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This is the Cross-Examination of STEVEN CARLSTROM on his Affidavit sworn the 14th day of April, 2014, held at the Offices of Osler Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, 100 King Street West, 1 First Canadian Place, 45th Floor, Toronto, Ontario, on the 22nd day of April, 2014.

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--- for Coliseum Capital Management

--- for Computershare Trust Company of Canada et al

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#### STEVEN CARLSTROM, affirmed CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. STALEY:

1. Q. Mr. Carlstrom, my name is Robert Staley. Lact for the McCann family interests, and I am here today to ask you some questions about, among other things, an affidavit that you have sworn in the Cash Store Financial CCAA. So do you have in front of you an affidavit that you swore on April 14th, 2014?

A. Yes, I do.

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Q. When you swore the affidavit, it was true to the best of your knowledge and ability?

A. Yes, it was.

Q. Is there anything in the affidavit 15 since then that you looked at that you believe you 16 17 need to correct, because it's not accurate, sitting 18 here today?

Yes, I believe there is one item. A.

4. Q. Okay.

I'm just trying to find the

paragraph.

MR. DACKS: It had to do with a number that was brought forward from an earlier paragraph, and we'll get that for you.

S. Carlstrom - 5 Maybe you want to start. I'll find it.

#### BY MR. STALEY:

So there is one just numerical error in the affidavit. Apart from that, sitting here today, as best your recollection and belief, the affidavit is true?

> A. Correct. MR. DACKS: Yes, paragraph 56. THE DEPONENT: So in paragraph 56 the 31.3 million of accrued liability includes an amount of 6.4 million due to the TPLs, 1 believe that should read 5.7 million. Let me just...yes, 5.7.

#### BY MR. STALEY:

Just before we go further, before we went on the record today, you affirmed to tell the truth?

A. I did, yes.

Q. Now, are you aware that earlier 7. today affidavits were sworn on behalf of my client by Sharon Fawcett and Mr. McCann, Murray McCann?

A. I am aware that...yes, I wasn't aware that Mr. McCann swore an affidavit.

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1	8. Q. I take it from your answerhave	1 help the witness when he answers questions.
2	you seen either of the affidavits that they swore	2 MR, DACKS: I recognize that.
3	earlier today?	3 20. MR. STALEY: Okay, so why don't we just
4	A. I haven't had a chance to review	4 let him answer the questions.
5	them in detail, but I have seen them.	5 MR. DACKS: It's a cross-examination on
6	9. Q. Okay, so when you say, "I haven't	6 an affidavit.
17	reviewed them in detail," did you read through the	7 21. MR. STALEY: Right, right.
8	text of either of those affidavits?	MR, DACKS: Go ahead, Steve.
9	A. Very quickly.	9
10	10. Q. Very quickly, both of them or just	10 BY MR. STALEY:
11	one of them?	11 22. Q. So sir, this is the SEDAR face page
12	A. Both of them. Mr. McCann's was, I	12 for the Cash Store Financial Services Inc.?
13	believe, not sworn in, the version that I saw.	13 A, Yes.
14	11. Q. Okay. So you have been through them	14 23, Q. And it shows a head office address
15	at least once, and you have got a general sense of	15 on 123rd Avenue in Edmonton. Do you see that?
16	what they say, sitting here today. That's where	16 A. Yes, I do.
17	you're at?	17 24. Q. And that is the company's head
18	A. Yes.	18 office address?
19	12. Q. Okay. So I understand you flew in	19 A. That's correct.
19 20 21	from Alberta for this cross-examination?	20 25. MR. STALEY: Can we mark that as the 21 first exhibit, please, Exhibit 1?
21	A. Yes, I did.	[ 21 first exhibit, please, Exhibit 1?
22	13. Q. That's where you live, is it?	22
22 23	A. Yes.	22 23 EXHIBIT NO. 1: SEDAR face page for Cash Store
24	14. Q. And if I look at the preamble to	1 24 Financial Services Inc.
25	your affidavit, that you live in the County of	25
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1	Strathcona, Is that somewhere near Edmonton?	1 BY MR. STALEY:
2	A. It is. It's Sherwood Park, just	2 26. Q. And sir, I'm now going to show you a
3	outside of Edmonton.	3 copy of Cash Store Financial's annual information
4	15. Q. Okay. Except for the company's	form for the year ended September 30, 2013. Do you
5	senioror its foreign subsidiaries and the new	5 see that? Are you familiar with that form, sir?
11	regulatory person who has been hired out of Ontario,	6 A. Yes, I.am.
0 7	Cash Store Financial senior management group is all	7 27. Q. Did you help in the preparation of
8	in Edmonton. Isn't that right?	8 that form?
9	A. That's correct.	9 A, Yes, I did.
10	16. Q. I'm going to show you a face page	10 28. MR. STALEY: I'll mark that as the next
111	from SEDAR. Do you know what SEDAR is?	11 exhibit, Exhibit 2, please.
12	A. Yes, I do.	112
13	17. Q. The face page for SEDARthis is	13 EXHIBIT NO. 2: Copy of Cash Store Financial's
	the face page for the Cash Store Financial Services	114 annual information form for the year
14	the race page for the cash store i hard the page for the cash store in the cash stor	15 ended September 30, 2013
15	Inc. that's the parent public company?	16 eliaed 30piolilibri 30, 2010
16	MR. DACKS: Mr. Staley, we have an affidayit here with numerous exhibits.	17 BY MR. STALEY:
17		18 29. Q. Now, sir, I'm just going to take you
18	What is the purpose of introducing that	19 through some portions of the management information
19	document?	17 infough some portions of the indringement information
20	18. MR. STALEY: I am asking the witness	20 circular. Do you have a copy in front of you? 21 A. I have a copy of the annual
21	questions about the document. I have asked	A. I have a copy of the annual
22	him first if he recognizes it.	22 information form. 23 30. Q. Sorry, yes, I want to take you
23	MR. DACKS: Yes.	23 30. Q. Sorry, yes, I want to take you
24	19. MR. STALEY: I'm not here to answer	through that for a second. So start on page 2. I
25	questions you may want to put to try to	25 want to refer you to the paragraph that speaks to

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S. Carlstrom - 10 the company's registered office. Do you see that? 123456789 A. Ido. Q. And it says there: "...The registered office of the company is located at Scotia Plaza, suite 2100, 40 King Street West..." And then gives a head office address in Edmonton. Do you see that? A. Ido. Q. Is the registered office address as 10 32. set out there in Scotia Plaza the correct registered 11 12 office address of the company? A. To the best of my knowledge, yes. 13 Q. And if I turn to paragraph 24 of 14 33. your affidavit, if you could turn that up, in 15 paragraph 24 of your affidavit you indicate 16 there...I think I'm six lines down. It's page 11 of 17 the affidavit, paragraph 24. Do you see that? A. Yes, I do. 18 19 Q. You indicate there that the 20 34. 21 registered office is located in Toronto. Is that the address...when you swore the affidavit, did you 22 know where the registered office was in Toronto? 23 24 25 A. Just with respect to what we have disclosed in our filings.

S. Carlstrom - 12 purposes of your corporate filings. Is that fair? A. I believe so. 2 3 Q. Now, sir, if you turn ahead in the 42. document to the...I'm now in the annual information 4 5 6 7 8 9 form, turn ahead to page 11. There is a list there of the company's directors and officers. It starts on the top of page 11 and goes over to about the middle of page 13. A. Yes. Q. And on the first page we see there listed the company's directors, including Mr. 11 12 Reykdal, who is both a director and officer. Do you 13 14 15 16 17 see that on the first page? A. Yes, I do. Q. Then starting on the second page, the second entry down, we get into the company's officers? 18 A. Yes. Q. Do you see that? 19 45. Yes. 20 A. 21 And putting aside for a second Barret Reykdal, whose name appears on the second 22 23 24 25 page, which is page 12, as being involved with your United Kingdom subsidiary, all of the officers

listed there, including the CEO, Mr. Reykdal, all

S. Carlstrom - 11 So that is all you know about it, is 35. what is disclosed in the filings? 234567 That's correct. A. Have you ever been to that office, 36. sir? No, I have not. A. You'll agree with me, sir, that that 37. office address there is the office of Cassels Brock 8 9 & Blackwell. It's a law firm? Yes. 10 A, Q. And it's not as though Cash Store 38. 11 actually carries on business at that location. That 12 13 is just a registered office, a mailing address, as 14 it were? 15 A. Okay. Q. Do you agree with me on that? As 16 far as you know, that's right? 17 A. Yes. 18 Q. And Cassels Brock has for years been 19 the outside legal counsel...or one of the outside 20 legal counsel to Cash Store in Canada. Is that 21 22 right? 23 A. Correct. 24 Q. And that's why you use their office address as your registered office address for the 25

S. Carlstrom - 13 give as their place of residence Edmonton, Alberta? 1234567 Q. And that's where they all live, 47. right? I believe so. To your knowledge, that's true? To my knowledge, that's true. 8 9 You work with them day-to-day. Is that right? 10 That's correct, I do. A. Q. Now, I see a number of officers 11 12 listed here. How long have you been with the 13 company, sir? A. I started with the company in late 14 15 August, 2012. 16 Q. Is there some reason why you're not 51. among the officers listed in this document? 17 18 A. It's my understanding that the officers of the company are the senior vice-19 20 presidents and above. 21 Q, I'm not asking you to tell me 52. something that's privileged, but is there any reason 22 23 why you ended up swearing this affidavit as opposed 24 to any of them?

MR, DACKS:

I don't...we're not going

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1		to answer that question.
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3		R. STALEY:
4	53.	Q. I take it, sir, that putting aside
.5		anyone who has been terminated by the company,
6		believe that speaks tois it Mr. Barret Reykdal
/.		has been terminated? Has he been terminated?
8	~ 1	A. Not to my knowledge.
7	54.	Q. Okay, All of these other
1.0		individuals, to your knowledge, who were listed as
11 12		officers, were all available to swear an affidavit
12		in connection with this proceeding?
13 14		A. No, Mr. Michael Baker was terminated
15	55.	Q. Mr. Baker, okay.
16	55,	Ain late 2013, and Mr. Dean Ozanne
17		is no longer an officer of the company. He is
18		working for the company on a contract basis.
18 19	56.	Q. And Mr. Gord Reykdal, he is still
20	00.	with the company?
21		A. Yes, he is, I believe.
20 21 22	57.	Q. Still the CEO?
23	0, 0	A. Yes, he is.
24	58.	Q. Now, if you turn back in your
25		affidavit to paragraph 23
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	1		compliance and regulatory affairs officer, and that
١	2		is Ms. McCarthy?
	3		A. Correct.
l	4	65.	Q. And she was hired, as I recall your
١	5		press release, at the end of February of this year?
	6		A. Yes.
l	23456789	66.	Q. That's a new position?
١	8		A. Yes.
l		67.	Q. Now, if I could get you, sir, to
	10		turn to your affidavit, to paragraph 6 of your
	11		affidavit, do you have that, sir?
l	12		A. Ido.
١	13	68.	Q. And in paragraph 6 you summarize
	14		information that appears later in the affidavit.
١	15		You there talk about some of the challenges the
	16		company is facing. Do you see that?
1	17	40	A. Yes, I do.
١	18	69.	Q. Among the things that you reference,
	19		starting four lines down, is a decision of the
ľ	20		Ontario registrar of the Ministry of Consumer
	21 22 23		Services to refuse to issue a lender's licence to
	22		the company's subsidiaries. Do you see that?  A. Yes.
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l	24 25	70.	Q. And then you also reference a final determination that was made on March 27th, pursuant
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S. Carlstrom - 15 S: Mr. Staley, are we finished t 2? EY: We're going to come back to
sir, in paragraph 23 you set out heading there "Chief place of ou see that?  Ind you there, starting in paragraph ements as tofirst you say that: tore's chief place of business is not of Ontario"  further statements to support that ou see that?  It was, and the first statement that poort that assertion is the presence
canches in Ontario? It's correct. Ind then employees then follow from a have got store branches, right? Ind then you reference the chief
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	1	to that earlier notice, right?
	2	A. Yes.
l	3	71. Q. And you indicate at the bottom of
	4	page 6sorry, paragraph 6, that:
	5	"Cash Store is therefore not currently
	6	permitted to sell any payday loan products
	7	or line of credit products in Ontario"
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Now, if I turn ahead in your affidavit, sir, to
	9	paragraph 93, in paragraph 93 you begin a longer
	10	discussion of regulatory issues affecting the
	11	province of Ontario. Do you see that?
	12	A. 1 do.
	13	72. Q. And it covers a number of pages, and
	14	by my count, the discussion there goes over to
on to just	15	paragraph 102. Do you see that?
Section 2	16	A. Yes.
	17	73. Q. And as I understand your evidence,
27	18	sir, looking at your affidavit, as a result of the
	19	regulatory developments that you describe, summarize
1	20	in paragraph 6 and set out in greater detail in
to a regular convenience control of the	21	paragraphs 93 to 102, Cash Store can no longer sell
Name of	22	the principal revenue-generating products that it
	23	has historically sold in the province of Ontario.
Y.	24 25	Is that right?
8	125	A. That's correct.

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S. Carlstrom - 20 S. Carlstrom - 18 affidavit? Q. And as I also understand, if I look 74. 1234567 2345678910 Correct. at paragraph 100 of your affidavit, you indicate 82. And it has both attempted to Q. about the middle of the paragraph that: persuade the Ontario government to allow it to do "...The company is not able reapply for an what you want, and been unsuccessful to this point. Ontario licence for 12 months from the date Is that fair? of issuance of the final order..." A. Yes. Which you indicate earlier is March 27, 2014. Do Q. And it has also been involved in 8 9 10 you see that? litigation with the government that it has lost, A. Yes. right? So at least up until March...towards 75. 11 A. Yes. 11 the end of March of next year, the company won't be 12 Q. And so, sitting here today, barring 84. 12 able to carry on business in Ontario in the 13 14 some extraordinary change of circumstances, you're 13 14 principal lines of business it has carried on to out of the business in Ontario for 12 months. You this point in time. Is that right? say it might happen sooner, but we don't know? 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 A. Unless we provide evidence to the 15 registrar that there has been a change in A. Correct. 16 85. Q. Now, if you could turn back to 17 circumstance. We may be able to apply sooner than paragraph 24 of your affidavit, you indicate 18 that. there...and I just...I pause to note that this is Q. Okay, and I don't see that anywhere 19 76. under the section of the affidavit "Chief place of 20 in your...I see in your affidavit a statement that business", which starts at paragraph 23. 21 you're not eligible to re-apply for 12 months. I A. Yes. don't see anything about changed circumstances. 22 Q. Paragraph 24 you indicate that: 86, 23 It's not in your affidavit, sir? "...For fiscal year 2013 the Ontario 24 A. It's in paragraph 100, about two-

25 thirds of the way down.	25 operations accounted for 57.6 million in
S. Carlstrom - 19  77. Q. It says there:  "If Cash Store chooses to re-apply for a licence after such time"  After 12 months?  A. Oh, I apologize, I apologize. It is my understanding that it is possible to re-apply. I'm not an expert in the regulatory side of the business, but if circumstances have changed, it's my understanding that the Cash Store may be permitted to re-apply sooner than that.  78. Q. But as it sits right now, reading your affidavit  A. Yes.  79. Qit's your understanding that the company has tried very hard over a number of years to get licences or permission to do what it wants in this province. Is that fair?  A. I can't speak to a number of years ago.  80. Q. Okay, but certainly since the time you have been with the company, the company has faced regulatory challenges in Ontario. Is that fair?  A. Yes.  Q. And those are set out in your	S. Carlstrom - 21  1 revenue, which was roughly 30 percent of  2 Cash Store's total revenue, more than any  3 other province"  4 Do you see that?  5 A. Yes, I do.  6 87. Q. It is fair to say, sir, that as a  7 result of the regulatory developments that we were  9 ust talking about, the company's revenue  9 attributable to Ontario for the current fiscal year  10 will be significantly below historic levels. Is  11 that fair?  12 A. Correct, yes.  13 88. Q. Reduced to close to nothing or  14 veryor to very minimal levels. Is that fair?  15 A. Yes, up until February 12th.  16 89. Q. Right, and after February 12th,  17 you're essentially not able to carry on business  18 selling the key products you sold historically?  A. Correct. It would just be limited  19 to ancillary products.  21 90. Q. Likeand what would those be?  A. Money transfers, cheque cashing,  22 sales of prepaid phone cards and things like that.  24 91. Q. But not the money makers?  A. Not our primary product offering.

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S. Carlstrom - 22 Not your big money makers. Where 92. 123456789 you make most of your revenue, it doesn't come from the ancillary products you just mentioned? A. It comes from consumer lending, yes. Q. And in fact, if I read on in paragraph 24, the last sentence, you indicate there that: "...The impact of the court and regulatory decisions has significantly curtailed Cash Store's Ontario revenues..." 10 Is that fair? 11 12 That's correct, yes. A, Q. So I want to go now back and have you turn with me and look with me for a second again 13 14 15 16 at the annual information form. A. Sure. <u>17</u> Q. And I now want to have you look with 95. 18 me at page 3. 19 .A. Okay, Q. And I want to, for the moment, focus 20 on...there is a table in the top half of the page 21 that lists various jurisdictions. Do you see that? 22 A. I do. 23 24 And a timeline for different types 97. Q. 25 of businesses?

S. Carlstrom - 24 line of credit products at that time. I think that was something that the company had included in its own strategic plan. So essentially the lines of credit were designed to offer additional benefits over and above what a payday loan could provide to a customer. So for the company primarily...the company would benefit from a longer term relationship with the customer because the line of credit was longer term in nature.

