with respect to the issuer be available, a limitation as to the amount of securities that may be sold in certain cases, the requirement in certain cases that the securities be sold in a "brokers transaction" or in a transaction directly with a "market maker" and that, in certain cases, notice of the resale be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Debtors cannot assure, however, that adequate current public information will exist with respect to any issuer of 1145 Securities and therefore, that the safe harbor provisions of Rule 144 of the Securities Act will be available. Pursuant to the Plan, certificates evidencing 1145 Securities received by Restricted Holders, Investor Securities will bear a legend substantially in the form below:

THE SECURITIES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "<u>SECURITIES</u> <u>ACT</u>"), OR THE SECURITIES LAWS OF ANY STATE AND MAY NOT BE SOLD OR TRANSFERRED IN THE ABSENCE OF AN EFFECTIVE REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE ACT AND SAID LAWS OR AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS THEREOF.

IN VIEW OF THE COMPLEX, SUBJECTIVE NATURE OF THE QUESTION OF WHETHER A RECIPIENT OF SECURITIES MAY BE AN UNDERWRITER OR AN AFFILIATE OF REORGANIZED WMI, THE DEBTORS MAKE NO REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING THE RIGHT OF ANY PERSON TO TRADE IN SECURITIES TO BE DISTRIBUTED PURSUANT TO THE PLAN. ACCORDINGLY, THE DEBTORS RECOMMEND THAT POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS OF SECURITIES CONSULT THEIR OWN COUNSEL CONCERNING WHETHER THEY MAY FREELY TRADE SUCH SECURITIES.

Parties who believe they may be underwriters as defined in Section 1145 of the Bankruptcy Code and other Restricted Holders are advised to consult with their own legal advisors as to the availability of the exemption provided by Rule 144 or other applicable exemptions.

# C. <u>Listing</u>

As of the Effective Date, neither the Reorganized Common Stock nor the Additional Common Stock will be listed for trading on any stock exchange or trading system and the Debtors will not file any reports with the SEC. Consequently, the trading liquidity of the Reorganized Common Stock and the Additional Common Stock will be limited as of the Effective Date. The future liquidity of the trading markets for the Reorganized Common Stock and the Additional Common Stock will depend, among other things, upon the number of holders of such securities, whether such securities become listed for trading on an exchange or trading system at some future time and whether the Debtors begin to file annual and quarterly reports with the SEC.

# VIII. CERTAIN FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED

# A. <u>Certain Bankruptcy Law Considerations</u>

# 1. Risk of Non-Confirmation of the Plan

Although the Debtors believe that the Plan will satisfy all requirements necessary for confirmation by the Bankruptcy Court, there can be no assurance that the Bankruptcy Court will reach the same conclusion or that modifications of the Plan will not be required for confirmation or that such modifications would not necessitate resolicitation of votes.

# 2. Non-Consensual Coufirmation

In the event any impaired class of claims or equity interests does not accept a plan of reorganization, a bankruptcy court may nevertheless confirm such plan at the proponent's request if at least one impaired class has accepted the plan (with such acceptance being determined without including the vote of any "insider" in such class), and as to each impaired class that has not accepted the plan, the bankruptcy court determines that the plan "does not discriminate unfairly" and is "fair and equitable" with respect to the dissenting impaired Classes. See Section XII.C. below – "*Requirements for Confirmation of the Plan.*" Because Class 20 (Dime Warrants), and Class 21 (Common Equity Interests) are deemed to reject the Plan, these requirements must be satisfied with respect to those Classes as well. The Debtors believe that the Plan satisfies these requirements.

## 3. Risk of Non-Occurrence of the Effective Date

Although the Debtors believe that the Effective Date will occur soon after the Confirmation Date, there can be no assurance as to such timing.

## 4. Conversion into Chapter 7 Cases

If no reorganization plan can be confirmed, or if the Bankruptcy Court otherwise finds that it would be in the best interest of creditors, the chapter 11 cases may be converted to cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code, pursuant to which a trustee would be appointed or elected to liquidate the Debtors' assets for distribution in accordance with the priorities established by the Bankruptcy Code. A discussion of the effects that a chapter 7 liquidation would have on the recoveries of holders of claims and interests and a liquidation analysis is annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u>.

## B. Additional Factors To Be Considered

## 1. The Debtors Have No Duty to Update

The statements contained in this Disclosure Statement are made by the Debtors as of the date hereof, unless otherwise specified herein, and the delivery of this Disclosure Statement after that date does not imply that there has been no change in the information set forth herein since that date. The Debtors have no duty to update this Disclosure Statement unless otherwise ordered to do so by the Bankruptcy Court.

# 2. No Representations Outside This Disclosure Statement Are Authorized

No representations concerning or related to the Debtors, the Chapter 11 Cases, or the Plan are authorized by the Bankruptcy Court or the Bankruptcy Code, other than as set forth in this Disclosure Statement. Any representations or inducements made to secure your acceptance or rejection of the Plan that are other than as contained in, or included with, this Disclosure Statement should not be relied upon by you in arriving at your decision.

# 3. Claims Could Be More Than Projected

The Allowed amount of Claims in certain classes could be significantly more than projected, which in turn, could cause the value of distributions to be reduced substantially.

# 4. Projections and Other Forward-Looking Statements Are Not Assured, and Actual Results May Vary

Certain of the information contained in this Disclosure Statement is, by nature, forward looking, and contains estimates and assumptions which might ultimately prove to be incorrect, and contains projections which may be materially different from actual future experiences. There are uncertainties associated with any projections and estimates, and they should not be considered assurances or guarantees of the amount of funds or the amount of Claims in the various Classes that might be allowed.

# 5. No Legal or Tax Advice is Provided to You By This Disclosure Statement

The contents of this Disclosure Statement should not be construed as legal, business or tax advice. Each creditor or Equity Interest holder should consult his, her, or its own legal counsel and accountant as to legal, tax and other matters concerning his, her, or its Claim or Equity Interest.

This Disclosure Statement is not legal advice to you. This Disclosure Statement may not be relied upon for any purpose other than to determine how to vote on the Plan or object to confirmation of the Plan.

## 6. No Admission Made

Nothing contained herein or in the Plan shall constitute an admission of, or be deemed evidence of, the tax or other legal effects of the Plan on the Debtors or on holders of Claims or Equity Interests.

## 7. Certain Tax Consequences

For a discussion of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations to the Debtors and certain holders of Claims in connection with the implementation of the Plan, see "Certain Federal Income Tax Consequences of the Plan."

# 8. Debtors Could Withdraw Plan

Under the Plan, the Debtors could withdraw the Plan with respect to either of the Debtors and proceed with confirmation of the Plan with respect to any other Debtors.

### IX. CERTAIN FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF THE PLAN

The following discussion summarizes certain U.S. federal income tax consequences of the implementation of the Plan to the Debtors and to holders of certain Claims and Equity Interests. The following summary does not address the U.S. federal income tax consequences to holders whose Claims are unimpaired or otherwise entitled to payment in full in cash under the Plan (*e.g.*, Allowed Administrative Expense Claims, Allowed Professional Compensation and Reimbursement Claims, and Allowed Priority Non-Tax Claims) or whose distributions are governed by the Global Settlement Agreement, or to holders of Equity Interests that are deemed to reject the Plan.

The following summary is based on the IRC, U.S. Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder, judicial decisions, and published administrative rules and pronouncements of the Internal Revenue Service (the "<u>IRS</u>"), all as in effect on the date hereof. Changes in such rules or new interpretations thereof may have retroactive effect and could significantly affect the U.S. federal income tax consequences described below.

The U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Plan are complex and are subject to significant uncertainties. The Debtors have not requested an opinion of counsel with respect to any of the tax aspects of the Plan. The Debtors are seeking a ruling as to certain aspects of the Plan relating to the Reorganized Debtors (as discussed below) and may or may not seek a ruling from the IRS as to other tax aspects of the Plan. No assurance can be given as to the interpretation that the IRS will adopt, including whether the requested rulings will be obtained. In addition, this summary generally does not address foreign, state or local tax consequences of the Plan, nor does it address the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Plan to special classes of taxpayers (such as foreign taxpayers, broker-dealers, traders that mark-to-market their securities, banks, mutual funds, insurance companies, other financial institutions, small business investment companies, regulated investment companies, real estate investment trusts, tax-exempt organizations, retirement plans, persons whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar, persons subject to the alternative minimum tax, persons holding Claims or Equity Interests as part of a "straddle," "hedge," "constructive sale" or "conversion transaction" with other investments, passthrough entities and investors in pass-through entities). If a partnership (including any entity treated as a partnership for tax purposes) holds Claims or Equity Interests, the tax treatment of a partner (or member) will generally depend upon the status of the partner and upon the activities of the partnership. Moreover, the following discussion generally does not address U.S. federal taxes other than income taxes, nor does it apply to any person that acquires any of the exchange consideration in the secondary market.

This discussion assumes, except where otherwise indicated, that the Claims, Equity Interests, the Reorganized Common Stock and Additional Common Stock are held as "capital assets" (generally, property held for investment) within the meaning of section 1221 of the IRC.

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 individual circumstances pertaining to a holder of a Claim or Equity Interest.

IRS Circular 230 Notice: To ensure compliance with IRS Circular 230, holders of Claims and Equity Interests - are hereby notified that: (a) any discussion of federal tax issues contained or referred to in this Disclosure Statement is not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used, by holders of Claims and Equity Interests for the purpose of avoiding penalties that may be imposed on them under the IRC; (b) such discussion is written in connection with the promotion or marketing by the Debtors of the transactions or matters addressed herein; and (c) holders of Claims and Equity Interests should seek advice based on their particular circumstances from an independent tax advisor.

