UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

IN RE: . Case No. 08-12229 (MFW)

WASHINGTON MUTUAL, INC.,

Debtor. . 824 Market Street

. Wilmington, DE 19801

. November 18, 2008

. 9:32 a.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF HEARING
BEFORE HONORABLE MARY F. WALRATH
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT JUDGE

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THE COURT: Good morning.

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MR. JANG: Good morning, Your Honor. For the record, Chun Jang of Richards, Layton & Finger on behalf of the debtors. Your Honor, there is only one item on the agenda today and the adjudication of that matter has been adjourned to the next hearing, but we are going forward today as a status I believe you are aware of that. conference.

Your Honor, the parties have reached an agreement with regard to Brandes Investment Partners motion for an order compelling the debtor to comply with Section 8401 of the Delaware Uniform Commercial Code by registering stock transfers 12 and issuing new certificates without a restrictive legend.

Your Honor, Brandes has requested that we put forth the terms of the order on the record today and we are happy to do so. The basic terms of the order are that, first of all, that they will be documented and submitted for approval at the November 25th hearing and that Washington Mutual will agree to 18∥ take the legend off the Brandes stocks provided that Brandes pays for the cost of retaining the stock transfer agent through the end of the month and that amount is to be capped at \$40,000. Washington Mutual will agree that it will immediately commence work on reviewing the documents necessary to meet the conditions for removal of the legends so as to allow for its removal on the November 25th hearing date.

One other condition to the agreement is that Brandes

1 would comply with the NOL order that has been entered to the $2 \parallel$ extent that it does apply to them. Your Honor, there is an interplay between what is going forth -- what is being talked $4\parallel$ about today and a motion that is up for a hearing next week 5 with regard to the stock transfer agent agreements. obviously by the agreement reached today or discussed today we will need to revise the relief requested in that motion so that we would have the agreement rejected either at the end of November or the end of December as opposed to October.

THE COURT: All right.

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MR. JANG: And that would be it, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Anybody else?

MS. WINFREE: Good morning, Your Honor. Winfree, Ashby & Geddes on behalf of the movement Brandes Investment Partners. We just wanted to thank the Court for making room for this matter this morning on short notice. As we know, the Court has a very busy calendar. The terms as stated by counsel are correct and we're happy to have reached a 19 resolution on this. Thank you.

> THE COURT: Thank you.

MR. MCMAHON: Your Honor, good morning. Joseph McMahon for the acting U.S. Trustee. Debtor's counsel noted the pendency of the rejection motion with respect to the debtor's agreement with the transfer agent. I would just like 25 to reserve our office's rights with respect to that motion.

1 Obviously there are certain terms with respect to this 2 settlement with regards to the agent's employment. We will 3 address the matters in that rejection motion separately. 4 THE COURT: All right. All right then. 5 MR. JANG: I think that's all we have today, Your 6 Honor. 7 THE COURT: All right, we'll stand adjourned. Thank you. 8 9 MR. JANG: Thank you, Your Honor. 10 CERTIFICATION 11 12 I, LYNN SCHMITZ, court approved transcriber, 13 certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript from 14 the official electronic sound recording of the proceedings 15 in the above-entitled matter. December 9, 2008 16 /s/ Lynn Schmitz 17 LYNN SCHMITZ 18 J&J COURT TRANSCRIBERS, INC. 19 20 21 22 23 24

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