The consumer would benefit from the ability to, after demonstrating good payment history, graduate into reduced cost line of credit products.

Q. And this was also done in an effort 101. to devise a regime that would allow Cash Store to make money but also to comply with the applicable regulatory regime in the province, right?

A. That's correct.

Q. And you'll agree with me that ultimately the issue of whether it complied went to court, and there was a determination made that the brokered lines of credit did not comply. Is that fair?

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S. Carlstrom - 23 That's correct. 234 And as you can see there...I want to Q. 98. start with Ontario: "...Over time the nature of the business 5 6 7 has changed province to province..." Where, for example, if I look at Ontario, up until January of 2012 there were brokered payday loans. Then there was a period of direct lending payday 8 loans and then lines of credit brokered. Are you 9 able today to tell me why the business changed as it 10 did on these dates, as set out in the table? 11 Specific to Ontario? 12 13 Q. Yes, let's start...!'m just using 99. 14 that as an example. A. Yes, the biggest change you'll see occurred on February 1st, 2012. That coincides with 15 16 when the company issued its senior secured notes, 17 purchased a portfolio of loans from third party 18 lenders and began its direct lending platform. So basically transitioned from primarily being a broker 19 20 of loans to a direct lender of loans. 21 22 Q. And then there was a change as of 100. February 1, 2013. What happened there and why did 23 24 that happen? 25 Yes, the company launched a suite of

S. Carlstrom - 25 Q. So let's now turn ahead to paragraph 76 of your affidavit. A. Sure.
Q. And there is a discussion starting on paragraph 76 of third party lenders, and you indicate in paragraph 76 that: "...Cash Store has entered into written business agreements with a number of third party lenders who are prepared to lend cash to the store's customers or to purchase advances originated by Cash Store..." You describe them as broker agreements. Do you see that? A. Yes. I'm just going to have you turn up 105.

for a second the second volume of the record, and I'm going to have you look at Exhibit H. A. H, yes. Q. This This is one of the forms of 106.

agreement you entered into with one of the third party lenders. This is the agreement dated June 19th, 2002 between the Cash Store and...

MR. DACKS: 2012, Mr. Staley.

BY MR. STALEY:

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A. Correct.

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Q. And is also responsible for the 115. administration of the loan and advance, right?

A. That's correct, yes.

Q. And as I understand it, the two ways in which the money that belongs to a third party 116. lender can be utilized is one is in the form of direct advances to Cash Store's customers. Is that right? So Cash Store brokers an arrangement where the third party lender's money is given to the customer who borrows it. Is that right?

A. Yes.

Q. And then the other is that sometimes 117. there are receivables that are due to the Cash Store that are credited to the account of the third party lender. Those are the two different ways that can happen?

Yes. There also is contemplation in the agreement of transfers of loans between lenders and between Cash Store and the third party lenders.

Q. So there are different ways 118. that...but in each case what is happening here is it's the money that belongs to the third party lender that gets advanced to make a loan to someone...to a third party, to a customer?

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If you take a look, for example, at 111. the next tab, at I and J, that we're dealing with what looks like a form agreement that is modified to include the name of the financier, but otherwise remains largely the same, agreement to agreement? Is that fair?

A. Yes.

Okay. So just so I can understand 112. the process here, sir, under the program, the third party lender takes its money and lends its money to Cash Store's customers, Is that right? Is that how you understand it?

A. Yes. The company brokers loans on behalf of customers, yes.

Q. So the money...using my example, 113. McCann Family Holding Corporation, it has money, and it lends the money to one of Cash Store's customers, and Cash Store acts as a broker in that arrangement, right? That is how it works?

A. Yes.

Q. And by "broker" Cash Store identifies who the lender might...or the borrower 114. might be and does the administration in connection with the loan or advance, right?

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A. Third party lenders make funds available for lending to consumers.

Right, and again, just so I'm clear, 119. it's the money that belongs to the third party lender that gets advanced to the consumer, and Cash Store acts as a broker to broker the arrangement?

A. That's correct.

120. Q. Now, if you...and just in connection with the transaction that we have just described, and I'm going to...let's talk about a typical Ontario brokerage or a line of credit transaction as they existed up until earlier this year.

In the arrangement that takes place where you have a brokered transaction, at the time that the advance is made, the Cash Store gets a payment or a fee off the top. Is that right?

A. That's correct.

Q. So whatever the cut is that Cash 121. Store gets, it gets that cut when the advance is made

A. At the time the advance is made.

Q. At the time the advance is made. 122. It's really it gets paid out of the advance effectively, right?

Yes, often the customer will borrow

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1	the broker fee.
2	123. Q. Typically that's what happens,
3	right?
4	A. Typically, yes.
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	124, Q. So that basically what happens is
6	that youCash Store makes sure that it gets taken
7	care of off the top when the advance is made, and
8	then at a later date, you have to deal with the
9	issue of collectability, right?
10	A. That's correct.
11	125. Q. But off the top, Cash Store gets
12 13	paid when the advance is made?
13	A. Yes, the broker fee is due at the
14	time of the advance.
15	126. Q. Right, and that's one reason, for
16	example, why Cash Store wants to continue to make
17	advances using third party lenders' money,
18	because
19	MR, DACKS: Don't answer this, I don't
20	see how that is possibly germane. You're
21	saying why
22 23	127. MR. STALEY: I'm going to ask the
23	question. You can object.
24 25	MR. DACKS: Okay.
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S. Carlstrom - 32  using third party lenders' money, every time an advance is made, Cash Store Financial will get its fee off the top when the advance is made. Isn't that correct?  A. I don't know. I don't think I understand the question.  131. Q. Okay. I thought we agreed that
advance is made, Cash Store Financial will get its fee off the top when the advance is made. Isn't that correct? A. I don't know. I don't think I understand the question.
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every time there is an advance made, but it's a
brokeredwhether it's a payday loan or a line of
credit advance, Cash Store Financial gets its fee
off the top when the advance is made, right?
A. Yes.
132. Q. And you still want to carry onyou
being Cash Store want to continue to carry on
business and earn fees as advances are made, right?
A. The companyis the company
interested in earning revenue? Is that what you're
asking?
133, Q. I'm trying to get you to agree with
me that if youif Cash Store is allowed to continue to use third party lenders' money to make
advances, every time it makes an advance, it will
earn revenue on that transaction.
A. Yes.
134. Q. That's right. It's simple, isn't

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]	BY MR. STALEY:
2	128. Q. So you agree with me, sir, that Cash
3	Store wants to continue to make advances using third
4	party lenders' money because the moment that the
5	advance is made, it earns revenue on those
6	transactions, right? Do you agree with me, sir?
7	MR, DACKS: You can answer that
8	question, Mr. Carlstrom.
9	THE DEPONENT: I can't speculate on what
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	the Cash Store wants to do.
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12	BY MR. STALEY:
13	129. Q. So let's put it this way. You agree
14	with me that if Cash Store is allowed to continue to
15	use third party lenders' money to make advances to
16	customers, every time an advance is made, Cash Store
17	Financial will collect its fee upfront in those
18	transactions, right?
19	A. It's not my understanding that the
20	primary reason for
21	130. Q. Sir, I didn't ask you that question.
22	I asked you a different question. So let's go with
23	the question I asked you.
24	You'll agree with me that if Cash Store is
25	allowed to continue to make advances to customers
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1	it?
2	A. Yes, I mean, the Cash Store earns
3	revenue by brokering advances.
2 3 4 5 6	135. Q. Right, and so that's why it wants to
5	keep doing that, right?
6	A. It earns revenue when it direct
7	lends as well.
8	136. Q. Right, but in terms ofin
9	connection with the third party lenders'
10	moneylet's focus on the source of the revenue.
11	Cash Store gets paid its revenue at the moment it
12	makes the advance, right?
13	A. Yes, the customer borrows money and
14	uses a portion of the money that it borrows to pay a
15	broker fee to the company.
16	137. Q. Right, and so as we have been
17	discussing, the Cash Store gets paid in that
18	transaction whether or not the money ultimately is
19	repaid. Isn't that right?
20	A. That's correct.
21	138. Q. So you have no credit risk on that
22	transaction. The credit risk is with the third
23	party lender?
24	A. That's correct.
23 24 25	139. Q. Now, sir, if I could turn to the

S. Carlstrom - 34 broker agreement, I am looking now at Exhibit H. I want to focus on the McCann agreement for a second. 23456789 I think the other ones have similar terms, and turn to page 8 of the agreement. It's 508 of the record. Q. I want to look at section or article 140. 2.10. Do you see that? Yes, I do. Q. And this clause provides: 141. 10 "...For greater certainty, funds from time to time advanced to broker from financier 11 are solely intended to be utilized for the 12 purpose of making advances to broker 13 customers on financier's behalf as 14 contemplated hereunder. Broker agrees that 15 any funds not otherwise being held by the 16 broker as a float in anticipation of loan 17 approval shall not, without the consent of 18 financier, be advanced or utilized for any 19 other purpose..." 20 Do you see that? 21 22 23 A. Ido. And that...sorry, it's your 142. 24 understanding that the funds that are advanced by 25 third party lenders, consistent with the clause that

S. Carlstrom - 36 capital protection, and under capital protection you describe two mechanisms to protect the capital of the third party lenders. Do you see that? A. Ido. Q. And sir, from the time that you 146. joined the company, you saw that both of these practices were applied to...in relation to the affairs of third party lenders. Is that fair? A. Yes. Q. And they were applied consistently 147. month-to-month? A. It's a voluntary practice, but those are the principles that the company had generally adhered to since I was with the company, yes. Q. And you describe it as "a voluntary practice". You'll agree with me that there was an expectation on the part of the third party lenders that this practice would be followed monthly. Is that fair? A. Okay, and that was an expectation 149. that the Cash Store itself fostered because it continued to actually comply with the terms of the

retention payments as you describe them in paragraph

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S. Carlstrom - 35 I just took you to, those funds will be used solely for the purpose of making further advances to 234567 customers. Is that right? A. Yes, as contemplated in the broker agreement. It's also contemplated in the broker 143. agreement that those funds are not to be used by Cash Store Financial for its own corporate purposes. 89 Is that fair? That's your understanding? 10 A. Yes. Okay. Now, sir, if you turn ahead 11 144. in your affidavit to paragraph 84, in paragraph 84 12 you describe...under the heading "Voluntary 13 retention payments" you describe what are 14 15 there...set out is what you say are: "...Voluntary retention payments to third party lenders in order to lessen the impact 16 17 of loan losses..." 18 19 Yes. 20 145. Q. And you say: "...Since I have been at my role in the 21 22 company, the TPL funds have been managed in the following manner..." 23 24 And there are two things that you set out. One is a monthly lender distribution, and the second is 25

S. Carlstrom - 37 A. Well, with respect to item number 1 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 in paragraph 84, that was a consistent practice of the company since...at least since I was there. Q. Okay.
With respect to the second 150. paragraph, that was more of the voluntary piece. When you say "more of the voluntary piece", you agree with me, sir, that the company repeatedly engaged in the practice of providing 9 capital protection to the third party lenders so 10 they wouldn't lose their principal? Do you agree 11 12 with me? Yes, part of the retention payments 13 14 are to provide for that. The company didn't 1·5 16 necessarily do it on a consistent basis. Q. It was done less frequently as 152. opposed to monthly, whereas the monthly... 17 A. Yes, there is a normal monthly 18 practice, yes, yes, at least in...since I was with 19 the company, that's true. 20 21 22 153. Q. So just so we're clear, in terms of the monthly lender distributions, to get the lenders 23 24 25 to 17 and a half percent, that was something that was done monthly, right? A. Correct.

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S. Carlstrom - 38 154. Right, and then the other...the 12345678910 capital protections were done less frequently, but they were done periodically, and ultimately provided capital protection for the third party lenders? A. Yes, to a certain extent. Again, it's at the...the company does it for commercial reasons and it's completely voluntary. It's really the third party lenders are contractually at risk for loan losses and credit risk, yes. Q. I understand you're saying that, but 155. in terms of the expectation, if I'm a third party 11 lender, my expectation, having dealt with you for 12 the last two years, is... 13 MR. DACKS: We are not going to answer 14 questions about expectations of other 15 16 parties. 17 156. MR. STALEY: That's fine. 18 19 BY MR. STALEY: So you'll agree with me, sir, that 20 you consistently paid the 17 and a half percent 21 22 monthly? 23 We made distributions of the 17 and 24 a half percent monthly, yes, we did, very 25 consistently.

S. Carlstrom - 40 Yes, that's...I would agree with 2345678910 that. Q. Okay, and this is an e-mail from February 26th, 2014, sir, and you received that at 165. the time? A. Q. And she is making some arguments to you here about how the McCann family funds ought to be managed, and I want to focus you for a second on the third paragraph down.
A. Yes. 11 12 Q. And there is a reference there to 17 167. 13 and a half percent. Do you see that? 14 A. Yes. 15 Q. And this e-mail is consistent with the practice that Cash Store had of regularly paying 16 17 17 and a half percent to the third party lenders, 18 right? 19 A, 20 Q. And you didn't respond to say, "We 169. 21 22 have no such practice or arrangement or understanding." You didn't respond to that...to 23 this e-mail in any way. Am I fair in that, to your 24 knowledge?

A. Correct. I don't believe I

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S. Carlstrom - 39 Right, and you less consistently, 158. but regularly, you provided the capital protections. 234567 Is that fair? Yes, it is. A. Q. If you...turn in the record to...in 159. the second volume to tab R. MR, DACKS: Do you mean a third volume, 8 Mr. Staley? 9 160. MR. STALEY: I'm sorry. Mine is in 2, but I'm looking at tab R. 10 MR. DACKS: Tab R, okay. 11 12 13 BY MR. STALEY: Q. This is an exhibit to your 14 affidavit, sir. This is an e-mail that you got from 15 Sharon Fawcett? 16 A. Yes. 17 Q. And Sharon Fawcett is associated 18 162. 19 with my client? 20 À. Q. And she is someone you corresponded 21 163. 22 with from time to time? 23 That's correct. Q. And she is the in-house accountant, 24 25 if I can call her that?

S. Carlstrom - 41 responded to it. 234567 Well, do you not believe or MR. DACKS: vou don't know? THE DEPONENT: I don't know. I'll have to check. BY MR. STALEY: And I'm going to show you here, sir, 8 170. another e-mail. It isn't in the record yet. Take a look at that. This is an e-mail exchange involving 10 a Brian Dimmick and Ms. Fawcett. You're on this e-11 mail exchange as well? 12 A. Ökay. Q. Do 13 Do you see that? 14 171. A. Ido. 15 And who is Mr. Dimmick? 16 172. 17 A. He is an accountant with Cash Store Financial, just an accounting clerk. 18 Q. So is he someone who reports to you or subordinate to you? How does he fit...
A. Yes, he ultimately reports to me, 19 20 21 22 yes. 23 24 174. And as I look at this e-mail exchange, sir, this is in anticipation of the

payment that would be made...the monthly payment

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S. Carlstrom - 42 that would be made at the end of March to a third party lender? 23456789 A. And you'll agree with me, sir, that Q. 175. there was discussion at the end of March in anticipation of such payment being made? A. Yes. Q. And in fact, sir, reading the 176. exchange, one would expect...one would be led to 10 believe that the payment would, in fact, be made. 11 Is that fair? 12 MR, DACKS: We're not going to answer that. What the expectation of another 13 party is is not subject to cross-14 15 examination. MR, STALEY: Fair enough. 16 177. 17 18 BY MR. STALEY: Sir, if you look at Mr. Dimmick's e-19 Q. 178. mail, there is a request here for a calculation of 20 21 the payment due at the end of March. Is that fair? MR. DACKS: Mr. Staley, where 22 specifically are you taking that from? 23 24 25 BY MR. STALEY:

S. Carlstrom - 44 MR. DACKS: I think it's only fair, Mr. Staley, to read in the date of that e-mail. 234567 It was March 13th. 186. MR. STALEY: I am just not sure that was MR. DACKS: on the record. BY MR, STALEY: 8 9 Again, if you take a look...l assume 187. that you were asking that because it was not proximate to month end. If you take a look at the 10 11 first e-mail on the first page, do you agree with me, sir, reading the March 26th e-mail from Mr. 12 Dimmick, which attaches the calculation, as I read 13 14 it, sir, he is intending to communicate that this payment was about to be made. Is that fair? 15 MR, DACKS: Mr. Dimmick isn't here. We 16 are not going to speculate on what he was 17 18 intending. 19 20 BY MR. STALEY: 21 Do you, sir, know whether at that 188. time you were communicating to third party lenders 22 23 that they could expect to receive the payment at the end of March? Do you know that, sir? 24 25 A. No.

S. Carlstrom - 43 Take a look at the second page: 179. 123456789 "...The next disbursement will be made on Friday, March 28th..." A. Yes. Q. And if I take a look, sir, at the 180. attachment to that, it contemplates, you can see, a payment rate of 17.5 percent? A. Yes. Q. Do you see that? 181. 10 l do. Q. And the document...the attachment ][ 182. that's here, this is an attachment that is generated 12 13 by your accounting system? It's a spreadsheet. 14 15 Q. It's a spreadsheet. It's 183. something...but it's something...it's a spreadsheet 16 generated by Cash Store Financial? 17 A. Yes, that's correct. 18 Again, sir, it sets out there the 19 contemplated payment of 17.5 percent, when this 20 payment would be made at the end of March. Is that 21 22 fair? 23 A. Yes.