### A. <u>Consequences to the Debtors</u>

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Debtors are members of an affiliated group of corporations which files a single consolidated U.S. federal income tax return, of which WMI is the common parent (previously defined as the "Tax Group"). The Tax Group reported a substantial consolidated net operating loss ("NOL") for federal income tax purposes for the taxable year of the Tax Group ended December 31, 2008. In addition, the Debtors expect that the Tax Group will report additional NOLs for the taxable year ended December 31, 2009, and will incur further NOLs for the taxable year ending December 31, 2010, for the period through the expected Effective Date. In accordance with U.S. federal income tax law, NOLs are generally first carried back (to the extent permitted) to offset prior years' income, before being available to be carried forward. Thus, a portion of the NOLs incurred by the Tax Group for its taxable year ended December 31, 2008 has been carried back to reduce certain asserted tax adjustments and the Tax Group's reported taxable income in prior years, with the expectation of generating a tax refund, see Section IV.D.18 above. The remaining portion of such NOLs, together with any 2009 NOLs, currently are available to the Tax Group as an NOL carryforward that can offset future income (subject to the discussion below). Substantially all of the NOL carryforwards incurred through the end of 2008 are attributable to the operations of WMB and its former subsidiaries or the sale of certain assets to JPMC in connection with the Bank Receivership. The amount and use of any NOLs remain subject to review and adjustment by the IRS. See Section IV.D.18 above (describing the current status of federal income tax audits).

In addition, WMI has substantial tax basis in its assets, particularly in its stock investment in WMB. Although the Debtors believe that such stock investment is worthless, WMI is precluded from claiming a worthless stock deduction with respect to all or part of such stock prior to WMB ceasing to be a member of the Tax Group (such as by reason of the distribution by the FDIC of all the WMB receivership assets to WMB creditors or, possibly, the abandonment by WMI of its stock investment), at which point the consolidated NOL attributable to WMB would no longer be available to the Tax Group. Although not free from doubt, the Debtors believe that the worthless stock deduction (the "<u>Stock Loss</u>") would be an ordinary loss, and would result in a substantial NOL for the taxable year in which the worthless stock deduction is claimed *subject to* (i) reduction under the tax rules applicable to the cancellation of debt if incurred prior to the end of the taxable year in which the Effective Date occurs, and (ii) any applicable limitations imposed by the change-in-ownership rules of the IRC, discussed below. The Debtors are seeking a ruling from the IRS as to the ordinary loss character of the Stock Loss; however, there is no assurance that a favorable ruling will be obtained.

As discussed below, in connection with the Plan, the amount of the Tax Group's NOL carryforwards and other tax attributes of the Tax Group, including its tax basis in assets, will be reduced. In addition, the subsequent utilization of any existing NOL carryforwards, all or part of any NOLs incurred through the Effective Date and, possibly, all or part of any Stock Loss, following the Effective Date may be severely restricted. Any such reductions or limitations would not preclude the use of any NOL carryforwards and any NOLs incurred through the Effective Date, that are otherwise available, against any income incurred on the Effective Date in connection with the implementation of the Plan, such as upon the transfer of assets by the Debtors to the Liquidating Trust.

# 1. <u>Cancellation of Debt</u>.

In general, the IRC provides that a debtor in a bankruptcy case must reduce certain of its tax attributes – including NOL carryforwards and current year NOLs, capital loss carryforwards, tax credits, and tax basis in assets (but not below the amount of liabilities to which the debtor remains subject) – by the amount of any cancellation of debt ("COD") incurred pursuant to a confirmed chapter 11 plan. The amount of COD incurred for federal income tax purpose is generally the amount by which the indebtedness discharged exceeds the value of any consideration given in exchange therefor. Certain statutory or judicial exceptions may apply to limit the amount of COD incurred. If advantageous, the borrower can elect to reduce the basis of depreciable property prior to any reduction in its NOL carryforwards or other tax attributes. Where the borrower joins in the filing of a consolidated U.S. federal income tax return, applicable Treasury regulations require, in certain circumstances, that the tax attributes of the consolidated subsidiaries of the borrower and other members of the group also be reduced. Any reduction in tax attributes in respect of COD incurred does not occur until the end of the taxable year after such attributes have been applied. As a result, any income incurred on the Effective Date in connection with the implementation of the Plan, or prior to the end of such taxable year, generally could be offset by any NOL carryforwards or current year NOLs of the Tax Group prior to any attribute reduction on account of any COD incurred, but subject to the change-in-ownership rules of the IRC, discussed below.

Based on the estimated recovery percentages (taking into account the Global Settlement Agreement) and the projected amount of Allowed Claims, the Debtors expect to incur COD of roughly \$200 million as a result of the implementation of the Plan, with a corresponding reduction in the amount of NOL carryforwards or other tax attributes of the Tax Group.

For COD incurred during 2010, rather than reducing its current tax attributes, the Debtors may elect under section 108(i) of the IRC to include the COD in income on a deferred basis over a five-taxable year period beginning in the fourth taxable year after the COD is incurred. The collateral tax consequences of making such election are complex. The Debtors will consider whether to make the deferral election (if applicable) in connection with their annual tax return preparation.

# 2. <u>Potential Limitations on NOL Carryforwards and Other Tax Attributes.</u>

Following the Effective Date, any remaining NOL carryforwards and certain other tax attributes allocable to periods prior to the Effective Date will be subject to certain limitations resulting from a change in ownership. These limitations apply in addition to the attribute reduction that may result from the discharge of Claims pursuant to the Plan.

## a. Section 382

Under section 382 of the IRC, if a corporation (or consolidated group) undergoes an "ownership change," the amount of its pre-change losses (including certain losses or deductions which are "built-in," *i.e.*, economically accrued but unrecognized, as of the date of the ownership change) that may be utilized to offset future taxable income generally are subject to an annual limitation. The Debtors expect that the issuance of the Reorganized Common Stock and Additional Common Stock pursuant to the Plan will constitute an ownership change of the Tax Group for this purpose.

(i) <u>General Section 382 Limitation</u>. In general, the amount of the annual limitation to which a corporation that undergoes an ownership change will be subject is equal to the product of (A) the fair market value of the stock of the corporation *immediately before* the ownership change (with certain adjustments) multiplied by (B) the "long term tax exempt rate" in effect for the month in which

the ownership change occurs (*e.g.*, 4.03% for ownership changes occurring in May 2010). For a corporation (or consolidated group) in bankruptcy that undergoes an ownership change pursuant to a confirmed bankruptcy plan, the fair market value of the stock of the corporation is generally determined immediately *after* (rather than before) the ownership change after giving effect to the discharge of creditors' claims, but subject to certain adjustments; in no event, however, can the stock value for this purpose exceed the pre-change gross value of the corporation's assets. Under certain circumstances, the annual limitation otherwise computed may be increased if the corporation (or consolidated group) has an overall built-in gain in its assets at the time of the ownership change. Any portion of the annual limitation that is not used in a given year may be carried forward, thereby adding to the annual limitation for the subsequent taxable year.

However, if the corporation (or consolidated group) does not continue its historic business or use a significant portion of its historic assets in a new business for at least two years after the ownership change, the annual limitation resulting from the ownership change is reduced to zero, thereby precluding any utilization of the corporation's pre-change losses (absent any increases due to recognized built-in gains). Historically, the Tax Group has been engaged in several businesses, including retail banking and financial services (*e.g.*, credit cards, lending to consumers and deposit taking activities), broker-dealer and investment advisory services, and insurance (*e.g.*, selling insurance-related products, including mortgage insurance, and participating in reinsurance activities with other insurance companies). Following the implementation of the Plan, the Tax Group intends to continue to be in the insurance business and possibly certain other historic lines of business, but will not provide retail banking and financial services (its historic primary line of business). There is no assurance whether the continuing activities of the Reorganized Debtors will satisfy the requisite level of continuing business activity.

Section 382 of the IRC also limits the deduction of certain built-in losses recognized subsequent to the date of the ownership change. If a corporation (or consolidated group) has a net unrealized built-in loss at the time of an ownership change (taking into account most assets and items of built-in income, gain, loss and deduction), then any built-in losses recognized during the following five years (up to the amount of the original net unrealized built-in loss) generally will be treated as pre-change losses and similarly will be subject to the annual limitation. Although the rule applicable to net unrealized built-in losses generally applies to consolidated groups on a consolidated basis, certain corporations that join the consolidated group within the preceding five years may not be able to be taken into account in the group computation of net unrealized built-in loss.

Due to certain interpretational issues, it is uncertain whether the Stock Loss, if not recognized until after the Effective Date, would be an unrestricted built-in loss. The Debtors are seeking a ruling from the IRS to clarify such treatment, but there is no assurance that the IRS will issue a favorable ruling. In contrast, if the Stock Loss is recognized prior to (but in the same taxable year as) the Effective Date, the resulting NOL can be pro-rated between the pre- and post-change portions of the taxable year, such that the post-change portion would not be subject to the annual limitation resulting from the implementation of the Plan (but would still be subject to at least partial reduction under the COD rules discussed above). Accordingly, it is possible that the Debtors may seek to abandon their stock interest in WMB prior to the Effective Date. Ultimately, the decision whether or not to abandon will depend on several factors (many of which are beyond the control of the Debtors), including whether the Debtors have received a favorable ruling prior to the Effective Date or have a sufficient likelihood of receiving a favorable ruling after the Effective Date. Accordingly, it is possible that the Debtors determine not to abandon their stock in WMB prior to the Effective Date in anticipation of a favorable ruling, only to find, in the end, that they don't receive the ruling. There is, therefore, no assurance as to the timing of the Stock Loss or that the Stock Loss could be utilized to offset future taxable income of the Reorganized Debtors.