No, it was not.

Was this payment ever made?

S. Carlstrom - 45 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 You don't know that, one way or 189. another? No. We had met with the audit committee after Brian sent the original e-mail on March 13th. The audit committee had instructed us not to make such payments without their express approval. Q. When was this advice given? A. To my knowledge, March 18th. I 190. believe there was an audit committee meeting. Q. And were you aware of that at the time this e-mail...the March 26th e-mail exchange 12 13 takes place? A. I was, yes, It...the Information 14 15 hadn't been provided to Brian as to the audit committee's wishes. 16 Q. And so at the time, sir, that you 17 192. 18 were copied on this, you were aware that barring 19 further instruction of the audit committee, this payment would not be made. Is that fair? 20 21 A. I was aware...l was awaiting approval to make the payment from the audit 22 23 committee. 24 25 And you knew that in the absence of 193. approval from the audit committee, the payment would

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S. Carlstrom - 46 not be made. Is that fair? 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 A. That was the instructions. Q. That was the instruction. You told 194. us that. They said, "Don't pay it without our consent," right? A. That's correct. Q. Right, and so when you're copied on this e-mail from Mr. Dimmick with the March 28th 195. calculation, you know, sir, that as things then stood there was no authority to actually make that payment. Is that right? 11 A. I was waiting for approval. 12 13 Q. As at that time, sir, you knew there was no authority to make the payment at the time, 14 15 right? 16 MR. DACKS: He has already answered that question, Mr. Staley. 17 No, he hasn't. 18 197. MR. STALEY: MR. DACKS: He said he was waiting for 19 approval. 20 MR. STALEY: That's different than 21 198. 22 saying what he knew. 23 24 BY MR. STALEY: 25 You knew at that time that you did 199.

S. Carlstrom - 48 not...it's nothing I can deal with"? 23456789 A. I was corresponding with the advisors to the special committee. 205. Right, as opposed to the McCann family interests, right? You were corresponding with people internally, not the people who were looking to see, "Am I going to get paid?" right? A. I didn't know whether the payment was going to be made. I wasn't able to answer. If 10 I was to correspond, I wouldn't have been able to provide a concrete answer. 11 12 MR. STALEY: Let's mark that as the next 206. 13 exhibit. It's 3, is it? 14 15 EXHIBIT NO. 3: E-mail string between Brian Dimmick and Sharon Fawcett from March 13, 16 17 2014 to March 26, 2014 with 18 attachment 19 20 BY MR. STALEY: 21 207. lasked you when we started today if you had taken a look at Ms. Fawcett's affidavit. Do 22 23 you have a copy of that affidavit handy, sir? 24 A. I don't. 25 Thave got an extra copy, and I'm 208.

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1	not have approval to make the payment at that time,
	right?
3	MR. DACKS: You have already answered
4	the question. You can follow up with
5	whatever remedies you want.
6	200. MR. STALEY: I may well.
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8	BY MR. STALEY:
9	201. Q. Sir, I take it you didn't, on seeing
10	Mr. Dimmick's e-mail, see fit to in any way contact
11	the McCann interests to say, "Well, hold on a
12	second. Unless we get approval from the audit
13	committee, we can't make this payment"?
14	A. No, by that point in time, the
15	special committee and the advisors to the special
16	committee were handling the matters related to the
17	third party lenders.
18	202. Q. So the answer is no, you didn't do
19	any of those things?
20	A. I did not follow up.
21 22	203. Q. And that is because somebody else
22	was handling it?
23	A. That's correct.
24 25	204. Q. And did you see fit to say at that
L 23	time, "Someone else has to handle this if it's

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1	goi	ing to show you a document attached to it.
2	•	MR. DAĆKS: We have a copy of the
3		Fawcett affidavit.
4	209.	MR. STALEY: Okay, excellent.
5		MR. DACKS: But that's not to mean that
6		we can accept that you can cross-
7		examinethis is a cross-examination on
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		Mr. Carlstrom's affidavit, and
	210.	MR. STALEY: He is examinable on all
10		issues that are relevant to the motion, and
11		not on the four corners of the affidavit.
12 13		That's first year civil procedure. So I'm
13		not going to have this debate with you.
14		It's ridiculous.
15	011	MR, DACKS: I'm sorry you feel that way.
16	211.	MR. STALEY: It's laughable. The
17		position you're taking is laughable.
18		MR. DACKS: We haven't taken any
19	010	positions.
20	212.	MR. STALEY: Well, you just did.
21		MR. MERSKEY: Mr. Staley, could you
22		clarify something. You said "the motion",
23		and I haven't heard yet today which motion
23 24 25		is being relied upon. Is it the motion
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1		S. Carlstrom - 50 commencement of the CCAA proceeding?
12	213.	MR. STALEY: Well, certainly there is a
3	,	come-back in which we're entitled to
14		challenge the initial order and seek change
5		to the initial order. We haven'twe may
16		also seek other relief. It's certainly in
7		relation to the come-back.
l 8		MR. MERSKEY: And that's the purpose for
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		the examination today?
10	214.	MR. STALEY: Yes, it is.
		MR. MERSKEY: Are there particular
12		provisions of the initial order that you're
12 13		seeking that relief in connection with?
14	215.	MR. STALEY: We'll get instructions on
15		that once we finish the cross-examination.
16		MR. MERSKEY: Okay, and I take it you'll
17		advise the company and the stakeholders of
18		the position you intend to take and the
19		time at which you intend to make it?
20	216.	MR. STALEY: We will provide appropriate
21		notice to other parties at an appropriate
22		time.
22 23 24		MR, MERSKEY: I'm sure. Thank you.
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25	BY MR	. STALEY :
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	1	e-mail to Mr. Zvonkovic in which she asks questions
	ż	here. She says:
	Ź	"On the broker agreement funds, so you
	N .	keep a separate designated broker bank
	7	account for each financier, such that all
	2	of the loans made using our funds are paid
	0.	of the rooms made using our rolling are paid
	/	from and returned to that account, as well as all related interest and fees?"
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		Do you see that?
	.10	A. I do.
	П	224. Q. And then she asks ashe says she
	12	wants clarification, and please advise, and the
-	13	response is at the top of the page. Do you see
	14	that?
	15	A. Yes.
	16	225. Q. It says:
	17	"In the new agreement we have tried to
	18	combine all of these accounts and not
	19	having a designated broker bank account.
	20	Your funds specifically would be tracked
4	21	separately by our accounting system. Hope
į	22	this is okay"
2) 2)	23	Do you see that?
	24	A. Yes.
	25	226, Q. And Ms. Fawcett has testified in her
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1	217. Q. So sir, you have the affidavit in
Z	front of you?
3	A. Is this it?
4	MR. DACKS: Yes.
5	THE DEPONENT: Yes, I do.
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17	BY MR, STALEY:
8	218. Q. Sir, I'm going to have you turn to
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	Exhibit 2, which is an e-mail exchange with a
10	Michael Zvonkovic. Is thatdo you know Michael
11	Zvonkovic?
12	A, I have met Michael, yes.
	219. Q. Is he still with Cash Store?
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14	A. No, he is not.
15	220. Q. Was he your predecessor?
16	A. Yes, he was.
17	221. Q. And did you overlap with him at all?
18	A. I did not.
19	222. Q. So I'm here dealing with an e-mail
20	exchange withbetween Mr. Michael Zvonkovic and
	Ms. Fawcett from July of 2012. That's shortly
21 22 23 24	before you joined the company?
23	A. Yes, about a month before.
24	223. Q. Okay, and I want to just reference
25	thein the middle of the page Ms. Fawcett sends an
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affidavit that she understood that what this meant was that all of the brokered funds were in one separate broker bank account, as opposed to having separate ones for each of the third party lenders, and that that was her understanding throughout, until that notion was disabused recently. Sir, do you agree with me, sir, I don't see any document coming from you in the e-mail exchanges you have had with her that would tell her clearly that that understanding is incorrect? Is that fair?  A. I don't recall having discussions with Sharon about the bank account specifically.  A. No. A. No. C. You don't recall that? A. No. A. No. C. And I take it, until you saw this, you weren't aware of this e-mail exchange? A. No, I was not aware.  A. Yes. C. That's news to you? A. Yes. C. I take it, sir, from your evidence, that, in fact, there wasn't a separate bank account established for the third party lenders, to keep		
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25 A. No, there was not. The way it	25	A. No, there was not. The way it

S. Carlstrom - 56 S, Carlstrom - 54 worked was the third party lenders would fund into  $\boldsymbol{\alpha}$ 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 Well, the accounting system is able to do it, but the cash management system is not set 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 bank account, and then the company would then put those funds into the various bank accounts in order up to segregate the funds. So I'm sorry, I'm a lawyer, not an 239. to enable them to deploy them to customers, and so accountant. So the difference between accounting they became commingled at that point. system and cash management, explain that to me. They became commingled? Q. A. Yes. So the way...the accounting Yes. system tracks, on an individual loan-by-loan basis And they remain commingled until 232. Q. and payment-by-payment basis, which loans belong to today's date? who, whether it's...which third party lender or That's correct. Α. 11 whether they're directly lent by Cash Store. 11 233. And to what extent is your 12 Now, when the funds are collected...there accounting system able to separately track funds 12 allocated to each individual third party lender? 13 are different mechanisms that we use to collect 13 funds. We use our payment processing, third party 14 14 Yes, it's all done...we have a 15 provider. A customer can come in and make a payment 15 normal monthly reconciliation process that we do on in cash or write a cheque to the company. a detailed basis. We send each third party lender a 16 16 17 All those funds end up getting deposited statement and a reconciliation every month. So our normal process is to do that through the accounting 17 into centralized bank accounts and they're managed 18 18 19 by a centralized treasury process in the company. system, and it looks like as Mike indicated in his 19 20 In order to segregate those funds, we would have to 20 e-mail. make changes to the existing process. So if I turn ahead to paragraph 177 21 21 234. 22 Q. And those would be difficult changes of your affidavit, do you see that? 22 240. 23 to make. Is that fair? 23 Yes. A. I have never investigated what it 24 24 You say there in the second 235. Q. would take to make the changes. 25 25 sentence:

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	S. Carlstrom - 55  "Cash Store is not in a position to physically segregate the TPL repayments, given the manner in which such repayments are made and the limitations with Cash Store's cash management system"  Do you see that?  A. Yes, I do.  236. Q. And you'll agree with me, sir, that the broker agreements contemplate that individual third party lenders can request that there be separate accounts established and fund segregation. Is that right?	S. Carlstrom - 57  1 241. Q. You are someone who is experienced ina financial, accounting professional?  A. Accountant, yes.  4 242. Q. You agree with me that if you had to implement procedures to segregate receipts store-to-store, that would be a fairly onerous exercise in all of your stores? It wouldn't be easy to implement. Is that fair?  A. I'm not sure. I haven't tried.  10 243. Q. You haven't tried. You have no idea?  11 A. I don't know.
13 14 15	A. That's right.  237. Q. And I take it, sir, from your affidavit, that you physically aren't capable of	13 244. Q. You don't know, okay. Sir, turn 14 back in your affidavit to paragraph 46. In 15 paragraph 46 you describeif I'm looking here,
16 17 18	delivering on that covenant if it's requested?  A. To my knowledge, none of the lenders had requested that clause, that there would be	this is the company's current assets as of December 31, 2013? A. Yes.
19 20 21	segregated bank accounts. So there was not a necessity to change our existing processes to facilitate that.	1 19 245. Q. And there is an amount of restricted
22 23 24 25	238. Q. So the answer to my question is, sitting here today, your accounting system isn't able to physically do the thing that you have covenanted that you would do, if requested?	20 cash of just about 6.4 million? 21 A. Yes. 22 246. Q. Okay, and if you turn ahead to 23 paragraph 48, which is on the same page, you say 24 there in the last sentence, last line, that as of 25 February 28th the restricted cash had climbed to

S. Carlstrom - 58 just under 13 million, 12.9. 23456789 Yes, that's correct. Then if I flip ahead to paragraph 247. 156, you indicate in paragraph 156 that as of the close of business on April 11, 2014, the total cash in Cash Store's bank accounts was approximately 2.9 million, which includes restricted cash. A. That's correct. Q. So if you could explain to me how it 248. was you went from restricted cash at the end of 10 February of 12.96 million to 2.9 million as of 11 roughly a month and a half later? 12 So the concept of restricted cash is 13 an accounting concept. It doesn't mean that the 14 15 restricted cash is physically segregated in any way, shape or form. The accounting concept is that there 16 is a contractual restriction on funds, and one of 17 those contractual restrictions that the company has 18 is with respect to the broker agreement, as we 19 20 talked about earlier. In the case that you're referring to in 21 pargaraph 156 where we talk about total cash in the 22 bank accounts of approximately 2.9 million, that 23 would have been...for accounting purposes, we would have had a higher amount of restricted cash than we 24 25

S. Carlstrom - 60 happen very often, but it has happened a handful of times since I started with the company...is that we invoke the clause in the broker agreement which allows the company to essentially swap direct loans with the third party lenders in order to...it effectively frees up the restricted cash. So we transfer loans to the third party lenders in exchange for the restricted cash. Q. And is that what happened in this 253. case? As of March 31st, no. Q. Okay, so what happened? Let me ask 254, you this: If you look at paragraph 2.10 of the broker agreement it says there that the third party... MR. DACKS: Mr. Staley, let the witness have a chance to...yes. BY MR. STALEY: It says there that the third party 255. financier advances are to be used for the purpose of making advances to broker customers, right? We talked about that already.

Were any of the amounts advanced by

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S. Carlstrom - 59 had total cash, because it's not...restricted cash is not a...it doesn't refer to an actual cash in a 23456 bank account. It's merely an accounting classification. It's sort of a notional concept. Q. Okay. So it's not...you don't actually have the cash available that you could disburse this. This is just an accounting entry. Is that what you're telling me? 7 8 A. The concept of restricted cash is an 9 10 accounting concept, yes. Q. So are you able to tell me what the 11 250. amount of restricted cash was as of April...the 12 close of business on April 11, 2014? 13 14 A. I don't know the exact amount. 15 Q. Would it have been more or less than 251. 16 the roughly 12.96 million? A. More. 17 More. If it wasn't sitting in cash, 18 252. Q. 19 in what form or how was that held or otherwise recorded in the company, either...what was done with 20 that restricted cash? 21 A. The normal process, if we were in a 22 situation where restricted cash...as part of our 23 normal month-end close procedures, if restricted 24 cash is greater than total cash, then...it doesn't 25

S. Carlstrom - 61 the third party lenders used for any other purpose? 2345678 257. Q. Including, for example, general operations? So along the same lines as the lender distribution, the audit committee also prevented us from going through our normal process to transfer loans. That was the same timing, around 9 March 18th, you know, pending further review and further consideration by the special committee. 10 We did not do a loan transfer as of March 11 31st. We typically wouldn't do that until a couple 12 13 of weeks after month end, as part of our normal month end close procedures. Instead, the special 14 committee elected to file for CCAA. 15 16 Q. So you didn't answer...come close to 258. answering my question. My question was were any of 17 the funds advanced by third party lenders used for 18 19 any purpose other than making advances to customers? A. As of March 31st? 20 21 Q. At any time, I'm obviously focusing 259. on what happened leading up the filling. That's what I'm trying to find out right now. So tell me that. 22 23 24 260. They were used for other purposes?

A. Correct.

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1	]	A, Yes,
l	2	261. Q. So tell me how they were used.
١	3	A. Well, because the funds are
١	4	commingled in our bank accounts, those same bank
ı	5	accounts we use for making direct advances to our
١	2	
١	.0	customers, we also use for paying expenses of the
1	/	business, overhead expenses, things like rent,
ı	23456789	payroll, accounts payable.
1	9	262. Q. So just so we're clear, so some of
1	10	the monies that were advanced by third party lenders
	11	to be used only for the purpose of customer
	12	borrowings were, in fact, used by Cash Store
Ì		Einen sight for gornarda nurnasse. Is that right?
	13	Financial for corporate purposes. Is that right?
	14	A. That is correct as of the end of
1	15	March.
	16	263. Q. Right, and also correct as of the
-	17	date of filing, right, for CCAA protection?
	18	A. Yes.
	19	264. Q. And that was used to pay salaries?
	20	A. Because it was commingled in the
	20	A. pocuosa il vuo continingion il ino
	21 22	company's operating accounts, it could have been
	22	used for direct lending purposes or to pay salaries.
	23	265. Q. Salaries, outside lawyers?
	24	A. Rents.
	25	266, Q. Rent, outside lawyers, the
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	1	274.	Q. And after filing?
	2		A. I don't know what happens after the
	3	filir	ng.
	4	275.	Q. You don't know what happens?
	5		A. So in terms of
	6	276.	Q. You don't know, seriously? You
	7		n't know? You don't know what happened after
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	tilli	ng?
			MR. DACKS: After the filing, Mr.
	10	077	Staley, there was an initial order made.  MR. STALEY: Yes.
	11	277.	MR, DACKS: It set out certain TPL
	12 13		protections,
e de la	14	278.	MR, STALEY: Yes.
	15	210.	MR, DACKS: And we have a monitor and a
	16		CRO and that is what has been happening.
	17	279.	MR. STALEY: I'm just asking about what
	18		he knows. What he knowsit's one thing
ı	19		to say, "We complied with the initial
	20		order," rather than say he doesn't know.
	21		,
	22 23	BY MR	. STALEY :
		280.	Q. I'm going to ask what you know, sir.
	24		A. Let me clarify. I know that there
146.5	25	<u>.</u>	a number of other considerations when you file.

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1	consultants, advisors, all of those things?
2	A. To pay the company's expenses.
3	267. Q. Which include all of those things l
4	just mentioned?
5	A, Correct.
6	268. Q. Are we talking about millions of
ž	dollars here?
8	A, Yes,
9	269. Q. Over 10 million dollars?
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	A. The company's monthly expenses do
11	exceed 10 million dollars,
12	270. Q. So of the amounts that were advanced
13	by third party lenders to be used solely to
14	advanceto be used solely for third party loans,
15	how much of those monies have, to this date, been
16	used for corporate purposes?
17	A. I don't have an exact figure.
18	271. Q. Can you give me a ballpark?
19	A. No, I can't.
20	272. Q. Is it over 10 million?
21	<ul> <li>A. I think it would be approximately</li> </ul>
20 21 22 23	10.
23	273. Q. And that was done both before filing
24	and after filing?
25	A. Leading up to the filing.

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1	I'm not an expert in CCAA . So maybe there is a
2	different way to
3	MR. DACKS: If you have any specific
4	questions post-filing, maybe you can give
5	them to us in writing, and we can deal with
6	them with the monitor.
7	281. MR. STALEY: I'm sure you would. Thank
B	you.
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	1001
110	BY MR. STALEY:
111	282. Q. Are you able toyou can't tell me,
12	sitting here today, sir, how many millions of
	dollars
13	MR. DACKS: You have asked this question
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15	five times already. You have his answer.
16	283. MR. STALEY: I have a he doesn't know
17	answer, which I guess is the best I'm going
18	to get.
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20	BY MR. STALEY:
21	284. Q. So do you agree with me, sir, that
21 22	many Cash Store Financial customers are repeat
23	customers?
23 24	A. Yes.
25	285. Q. And there are many people for whom,
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1	unfortunately, they live from pay cheque to pay			
Ź	cheque, and they seek to advance on the pay cheque			
<u>ر</u>	through your company. Is that fair?			
Å	A. Yes, the company lends against			
4				
2 3 4 5 6	customers income streams.			
6	286. Q. And it wouldn't be uncommon for			
7	customers to get a new borrowing to replace an			
8	existing borrowing when it comes due. Is that fair?			
9	A. Customers are required to repay			
10	their loan in full before they can take a new loan,			
ii	but the general cycle is a payment and a reborrow,			
12				
10	yes. 287. Q. So people willthe cycle is that			
13	Z07. Q, 30 people will			
14	when you have a customer, the customer often comes			
15	back?			
16	<ul> <li>A. Yes, anecdotally we often hear that</li> </ul>			
17	a typical customer goes through a period of six			
18	borrows, I guess you could say, six cycles before			
19	they move on.			
20	288. Q. Well, if you take a look, for			
21	example, at paragraph 175 of your affidavit, you			
21 22	Indicate there in paragraph 175 that there is likely			
00	Indicate increasing paragraphs 170 mar more is incry			
23	to be difficulty in collecting the Ontario loans,			
24	because you can't advance new money to			
25	customersto the customers who already owe you			
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	,	Ä, Yes.			
l	has available to lend to people, to customers?				
2	MR. DACKS: Perhaps you can rephrase				
	5	5 that question.			
ŝ	6				
ì	7	BY MR. STALEY:			
ı	8	295. Q. You, at this point, don't have new			
	9	sources of funding to lend to your customers?			
ı	10	A. The company is conducting its			
I	11				
	12 296. Q. Business as usual, using the money				
Į,	13	that it has available to it?			
	14	A, That's correct.			
ř	15	297. Q. Including the third party lenders'			
1	16	money?			
	17	A. It's using the cash that is in its			
1	18	bank accounts,			
	19	298. Q. Which includes third party lenders'			
		money, right?			
	21	A. The money is commingled.			
2	22	299. Q. Well, whether it's commingledwe			
7	23	agree it's commingled.			
	20 21 22 23 24	A. Yes.			
	25	300. Q. It includes third party lenders'			
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l	1	money, right?		
١	į	A. That's right, yes.		
	$\tilde{3}$	289. Q. So you acknowledge that your ability		
	4	to lend new money to existing customers impacts your		
	5	ability to collect from those same customers?		
l	6	A. That's correct.		
	7	290. Q. Right, and you talked about there		
	8	being six cycles as one thing that anecdotally		
	123456789	you're aware of?		
j	10	A. Yes. It's multiple cycles, yes.		
	11	291. Q. And so just from the perspective		
	12	ofI'm now speaking, sir, about the prospective		
	13	advances that might be made, that whether or not		
	14	Cash Store remains in business as It is in Ontario		
	15	will affect its ability to actually collect monies		
	16	it advances, right?		
	17	A. That's correct.		
	18	292. Q. And you have indicated in paragraph		
	19	175 that because you're no longer able to broker new		
	20	loans in Ontario, it affects your collections in		
	.21	Ontario, right?		
	22	A. Yes, it does.		
	23	293. Q. And you'll agree with me, sir, that		
	24	Cash Store, at this point in time, is in a		
	25	distressed financial situation. Is that fair?		
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	money, right?
)	A. I justI wasn't sure what you
	were
,	301. Q. No, I'm just trying to ask you it
†	includes third party lenders' money, right?
)	A. It includes funds that were made
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3 3 7 3 9	available for third party lenders for funding to
3	consumers,
	302. Q. Right, so that sits in your
10	accounts, commingled with the company's own
11	accounts, right?
12	A. That's correct.
13	303, Q. And so those monies are available at
14	this point in time to lend to customers, right?
15	A, That's correct.
16	304, Q. You'll agree with me that whether or
	not Cash Store Financial remains in business as a
17	not cash store a manufactor tenianis in positioss as a
18	going concern remains to be determined based on what
19	happens in the CCAA?
20	MR. DACKS: Don't answer that. We're
21	not going to speculate on what is going to
20 21 22 23	happen in CCAA, or whether or not it's
23	going to remain
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BY MR. STALEY:

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7	305. Q. I think it's fair to say that by			
12	filing, the company is hoping to successfully			
3	restructure, right? Is that fair?			
4	A. That's correct.			
5	306. Q. And at this point, you don't know if			
6	that is going to happen or not. You're hoping it			
7	does, right, right?			
8	A. Yes.			
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	307. Q. And you'll agree with me, sir, that			
10	if you're unsuccessful in restructuring, and have to			
11				
12	go out of business, it will affect your ability to			
	collect amounts that you have lent to people			
13	already? It will be harder to collect those			
14	amounts. Isn't that fair?			
15	A. Yes.			
16	308. Q. So you'll agree with me, sir, that			
17	from the perspective of a third party lender whose			
18	money is now at risk, the risk to the third party			
19	lender today is greater than the risk was a year			
20	ago. Is that fair?			
21	MR. DACKS: He is not going to answer.			
21 22	309. MR. STALEY: Is that fair, sir?			
23	MR. DACKS: Don't answer that. We're			
24	not going to speculate on a risk to a third			
25	party. Perhaps you should rephrase your			
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1	definitelyif the company was to cease operating,			
	theI think it's fair to say that they would			
3	expect a lower recovery on the outstanding			
4	receivables. The collection of the receivables in			
5	large part depends on the branches physically			
6	existing and being open.			
7	315. Q. Okay, I think that answers my			
8	question. Thank you. So turn to paragraph 132,			
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	sir, of your affidavit.			
10	A. Sure.			
11	316. Q. In paragraph 32 (sic) you reference			
12	requests to return funds from two third party			
13	lenders. One is my client, and one is Trimor.			
14	A. Yes.			
15	317. Q. And you make reference to a			
16	requirement there to provide 120 days advance notice			
17	of reduced lending limits. Do you see that?			
18	A. That's correct.			
19	318. Q. And then you go on to calculate when			
20	the notices take effect. Do you see that?			
21 22	A. Yes.			
22	319. Q. And I'm not going to debate that			
23	with you, but is it my understanding, sir, from			
24	reading this, that as of the date the 120 days takes			
25	effect, that any third party funds attributable, for			

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1	question.
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3	BY MR. STALEY:
4	310. Q. Let's try it this way. So you agree
5	with me, sir, a year ago it was Cash Store
6	Financial's practicefirst off, Cash Store
/	Financial a year ago was carrying on business
ß	throughout the country, right, including in Ontario?
9	A. That's correct.
10	311. Q. And it had an expectation that it
11 12	would continue to carry on business, right? A. Yes.
13	312. Q. And the third party lender had
14	protections which included the 17 and a half percent
15	interest plus the capital protections that were in
16	place at the time, right?
17	A. Voluntary.
18	313. Q. Such as they were. However you want
19	to describe them, they existed, right?
20	A. Yes.
21 22	314. Q. Right, and you agree with me, sir,
22	that to the extent the company is carrying on
23	business actively, it's easier to collect fresh
24	amounts that are advanced, right?
25	A. Yes. So the collectability is

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1	example, to my client, would be returned to my			
	client as of that date, or would you continue			
2 3	MR. DACKS: Well, Mr. Staley, I think			
	that's a legal question.			
4 5	320. MR. STALEY: I'm asking factually,			
.6	because he is making factual comments about			
7	when it's effective. I'm asking what their			
8	intention is. I'm asking about his			
9	intention.			
10	MR, DACKS: Okay, then I'm going to			
11	respond after.			
	respond diler.			
12	BY MR. STALEY:			
13				
14	321. Q. Okay. Once we get to the 120 days			
15	in relation to monies my client has advanced			
16	A. Yes.			
17	322. Qwhat do you intend to do with			
18	monies allocatable to my client's advances as of the			
19	120 days?			
20	Á. l			
21	MR. DACKS: Don't speculate, Mr.			
22	Carlstrom.			
23	THE DEPONENT: Okay.			
24				
25	BY MR. STALEY:			

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]	\$. Carlstrom - 74 323. Q. Do you know what the intention is?			
	A. I believe the money is available to			
3	lend to consumers in the 120-day period.			
4	324. Q. After the 120-day period?			
5	A. No, not after.			
6	325. Q. Not after. They would stop as of			
7	that date?			
8	A. That's correct.			
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	MR. DACKS: And Mr. Staley, I'm going to			
10	put on the record that there has been a			
]:11	CCAA filling since this affidavit was sworn.			
12	It was sworn in support of a CCAA filing,			
13	and the effect of that filing on your			
14	question is a legal matter.			
15	326. MR, STALEY: I accept that, I just			
16	wanted to know what factuallybased on			
17	his statement in his affidavit, I wanted to			
18	understand what he was saying. That's all.			
19	I know there is a different set of legal			
20	issues here. Subject to the refusals, that			
21 22	completes my questions. Thank you.			
22	MR. DACKS: Thank you.			
23	CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. MERSKEY:			
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1	332. Q. Mr. Staley asked a few times about			
9.	whether cash was used for nonfor purposes other			
2	whether cash was used for nontor purposes other			
3	than being advanced formaking advances to broker			
4	customers. You stated at the end of March that was			
5	the case, and at the time of filing. What would			
6	normally be done in those circumstances?			
7	A. The normal procedure, because we			
8.	only measure the restricted cash once a month, as			
23456789	part of our month-end accounting procedure, standard			
10	procedure, what we have always done, at least since			
111	I have been there, when we encounter a scenario			
12	where the restricted cashthe computation of			
13	restricted cash exceeds the total cash balance as			
14	reported under U.S. GAAP, we utilize the provision			
15	in the broker agreements to effectively swap loans			
	with the third party lenders to ensure that the			
16	Will the third both letters to ensure that the			
17	company has unrestricted cash.			
18	333. Q. With the result that you would			
19	not			
20	MR. STALEY: Sorry, that's a leading			
21	question, by the way, just in case you're			
20 21 22 23	asking yourself. So you should stop right			
23	there.			
24	334. MR. DACKS: Well, I'll ask it again.			
25	MR. STALEY: Try to ask it in a non-			
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1	327. Q. I have a question for you, Mr.
	Carlstrom.
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J	A. Yes.
4	328. Q. Go to paragraph 80 of your affidavit
5	at page 80 of the record. At paragraph 80 you're
6	describing, as I understand it, and 81, the monthly
7	reconciliation of the restricted cash. Is that
8	correct?
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9	A. Yes.
10	329. Q. And you indicate that from time to
110	527. Q. And you indicate that form into to
11 12	time, as a process of that reconciliation, in order
12	to compensate the third party lenders, the company
13	would transfer loan receivables of its own. Is that
14	correct?
15	A. That's correct.
16	330, Q. And as far as you know, were the
17	TPLs aware of this practice?
18	A. Yes, it was disclosed to them via
19	the monthly account statements and reconciliations
20	that were provided.
21	331. MR. MERSKEY: Thank you.
22	MR. DACKS: Anyone else? Okay, well, I
23	have one question in re-examination.
24	•
25	RE-EXAMINATION BY MR. DACKS:
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1		S. Carlstrom - 77 leading manner. You're leading the		
2 3 4 5	335.	witness.  MR. DACKS: I hear you. I will rephrase my question.		
5 6 7 8 9	BY MR. DA 336.	Q. What would the result be of that		
8 9 10	transaction? A. It's a non-cash transaction. So no cash physically changes hands. It doesn't change			
11 12	the total amount of cash in the company's bank account. It's merely an accounting classification			
13 14 15	determination. So it doesn't actually increase the company's cash by swapping loans with the third			
16 17	party lenders. It's just an acknowledgement and an accounting entry to change the classification of it on the balance sheet.			
18 19 20	337.	MR. DACKS: That's all I have in re- examination.		
21		MR. STALEY: Thank you very much.		

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Date of Formation: Jan 17 2002

Stock Symbol: CSF

Jurisdiction Where Formed: Ontario

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Industry Classification: other

General Partner:

CUSIP Number: 14756F

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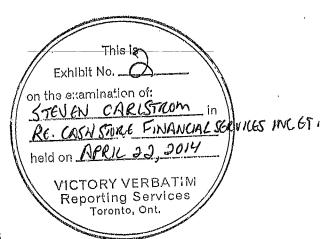
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The information in this Annual Information Form ("AIF") is given as of September 30, 2013, unless otherwise indicated. All figures are presented in thousands of Canadian dollars, unless otherwise disclosed. In this AIF, unless the context otherwise requires, all references to "the Company" or "Cash Store Financial" are to The Cash Store Financial Services Inc.

Cash Store Financial is a Canadian corporation and is not affiliated with Cottonwood Financial Ltd. or the outlets Cottonwood Financial Ltd. operates in the United States under the name "Cash Store". Cash Store Financial does not conduct business under the name "Cash Store" in the United States and does not own or provide any consumer lending services in the United States.

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In order to help our investors understand our current results
and future prospects, this AIF includes "forward-looking
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information with respect to our objectives, strategles,
operations and financial results, competition as well as
initiatives to grow revenue or reduce retention payments.

Forward-looking information can generally be identified by the use of words such as "plans", "expects", or "does not expect", "is expected", "budget", "scheduled", "estimates", "forecasts", "intends", "anticipates", or "does not anticipate", or "believes" or variations of such words and phrases. They may also be identified by statements that certain actions, events or results "may", "could", "would", "might", or "will be taken", "occur", or "be achieved".

Forward-looking information is subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, level of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from those expressed or implied. These risks and uncertainties may include (but are not limited to) changes in economic and political conditions, legislative or regulatory developments, technological developments, third party arrangements, competition, litigation, market conditions, the availability of alternative transactions, shareholder, legal, regulatory and court approvals and third party consents and other factors described under the heading "Risks and Uncertainties".

Management has attempted to identify the important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in forward-looking information, but other factors unknown to us at the time of writing could cause results to vary. There can be no assurance that forward-looking information will prove to be accurate. Actual results could differ materially. Management cautions readers not to place undue reliance on forward-looking information. Unless required by law, the Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking information.



# CORPORATE STRUCTURE

The Company was incorporated on February 23, 2001, under the Business Corporations Act (Ontario) (the "OBCA"), as B&B Capital Corporation. On August 1, 2001, B&B Capital Corporation changed its name to "Rentcash Inc." and subsequently amalgamated with Larkfield Capital Corp. ("Larkfield"), under the OBCA, effective January 17, 2002 (the "Amalgamation"), with the amalgamated company continuing as Rentcash Inc. Larkfield was incorporated under the Company Act (British Columbia) on May 15, 2000, under the name Willow Creek Capital Corp. ("Willow Creek"). The name of Willow Creek was changed to "Larkfield Capital Corp." on August 24, 2000, and Larkfield was subsequently continued into Ontario under the OBCA, effective January 15, 2002.

Pursuant to the Amalgamation, each common share of Rentcash was exchanged for one common share of the Company, and each three common shares of Larkfield were exchanged for one common share of the Company.

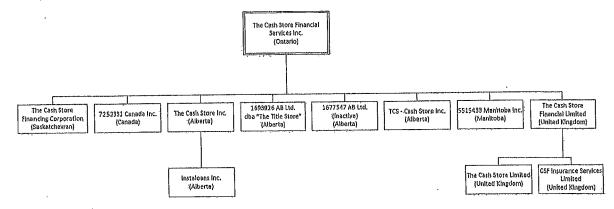
The Company changed its name on March 31, 2008, from Rentcash Inc. to "The Cash Store Financial Services Inc." in connection with the spin-off of its rental division. Cash Store Financial's common shares (the "Common Shares") are traded on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol "CSF". On June 8, 2010, the Company began trading its shares on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") under the symbol "CSFS".