(ii) <u>Special Bankruptcy Exception</u>. An exception to the foregoing annual limitation rules generally applies where qualified (so-called "old and cold") creditors of a debtor receive, in respect of their Claims, at least 50% of the vote and value of the stock of the reorganized debtor (or a controlling corporation if also in bankruptcy) pursuant to a confirmed chapter 11 plan. Under this exception, a debtor's pre-change losses are not limited on an annual basis but, instead, are required to be reduced by the amount of any interest deductions claimed during the three taxable years preceding the effective date of the reorganization, and during the part of the taxable year prior to and including the reorganization, in respect of all debt converted into stock in the reorganization. Moreover, if this exception applies, any further ownership change of the debtor within a two-year period after the consummation of the chapter 11 plan will preclude the debtor's utilization of any pre-change losses at the time of the subsequent ownership change against future taxable income. The Debtors do not anticipate that they would qualify for this exception. Moreover, even if they do qualify, the Debtors may, if they so desire, elect not to have the exception apply and instead remain subject to the annual limitation described above.

# b. Other Provisions

Aside from the objective limitations of section 382 of the IRC, the IRS may disallow the subsequent use of a corporation's pre-change losses following an acquisition of control of a corporation by one or more persons if the principal purpose of the acquisition is the avoidance or evasion of tax by securing a tax benefit which such person(s) or the corporation would not otherwise enjoy. Other provisions of the IRC may also preclude the use of a corporation's NOLs and certain tax attributes in other ways under certain circumstances.

# 3. <u>Alternative Minimum Tax</u>.

In general, a federal alternative minimum tax ("<u>AMT</u>") is imposed on a corporation's alternative minimum taxable income at a 20% tax rate to the extent such tax exceeds the corporation's regular federal income tax. For purposes of computing taxable income for AMT purposes, certain tax deductions and other beneficial allowances are modified or eliminated. For example, a corporation is generally not allowed to offset more than 90% of its taxable income for AMT purposes by available NOL carryforwards or carrybacks (although the Act does not apply this limitation to AMT NOLs carried back up to five years from the elected year, *i.e.*, either 2008 or 2009).

In addition, if a corporation (or consolidated group) undergoes an "ownership change" within the meaning of section 382 of the IRC and is in a net unrealized built-in loss position (as determined for AMT purposes) on the date of the ownership change, the corporation's (or consolidated group's) aggregate tax basis in its assets would be reduced for certain AMT purposes to reflect the fair market value of such assets as of the change date.

Any AMT that a corporation pays generally will be allowed as a nonrefundable credit against its regular U.S. federal income tax liability in future taxable years when the corporation is no longer subject to the AMT.

# 4. <u>Transfer of Liquidating Trust Assets to the Liquidating Trust</u>.

Pursuant to the Plan, on the Effective Date, the Debtors will transfer the Liquidating Trust Assets (including all of the Debtors' right, title and interest in any tax refunds with respect to pre-2010 taxable years) to the Liquidating Trust on behalf of the respective claimants and holders of Equity Interests comprising the Liquidating Trust Beneficiaries. The transfer of assets by the Debtors pursuant to the Plan may result in the recognition of gain or income by the Debtors, depending in part on the value of such assets on the Effective Date and the Debtors' tax basis in such assets. Subject to possible alternative minimum tax, and although not free from doubt, the Debtors anticipate that, in addition to any current year NOL incurred through the Effective Date of the Plan, the NOL carryforwards of the Tax Group generally should be available to offset the gain or income, if any, recognized upon transfer of assets pursuant to the Plan. Due to the lack of guidance with respect to the sale or other taxable disposition of a tax refund claim or suit for refund, there is no assurance that a subsequent resolution of the claim or suit could not result in additional income to the Debtors or Reorganized Debtors, which may or may not be able to be offset by the existing NOL carryforwards of the Tax Group.

### B. Consequences to Holders of Certain Claims and Equity Interests

Pursuant to the Plan, and in complete and final satisfaction of their respective Claims, holders of Allowed Unsecured Claims and Allowed Convenience Claims will receive cash, Liquidating Trust Interests and/or Reorganized Common Stock in satisfaction of their Claims. In addition, pursuant to the Plan, each holder of an Allowed PIERS Claim will receive Subscription Rights to purchase shares of Additional Common Stock, exercisable by the Ballot Date.

Pursuant to the Plan, holders of Non-Subordinated Bank Bondholder Claims will receive BB Liquidating Trust Interests (representing an undivided interest in the Homeownership Carryback Refund Amount) in satisfaction of their Claims.

Pursuant to the Plan, holders of Preferred Equity Interests and REIT Series will receive contingent Liquidating Trust Interests, and all Preferred Equity Interests and REIT Series shall be deemed extinguished. Holders of the REIT Series will also receive a separately negotiated payment from JPMC under the Global Settlement Agreement, the tax consequences of which are not discussed herein.

The U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Plan to holders of Claims, including the character, amount and timing of income, gain or loss recognized as a consequence of the Plan and the distributions provided for by the Plan, generally will depend upon, among other things, (i) the manner in which a holder acquired a Claim; (ii) the length of time a Claim has been held; (iii) whether the Claim was acquired at a discount; (iv) whether the holder has taken a bad debt deduction in the current or prior years; (v) whether the holder has previously included accrued but unpaid interest with respect to a Claim; (vi) the holder's method of tax accounting; (vii) whether the holder will realize foreign currency exchange gain or loss with respect to a Claim; (viii) whether a Claim is an installment obligation for federal income tax purposes; and (ix) whether the transaction is treated as a "closed transaction." Therefore, holders of Claims are urged to consult their tax advisors for information that may be relevant to their particular situation and circumstances and the particular tax consequences to such holders as a result thereof.

# 1. <u>Allowed Convenience Claims</u>.

In general, each holder of an Allowed Convenience Claim will recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the amount of cash received by such holder in satisfaction of its Claim (other than any amounts received in respect of a Claim for accrued but unpaid interest) and (ii) the holder's adjusted tax basis in its Claim (other than any Claim for accrued but unpaid interest). Where gain or loss is recognized by a holder, the character of such gain or loss as long-term or short-term capital gain or loss or as ordinary income or loss will be determined by a number of factors, including the tax status of the holder, whether the Claim constitutes a capital asset in the hands of the holder and how long it has been held, whether the Claim was acquired at a market discount, and whether and to what extent the holder previously had claimed a bad debt deduction.

For a discussion of the treatment of any Claim for accrued but unpaid interest, see Section IX.B.2.c, "Distributions in Discharge of Accrued Interest," below.

# 2. <u>Allowed Unsecured Claims</u>.

Pursuant to the Plan, and in satisfaction of their respective Claims, (i) holders of Allowed Senior Note Claims, Allowed Senior Subordinated Notes, Allowed CCB-1 Guarantees Claims and Allowed CCB-2 Guarantees Claims will receive cash and Liquidating Trust Interests (subject to an election to receive Reorganized Common Stock in lieu of some or all of the cash or Liquidating Trust Interests), (ii) holders of Allowed PIERS Claims will receive cash, Liquidating Trust Interests and Reorganized Common Stock (subject to certain adjustments and elections), (iii) holders of Subordinated Claims will receive contingent Liquidating Trust Interests, and (iv) holders of General Unsecured Claims will receive cash and Liquidating Trust Interests (subject, in the case of Qualified Holders, to an election to receive Reorganized Common Stock in lieu of some or all of the cash or Liquidating Trust Interests). Holders of Allowed PIERS Claims will also receive Subscription Rights. Holders of Non-Subordinated Bank Bondholder Claims will receive BB Liquidating Trust Interests.

As discussed below (*see* Section IX.A.4, "*Tax Treatment of Liquidating Trust and Holders of Beneficial Interests*"), the Liquidating Trust has been structured to qualify as a "grantor trust" for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, each holder of an Allowed Unsecured Claim receiving a beneficial interest in the Liquidating Trust will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as directly receiving, and as a direct owner, of its respective share of the Liquidating Trust Assets (consistent with its economic rights in the trust), or in the case of the Non-Subordinated Bank Bondholder Claim, as a direct owner of a fixed undivided interest in the Homeowner Carryback Refund Amount. Pursuant to the Plan, the Debtors or the Liquidating Trustee (as provided in the Plan) will in good faith value the assets transferred to the Liquidating Trust, and all parties to the Liquidating Trust (including holders of Claims and Equity Interests receiving Liquidating Trust Interests) must consistently use such valuation for all U.S. federal income tax purposes.

The U.S. federal income tax consequences to a holder of an Allowed Unsecured Claim who receives Reorganized Common Stock or Subscription Rights also depend, in part, on whether such Claim constitutes a "security" for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The term "security" is not defined in the IRC or in the Treasury regulations issued thereunder and has not been clearly defined by judicial decisions. The determination of whether a particular debt obligation constitutes a "security" depends on an overall evaluation of the nature of the debt, including whether the holder of such debt obligation is subject to a material level of entrepreneurial risk and whether a continuing proprietary interest is intended or not. One of the most significant factors considered in determining whether a particular debt is a security is its original term. In general, debt obligations issued with a weighted average maturity at issuance of five years or less (*e.g.*, trade debt and revolving credit obligations) do not constitute "securities," whereas debt obligations with a weighted average maturity at issuance of ten years or more constitute "securities." Accordingly, certain Allowed Unsecured Claims may qualify as "securities" while others may not.

# a. Gain or Loss – In General

Unless an Allowed Unsecured Claim constitutes a "security" and qualifies for recapitalization treatment (as discussed in the next section), the exchanging holder generally will recognize gain or loss (although any loss with respect to such a Claim might be deferred until all Disputed Claims are resolved) in an amount equal to the difference, between (i) the sum of the amount of any cash and the fair market value of all other consideration received, possibly including the Subscription Rights (other than any amounts received in respect of any Claim for accrued but unpaid interest) and (ii) the holder's adjusted tax basis in its Claim (other than any tax basis attributable to accrued but unpaid interest).

For a discussion of the treatment of any Claim for accrued but unpaid interest, *see* Section IX.B.2.c, "Distributions in Discharge of Accrued Interest," below. For a discussion of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the receipt, ownership and exercise of Subscription Rights, *see* Section IX.B.4 "Tax Treatment of Subscription Rights," below.

In the case of a holder of a deferred compensation or other wage claim, the consideration received in satisfaction of such claim (whether in cash or in property value) will be includable by the holder as compensation income to the extent not previously included, and will be subject to applicable withholding. Because the larger portion of the consideration received by a holder of a wage claim may not be cash and thus the cash portion may be insufficient to satisfy the applicable wage withholding, the holder may be required to provide the cash necessary to satisfy any shortfall as a condition to receiving any distribution.

After the Effective Date, a holder's share of any collections received on the assets of the Liquidating Trust (other than as a result of the subsequent disallowance of Disputed Claims or the redistribution among holders of Allowed Claims of undeliverable distributions) should not be included, for federal income tax purposes, in the holder's amount realized in respect of its Allowed Claim but should be separately treated as amounts realized in respect of such holder's ownership interest in the underlying assets of the Liquidating Trust. See Section IX.C, "Tax Treatment of Liquidating Trust and Holders of Beneficial Interests," below.

In the event of a subsequent disallowance of a Disputed Unsecured Claim, it is possible that a holder of a previously Allowed Claim may be taxed as such Disputed Claims become disallowed and the holder effectively becomes entitled to an increased share of the assets held in the applicable Liquidating Trust. The imputed interest provisions of the Tax Code may apply to treat a portion of such increased share or any additional distributions (*e.g.*, the redistribution among holders of Allowed Claims of undeliverable distributions) as imputed interest. In addition, it is possible that any loss realized by a holder in satisfaction of an Allowed Claim may be deferred until all Disputed Claims in such holder's class are determined and such holder's share can no longer increase, and with respect to certain claims, that a portion of any gain realized may be deferred under the "installment method" of reporting. Holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the possibility for deferral, and the ability to elect out of the installment method of reporting any gain realized in respect of their Claims. A holder's tax basis in its Reorganized Common Stock, Subscription Rights (or, as discussed below, *see* Section IX.B.4, "*Tax Treatment of Subscription Rights*," in the underlying Additional Common Stock to the extent, if at all, such stock is treated as if received directly in partial satisfaction of the holder's Allowed Claim) and/or undivided interest in the Liquidating Trust Assets for U.S. federal income tax purposes will equal the amount taken into account in respect of such stock, rights or interests in determining the holder's amount realized. A holder's holding period in such stock, rights or interests generally will begin the day following the Effective Date.

### b. Recapitalization Treatment

If an Allowed Unsecured Claim constitutes a "security" for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the receipt of Reorganized Common Stock and/or possibly Subscription Rights (*see* Section IX.B.3, below) in partial satisfaction of such Claim generally will qualify as a "recapitalization" for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In such event, each such holder generally will not recognize any loss upon the exchange of its Claim, but will recognize any gain (computed as discussed in the preceding section) to the extent of any cash and the fair market value of its undivided interest in the Liquidating Trust Assets received (other than to the extent received in respect of a Claim for accrued but unpaid interest). The treatment of distributions in respect of a Claim for accrued but unpaid interest is discussed in the next section.

In a recapitalization exchange, a holder's aggregate tax basis in any Reorganized Common Stock and possibly Subscription Rights received in respect of an Allowed Unsecured Claim that constitutes a security will equal the holder's adjusted tax basis in such Claim (including any Claim for accrued but unpaid interest), increased by any gain recognized or interest income received in respect of such Claim, and decreased by the amount of any cash and the fair market value of any share of the Liquidating Trust Assets received and any deductions claimed in respect of any previously accrued but unpaid interest. The aggregate tax basis presumably should be allocated among any Reorganized Common Stock and any Subscription Rights taken into account in accordance with their relative fair market values. In a recapitalization exchange, a holder's holding period in any Reorganized Common Stock and possibly Subscription Rights received will include the holder's holding period in the Claim exchanged therefor, except to the extent of any exchange consideration received in respect of a Claim for accrued but unpaid interest (which will commence a new holding period).

A holder's tax basis in its undivided interest in the Liquidating Trust Assets will equal the fair market value of such interest, and the holder's holding period generally will begin the day following the Effective Date.

### c. Distributions in Discharge of Accrued Interest

In general, to the extent that any consideration received pursuant to the Plan (whether cash, stock or other property) by a holder of a Claim is received in satisfaction of interest accrued during its holding period, such amount will be taxable to the holder as interest income (if not previously included in the holder's gross income). Conversely, a holder generally recognizes a deductible loss to the extent any accrued interest or amortized original issue discount ("OID") was previously included in its gross income and is not paid in full. However, the IRS has privately ruled that a holder of a "security" of a corporate issuer, in an otherwise tax-free exchange, could not claim a current deduction with respect to any unpaid OID. Accordingly, it is also unclear whether, by analogy, a holder of a Claim that does not constitute a security would be required to recognize a capital loss, rather than an ordinary loss, with respect to previously included OID that is not paid in full.

The Plan provides that consideration received in respect of a Claim is allocable first to the principal amount of the Claim (as determined for U.S. federal income tax purposes) and then, to the extent of any excess, to the remainder of the Claim, including any Claim for accrued but unpaid interest (in contrast, for example, to a pro rata allocation of a portion of the exchange consideration received between principal and interest, or an allocation first to accrued but unpaid interest). *See* Section 31.11 of the Plan. There is no assurance that the IRS will respect such allocation for U.S. federal income tax purposes. You are urged to consult your own tax advisor regarding the allocation of consideration received any loss claimed with respect to accrued but unpaid interest previously included in gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

## d. Character of Gain or Loss

Where gain or loss is recognized by a holder in respect of its Allowed Claim, the character of such gain or loss as long-term or short-term capital gain or loss or as ordinary income or loss will be determined by a number of factors, including, among others, the tax status of the holder, whether the Claim constitutes a capital asset in the hands of the holder and how long it has been held, and whether and to what extent the holder had previously claimed a bad debt deduction in respect of such Claim. A reduced tax rate on long-term capital gain may apply to non-corporate holders. The deductibility of capital loss is subject to significant limitations; *see* Section IX.B.2.e "*Limitations on Capital Losses*," below.

In addition, a holder that purchased its Claims from a prior holder at a "market discount" (relative to the principal amount of the Claims at the time of acquisition) may be subject to the market discount rules of the IRC. In general, a debt instrument is considered to have been acquired with "market discount" if its holder's adjusted tax basis in the debt instrument is less than (i) its stated principal amount or (ii) in the case of a debt instrument issued with OID, its adjusted issue price, in each case, by at least a *de minimis* amount. Under the market discount rules, any gain recognized on the exchange of Claims (other than in respect of a Claim for accrued but unpaid interest) generally will be treated as ordinary income to the extent of the market discount accrued (on a straight line basis or, at the election of the holder, on a constant interest basis) during the holder's period of ownership, unless the holder elected to include market discount in income as it accrued. If a holder of Claims did not elect to include market discount in income as it accrued and thus, under the market discount rules, was required to defer all or a portion of any deductions for interest on debt incurred or maintained to purchase or carry its Claims, such deferred amounts would become deductible at the time of the exchange, up to the amount of gain that the holder recognizes in the exchange.

In the case of an exchange of Claims that qualifies as a recapitalization, the IRC indicates that any accrued market discount in respect of the Claims in excess of the gain recognized in the exchange should not be currently includible in income under Treasury regulations to be issued. However, such accrued market discount should carry over to any non-recognition property received in exchange therefor (*i.e.*, to any Reorganized Common Stock and possibly any Subscription Rights received). To date, specific Treasury regulations implementing this rule have not been issued.

### e. Limitations on Capital Losses

A holder of a Claim or Equity Interest who recognizes a capital loss as a result of the distributions under the Plan will be subject to limits on the use of such capital loss. For a non-corporate holder, capital losses may be used to offset any capital gains (without regard to holding periods), and also ordinary income to the extent of the lesser of (1) \$3,000 (\$1,500 for married individuals filing separate

returns) or (2) the excess of the capital losses over the capital gains. A non-corporate holder may carry over unused capital losses and apply them against future capital gains and a portion of their ordinary income for an unlimited number of years. For corporate holders, capital losses may only be used to offset capital gains. A corporate holder that has more capital losses than may be used in a tax year may carry back unused capital losses to the three taxable years preceding the capital loss year, but may carry over unused capital losses for the five taxable years following the capital loss year.