On March 31, 2008, pursuant to a plan of arrangement, the Company separated its rental business and certain of its assets and liabilities into an independent, publicly-traded company. Each existing shareholder of Cash Store Financial received one common share of Insta-Rent for each Common Share held on March 31, 2008.

On April 28, 2010, the Company's board of directors (the "Board") approved a change in its fiscal year end from June 30 to September 30.

The registered office of the Company is located at Scotia Plaza, Suite 2100, 40 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario M5H 3C2. The head office of the Company is located at 15511 - 123 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5V 0C3.

The Company's principal direct and indirect subsidiaries are as set forth in the following chart. The Company owns 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of each principal subsidiary. The Cash Store Inc., in turn, owns 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of Instaloans Inc.; and The Cash Store Financial Limited owns 100% of the issued and outstanding shares of The Cash Store Limited and CSF Insurance Services Limited. Included in parenthesis within the corporate organization chart is the respective jurisdiction of Incorporation of each entity:



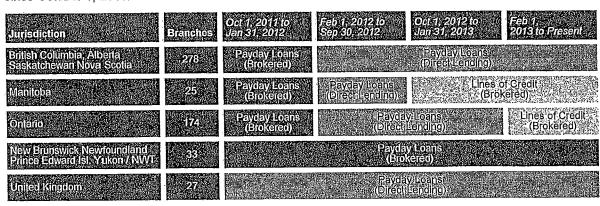
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#### GENERAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BUSINESS

The Company, under its "Cash Store Financial", "Instaloans" and "The Title Store" banners, provides consumers with alternative financial products and services, serving everyday people for whom traditional banking may be inconvenient or unavailable. The Company acts as both a broker and lender of short term advances and offers a range of other products and services to help customers meet their day to day financial service needs. The Company employs a combination of payday loans and lines of credit as its primary consumer lending product offerings and earns fees and interest income on these consumer lending products. The Company also offers a wide range of financial products and services including bank accounts, prepaid MasterCard and private label credit and debit cards, cheque cashing, money transfers, payment insurance and prepaid phone cards. The Company has agency arrangements with a variety of companies to provide these products.

The table below illustrates the Company's primary consumer lending offerings summarized by jurisdiction since October 1, 2011:



# Three Year History and Acquisitions

Since late 2009, the Canadian payday loan market has been in transition from an unregulated market to varying states of regulation. The key components of payday loans regulation are caps on the loan size, length and fees that can be charged. Typically regulations limit payday loans to a maximum of \$1,500 and 62 days in duration as well as providing a rate cap. The following table shows the date that regulations came into effect in the provinces where the Company currently offers payday loans and their rate cap:

Province	Rate Cap (per \$100)	Effective Date
British Columbia	\$23	November 18, 2009
Alberta	\$23	March 1, 2010
Nova Scotia	\$25	April 1, 2011
Saskatchewan	\$23	January 1, 2012

On April 14, 2010, the Company opened its first branch in the UK and has since expanded its operations to include 27 branches in the UK at September 30, 2013.

In January 2012, the Company completed a private placement of \$132.5 million of 11.5% senior secured notes (the "Notes") and used most of the net proceeds of this offering to acquire a portfolio of consumer loans from third-party lenders. With the acquisition of the loan portfolio, the Company began funding payday loans directly in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Nova Scotia.

On October 1, 2012 and February 1, 2013 the Company launched a new suite of line of credit products in Manitoba and Ontario, respectively, and payday loans are no longer being offered in those provinces. The lines of credit are traditional, unsecured, medium term revolving credit lines, with regular minimum payments tailored to customers' needs and profiles. This suite of line of credit products enables consumers to move up the credit ladder toward credit-scored products that will eventually enable access to mainstream lending



products. The Company is subject to regulatory risk and actions related to the lines of credit products and a discussion of these risk factors can be found in the section entitled "Risks and Uncertainties" in the Company's Management Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") dated December 11, 2013 for the year ended September 30, 2013 and available on the Company's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com

# **DESCRIPTION OF THE BUSINESS**

#### **Products and Services**

Consumer Lo	ans & Line of Credit
Payday	<ul> <li>Bridge loans to help our clients span temporary cash shortfalls or meet emergency or unexpected expenses</li> <li>Short-term non-collateralized loans</li> <li>Range from \$100 to \$1500.</li> </ul>
Signature	<ul> <li>Short-term loan against a government source of income (Child Tax, Disability, Pension, Employment Insurance)</li> </ul>
Lines of Credit	<ul> <li>Up to \$5000 unsecured</li> <li>Helps customers to rebuild their credit</li> <li>Customers borrow as needed and repay at any time</li> <li>Minimum payments are due at regular intervals</li> <li>Introduced early in FY2012</li> </ul>
Injury Claims	- Immediate cash for personal injury claims awaiting payout - Provided by Rhino Legal Finance Inc.
Diversified Fi	nancial Products
Bank Accounts: Standard & Premium	- Provided by DC Bank - Gives customers access to a variety of services - CDIC insured
Cheque Cashing	- Fast turn around - Funds transferred electronically; branches do not hold cash
Prepaid Credit Card	- Supplied by DC Bank and MasterCard - Provides the convenience of a credit card without interest - Can be used online
Prepaid Debit Card	- Supplied by DC Bank - Preloaded with funds for daily transactional needs and access to cash at ATMs
Money Transfer	- Provided by RIA Financial Services - Provides an easy and reliable way to pay bills or send and receive funds worldwide
Payment Insurance	- Covers outstanding loan balances in the event of unexpected events such as: involuntary unemployment, accidental injury, critical illness, death, dismemberment

# Payday loans - direct lending

The Company typically arranges for advances to customers that range from \$100 to \$1,500. In order to receive an advance, a customer is required to provide proof of income, copies of recent bank statements, current proof of residence and current telephone and utility bills. The customer must then either write a cheque or execute a pre-authorized debit agreement for the amount of the advance plus loan fees. Deposit of the cheque is deferred until the due date of the loan, which is the customer's next payday (normally 7 to 14 days but no later than 31 days).



# Payday loans - brokering

For loans that the Company brokers on behalf of customers, the application process and documentation requirements are similar to those for direct lending. After an application is completed and other relevant information is obtained from a customer, the Company brokers the customer's loan request to third-party lenders. Based on approval criteria established by the third-party lenders, the customers' eligibility for an advance is assessed. If the customer is approved, the Company provides the lender's loan documentation to the customer. Upon fulfillment of the loan documentation requirements, the Company is authorized by the lender to forward the cash advance to the customer on behalf of the lender. When an advance becomes due and payable, the customer must make repayment of the principal and interest owing to the lender through the Company, which, in turn, remits the funds to the third-party lender. If there is difficulty with the collection process, the customer's account may be turned over to an independent collection agency.

# Principal Markets and Foreign Operations

The Company conducts business in Canada and the United Kingdom. As at September 30, 2013, the Company operated 537 (September 30, 2012 - 536) short-term advance branches across Canada (510 branches) and the United Kingdom (27 branches). The Company operates branches in all Canadian provinces and territories except Quebec and Nunavut. The following chart presents the geographic distribution of the Company's branches:

September 30, 2013	Branches
British Columbia	97
Alberta	122
Saskatchewan	34
Manitoba	25
Ontario	174
New Brunswick	14
Nova Scotia	25
Prince Edward Island	3
Newfoundland and Labrador	13
Northwest Territories	2
Yukon	1
United Kingdom	27
Total	537

The Company also has investments in the following foreign operations:

- 18.3% of the outstanding common shares of The Cash Store Australia Holdings Inc., which operated payday loan branches in Australia under the name "The Cash Store Pty." ("Pty"). The Cash Store Australia Holdings Inc. is publicly listed on the TSX Venture exchange under the symbol "AUC". In December of 2012 the Alberta, Ontario and British Columbia Securities Commissions issued cease trade orders in respect of the shares of AUC for failure to file financial statements. On September 13, 2013 Pty appointed a voluntary administrator pursuant to Section 436A of the Australian Corporations Act 2001. In the opinion of the directors of Pty, Pty is insolvent. The Administrator has taken control of the operations and assets of Pty and the application to have the cease trade orders revoked have been withdrawn by AUC.
- 15.7% of the outstanding common shares of RTF Financial Holdings Inc., a private company in the business of short-term lending by utilizing highly automated mobile technology (SMS text message lending). RTF Financial Holdings Inc. currently operates in the UK.

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# Competition

The Company has a market share of approximately one third of all payday loan branches in Canada. The Company estimates there are approximately 1,500 short-term advance branches across Canada. The Company's biggest competitor is DFC Global Corp. ("Dollar Financial"), a U.S.-based public company. Dollar Financial operates approximately 489 branches in Canada under the banner "Money Mart". "Cash Money" is the next-largest operator in Canada with approximately 120 branches. The remainder of the payday loans market consists of small, single store operations and regional operations that may have a number of payday loan advance centres in a given region. Competition also comes from companies, such as cheque cashers, pawnshops, rental stores and others, that offer the payday loan service as an ancillary service. Several companies also provide payday loans via the Internet.

In addition to other unsecured consumer lending and cheque cashing stores and online lenders, the Company competes with banks and other financial services entitles and retail businesses that offer consumer loans and lines of credit, cash cheques, sell money orders, provide money transfer services or offer other products and services offered by the Company.

The Company estimates that the UK market for small, unsecured short-term consumer loans is served by approximately 1,200 store locations as well as numerous online lenders.

Some of the Company's competitors have larger and more established customer bases in other provinces and substantially greater financial and other resources than the Company.

# Competitive Strengths

Management believes that the Company has a number of competitive strengths that provide a solid base for continued growth.

The Company's branch environment is unique in the market. Because Cash Store Financial branches do not disburse cash, the Company is able to offer a comfortable, upscale, open concept floor plan where customers can sit down with a customer service advisor to discuss their needs, much like they would in a traditional bank.

This differentiated environment complements the Company's expanded product offering, which is designed for long term customer retention.

Customers choose to do business with the Company for a number of reasons, including:

- · the range of products offered;
- the provision of access to flexible credit products through a graduated line of credit suite that rewards good payment behavior;
- the provision of opportunities for consumers to rebuild credit;
- the comfortable, friendly, open concept branch environment that is more bank-like than other consumer lending stores;
- the specialized support and committed customer service that they receive from well-trained associates; and
- the convenience of branch locations and hours.

#### Intangible Assets

Through past business combinations, the Company has acquired customer lists, contracts, and relationships as well as brand names. These intangible assets have been and will continue to be important to the Company's overall success.

In January 2012, the Company acquired significant non-compete agreements, favourable supplier relationships, and proprietary knowledge from third-party lenders through the acquisition of consumer loans. Given that the majority of the Company's operations are in the the provinces where the loans were originated and the Company continues to depend on third-party lenders, the Company views these intangibles as critical to its future success and future growth.

# Cycles

The Company has observed that the payday loans market, in terms of sales, has been relatively stable over the last several years and not strongly tied to general economic conditions.

The Company's business is not significantly affected by seasonality. Typically the Company's strongest



revenues are in its third and fourth fiscal quarters (which correspond with tax season and the summer months) followed by the Company's first fiscal quarter (Christmas/holiday season). The Company's second fiscal quarter is typically the weakest. In addition to seasonal demand, quarterly results are impacted by the number and timing of new branch openings.

# **Economic Dependence**

The Company's business depends on the willingness of third-party lenders to make significant funds available for lending to the Company's customers and to purchase loans that the Company has made. There are no assurances that existing or new third-party lenders will continue to make funds available. Any reduction or withdrawal of funds could have a material adverse impact on the Company's results of operations and financial condition.

For a description of arrangements with third-party lenders, refer to the section entitled "Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements" in the Company's MD&A available on the Company's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com

# **Employees**

As at September 30, 2013, the Company had 1,856 active employees across Canada and the United Kingdom.

#### Risks and Uncertainties

The Company's business is subject to risks and uncertainties that could result in material adverse effects on its business and financial results. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to Cash Store Financial, or that it currently deems immaterial, may also impair its business operations.

A discussion of the risk factors relating to business and operations can be found in the section entitled "Risks and Uncertainties" in the Company's MD&A available on the Company's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

## **RATINGS**

The following information relating to the Company's credit ratings is provided as it relates to financing costs and liquidity. Specifically, credit ratings affect the Company's ability to obtain short-term and long-term financing and the cost of such financing. A reduction in the current ratings on the Company's debt by its rating agencies, particularly a downgrade or a negative change in the ratings outlook, could adversely affect the Company's cost of financing and its access to sources of liquidity and capital. In addition, changes in credit ratings may affect the Company's ability to, and the associated costs of, entering into normal course derivative or hedging transactions or its ability to maintain ordinary course contracts with customers and suppliers on acceptable terms.

Moody's Investor Service, Inc. ("Moody's")

Caa1: The Caa1 rating assigned to the Company's corporate family and the Notes is within the C rating category which is the seventh highest rating of Moody's nine rating categories, which range from Aaa to C. Moody's appends numerical modifiers 1, 2, and 3 to each generic rating classification from Aaa through Caa. The modifier 1 indicates a ranking in the higher end of that generic rating category. The outlook trend for this rating is negative.

Moody's rating description: Obligations rated Caa are judged to be of poor standing and are subject to very high credit risk.

Standard and Poor's Ratings Services, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. ("S&P")

CCC+ (Recovery Rating 4): The CCC+ rating assigned to the Company and the Notes is within the CCC rating category which is the ninth highest rating of S&P's twelve rating categories, which range from AAA to D. The ratings from AA to CCC may be modified by the addition of a plus (+) or minus (-) sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories. A recovery rating of 4 indicates an average recovery, or 30-50% of accrued principal plus interest at the time of default. S&P's ratings outlook is negative.

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S&P Rating Description: An obligation rated 'CCC' is currently vulnerable and dependent on favorable business, financial and economic conditions to meet financial commitments.

Credit ratings are intended to provide investors with an independent assessment of the credit quality of an issue or an issuer of securities and such ratings do not address the suitability of a particular security for a particular investor. The ratings assigned to a security may not reflect the potential impact of all risks on the value of the security. The Company pays the applicable rating agency fees to have its debt rated by the rating agency. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the rating organization.

# CAPITAL STRUCTURE

Cash Store Financial is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Common Shares having the following rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions:

- 1. The holders of Common Shares are entitled to receive notice of, and vote at, every meeting of the shareholders of Cash Store Financial and shall have one vote for each such Common Share held.
- 2. Subject to the rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attached to any preferred shares of Cash Store Financial, the holders of Common Shares are entitled to receive such dividends as the directors of the Company may from time to time, by resolution, declare.
- 3. Subject to the rights, privileges, restrictions and conditions attached to any Common Shares of Cash Store Financial, in the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of Cash Store Financial or upon any distribution of the assets of Cash Store Financial among shareholders being made (other than by way of dividends out of monies properly applicable to the payment of dividends), the holders of Common Shares shall be entitled to share pro rata.

#### DIVIDENDS

The Company paid dividends to shareholders from 2008 to 2012. Starting in the fourth fiscal quarter of 2012 the Board suspended quarterly dividends. The dividend distribution policy is reviewed on a quarterly basis. This review includes evaluating the Company's financial position, profitability, cash flow and other factors that the Board considers relevant. The ability to declare and pay dividends is subject to compliance with a restricted payment covenant stipulated in the Indenture governing the Notes.

The following is the Company's dividend history for the past three fiscal years:

Date declared	Date paid	Dividend per Common Share	Total amount paid (\$000's)
December 6, 2010	December 21, 2010	\$0.10	\$1,710
February 7, 2011	February 21, 2011	\$0,12	\$2,062
May 9, 2011	May 24, 2011	\$0.12	\$2,084
August 10, 2011	August 25, 2011	\$0.12	\$2,073
November 16, 2011	December 14, 2011	\$0.12	\$2,091
February 8, 2012	March 7, 2012	\$0.12	\$2,091
May 10, 2012	June 7, 2012	\$0.06	\$1,039
August 10, 2012	September 7, 2012	\$0.06	\$1,049



## MARKET FOR SECURITIES

# Trading Price and Volume

The Common Shares are listed on the TSX under the symbol "CSF" and on the NYSE under the symbol "CSFS". The volume and price range for the Common Shares as traded on the TSX for each month for the twelve month period ended September 30, 2013, were as follows:

Month	Volume of	Price Rang	je (\$CDN)
	shares traded	Low	High
October, 2012	280,884	4.57	5.73
November, 2012	778,620	4.00	4.85
December, 2012	504,860	2.85	4.44
January, 2013	304,445	3.32	4.05
February, 2013	490,438	2.85	4.38
March, 2013	402,532	2.49	3.00
April, 2013	806,482	1.65	3.07
May, 2013	208,383	2.86	3,45
June, 2013	220,774	2.35	3.37
July, 2013	109,261	2.05	2.71
August, 2013	79,744	2.15	2.50
September, 2013	284,519	1.50	2.18

#### **Prior Sales**

On January 31, 2012, the Company completed a private placement offering in Canada and the US for \$132.5 million of 11.5% Notes. The Notes mature on January 31, 2017 and bear interest semi-annually on January 31 and July 31 each year. The Notes were issued at a price of 94.608% resulting in an effective interest rate of 13.4%.