# 3. Preferred Equity Interests and REIT Series.

In general, each holder of a Preferred Equity Interest or REIT Series will recognize gain or loss in an amount equal to the difference between (i) the fair market value of the contingent interest in the Liquidating Trust received and (ii) the holder's adjusted basis in its Equity Interest. As indicated above, the discussion herein does not address the federal income tax treatment of the payment to holders of REIT Series from JPMC pursuant to the Global Settlement Agreement. Where gain or loss is recognized by a holder the character of such gain or loss as long-term or short-term capital gain or loss will depend on the holder's holding period.

As discussed below (*see* Section IX.C, "*Tax Treatment of Liquidating Trust and Holders of Beneficial Interests*"), the Liquidating Trust has been structured to qualify as a "grantor trust" for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, each person receiving a beneficial interest in the Liquidating Trust will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as directly receiving, and as a direct owner, of its respective share of the Liquidating Trust Assets (consistent with its economic rights in the trust). Pursuant to the Plan, the Debtors or the Liquidating Trust, and all parties to the Liquidating Trust (including holders of Claims and Equity Interests receiving Liquidating Trust Interests) must consistently use such valuation for all U.S. federal income tax purposes.

A holder's tax basis in its contingent interest in the Liquidating Trust Assets for U.S. federal income tax purposes will equal the amount taken into account in respect of such interest in determining the holder's amount realized. A holder's holding period in such interest generally will begin the day following the Effective Date.

After the Effective Date, a holder's share of any collections received on the assets of the Liquidating Trust (other than as a result of the subsequent disallowance of Disputed Claims or the redistribution among holders of Allowed Claims of undeliverable distributions) should not be included, for federal income tax purposes, in the holder's amount realized in respect of its Preferred Equity Interest or REIT Series but should be separately treated as amounts realized in respect of such holder's ownership interest in the underlying assets of the Liquidating Trust. *See* Section IX.C, "*Tax Treatment of Liquidating Trust and Holders of Beneficial Interests*," below.

# 4. <u>Tax Treatment of Subscription Rights</u>.

The characterization of the Subscription Rights and their subsequent exercise for U.S. federal income tax purposes – as simply the exercise of options to acquire the underlying stock or, alternatively, as an integrated transaction pursuant to which the underlying stock is acquired directly in partial satisfaction of a holder's Claim – is uncertain. Regardless of the characterization, however, a holder of Subscription Rights generally will not recognize any gain or loss upon the exercise of such Subscription Rights (beyond the gain or loss recognized in respect of its Claim, as described above).

A holder's aggregate tax basis in the Additional Common Stock received upon exercise of a Subscription Right should be equal to the sum of (i) the amount paid for the Additional Common Stock and (ii) the holder's tax basis, if any, in the Subscription Rights or, alternatively, under an integrated transaction analysis, in any Additional Common Stock that is treated as directly acquired in partial satisfaction of the holder's Allowed Claim. A holder's holding period in the Additional Common Stock received upon exercise of a Subscription Right generally should commence the day following the Effective Date, unless the Subscription Right is disregarded and the holder is instead treated as receiving for its Allowed Claim a portion of the Additional Common Stock acquired equal in value to the Subscription Rights. In the latter event, the holder could have a split holding period (part new and part carry over) if the receipt of the additional stock was part of a "recapitalization" exchange for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In addition, if either the Subscription Rights or, under an integrated transaction analysis, the Additional Common Stock acquired is treated as part of a recapitalization exchange, any gain recognized upon a subsequent disposition of the Additional Common Stock may be treated as ordinary income to the extent of any carryover of accrued market discount not previously included in income (*see* preceding section).

It is uncertain whether a holder that does not exercise a Subscription Right should be treated as receiving anything of additional value in respect of its Claim. If the holder is treated as having received a Subscription Right of value (despite its subsequent lapse), such that it obtains a tax basis in the right, the holder generally would recognize a loss to the extent of the holder's tax basis in the Subscription Right. In general, such gain or loss would be a capital gain or loss, long-term or short-term, depending upon whether the requisite holding period was satisfied (taking into account that the receipt of the Subscription Rights in partial satisfaction of a Claim could be part of a recapitalization exchange, even if the right goes unexercised, such that the holder may carry over the holding period in its Claim).

# 5. Disposition of Reorganized Common Stock and Additional Common Stock.

Any gain recognized by a holder upon a subsequent taxable disposition of any Reorganized Common Stock or Additional Common Stock received in respect of its Claim (or any stock or property received for such stock in a later tax-free exchange) would be treated as ordinary income for U.S. federal income tax purposes to the extent of (i) any bad debt deductions (or additions to a bad debt reserve) claimed with respect to the Claim for which stock was received and any ordinary loss deducted upon satisfaction of the Claim, less any income (other than interest income) recognized by the holder upon satisfaction of the Claim, and (ii) with respect to a cash-basis holder, also any amounts which would have been included in its gross income if the holder's Claim had been satisfied in full but which was not included by reason of the cash method of accounting.

In addition, as discussed above (*see* Sections IX.B.2.d and IX.B.4, "*Character of Gain or Loss*" and "*Tax Treatment of Subscription Rights*"), in the case of an exchange of Claims that qualifies as a recapitalization for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a portion of any gain recognized upon a subsequent disposition of any Reorganized Common Stock and possibly any Additional Common Stock acquired

pursuant to the Subscription Rights received may be treated as ordinary income to the extent of any carryover of accrued market discount not previously included in income.

# C. Tax Treatment of the Liquidating Trust and Holders of Beneficial Interests

# 1. <u>Classification of the Liquidating Trust</u>.

The Liquidating Trust is intended to qualify as a "liquidating trust" for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In general, a liquidating trust is not a separate taxable entity, but rather is treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a "grantor trust" (i.e., a pass-through type entity). However, merely establishing a trust as a liquidating trust does not ensure that it will be treated as a grantor trust for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The IRS, in Revenue Procedure 94-45, 1994-2 C.B. 684, set forth the general criteria for obtaining an IRS ruling as to the grantor trust status of a liquidating trust under a chapter 11 plan. The Liquidating Trust has been structured with the intention of complying with such general criteria. Pursuant to the Plan, and in conformity with Revenue Procedure 94-45, all parties (including, without limitation, the Debtors, the Liquidating Trustee, and the Liquidating Trust Beneficiaries) are required to treat, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, the Liquidating Trust as a grantor trust of which the Liquidating Trust Beneficiaries are the owners and grantors. The following discussion assumes that the Liquidating Trust will be so respected for U.S. federal income tax purposes. However, no ruling has been requested from the IRS and no opinion of counsel has been requested concerning the tax status of the Liquidating Trust as a grantor trust. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the IRS would not take a contrary position. If the IRS were to challenge successfully the classification of the Liquidating Trust, the U.S. federal income tax consequences to the Liquidating Trust, the Liquidating Trust Beneficiaries and the Debtors could vary from those discussed herein (including the potential for an entity-level tax on income of the Liquidating Trust).

## 2. <u>General Tax Reporting by the Liquidating Trust and Beneficiaries</u>.

For all U.S. federal income tax purposes, all parties (including, without limitation, the Debtors, the Liquidating Trustee, and the Liquidating Trust Beneficiaries) must treat the transfer of the Liquidating Trust Assets to the Liquidating Trust in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Pursuant to the Plan, the Liquidating Trust Assets (other than any assets allocated to the Liquidating Trust Claims Reserve, discussed below) are treated, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, as having been transferred, subject to any obligations relating to those assets, directly to the holders of the respective Claims or Equity Interests in satisfaction of their Claims or cancellation of their Equity Interests (with each holder receiving an undivided interest in such assets in accord with their economic interests in such assets), followed by the transfer by the holders to the Liquidating Trust as a grantor trust of which the holders of Beneficial Interests are the owners and grantors, and treat the Liquidating Trust Beneficiaries as the direct owners of an undivided interest in the Liquidating Trust Assets (other than any assets allocated to the Liquidating Trust Claims Reserve), consistent with their economic interests therein, for all U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Pursuant to the Plan, on or before the Effective Date, the Debtors shall provide the Liquidating Trustee with a good faith valuation of the Tax Refunds as of the Effective Date that comprise part of the Liquidating Trust Assets, and the Liquidating Trustee will in good faith value the remaining Liquidating Trust Assets. All parties to the Liquidating Trust (including, without limitation, the Debtors, the Liquidating Trustee and the Liquidating Trust Beneficiaries) must consistently use such valuation for all U.S. federal income tax purposes. The valuation will be made available, from time to time, as relevant for tax reporting purposes.

Allocations of taxable income of the Liquidating Trust (other than taxable income allocable to the Liquidating Trust Claims Reserve, discussed below) among the Liquidating Trust Beneficiaries shall be determined by reference to the manner in which an amount of cash equal to such taxable income would be distributed (were such cash permitted to be distributed at such time) if, immediately prior to such deemed distribution, the Liquidating Trust had distributed all its assets (valued at their tax book value, and other than assets allocable to the Liquidating Trust Claims Reserve) to the Liquidating Trust Beneficiaries, adjusted for prior taxable income and loss and taking into account all prior and concurrent distributions from the Liquidating Trust. Similarly, taxable loss of the Liquidating Trust shall be allocated by reference to the manner in which an economic loss would be borne immediately after a liquidating distribution of the remaining Liquidating Trust Assets. The tax book value of the Liquidating Trust Assets for this purpose shall equal their fair market value on the Effective Date, adjusted in accordance with tax accounting principles prescribed by the IRC, the applicable Treasury regulations, and other applicable administrative and judicial authorities and pronouncements.