The indenture governing the Notes ("the Indenture") contains certain covenants that limit the Company's ability to:

- incur or guarantee additional indebtedness;
- · make capital expenditures;
- make certain investments and acquisitions;
- amend the Company's dividend policy or pay dividends or make distributions on capital stock or make certain other restricted payments;
- sell assets, including capital stock of the Company's restricted subsidiaries;
- enter into transactions with affiliates;
- · create or incur liens;
- · agree to payment restrictions affecting restricted subsidiaries;
- amend underwriting standards;
- form subsidiaries or fund foreign subsidiaries; and
- consolidate, merge, sell or otherwise dispose of assets, except those in the ordinary course of operations.

The ability to declare and pay dividends is subject to compliance with a restricted payment covenant stipulated



in the Indenture.

Compliance with the covenants are not impacted solely through the ordinary course of operations or the results of operations. The Company remains in compliance with all of the covenants under this indenture.

In the event of specified change of control events, holders of Notes will have the right to require the Company to purchase all or a portion of the Notes at a purchase price in cash equal to 101% of the principal amount purchased, plus accrued interest to the date of purchase. In addition, upon certain asset sales, we may be required to use the net proceeds of such sales to offer to repurchase a portion of the Notes at a price in cash equal to 100% of the principal amount purchased, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of purchase.

Under the terms of the Notes, the Company may redeem up to 35% of the Notes with the net proceeds of certain equity offerings at a redemption price equal to 111.5% of the principal amount redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date any time before July 31, 2014. The Notes are redeemable in whole or in part, at any time on or after July 31, 2014 at the redemption prices (expressed as percentages of principal amounts) in the table below, plus accrued and unpaid interest:

For the period	Percentage
On or after July 31, 2014	103.084%
On or after January 31, 2015	102,091%
On or after July 31, 2015	101.127%
On or after January 31, 2016	101.194%
On or after July 31, 2016	. 100.000%

The Indenture contains a first lien carve out that allows us to obtain credit facilities of up to \$32.5 million.

Proceeds from the issuance of the Notes were \$125.2 million. The Company used \$116.3 million of the proceeds to acquire a portfolio of loans from third-party lenders. \$8.2 million of the proceeds were used to pay fees and expenses related to the issuance and remainder was used for general corporate purposes.



# **DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

As at December 11, 2013, the Company's directors and senior executive officers together beneficially owned 4,665,700 (26.5%) of the outstanding Common Shares.

The names and province or state, and country of residence of the directors and senior executive officers of the Company, the date when the individual first became a director, their principal occupations, the positions in the Company held by them and the number and percentage of voting securities of the Company as at December 11, 2013, are set out in the following table:

Name, Province or State, and Country of Residence	Position with the Company and Date First Became a Director	Principal Occupation, Business or Employment (5 preceding years unless otherwise indicated)	Number and percentage of Common Shares beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised
Eugene I. Davis <sup>(2)(3)</sup> Livingston, New Jersey, : USA	Chairman of the Board June 26, 2013	Chairman of the Board of Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings Inc. (Nasdaq: AAWW), and U.S. Concrete, Inc (Nasdaq:USCR). Director of Global Power Equipment Group Inc (Nasdaq:GLPW)., Spectrum Brands Holdings Inc.(NYSE:SPB) and WMI Holdings Corp.	Nil
Gordon Reykdal <sup>(2)</sup> Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	Director and Chief Executive Officer February 23, 2001	Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Company.	3,640,300 <sup>(4)</sup> 20.7%
William C. (Mickey) Dunn <sup>(9)</sup> Calgary, Alberta, Canada	Director May 14, 2002	Chairman of Bellatrix Exploration (NYSE:BXE), an oil and gas exploration company. A director of Precision Drilling Inc. prior to the 2009 Arrangement of True Energy.	750,000 4.3%
Edward C. McClelland <sup>(2)</sup> Burlington, Ontario, Canada	Director November 8, 2005	Chairman of TEC (The Executive Committee) Group 223 & 323, an organization of international CEO's. Director of The Cash Store Australia Holdings Inc. since 2009.	29,500 0.2%
Donald C. Campion <sup>(1)</sup> Commerce Twp, Michigan, USA	Director August 14, 2013	Director of Haynes International, Inc. (NASDAQ: HAYN) and is an independent director and Chair of the Audit Committee for three privately held companies.	NII
Thomas L. Fairfield <sup>(1)(3)</sup> Landenberg, Pennsylvania, USA	Director August 14, 2013	Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Counsel and a Director of Capmark Financial Group Inc, a financial services company focused on the commercial real estate industry.	Nil
Ron Chicoyne (1)(2) Calgary, Alberta, Canada	Director October 29, 2008	Founder & Managing Director of Links Capital Partners Ltd., an Independent corporate finance firm.	8,450 0.0%



Name, Province or State, and Country of Residence	Position with the Company and Date First Became a Director	Principal Occupation, Business or Employment (5 preceding years unless otherwise indicated)	Number and percentage of Common Shares beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised
Timothy J. Bernlohr <sup>(2)(3)</sup> Newtown, Pennsylvania, USA	Director	Managing Director of TJB Management Consulting, LLC, a firm specializing in project-specific consulting services to businesses in transformation. Chalman of the Board of Directors of Champion Home Builders, Inc. and The Manischewitz Co. and is a director of Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings (Nasdaq:AAWW), Chemtura Corp. (NYSE:CHMT) and Rock-Tenn Company (NYSE:RKT).	NII
Kevin Paetz Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	President and Chlef Operating Officer Canadian Operations	Chief Operating Officer, Canadian Operations since March 1, 2012. Prior to this, he spent seven years with DFC Global Corp. (Dollar Financial) in several leadership positions including: Vice President Acquisitions, Vice President of Operations, United Kingdom, and Vice President, Field Operations Canada.	15,100 0.1%
Barret Reykdal Bowdon, United Kingdom	President and Chief Operating Officer, UK Operations	Chief Operating Officer of the Company's UK operations since March 1, 2012. Prior to that he was the Chief Operating Officer of the Company since April 2005.	170,367 1.0%
Craig Warnock Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	Chief Financial Officer	Chief Financial Officer of the Company since July 3, 2012. From August 2010 to July 2012 he was Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of a private foreign exchange company. From May 2008 to May 2010 he served as Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the City of Edmonton.	4,000 0.0%
S. William (Bill) Johnson Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	Senior Executive Vice President	Senior Executive Vice President since November 2008, Chief Financial Officer and Director of affiliated companies The Cash Store Australia Holdings Ltd. and RTF Financial Holdings Inc.	35,600 0.2%
Halldor Kristjansson Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	Senior Executive Vice President Banking and Credit	Senior Executive Vice President of the Company since November 2010. Prior to joining the Company, he served as Group Co-Chief Executive Officer and Group Managing Director of a private Icelandic bank.	Nil



Name, Province or State, and Country of Residence	Position with the Company and Date First Became a Director	Principal Occupation, Business or Employment (5 preceding years unless otherwise indicated)	Number and percentage of Common Shares beneficially owned, directly or indirectly, or over which control or direction is exercised
Michael Thompson Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	Senior Vice President Corporate Affairs	Senior Vice President Corporate Affairs since February 2012, prior to which he was the Senior Vice President and Corporate Secretary since February 2008.	7,383 0.0%
Michael Baker Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	Senior Vice President, Canadian Operations	Senior Vice President, Canadian Operations since September 2013. From 2010 to 2013 was Senior Vice President Investment Operations with the Alberta Investment Management Corp. Previously spent 11 years with ATB Financial in a variety of executive leadership roles.	5,000 0.0%
Dean Ozanne Edmonton, Alberta, Canada	Senior Vice President Virtual Operations and Innovation	Senior Vice President Virtual Operations and Innovation since September, 2013. Previously spent 13 years with ATB Financial in a variety of executive leadership roles.	27,950 0.2%

# Notes

Member of Audit Committee.

Member of Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee.

Member of Compensation Committee.

3,222,635 of these shares are directly owned by 424187 Alberta Ltd., a company controlled by Mr. Gordon Reykdal; 272,968 are held by Mr. Gordon Reykdal directly and 144,697 are held by Mr. Gordon Reykdal's spouse. (1) (2) (3) (4)



# Cease Trade Orders, Bankruptcies, Penalties or Sanctions

Corporate Cease-Trade Orders or Bankruptoles

Other than as set out below, no director, executive officer, or shareholder of the Company holding a sufficient number of securities of the Company to affect materially the control of the Company, or personal holding company of any of such persons, as applicable, is or has been, within the preceding 10 years of the date hereof, a director, chief executive officer or chief financial officer of any company (including the Company) that, while that person was acting in such capacity:

- a) was the subject o a cease-trade order or similar order or an order that denied the relevant company access to any exemptions under securities legislation for a period of more than 30 consecutive days (an "order");
- b) was subject to an order that was issued after the director, chief executive officer, or chief financial officer ceased to be a director or executive officer and resulted from an event that occurred while that person was acting in such a capacity.

Disclosure of Ron Chicoyne as a Director of a bankrupt company

Ron Chicoyne served as a director of Paintearth Energy Services Ltd. ("Paintearth"), a private Alberta oilfield services company, from June 2008 to May 18, 2010. Mr. Chicoyne resigned from Paintearth several months before an interim receiver was appointed by the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta in respect of the property of Paintearth. On December 20, 2010, the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta approved a purchase and sale transaction for the sale of all of the assets of Paintearth to a third party.

Disclosure of Gordon Reykdal and Edward C. McClellend as Directors and S. William (Bill) Johnson as a Director and Chief Financial Officer of The Cash Store Australia Holdings Inc (AUC), a Company subject to a cease trade-order and insolvency

AUC operated payday loan branches in Australia under the name "The Cash Store Pty." ("Pty"). AUC is publicly listed on the TSX Venture exchange under the symbol "AUC". In December of 2012 the Alberta, Ontario and British Columbia Securities Commissions issued cease trade orders in respect of the shares of AUC for failure to file financial statements. On September 13, 2013 Pty appointed a voluntary administrator pursuant to Section 436A of the Australian Corporations Act 2001. In the opinion of the directors of Pty, Pty is insolvent. The Administrator has taken control of the operations and assets of Pty and the application to have the cease trade orders revoked have been withdrawn by AUC.

# Penalties or Sanctions

No director, executive officer of the Company, or shareholder of the Company holding a sufficient number of securities of the Company to affect materially the control of the Company, or personal holding company of any such persons, is or has been subject to any penalties or sanctions relating to securities legislation imposed by a court or by a securities regulatory authority, or has entered into a settlement agreement with a securities regulatory authority or has been subject to any other penalties or sanction imposed by a court or regulatory body that would likely be considered important to a reasonable investor in making an investment decision concerning the Company's securities.

# Personal Bankruptcies

No director, executive officer of the Company, or shareholder of the Company holding a sufficient number of securities of the Company to affect materially the control of the Company, or a personal holding company of any such persons, is or has, within the preceding 10 years, become bankrupt, made a proposal under any legislation as at the date hereof relating to bankruptcy or insolvency, or was at the date hereof subject to or instituted any proceedings, arrangement, or compromise with creditors, or had a receiver, receiver-manager or trustee appointed to hold its assets.

The directors, officers and shareholders of the Company holding a sufficient number of securities of the Company to affect materially the control of the Company have furnished the information pertaining to corporate cease-trade orders or bankruptcies, penalties or sanctions and personal bankruptcies.



#### Conflicts of Interest

To the best of the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company, the following are existing or potential material conflicts of interest between directors or executive officers and the Company, its subsidiaries and entities that the Company holds significant influence:

- 424187 Alberta Ltd., a company controlled by the Company's CEO, Gordon Reykdal, provided a loan to the Company as described in Note 25 to the Company's annual consolidated financial statements;
- Mr. Gordon Reykdal, Mr. S. William Johnson and Mr. Edward C. McClelland are currently on the board of directors of The Cash Store Australia Holdings Inc., a company in which the Company has an investment as described above in "Principal Markets and Foreign Operations";
- Mr. Gordon Reykdal and Mr. S. William Johnson are currently on the board of directors of RTF Financial Holdings Inc., a company in which the Company has an investment as described above in "Principal Markets and Foreign Operations";
- Mr. S. William Johnson is the Chief Financial Officer of The Cash Store Australia Holdings Inc. and RTF Financial Holdings Inc.; and
- Mr. Barret J. Reykdal is the son of Mr. Gordon Reykdal.

# LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company is subject to class action proceedings and other material claims in the Canada and the United States. A detailed description of each proceeding and its status can be found in the section entitled "Risks and Uncertainties" in the 2013 annual MD&A available on the Company's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

# **REGULATORY ACTIONS**

The Company is currently subject to ongoing regulatory actions in the Canadian provinces of British Columbia and Ontario. The result of these regulatory actions may impose significant limitations on the way the Company conducts or expands its business.

A discussion of current regulatory actions and the regulatory environment can be found in the section entitled "Risks and Uncertainties" in the 2013 annual MD&A available on the Company's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

# INTEREST OF MANAGEMENT AND OTHERS IN MATERIAL TRANSACTIONS

Except as disclosed under the heading "conflicts of interest", to the best of the knowledge of the directors and executive officers of the Company, no director or executive officer of the Company or person or company that is the direct or indirect beneficial owner of, or who exercises control or direction over more than 10% of the outstanding Common Shares of, or any of their associates or affiliates, had any material interest, direct or indirect, in any transaction within the three most recently completed financial years, or during the current financial year, that has materially affected, or is reasonably expected to materially affect the Company.

# TRANSFER AGENTS AND REGISTRARS

Computershare Investor Services Inc. acts as the transfer agent and registrar for the Common Shares of Cash Store Financial through its office in Toronto, Ontario.



#### MATERIAL CONTRACTS

Except for contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, the Company entered into the following agreements, copies of which can be found on SEDAR at www.sedar.com:

 A credit agreement dated November 29, 2013 between the Company and Coliseum Capital Management, LLC, 8028702 Canada Inc. and 424187 Alberta Ltd. pursuant to which \$12.0 million of loans were provided to the Company.

#### **EXPERTS**

KPMG LLP, Chartered Accountants ("KPMG") were the auditors of the Company for the year ended September 30, 2013, and prepared and executed the audit report accompanying the annual financial statements. KPMG LLP have confirmed that they are independent with respect to the Company within the meaning of the relevant rules and related interpretations prescribed by the relevant professional bodies in Canada and any applicable legislation or regulation, and that are independent accountants with respect to the Company under all relevant US professional and regulatory standards.

# **AUDIT COMMITTEE INFORMATION**

Audit Committee's Charter

The Company's Audit Committee charter sets out its roles and objectives, responsibilities and duties, and membership standards for reporting to the Board. A copy of the charter is attached hereto as Appendix "A".

Composition of the Audit Committee

The Company's board of directors has a separately-designated standing audit committee (the "Audit Committee") established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). The Audit Committee is composed of Donald Campion, Thomas Fairfield and Ron Chicoyne, all of whom, in the opinion of the Board, are independent and financially literate. Each member of the Audit Committee is "financially literate" within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities laws.

Relevant Education and Experience

1. Donald Campion, BSc., MBA (Chairman of the Audit Committee)

Mr. Campion is a senior executive with broad corporate experience with strategic acquisitions, divestitures, integration activities and international operations. Mr. Campion currently serves as a director of Haynes International, Inc. (NASDAQ: HAYN), where he serves as the Chair of the Audit Committee, and is an independent director and Chair of the Audit Committee for three privately held companies. Mr. Campion had been a senior-level financial executive with a number of public and private companies. He spent 27 years with General Motors Corporation where he held various positions including CFO of several operating divisions, and he was the CFO of four privately held companies.

2. Thomas Fairfield, B.S.F.S.

Mr. Fairfield is Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer, Counsel and a director of Capmark Financial Group Inc. Capmark is a financial services company focused on the commercial real estate industry. Prior to joining Capmark in 2006, Mr. Fairfield practiced corporate and securities law for more than 20 years. He is admitted to the bar of the states of Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New York and the District of Columbia, and is a member of the American Bar Association and the National Association of Stock Plan Professionals.

3. Ron Chicoyne, CFA, CF, ICD.D

Mr. Chicoyne holds a Chartered Financial Analyst designation, Corporate Finance Qualification, Institute of Corporate Directors designation and received his Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree from the University of Manitoba. He is the founder and Managing Director of Links Capital Partners Ltd., a boutique corporate finance firm. Prior to this, he was a partner and director of the private equity firm, Mercantile



# Bancorp Limited.

# Audit Committee Financial Expert

The Board has determined that it has at least one Audit Committee financial expert serving on its Audit Committee. The Company's board of directors has determined that Donald Campion is an audit committee financial expert and is independent (as definded under Rule 10A-3 of the Exchange Act and Section 303A.06 of the New York Stock Exchange's Listed Company Manual).

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has indicated that the designation of a person as an audit committee financial expert does not make such person an "expert" for any purpose, impose on such person any duties, obligations or liability that are greater than those imposed on such person as a member of the Audit Committee and the Board in the absence of such designation and does not affect the duties, obligations or liability of any other member of the Audit Committee or the Board.

# Pre-approval Policies and Procedures

As part of the Company's corporate governance structure, the Audit Committee annually reviews and approves the terms and scope of the auditor's engagement. To further ensure that the independence of the auditors is not compromised, Company policy requires that the Audit Committee also pre-approve all significant engagements of the auditors for non-audit services and monitor all other engagements.

In addition, all non-audit service engagements, regardless of the cost estimate, are required to be coordinated by the Company's Chief Financial Officer, or a designate, to further ensure that adherence to this policy is monitored. All non-audit service engagements must also be reported to the Audit Committee on a quarterly basis.