Taxable income or loss allocated to a Liquidating Trust Beneficiary will be treated as income or loss with respect to such Liquidating Trust Beneficiary's undivided interest in the Liquidating Trust Assets, and *not* as income or loss with respect to its prior Allowed Claim or Equity Interest. The character of any income and the character and ability to use any loss will depend on the particular situation of the Liquidating Trust Beneficiary. The Debtors expect that any recovery on a Tax Refund in excess of the fair market value accorded to such refund as of the Effective Date will be ordinary income to a Liquidating Trust Beneficiary. It is unclear whether the portion of any interest component of the Tax Refund that accrues after the transfer to the Liquidating Trust would retain its character as "interest" income.

The U.S. federal income tax obligations of a holder with respect to its Liquidating Trust Interest are not dependent on the Liquidating Trust distributing any cash or other proceeds. Thus, a holder may incur a U.S. federal income tax liability with respect to its allocable share of Liquidating Trust income even if the Liquidating Trust does not make a concurrent distribution to the holder. In general, other than in respect of cash retained on account of Disputed Claims and distributions resulting from undeliverable distributions (the subsequent distribution of which still relates to a holder's Allowed Claim), a distribution of cash by the Liquidating Trust will not be separately taxable to a Liquidating Trust Beneficiary since the beneficiary is already regarded for federal income tax purposes as owning the underlying assets (and was taxed at the time the cash was earned or received by the Liquidating Trust). Holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the appropriate federal income tax treatment of any subsequent distributions of cash originally retained by the Liquidating Trust on account of Disputed Claims.

The Liquidating Trustee will comply with all applicable governmental withholding requirements (*see* Sections 27.14(c) and 31.7 of the Plan). Thus, in the case of any Liquidating Trust Beneficiaries that are *not* U.S. persons, the Liquidating Trustee may be required to withhold up to 30% of the income or proceeds allocable to such persons, depending on the circumstances (including whether the type of income is subject to a lower treaty rate). Significantly, as discussed above, a Liquidating Trust Beneficiary is treated for federal income tax purposes as holding an undivided interest in the underlying assets of the Liquidating Trust. Accordingly, any amounts received by the Liquidating Trust, the economic benefit of which inures to a Liquidating Trust Beneficiary on the basis describe above with respect to the allocation of taxable income, is treated as received by the beneficiary in respect of the underlying asset, and *not* in respect of its Allowed Claim. Thus, for example, the ordinary income

recovery with respect to a Tax Refund claim (particularly, any ordinary income that represents a "gain" relative to the fair market value of the Tax Refund claim when transferred to the Liquidating Trust, in contrast to stated interest) may be subject to 30% income tax withholding with respect to a Liquidating Trust Beneficiary that is *not* a U.S. person. Absent the receipt of a ruling from the IRS or an opinion of counsel (that is satisfactory to the Liquidating Trustee) that no withholding is required, the Debtors expect that the Liquidating Trustee would withhold with respect to such ordinary income. As indicated above, the foregoing discussion of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Plan does not generally address the consequences to Non-U.S. holders; accordingly, such holders should consult their tax advisors with respect to the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Plan, including owning an interest in the Liquidating Trust.

The Liquidating Trust Interests are generally intended to be transferable, subject to, among other things, a prohibition on secondary transfers to *non*-U.S. persons (absent the Liquidating Trustee's receipt of the withholding ruling just discussed).

The Liquidating Trustee will file with the IRS returns for the Liquidating Trust as a grantor trust pursuant to Treasury Regulation section 1.671-4(a). Except as discussed below with respect to the Liquidating Trust Claims Reserve, the Liquidating Trustee will annually send to each holder of a Liquidating Trust Interest a separate statement regarding the receipts and expenditures of the Liquidating Trust as relevant for U.S. federal income tax purposes and will instruct all such holders to use such information in preparing their U.S. federal income tax returns or to forward the appropriate information to such holder's underlying beneficial holders with instructions to utilize such information in preparing their U.S. federal income tax returns or to forward the appropriate information to such holder's underlying beneficial holders with instructions to utilize such information in preparing their U.S. federal income tax returns.

## 3. <u>Tax Reporting for Assets Allocable to Disputed Claims</u>.

Subject to definitive guidance from the IRS or a court of competent jurisdiction to the contrary (including the receipt by the Liquidating Trustee of an IRS private letter ruling if the Liquidating Trustee so requests one, or the receipt of an adverse determination by the IRS upon audit if not contested by the Liquidating Trustee), the Liquidating Trustee will (A) elect to treat any Liquidating Trust Assets allocable to, or retained on account of, Disputed Claims (the "Liquidating Trust Claims Reserve") as a "disputed ownership fund" governed by Treasury Regulation section 1.468B-9, and (B) to the extent permitted by applicable law, report consistently with the foregoing for state and local income tax purposes.

Accordingly, the Liquidating Trust Claims Reserve will be subject to tax annually on a separate entity basis on any net income earned with respect to the Liquidating Trust Assets in such reserves, and all distributions from such reserves (which distributions will be net of the related expenses of the reserve) will be treated as received by holders in respect of their Claims as if distributed by the Debtors. All parties (including, without limitation, the Debtors, the Liquidating Trustee and the Liquidating Trust Beneficiaries) will be required to report for tax purposes consistently with the foregoing.

## D. Information Reporting and Withholding

All distributions to holders of Claims and Equity Interests under the Plan are subject to any applicable tax withholding, including employment tax withholding. Under U.S. federal income tax law, interest, dividends, and other reportable payments may, under certain circumstances, be subject to "backup withholding" at the then applicable withholding rate (currently 28%). Backup withholding generally applies if the holder (a) fails to furnish its social security number or other taxpayer identification number ("<u>TIN</u>"), (b) furnishes an incorrect TIN, (c) fails properly to report interest or dividends, or (d) under certain circumstances, fails to provide a certified statement, signed under penalty of perjury, that the TIN provided is its correct number and that it is a United States person that is not subject to backup withholding. Backup withholding is not an additional tax but merely an advance payment, which may be refunded to the extent it results in an overpayment of tax and the appropriate information is supplied to the IRS. Certain persons are exempt from backup withholding, including, in certain circumstances, corporations and financial institutions.

In addition, as discussed above under Section IX.C, "Tax Treatment of Liquidating Trust and Holders of Beneficial Interests," a holder of a Beneficial Interest in the Liquidating Trust that is a not a U.S. person may be subject to up to 30% withholding, depending on, among other things, the particular type of income and whether the type of income is subject to a lower treaty rate. A non-U.S. holder may also be subject to other adverse consequences in connection with the implementation of the Plan. As discussed above, the foregoing discussion of the U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Plan does not generally address the consequences to Non-U.S. holders of Allowed Claims or Equity Interests.

Recent Legislation. Under legislation recently enacted into law, certain payments made after December 31, 2012 to certain foreign entities (including foreign accounts or foreign intermediaries) would be subject to a 30% withholding tax unless various U.S. information reporting and due diligence requirements have been satisfied. Payments subject to such requirements include dividends on and the gross proceeds of dispositions of Reorganized Common Stock or Additional Common Stock and likely include distributions by the Liquidating Trust. These requirements are different from, and in addition to, the withholding tax requirements described above under Section IX.C.2. "General Tax Reporting by the Liquidating Trust and Beneficiaries." Non-U.S. holders should consult their tax advisor concerning the application of this legislation to their particular circumstances.

The foregoing summary has been provided for informational purposes only. All holders of Claims or Equity Interests receiving a distribution under the Plan are urged to consult their tax advisors concerning the federal, state, local and foreign tax consequences applicable under the Plan.

## X. VOTING PROCEDURES

## A. Holders of Claims Entitled To Vote

The following Classes are the only ones entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan: Class 2 (Senior Notes Claims), Class 3 (Senior Subordinated Notes Claims), Class 12 (General Unsecured Claims), Class 14 (CCB-1 Guarantees Claims), Class 15 (CCB-2 Guarantees Claims), Class 16 (PIERS Claims), Class 17 (Non-Subordinated Bank Bondholder Claims), Class 18 (Subordinated Claims), Class 19 (REIT Series), and Class 20 (Preferred Equity Interests).

If your Claim or Interest is not in one of these Classes, you are <u>not</u> entitled to vote and you will not receive a Ballot with this Disclosure Statement. If your Claim is in one of these Classes, you should read your Ballot and follow the listed instructions carefully. Please use only the Ballot that accompanies this Disclosure Statement.

If a Ballot is damaged or lost, or if you have any questions concerning voting procedures, you may contact:

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### B. Voting Deadlines

The Debtors have engaged Kurtzman Carson Consultants LLC as their Voting Agent to assist in the transmission of voting materials and in the tabulations of votes with respect to the Plan.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE HOLDERS OF CLAIMS IN CLASS 2 (SENIOR NOTES CLAIMS), CLASS 3 (SENIOR SUBORDINATED NOTES CLAIMS), CLASS 12 (GENERAL UNSECURED CLAIMS), CLASS 14 (CCB-1 GUARANTEES CLAIMS), CLASS 15 (CCB-2 GUARANTEES CLAIMS), CLASS 16 (PIERS CLAIMS), CLASS 17 (NON-SUBORDINATED BANK BONDHOLDER CLAIMS), CLASS 18 (SUBORDINATED CLAIMS), CLASS 19 (REIT SERIES), AND CLASS 20 (PREFERRED EQUITY INTERESTS) TIMELY EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN.

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ANY BALLOT THAT IS EXECUTED AND RETURNED BUT WHICH DOES NOT INDICATE AN ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF THE PLAN SHALL BE DEEMED TO CONSTITUTE AN ACCEPTANCE OF THE PLAN.

# C. <u>Voting Procedures</u>

Detailed voting instructions are provided with the Ballot accompanying this Disclosure Statement. All holders of Claims in Class 2 (Senior Notes Claims), Class 3 (Senior Subordinated Notes Claims), Class 12 (General Unsecured Claims), Class 14 (CCB-1 Guarantees Claims), Class 15 (CCB-2 Guarantees Claims), Class 16 (PIERS Claims), Class 17 (Non-Subordinated Bank Bondholder Claims), Class 18 (Subordinated Claims), Class 19 (REIT Series), and Class 20 (Preferred Equity Interests) as of the Ballot Date established for purposes of this solicitation may vote to accept or reject the Plan to the extent and in the manner provided in the Disclosure Statement Order or in any other order or orders of the Bankruptcy Court.

### **1.** Acceptance by a Class.

The Bankruptcy Code defines "acceptance" of a chapter 11 plan by a class of creditors as acceptance by creditors holding at least two-thirds (2/3) in dollar amount and more than one-half (1/2) in number of the claims in such class (other than any such creditor designated under section 1126(e) of the Bankruptcy Code), but for that purpose only counts those creditors that actually cast ballots. Holders of claims that fail to vote are not counted as either accepting or rejecting.

A vote may be disregarded if the Bankruptcy Court determines, after notice and a hearing, that acceptance or rejection was not solicited or procured in good faith or in accordance with provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.

If a Class of Claims entitled to vote on the Plan rejects the Plan, the Debtors reserve the right to amend the Plan or request confirmation of the Plan pursuant to section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code or both. Section 1129(b) permits the confirmation of a chapter 11 plan notwithstanding the nonacceptance of a plan by one or more impaired classes of claims or equity interests. Under that section, a plan may be confirmed by a bankruptcy court if the plan does not "discriminate unfairly" and is "fair and equitable" with respect to each nonaccepting class. For a more detailed description of the requirements for confirmation of a nonconsensual plan, refer to Section XII, "Confirmation of the Plan".

# 2. Withdrawal or Change of Vote.

Any voter that has delivered a valid Ballot may withdraw its vote by delivering a written notice of withdrawal to the Voting Agent before the Voting Deadline. To be valid, the notice of withdrawal must be (a) signed by the party who signed the Ballot to be revoked, and (b) received by the Voting Agent by the Voting Deadline. The Debtors may contest the validity of any withdrawals. Any holder that has delivered a valid ballot may change its vote by delivering to the Voting Agent a properly completed subsequent Ballot so as to be received before the Voting Deadline. In the case where more than one timely, properly completed ballot is received, only the Ballot that bears the latest date will be counted.

# XI. CONFIRMATION OF THE PLAN

# A. <u>The Confirmation Hearing</u>

Section 1128(a) of the Bankruptcy Code requires the Bankruptcy Court, after appropriate notice, to hold a Confirmation Hearing. The Confirmation Hearing with respect to the Plan has been scheduled for \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2010, commencing at \_\_:\_\_\_.m. (Eastern Time), before the Honorable Mary F. Walrath, United States Bankruptcy Judge, at the United States Bankruptcy Court, 5th Floor, 824 North Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. The Confirmation Hearing may be adjourned from time to time by the Bankruptcy Court without further notice except for the announcement of the continuation date made at the Confirmation Hearing or at any subsequent continued Confirmation Hearing.

## B. Objections To Confirmation

Section 1128 of the Bankruptcy Code provides that any party in interest may object to the confirmation of a plan. Any objection to confirmation of the Plan must be in writing, must conform to the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Bankruptcy Rules, must set forth the name of the objector, the nature and amount of Claims or interests held or asserted by the objector against the Debtors' estate or property, the basis for the objection and the specific grounds therefore, and must be filed with the Bankruptcy Court, with a copy to Chambers, together with proof of service thereof, and served upon: (i) Washington Mutual, Inc. 925 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98104 (Attn: Charles E. Smith, Esq.), on behalf of the Debtors; (ii) Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153 (Attn: Brian S. Rosen, Esq.), as counsel to the Debtors; (iii) Richards Layton & Finger P.A., One Rodney Square, 920 North King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19899 (Attn: Mark D. Collins, Esq.), as co-counsel to the Debtors; (iv) Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan, LLP, 55 Madison Avenue, 22nd Floor, New York, New York 10010 (Attn: Peter Calamari, Esq.), as Special Litigation and Conflicts Counsel to the

Debtors; (v) The Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, Delaware 19899-0035 (Attn: Joseph McMahon, Esq.); (vi) Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, One Bryant Park, New York, New York 10036 (Attn: Fred S. Hodara, Esq.), as counsel to the Creditors' Committee; and (vii) Pepper Hamilton LLP, Hercules Plaza, Suite 5100, 1313 N. Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (Attn: David B. Stratton, Esq.), as co-counsel to the Creditors' Committee; (viii) Venable LLP, 750 East Pratt Street, Suite 900, Baltimore, Maryland 21202 (Attn: Gregory A. Cross, Esq.), as counsel to the Equity Committee; and (ix) Ashby & Geddes, P.A. 500 Delaware Avenue, 8th Floor, P.O. Box 1150, Wilmington, Delaware 19899 (Attn: William P. Bowden, Esq.), as local counsel to the Equity Committee, so as to be received no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2010 at \_\_\_\_4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

Objections to confirmation of the Plan are governed by Bankruptcy Rule 9014.

## UNLESS AN OBJECTION TO CONFIRMATION IS TIMELY SERVED AND FILED, IT MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE BANKRUPTCY COURT.

### C. <u>Requirements For Confirmation Of The Plan</u>

# 1. Requirements of Section 1129(a) of the Bankruptcy Code

### a. General Requirements

At the Confirmation Hearing, the Bankruptcy Court will determine whether the following confirmation requirements specified in section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code have been satisfied:

- (i) The Plan complies with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code.
- (ii) The Debtors have complied with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy

Code.

- (iii) The Plan has been proposed in good faith and not by any means forbidden by
- law.

(iv) Any payment made or promised by the Debtors or by a person issuing securities or acquiring property under the Plan, for services or for costs and expenses in or in connection with, these chapter 11 cases, or in connection with the Plan and incident to the chapter 11 cases, has been disclosed to the Bankruptcy Court, and any such payment made before confirmation of the Plan is reasonable, or if such payment is to be fixed after confirmation of the Plan, such payment is subject to the approval of the Bankruptcy Court as reasonable.

(v) The Debtors have disclosed the identity and affiliations of any individual proposed to serve, after confirmation of the Plan, as a director or officer of the Reorganized Debtors, an affiliate of the Debtors participating in a Plan with the Debtors, or a successor to the Debtors under the Plan, and the appointment to, or continuance in, such office of such individual is consistent with the interests of creditors and equity security holders and with public policy, and the Debtors have disclosed the identity of any insider that will be employed or retained by the Reorganized Debtors, and the nature of any compensation for such insider.

(vi) With respect to each class of claims or interests, each holder of an Impaired Claim or Impaired Interest either has accepted the Plan or will receive or retain under the Plan on account of such holder's claim or interest, property of a value, as of the Effective Date of the Plan, that is not less than the amount such holder would receive or retain if the Debtors were liquidated on the Effective Date of the Plan under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. See discussion of "Best Interests Test" below.

(vii) Except to the extent the Plan meets the requirements of Section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code (discussed below), each class of claims or equity interests has either accepted the Plan or is not impaired under the Plan.

(viii) Except to the extent that the holder of a particular claim has agreed to a different treatment of such claim, the Plan provides that administrative expenses and priority claims, other than priority tax claims, will be paid in full on the Effective Date and that priority tax claims will receive on account of such claims deferred cash payments, over a period not exceeding five years after the Petition Date, of a value, as of the Effective Date of the Plan, equal to the allowed amount of such claims.

(ix) At least one class of impaired claims has accepted the Plan, determined without including any acceptance of the Plan by any insider holding a claim in such class.

(x) Confirmation of the Plan is not likely to be followed by the liquidation, or the need for further financial reorganization, of the Debtors or any successor to the Debtors under the Plan, unless such liquidation or reorganization is proposed in the Plan. See discussion of "Feasibility" below.

(xi) All fees payable under section 1930 of title 28, as determined by the Bankruptcy Court at the Confirmation Hearing, have been paid or the Plan provides for the payment of all such fees on the Effective Date of the Plan.

(xii) The Plan provides for the continuation after the Effective Date of payment of all "retiree benefits" (as defined in section 1114 of the Bankruptcy Code), at the level established pursuant to section 1114(e)(1)(B) or 1114(g) of the Bankruptcy Code, at any time prior to confirmation of the Plan, for the duration of the period the Debtors have obligated themselves to provide such benefits, if any.

### b. Best Interests Test

Pursuant to Section 1129(a)(7) of the Bankruptcy Code (often called the "<u>Best Interests</u> <u>Test</u>"), holders of Allowed Claims and Interests must either (a) accept the Plan or (b) receive or retain under the Plan property of a value, as of the Plan's assumed Effective Date, that is not less than the value such non-accepting holder would receive or retain if the Debtors were to be liquidated under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

To calculate the probable distribution to members of each Impaired Class of Claims and Equity Interests if the Debtors were liquidated under chapter 7, it is necessary to determine the aggregate dollar amount that would be generated from the disposition of the Debtors' assets in the context of the chapter 7 liquidation cases under the Bankruptcy Code. This "liquidation value" would consist primarily of the proceeds from liquidating the Debtors' assets by a chapter 7 trustee and the cash held by the Debtors at the time of the commencement of the chapter 11 cases.