# External Audit Fees by Category

KPMG has served continually as the Company's external auditor since January 2002. The following table lists the fees billed by KPMG, by category, during the last two fiscal years:

	Year Ended September 30, 2013	Year Ended September 30, 2012
Audit fees	\$1,457,885	\$638,250
Audit-related fees	\$198,780	\$510,450
Tax fees	\$10,000	\$3,600
All other fees	Nil	Nil
Total fees	\$1,666,665	\$1,152,300

Audit Fees - Audit fees were paid for professional services rendered by the auditors for the audit of the Company's annual financial statements or services provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements and the review of the Company's interim financial statements.

Audit-related Fees - Audit-related fees were paid for assurance and related services that are related to the performance of the audit or review of the annual and interim financial statements and are not reported under the audit fees item above. These services consisted of special attest services as required by various government entities, services provided in relation to foreign investments and services in respect of special transactions.

Tax Fees - Tax fees were paid for professional services relating to tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning. These services consisted of the review of a goods and services tax re-assessment.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional information relating to the Company is available on the Company's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Additional Information, including directors' and officers' remuneration and indebtedness, principal holders of the Company's securities, and securities authorized for Issuance under equity compensation plans is contained in the Company's management information circular dated December 11, 2013.



Additional financial information is provided in the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and MD&A for the year ended September 30, 2013, both of which are available on the Company's profile on SEDAR at www.sedar.com.

Security holders may also obtain a copy of the Company's financial statements and MD&A by writing to the Company at 15511 – 123 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5V 0C3 attention: Chief Financial Officer, or through the Company's website at www.csfinancial.ca.

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# APPENDIX "A"

# THE CASH STORE FINANCIAL SERVICES INC.

# AUDIT COMMITTEE CHARTER

# 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The primary duties and responsibilities of the Audit Committee of the board of directors ("Board of Directors") of The Cash Store Financial Services Inc. (the "Corporation") are to:
  - (a) assist the Board of Directors with its oversight of the integrity of the Corporation's financial statements and the Corporation's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements;
  - (b) review and recommend to the Board for approval, prior to their public release, all material financial information required to be gathered and disclosed by the Corporation;
  - (c) oversee management designed and implemented accounting systems and internal controls; and
  - (d) be directly responsible for recommending, engaging, supervising, arranging for the compensation of and ensuring the independence and qualifications of any external auditor to the Corporation engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Corporation.

# 2. COMPOSITION AND MEETINGS

- 2.1 The Audit Committee will be comprised of at least three members of the Board each of whom will at all times be independent and financially literate as those terms are defined in National Instrument 52- 110 Audit Committees and the NYSE Listed Company Manual, and possess:
  - (a) an understanding of the accounting principles used by the Corporation to prepare its financial statements;
  - (b) the ability to assess the general application of such accounting principles in connection with the accounting for estimates, accruals and reserves;
  - experience preparing, auditing, analyzing or evaluating financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Corporation's financial statements, or experience actively supervising one or more individuals engaged in such activities; and
  - (d) an understanding of internal controls and procedures for financial reporting.
- The Audit Committee shall have at least one audit committee financial expert who has acquired the attributes listed above through education and experience as a principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, controller, public accountant, auditor, experience in positions performing similar functions, experience supervising persons performing similar functions, experience overseeing or assessing the performance of companies or public accountants with respect to preparation, auditing or evaluation of financial statements, or other relevant experience.
- 2.3 The Audit Committee is required to meet in person, or by telephone conference call at least once each quarter and as often thereafter as required to discharge the duties of the Audit Committee.



- 2.4 Each member of the Audit Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors and, in any event, only so long as that person shall be an independent director. The Board of Directors may remove a member of the Audit Committee at any time in its sole discretion by resolution of the Board of Directors. The Directors may fill vacancies in the Audit Committee by election from among their number.
- In connection with the appointment of the members of the Audit Committee, the Board of Directors will determine whether any proposed nominee for the Committee serves on the audit committees of more than three public companies. To the extent that any proposed nominee for membership on the Audit Committee serves on the audit committees of more than three public companies, the Board of Directors will make a determination as to whether such simultaneous services would impair the ability of such member to effectively serve on the Audit Committee and may disclose such determination in the Corporation's annual report on Form 40-F or Form 20-F, as applicable, filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").
- 2.6 The Chairman of the Audit Committee appointed by the Board will, in consultation with the members, determine the schedule, time and place of meetings, and in consultation with management and the external auditor, establish the agenda for meetings.
- 2.7 Notice of the time and place of every meeting shall be given in writing, by email or facsimile to each member of the Audit Committee at least 24 hours prior to the time fixed for such meeting, provided that a member may in any manner waive a notice of meeting.
- 2.8 The Committee should hold an in-camera session without management present, including management directors, as a regular feature of each regularly scheduled Committee meeting.

# 3. QUORUM

3.1 A quorum for a meeting of the Audit Committee shall be a majority of members present in person or by telephone conference call.

# 4. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Audit Committee is responsible for:

- 4.1 Financial Reporting Prior to public disclosure, the Audit Committee will meet to review and discuss with senior management and the independent external auditors and to recommend to the Board of Directors for approval, the Corporation's:
  - (a) annual consolidated financial statements and interim unaudited consolidated financial statements:
  - (b) annual and interim management discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations (MD&A);
  - (c) earnings press release and earnings guidance, if any; and
  - (d) financial public disclosure documents, including but not limited to, prospectuses, press releases with financial results and relevant sections of the Corporation's Annual Information Form, Management Information Circular, Annual Report and SEC Form 40-F or Form 20-F, as applicable.

# 4.2 Accounting and Financial Management

(a) The Audit Committee will review, together with management, the internal auditor and the external auditors:



- (i) the Corporation's major accounting policies (including the impact of alternative accounting policies), key management estimates, risks and judgments that could materially affect the financial results and whether they should be disclosed in the MD&A:
- (ii) any proposed changes to the Corporation's accounting policies including alternative treatment available to the Corporation;
- (iii) emerging accounting issues and their potential impact on the Corporation's financial reporting;
- (iv) the evaluation by either the internal or external auditors of the Corporation's internal control systems, and management's responses to any identified weaknesses; and
- (v) the evaluation by management of the adequacy and effectiveness in the design and operation of the Corporation's disclosure controls and internal controls over financial reporting.

# (b) The Audit Committee will:

- (i) be satisfied and obtain reasonable assurances from management and the external auditors that accounting systems are reliable; prescribed internal controls are effective; and adequate procedures are in place for the review of the disclosure of financial information extracted or derived from the Corporation's financial statements;
- (ii) periodically assess the adequacy of accounting systems, internal controls and procedures for the review of disclosure of financial information;
- (iii) review control weaknesses identified by the external auditor and management's response;
- (iv) review with the external auditor its view of the qualifications and performance of the key financial and accounting executives;
- (v) discuss issues of its choosing with the external auditor, management and corporate counsel; and
- (vi) make inquiries of the external auditor and legal counsel to the Corporation regarding potential claims, assessments, contingent liabilities, and legal and regulatory matters that may have a material impact on the financial statements of the Corporation.

# 4.3 Whistleblower Complaint Procedures

## The Committee will:

(a) establish procedures for the confidential anonymous submission by employees of the Corporation of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters. Following the receipt of any complaints received submitted through the confidential process established by the Corporation, if a complaint is deemed to require further investigation, the Audit Committee shall take appropriate steps to carry out such investigation, including appointing the appropriate investigators with respect to such complaint; and

(b) establish procedures for the receipt and treatment of complaints received by the Corporation regarding accounting, internal accounting controls and auditing matters and the retention

(for at least 7 years) of copies of concerns and evidence of investigations.



# 4.4 Independent Audit Function

To preserve the independence of the external auditor responsible for preparing or issuing an auditor's report or performing other audit, review or attest services for the Corporation, the external auditors will report directly to the Audit Committee and the Committee will be directly responsible for:

- (a) maintaining direct communications with the external auditors ensuring that the external auditor is answerable to the Audit Committee, as representatives of the shareholders, rather than to the executive officers and management of the Corporation;
- (b) overseeing the work of the external auditor;
- (c) recommending to the Board of Directors the external auditor to be nominated;
- (d) recommending to the Board of Directors the external auditor's compensation;
- (e) evaluating the external auditor's qualifications, performance and independence including by annually reviewing:
  - (i) a report of the auditor describing its internal quality-control procedures;
  - (ii) material issues raised by its most recent internal quality-control review; and
  - (iii) the results of any inquiry or investigation by government or professional authorities of the auditor within the last five years;
- reviewing the experience and qualifications of the senior members of the external auditors, ensure that the lead audit partner is replaced periodically in accordance with applicable law, and that the audit firm continues to be independent;
- (g) annually, prior to public disclosure of its annual financial statements, confirming that the external auditor has current participant status with the Canadian Public Accountability Board;
- (h) reviewing and pre-approving any engagements for non-audit services to be provided by the external auditor and its affiliates in light of the estimated fees and impact on the external auditor's independence;
- reviewing and approving the Corporation's hiring policies regarding partners, employees and former partners and employees of the present and most recent former external auditor of the Corporation in compliance with the requirements set out in section 2.4 of National Instrument 52-110;
- (j) pre-approving all audit services;
- (k) meet with the external auditor prior to the audit to review the scope and general extent of the external auditor's annual audit including planning and staffing the audit and the factors considered in determining the audit scope, including risk factors;
- (I) meeting with the external auditor to:
  - (I) review significant changes to the audit plan, if any,
  - (ii) review any disputes or difficulties with management encountered during the audit, including any disagreements which, if not resolved, would have caused the external

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- auditor to issue a non-standard report on the Corporation's financial statements; and
- (iii) review the co-operation received by the external auditor during its audit and interim reviews including their ability to access all requested records, data and information;
- (m) meeting with the external auditor at least annually in the absence of management;
- (n) resolving any disagreements between management and the external auditor;
- (o) discussing or reviewing specific issues that arise from time-to-time with the external auditor; and
- (p) directing the external auditor's examinations to particular issues.

#### 4.5 Internal Audit Function

# The Audit Committee will:

- (a) approve the appointment, replacement, or dismissal of the Vice President of the internal audit group;
- (b) review and approve the compensation of the Vice President of the internal audit group;
- (c) review and approve the reporting relationship of the internal auditor to ensure that an appropriate segregation of duties is maintained and that the internal auditor has an obligation to report directly to the Audit Committee on matters affecting the Audit Committee's duties, irrespective of his or her other reporting relationships;
- (d) direct the Vice President of the internal audit group to review any specific areas the Committee deems necessary;
- (e) consider and review the following issues with management and the Vice President of internal audit:
  - i. significant findings of the internal audit group as well as management's response to them:
  - ii. any difficulties encountered in the course of their internal audits, including any restrictions on the scope of their work or access to required information;
  - iii, the internal auditing budget and staffing;
  - iv. the Audit Services Charter; and
  - v. compliance with The Institute of Internal Auditors' Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing.

# 5. RISK MANAGEMENT

# The Audit Committee will:

(a) discuss the Corporation's policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management, including guidelines and policies to govern the process by which risk assessment and risk management are undertaken;



- (b) review transactions involving the Corporation and "related parties" as that term is defined in Multilateral Instrument 61-101 *Protection of Minority Security Holders in Special Transactions* (collectively, "Related Party Transactions");
- (c) monitor any Related Party Transactions and report to the Board of Directors on a regular basis regarding the nature of any Related Party Transactions;
- (d) oversee and monitor any litigation, claim or regulatory investigation or proceeding involving the Corporation;
- (e) review and approve annually, directors' and officers' third party liability insurance coverage; and
- (f) review and monitor the Corporation's insurance claims.

# 6. REPORTING

- The Audit Committee is responsible, following each meeting, to report to the Board of Directors regarding its activities, findings, recommendations, any issues that arise with respect to the quality or integrity of the Corporation's financial statements, compliance with applicable law, the performance and independence of the external auditor and the effectiveness of the internal audit function.
- The Audit Committee will prepare any reports required to be prepared by the Committee under applicable law including quarterly reports regarding ongoing investigations made pursuant to the Corporation's Whistleblower Policy.

# 7. AUTHORITY

7.1 The Audit Committee has the power to, at the expense of the Corporation and as it determines necessary, retain, instruct, compensate and terminate independent advisors (including independent counsel) to assist the Audit Committee in the discharge of its duties.

#### 8. OTHER

The Audit Committee is responsible to annually review its own performance, and in its discretion, make recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding changes to its Charter and the position description of its Chairman.

Approved by the Board of Directors - December 11, 2013

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# **Sharon Fawcett**

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Sent:

March-26-14 12:08 PM

To:

Sharon Fawcett

Cc;

Steve Carlstrom; Nigel Mbanga

Subject:

RE: Lender Disbursement Calculation - March 2014

Attachments:

Lender Disbursement Calculation - March 2014

Hi Sharon, yes, we sent the notification out previously but here it is again.

Let me know if you need anything else.

Thanks,

Brian Dimmick

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To: Brian Dimmick

Cc: Steve Carlstrom; Nigel Mbanga

Subject: Lender Disbursement Calculation - March 2014

Hi Brian – following up on the payment for March – I don't think you have sent out the distribution calculation as yet. Will the payment go on Friday Mar  $28^{th}$  or Monday Mar  $31^{st}$ . Please advise.

Sharon Fawcett

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Hi Sharon, my apologies – yes, payment is set for tomorrow. The calculation is attached for your information.

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Subject:

Lender Disbursement Calculation - March 2014

Attachments:

The Family Trust Lender Payments Calc..xlsx

Hi Sharon, the next disbursement will be made on Friday, March 28, 2014.

The attached file contains the calculation.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

# Brian Dimmick

Finance - Staff Accountant

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APPEARANCES:	
Alan B. Merskey, Andrew McCoomb	for DIP Lenders
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Brett Harrison	for Trimor Annuity Focus LP #5
Andrew J. Hatnay,	for Tim Yeoman, Class Plaintiff
ALSO PRESENT:	
Greg Watson	Senior Managing Director, FTI Consulting
Murray McCann	Observer
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1		Upon commencing at 10:03 a.m.
2		SHARON FAWCETT: SWORN
3		CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. MERSKEY:
4	1.	Q. Good morning, Ms. Fawcett.
5		A. Good morning.
6	2.	Q. You've been sworn this morning?
7		A. I have.
8	3.	Q. And you've sworn two affidavits, one
9		dated sworn, excuse me, April 11, 2014;
10		correct?
11		A. Correct.
12	4.	Q. And I'll refer to that as your first
13		affidavit this morning, and the second is sworn
14		April 22nd, 2014?
15		A. Correct.
16	5.	Q. And I'll probably refer to that as
17		your second affidavit when I'm going between the
18		two this morning.
19		Just to start with, could you give me a
20		bit of your professional background? I
21		understand from your affidavit that you are a
22 .		chartered accountant. Is that correct?
23		A. I'm a chartered accountant.
24	6.	Q. Okay. So could you give me your
25		education and professional background?

1		A. I was educated at U of S and I came
2		to Calgary to article with Arthur Anderson. I
3		then transferred to Deloitte's where I began
4		working with Murray McCann as a client. I was a
5		senior manager in the tax group, and in 1994 I
6		went to work directly for Murray as his chief
7		financial officer, where I was full time in his
8		various businesses until about 2005, at which
9		point I became part time, doing part-time CFO
10		work for Murray and his businesses, and I worked
11		for two other groups as well, and that's been my
12		employment since 2006.
13	7.	Q. What is your first of all, when
14		you're referring to Mr. McCann's company, I
15		understand it was previously called the McCann
16		Family Holding Company and is now called 0678786
1.7		B.C. Ltd. Is that correct?
18		A. That's correct.
19	8.	Q. And just for the sake of simplicity
20		I'll refer to that as McCann or the McCann
21		company this morning.
22		A. That's fine.
23	9.	Q. So can you tell me your current
24		position with the McCann company? Is it
25		part-time CFO?

1		A. Yes. Contract CFO, basically. I'm
2		secretary of the company, but basically my
3		business is contract CFO work for three
4		organizations.
5	10.	Q. And could you just outline for me
6		your operational role and activities as CFO for
7		McCann?
8		A. I basically look after the financial
9		reporting and accounting for the company, and I
10		am involved in all of the business dealings and
11		agreements and legal work for the McCann
12		companies.
13	11.	Q. I take it the McCann companies have
14		other business dealings besides those of Cash
15		Stores?
16		A. They have other investments,
17		basically. They have had operating businesses
18		over the past number of years, but at this point
19		basically they're all investment assets.
20	12.	Q. So it would be fair to call it an
21		investment company at the present point in time?
22		A. It would.
23	13.	Q. What was your first contact with the
24		Cash Stores organization on behalf of McCann?
25		A. My initial dealings with Michael

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1		Zvonkovic, when we first were entertaining the
2		broker agreement in June/July of 2012, I guess,
3		is when I first started speaking with him, late
4		June/early July.
5	14.	Q. Did the McCann companies have any
6		business involvement with Cash Stores prior to
7		June/July 2012?
8		A. No, no direct involvement.
9	15.	Q. When you say, "no direct
10		involvement", was there any involvement at all?
11		A. We were debenture holders in a
12		company that was acting as a former TPL.
13	16.	Q. Did you say a form of TPL?
14		A. Former TPL.
15	17.	Q. Was it a TPL at the time that you
16		were a debenture holder?
17		A. Yes.
18	18.	Q. And just for the sake of the record,
19		TPL is third party lender?
20		A. Yes.
21	19.	Q. So is it correct then that the broker
22		agreement of June 19th, 2012 is the first direct
23		investment by McCann
24		A. Yes.
25	20.	Q. Thankswith Cash Stores?