The amount of liquidation value available to creditors would be reduced by the amount of any claims secured by such assets, the costs and expenses of liquidation, as well as by other administrative expenses and priority claims that may result from the use of chapter 7 for the purposes of liquidation.

The costs of liquidation of the Debtors under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code would include the compensation of a chapter 7 trustee, compensation of counsel and other professionals retained by the trustee, asset disposition expenses, unpaid expenses incurred by the Debtors in the chapter 11 cases (such as compensation for attorneys, financial advisors, and other professionals, and costs and expenses of members of any statutory committees appointed by the United States Trustee pursuant to section 1102 of the Bankruptcy Code) that are allowed in the chapter 7 cases, litigation costs and Claims arising from the operations of the Debtors during the pendency of the chapter 11 cases.

The foregoing types of claims, costs, expenses, fees and such other claims that may arise in a liquidation case would be paid in full from the liquidation proceeds before the balance of those proceeds would be made available to pay pre-chapter 11 priority and unsecured claims. Under the absolute priority rule, no junior creditor would receive any distribution until all senior creditors are paid in full, with interest, and no equity holder receives any distribution until all creditors are paid in full, with interest.

A conversion of the Debtors' chapter 11 cases to cases under chapter 7 will likely result in the delay of the consummation of the Global Settlement Agreement while the chapter 7 trustee and its professionals review the Debtors' major assets and the terms of the agreement. It is assumed that a chapter 7 trustee is able to consummate a Global Settlement Agreement on the same terms and conditions as the Debtors propose in its plans and the recovery of assets in the chapter 7 cases will be similar to that of the chapter 11 cases, excluding the recovery of WMMRC.

The recoveries that the Debtors would receive from the expeditious liquidation of WMMRC are likely to be substantially less than the anticipated recovery to be generated if the Debtors retain ownership of WMMRC and reorganize around that entity. While the financial markets have improved since the period immediately following the Petition Date, in the Debtors' business judgment, the liquidation of WMMRC under the current market conditions would result in the Debtors' taking a substantial discount on the value of that asset.

After considering the effects that a chapter 7 liquidation would have on the ultimate proceeds available for distribution to creditors in the chapter 11 cases, including (i) the costs and expenses of a liquidation under chapter 7 arising from fees payable to a trustee in bankruptcy and professional advisors to such trustee, who would need to become familiar with the many complex legal and factual issues in the Debtors' bankruptcy cases and (ii) the erosion in value of assets in a chapter 7 case in the context of the expeditious liquidation required under chapter 7 and the "forced sale" atmosphere that would prevail, the Debtors have determined that confirmation of the Plan will provide each holder of an Allowed Claim with a recovery that is greater than such holder would receive pursuant to the liquidation of the Debtors under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code.

The Debtors' chapter 7 Liquidation Analysis is annexed hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u>. The information set forth in Exhibit C provides a summary of the liquidation values of the Debtors' assets, assuming a hypothetical chapter 7 liquidation in which a trustee appointed by the Bankruptcy Court would liquidate the assets of the Debtors' estates. Reference should be made to the Liquidation Analysis for a complete discussion and presentation of the Liquidation Analysis.

Underlying the Liquidation Analysis are a number of estimates and assumptions that, although developed and considered reasonable by the Debtors' management, are inherently subject to significant economic and competitive uncertainties and contingencies beyond the control of the Debtors and their management. The Liquidation Analysis is also based on assumptions with regard to liquidation decisions that are subject to change. Accordingly, the values reflected might not be realized if the Debtors were, in fact, to undergo such a liquidation.

### c. Feasibility

Section 1129(a)(11) of the Bankruptcy Code provides that a chapter 11 plan may be confirmed only if the bankruptcy court finds that the plan is feasible. A feasible plan is one which will not lead to a need for further reorganization or liquidation of the debtor, unless the plan contemplates such liquidation. In the context of a liquidating plan, feasibility is established by demonstrating the debtor's ability to satisfy the conditions precedent to the Effective Date and otherwise have sufficient funds to meet its post-Confirmation Date obligations to pay for the costs of administering and fully consummating the plan and closing the chapter 11 case. Notably, there is no requirement that such payments will be guaranteed.

### 2. Requirements of Section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code

In the event that any impaired Class of Claims or Interests does not accept, or is deemed to reject, the Plan, the Bankruptcy Court may still confirm the Plan at the request of the Debtors if, as to each impaired Class of Claims or Interests which has not accepted the Plan, the Plan "does not discriminate unfairly" and is "fair and equitable" with respect to such Class of Claims or Interests.

The "unfair discrimination" test applies to Classes of Claims or Interests that are of equal priority and are receiving different treatment under the Plan. A chapter 11 plan does not discriminate unfairly, within the meaning of the Bankruptcy Code, 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 of claims or interests receives more than it legally is entitled to receive for its claims or equity interests. The test does not require that the treatment be the same or equivalent, but that such treatment be "fair."

The "fair and equitable" test applies to Classes of different priority and status (e.g., secured versus unsecured) and includes the general requirement that no Class of Claims receive more than 100% of the allowed amount of the Claims in such Class. As to the dissenting Class, the test sets different standards, depending on the type of Claims or Interests in such class:

a. Unsecured Creditors. Either (i) 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 class will not receive any property under the plan.

**b.** Equity Interests. Either (i) each equity interest holder will receive or retain under the plan property of a value equal to the greater of (a) the fixed liquidation preference or redemption, if any, of such stock and (b) the value of the stock, or (ii) the holders of interests that are junior to the equity interests of the dissenting class will not receive or retain any property under the plan.

These requirements are in addition to other requirements established by case law interpreting the statutory requirements. The Debtors believe the Plan satisfies both the "no unfair discrimination" requirement and the "fair and equitable" requirement.

### **XII. ALTERNATIVES TO THE PLAN**

The Debtors have evaluated several alternatives to the Plan, including liquidation under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code. After studying these alternatives, the Debtors have concluded that the Plan is the best alternative and will maximize recoveries to parties in interest, assuming confirmation and consummation of the Plan. If the Plan is not confirmed and consummated, the alternatives to the Plan are (i) liquidation of the Debtors under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code and (ii) an alternative chapter 11 plan.

### A. Liquidation Under Chapter 7

If no plan can be confirmed, the Chapter 11 Cases may be converted to cases under chapter 7 of the Bankruptcy Code in which a trustee would be elected or appointed to liquidate the assets of the Debtors for distribution to their creditors in accordance with the priorities established by the Bankruptcy Code. A discussion of the effect that a chapter 7 liquidation would have on the recovery of holders of Allowed Claims and Interests is set forth in Section XI hereof.

The Debtors believe that liquidation under chapter 7 would result in smaller distributions to creditors than those provided for in the Plan because of the delay resulting from the conversion of the cases and the additional administrative expenses associated with the appointment of a trustee and the trustee's retention of legal and other professionals who would be required to become familiar with the many complex legal and factual issues in the Debtors' bankruptcy cases.

### B. <u>Alternative Chapter 11 Plans</u>

If the Plan is not confirmed, the Debtors (or, because the Debtors' exclusive period in which to file a chapter 11 plan will expire on March 26, 2010, any other party in interest) could attempt to formulate a different chapter 11 plan. Such a plan might involve either a reorganization and continuation of the Debtors' business or an orderly liquidation under chapter 11, which would include the reconciliation of pending claims and the prosecution of all outstanding litigation against the Debtors, including the litigation pending among the Debtors, JPMC, the FDIC Receiver, and FDIC Corporate. With respect to an alternative plan, the Debtors have explored various alternatives in connection with the formulation and development of the Plan. The Debtors believe that the Plan, as described herein, which embodies the Global Settlement Agreement, enables creditors to realize the most value under the circumstances and is in the best interests of their estates and creditors. Having carefully considered the merits of each of their claims against JPMC, the FDIC Receiver, and FDIC Corporate, and the defenses and counterclaims of such parties, the Debtors have determined that entering into the Global Settlement Agreement is the best way to secure considerable value for their estates as opposed to proceeding with expensive, protracted litigation with no certainty of any additional gain. In the absence of the Global Settlement Agreement, the Debtors would be forced to continue to prosecute the litigation pending among their estates, JPMC, the FDIC Receiver, and FDIC Corporate, which would result in a significant increase in administrative expenses for professional fees and expose the Debtors to the risk of ultimately obtaining less net value for their estates and creditors.

Accordingly, the Debtors believe that any alternative chapter 11 plan, especially one that does not incorporate the Global Settlement Agreement, is a much less attractive alternative for their estates and creditors.

### XIII. CONCLUSION

The Debtors believe the Plan is in the best interests of all creditors and urge the holders of impaired Claims in Class 2 (Senior Notes Claims), Class 3 (Senior Subordinated Notes Claims), Class 12 (General Unsecured Claims), Class 14 (CCB-1 Guarantees Claims), Class 15 (CCB-2 Guarantees Claims), and Class 16 (PIERS Claims), Class 17 (Non-Subordinated Bank Bondholder Claims), Class 18 (Subordinated Claims), Class 19 (REIT Claims), and Class 20 (Preferred Equity Interests) to vote to accept the Plan.

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Respectfully submitted,

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