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1		A. Yes.
2	21.	Q. Were you responsible for negotiating
3		the broker agreement?
4		A. I was working with Murray in
5		negotiating it. I was the direct contact with
6		Michael.
7	22.	Q. So were there discussions with
8		Michael about the form of the agreement and the
9		amount of the investment?
10		A. The form of the agreement, the amount
11		of the investment was discussions with Murray.
12	23.	Q. Aside from you and Murray, did
13		anybody else at McCann have contact with Cash
14		Stores over these issues?
15		A. No.
16	24.	Q. Were you the regular Cash Stores
17		contact for McCann in charge of administering the
18		agreement and receipts?
19		A. Yes.
20	25.	Q. Was your primary contact there
21		initially Michael Zvonkovic?
22		A. It was.
23	26.	Q. And then did it become Steven
24		Carlstrom?
25	•	A. Yes, it did.

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1	27.	Q. According to your affidavit, McCann
2		placed \$13,350,000 with Cash Stores since June of
3		2012. From what you've told me, is it fair do
4		I understand correctly that there were no amounts
5		placed with Cash Stores before that?
6		A. That's correct.
7		MR. MERSKEY: Off the record for a minute.
8		Off the record at 10:10 a.m.
9		Upon resuming at 10:12 a.m.
10		BY MR. MERSKEY:
11	28.	Q. I'm showing you page 502 of the
12		application record, which is a portion of the
13		broker agreement between McCann and The Cash
14		Store dated June 19th, 2012, and I have a couple
15		of questions for you about the "designated
16		financier bank account" definition there. Could
17		you just take a minute to read that?
18		Okay. You see from that definition that
19		it provides for something called a designated
20		financier bank account where receipts from
21		broker-funded loans were to be deposited?
22		A. Right.
23	29.	Q. And you see that it provides for the
24		financier to designate that?
25		A. Right.

1	30.	Q. And could you just turn to the
2		beginning of the agreement to the preamble? And
3		I see from there that "financier" is defined as
4		McCann in this document?
5		A. Right.
6	31.	Q. So under this definition it was up to
7		McCann to designate a bank account for which loan
8		receipts were to be deposited into. Is that
9		correct?
10		A. Correct.
11	32.	Q. And I take it if such an account was
12		set up, that you would have been the person
13		responsible to do that?
14		A. Yes.
15	33.	Q. And I take it that no such account
16		was ever set up?
17		A. During the course of the negotiations
18		on this agreement, I had asked if there were
19		separate accounts for each individual broker that
20		would be used to accumulate and track our funds
21		received and distributed on the loans.
22		I was advised by Michael Zvonkovic that
23		that practice, although it had been done in the
24		past, had changed with the new form of broker
25		agreement and that there was to be one account

1		that was to be used for all brokers, but it was a
2		separate account, separate and apart from Cash
3		Store's own accounts, and that we would be
4		included in that for all of our loans and
5		activities with Cash Store, and we would receive
6		separate accounting for our piece of that broker
7		account, but it was to only include broker funds.
8	34.	Q. So I'll come back to that, but just
9		sticking with the agreement itself, you never did
10		designate an individual account for receipt of
11		McCann funds. Correct?
12		A. I was told that I did not have the
13		ability to do that under the new arrangement,
14		so
15	35.	Q. The answer is then yes?
16		A. Yes.
17	36.	Q. Thank you.
18		A. I did not.
19	37.	Q. And did you object to the fact that
20		you didn't have the ability to do that under the
21		new arrangement?
22		A. We were working within the
23		arrangements that Cash Store had set up with its
24		brokers, and we were advised that all of the
25		brokers were being treated the same and were

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1		having all of their funds deposited into one
2		segregated account, and we agreed that that was
3		fine on the assumption that it was only broker
4		money that was in there. It was not part of Cash
5		Store's operating account.
6	38.	Q. Did you discuss that assumption with
7		Michael Zvonkovic?
8		A. I did, and I was told that there was
9		a separate bank account for that purpose.
10	39.	Q. Did you receive bank account records
11		for that bank account?
12		A. I did not.
13	40.	Q. Did you ask to?
14		A. I did not. I did not expect to
15		receive them because it would have included not
16		only our information but information of other
17		broker lenders, which we would not have been
18		privy to. That's why we got the accounting
19		reconciliations.
20	41.	Q. You got the accounting
21		reconciliations to tell you what was being done
22		with your holdings?
23		A. Within that broker account, yes.
24	42.	Q. As long as you got those
25		reconciliations, you were satisfied?

1		A. I didn't make any further inquiries
2		into the bank account itself.
3	43.	Q. There's also in that document at
4		paragraph G a definition of "designated broker
5		account". Can you take a moment and read that,
6		please? It's on page 502.
7		Did you ever use that mechanism?
8		A. Well, I believe there's maybe a bit
9		of confusion between broker account and financier
10		bank account.
11	44.	Q. Well, the document provides that the
12		broker the broker is Cash Store, correct?
13		A. Right.
14	45.	Q. And the document provides that Cash
15		Store will set up a bank account for receipt of
16		funds from the financier, in this case McCann?
17		A. Right.
18	46.	Q. To provide to customers of Cash
19		Store, correct?
20		A. Yes.
21	47.	Q. So my question is, did you use that
22		mechanism to provide funds to Cash Store to
23		provide to its customers?
24		A. Yes.
25	48.	O. And as we've just been through, the

L	designated financier account provided for a
2	mechanism for receipts from customers to be
3	deposited separately to McCann; correct? You
4	seem to have another answer on the tip of your
5	tongue, so I would like you to answer my question
6	first, please.
7	A. My understanding is that what we had
8	was one account where receipts from customers on

was one account where receipts from customers on our accounts and receipts of the funds that we deposited with the broker were tracked so that when we put money into the account for Cash Store to lend to our customers, to lend our funds to its customers, the money went into that account. When funds were collected from customers to be repaid on our loans, the money went into that account.

So basically it was one account for all broker lenders. So all of the cash activity for the brokers went through one separate bank account.

Q. So just to understand the mechanism of how you provided the funds, it appears that you'd provide funds in fairly large tranches.

Correct?

A. Yes.

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1	50.	Q. So, for instance, do you recall what
2		the original amount of funding provided was?
3		A. The original amount of funding was 8
4		million in total.
5	51.	Q. And then I take it you would provide
.6		you provided in total, I think you said \$13.5
7		million?
8		A. Thirteen. 13,350.
9	52.	Q. Do you remember what size the other
10		tranches were?
11		A. I can't recall.
12	53.	Q. But I take it that they would not
13		have been tens of thousands or even hundreds of
14		thousands generally?
15		A. Oh, no, no. I think the minimum
16		would generally have been over a million dollars
17		at a time.
18	54.	Q. And is it fair to describe what was
19		going on as a cycle of funding once that cash was
20		sent to Cash Stores, so that you would provide
21		that money to Cash Stores, it would go out to
22		customers, receipts would come back from
23		customers and those receipts would then be
24		recycled or re-lent?
25		A. In our case we typically acquired

1	loans from other TPL, third party lenders, so we
2	do not appear as the initial lender to the
3	customer. We are not on those documents.
4	So our loans would have gone into this
5	account and would have been used to acquire
16	existing loans from other lenders, and then
7	repayments would have, on those loans that we had
8	acquired, would go into the account and be
9	reacquired.
10 55	Q. With that clarification, is it fair
11	to describe that as the funds being recycled over
12	a course of many loans?
13	A. Yes. Our funds were used to lend to
14	Cash Store's customers under the broker
15	agreement, and as customers when the customer
16	repaid, the funds were lent again.
17 5	6. Q. So they generally weren't coming out
18	of the system to go back to McCann before going-
19	A. No, they weren't. No, they weren't
20 5	7. Q. Sorry, let me finish, please, Ms.
21	Fawcett.
22	A. Sorry.
23 5	8. Qto go back to McCann before they
24	went back to the customer? I'm sorry, you have
25	to say yes or no.

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1		A. No.
2	5 <sup>1</sup> 9 <sup>1</sup> .	Q. You also from time to time received
3		assignments, not just from other lenders, but
4		from Cash Stores itself; correct?
5		A. Yes, I did.
6	60.	Q. And those funds would also have gone
7		into this account, is that correct?
8		A. My understanding is yes.
9	61.	Q. And were you aware as to whether
10		funds from those receivables were going into that
11		one account before they were assigned to you?
12		A. If they were received from Cash
13		Store, they wouldn't have been.
14	62.	Q. You said, "wouldn't have been." Were
15		you aware?
16		A. No, I wasn't aware.
17	63.	Q. So it's possible that funds were
18		coming generally from Cash Store customers into
19		this account and being recycled for loans?
20		A. My understanding is that would not
21		have happened because that account was
22		specifically for broker lenders, and Cash Store's
23		loans would have been outside of that.
24		When we were assigned loans by Cash Store
25		they were a sizeable amount, and I believe it

1		only happened twice. We were assigned a full
2		portfolio which we would have acquired from Cash
3		Store, and those subsequent collections were all
4		collected in our account.
5	64.	Q. When you say, "our account", you
6		believed the you're referring to the account
7		that you believed to be there for all brokers?
8		A. Yes.
9	65.	Q. Do you have your second affidavit
10		handy?
11		MR. STALEY: It's in front of the witness
12		MR. MERSKEY: Thank you.
13		BY MR. MERSKEY:
14	66.	Q. And at paragraph 3 of your affidavit
15		you indicate that all capital R restricted cash
16		would be placed in a designated broker bank
17		account, that that was what was represented to
18		you. Do you see that?
19		A. That's correct.
20	67.	Q. But I take it that from the evidence
21		you've just given me this morning, you understood
22		that in fact it wasn't going into a defined
23		designated broker bank account. It was going
24		into this more central account that you've
25 .		described to me?

1		A. We called it a designated broker bank
2		account for all brokers as opposed to one
3		specifically for us.
4	68.	Q. Well, you're using the capitalized
5		term in your affidavit; correct?
6		A. Hm-hmm.
7	69.	Q. And I take it that that capitalized
8		term is intended to refer to a capitalized term
9		in the broker agreement that McCann entered into
10		individually. Correct?
11		A. Hm-hmm.
12	70.	Q. So I take it that in your affidavit
13		it was intended to indicate that you thought and
14		continued to believe that your funds, as it were,
15		were going into a specific broker bank account
16		for McCann. That's what the evidence was
17		intended to imply in this affidavit, is that not
18		the case?
19		A. It was intended to agree with our
20		understanding, which was that there was one
21		account, and I say later that the bank required
22		the names of brokers who owned the money
23		specifically on that one account, realizing that
24		there was more than one broker involved.
25	71.	Q. Well, I appreciate that it was

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1		intended to say what you understood, but I'm
2		suggesting to you that in at least one respect it
3		is incorrect in that it is suggesting that the
4		particular process set out in the broker
5		agreement was followed, and it seems to me from
6		the evidence you've just given me, that the
7		particular defined mechanism in the broker
8		agreement was not followed.
9		MR. STALEY: But it doesn't say that and
10		she's already explained to you what her
11		understanding was of the words that are there.
12		MR. MERSKEY: Mr. Staley, I'm entitled to
13		cross-examine the witness. I'm entitled to put
14		to her a different understanding and I'm entitled
15		to come at it a few different ways.
16		MR. STALEY: You did and she answered the
17		question.
18		MR. MERSKEY: And she gave me a different
19		answer and I'm entitled to ask the answer to my
20		question.
21		BY MR. MERSKEY:
22	72.	Q. So I'll just come at it one more time
23		and be blunt. Isn't paragraph 3 in some respect

account under the broker agreement being --

wrong when it refers to designated broker bank

1	MR. STALEY: It doesn't say that.
2	MR. MERSKEY: Please don't interrupt.
3	MR. STALEY: It doesn't say that. I've
4	already objected. It doesn't say that and she's
5	already explained what she meant.
6	MR. MERSKEY: Mr. Staley
7	MR. STALEY: You are stating a premise
8	that she has already rejected and she's answered
9	the question.
10	If you want to ask a question that doesn't
11	state a premise that she's rejected, go ahead and
12	do that, but that's not a proper question.
13	BY MR. MERSKEY:
14	73. Q. The premise, which was accepted, was
15	that capital D designated, capital B broker,
16	capital B bank, capital A account, was intended
17	to refer to the definition in the broker
18	agreement; correct?
19	A. Correct, except as I've already
20	74. Q. No, let's take it one by one then.
21	MR. STALEY: No, she's allowed to answer
22	the question. You've got to stop interrupting
23	her when she answers the question.
24	MR. MERSKEY: Mr. Staley, the person doin
25	the interrupting here is you.

1	MR. STALEY: It's you. So you interrupted
2	her. She was trying to answer the question.
3	She's entitled to finish answering the question.
4	Do not interrupt the witness when she's answering
5	a question.
6	MR. MERSKEY: And you're entitled to
7	conduct re-examination but you are not entitled
8	to interfere with my examination.
9	MR. STALEY: You're not entitled to cut
10	off her answer when she's giving an answer, which
11	is what you just did.
12	MR. MERSKEY: You're not entitled to speak
13	over me either, but apparently that rule gets
14	ignored as well.
15	MR. STALEY: Do you want to finish your
16	answer?
17	BY MR. MERSKEY:
18	75. Q. Designated broker bank account.
19	A. Designated broker bank account in the
20	agreement does refer to an individual account.
21	In our conversations and understanding
22	with Cash Store, there was one designated broker
23	account that covered all brokers. That's what
24	I'm referring to here and that was my
25	understanding. It was not a Cash Store account.

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1		It was not it was only broker money that was
2		in that account.
3	76.	Q. And so can you turn to page 18 of
4		your record? And this is an e-mail chain ending
5		July 23rd, 2012 from Michael Zvonkovic to you?
6		A. Hm-hmm.
7	77.	Q. And in the first part of that e-mail
8		chain you ask him whether a separate designated
9		broker bank account and I take it that you're
10		referring to the designated broker bank account
11		in the specific broker agreement?
12		A. I am.
13	78.	Q. You asked him if that is being kept,
14		correct?
15		A. Correct.
16	79.	Q. And in his response he says, no;
17		correct?
18		A. He says, no, we don't have an
19		individual one.
20	80.	Q. He said well, we can read what he
21		says. He says:
22		In the new agreement we've tried to
23		combine all these accounts and not to have
24		a designated broker bank account. Your
25		funds specifically would be tracked

1		separately via our accounting system.
2		So I take it then that your understanding
3		was consistent with what Mr. Zvonkovic said in
4		his e-mail?
5		A. My understanding was that there was
6		one account for all brokers. It was separate and
7		apart from Cash Store and it was set up to
8		accumulate all of the broker funds.
9	81.	Q. Is your understanding did you
10		understand what Mr. Zvonkovic told you here?
11		A. I did.
12	82.	Q. And you didn't take any issue with
13		it?
14		A. We had further discussions to clarify
15		that he was referring to a broker account for all
16		of the broker lenders and, no, I did not take
17		exception.
18	83.	Q. And were those discussions by way of
19		e-mails?
20 ·		A. No. They were conversations.
21	84.	Q. You used the words "restricted cash"
22		in your affidavit. What did you intend the words
23		"restricted cash" to refer to?
24		A. The words in the affidavit were
25		following the terminology that had recently been

1		used by Cash Store and its representatives
2		discussing our undeployed funds.
3		Prior to this, I had never had a
4		conversation with any individuals from Cash Store
5		where our undeployed funds or float were ever
6		referred to as restricted cash.
7	85.	Q. Sorry, you said, "Prior to this".
8 .		What point in time are you referring to?
9		A. April.
10	86.	Q. 2012?
11		A. 2014.
12	87.	Q. In paragraph
13		A. My affidavit refers to terminology
14		that Cash Store had used.
15	88.	Q. So in paragraph 3 some of the
16		terminology refers to the broker agreement? It's
17		page 7 of your record.
18		A. Paragraph?
19	89.	Q. Paragraph 3.
20		A. Three? Okay.
21	90.	Q. Some of the terminology, I take it,
22		refers to the broker agreement?
23		A. Hm-hmm.
24		MR. STALEY: You have to say yes or no, by
25		the way.

1		THE DEPONENT: Sorry. Yes.
2		BY MR. MERSKEY:
3	91.	Q. And was "restricted cash" a term that
4		was used at the time of the broker agreement or
5		A. No.
6	92.	Q. No. So that only entered into a
7		conversation in April 2014?
8		A. That's correct.
9	93.	Q. At page 13 of your record, this is in
10		your first affidavit, in paragraph 9 you state
11		that you confirmed, at the end of that paragraph,
12		certain arrangements with Mr. Carlstrom in
13		writing. What arrangements are you referring to?
14		A. This was the arrangement whereby our
15		undeployed funds would be returned to us
16		immediately.
17	94.	Q. And how were undeployed funds
18		referred to on your lender account statements?
19		A. Funding excess and deficiency.
20	95.	Q. At paragraph page 8, paragraph 4,
21		this is your second affidavit, you refer to
22		numerous discussions regarding the you used
23		the words "restricted cash" there?
24		A. Hm-hmm.
25	96.	O. And I take it that you're referring

1		to the e-mails at tab 3 of your record?
2		A. Yes, I am.
3	97.	Q. And what are the references to
4		restricted cash in those e-mails that you're
5		referring to?
6		A. Those are all references to our
7		undeployed funds.
8	98.	Q. Am I correct in understanding that
9		the words "restricted cash" are not used there?
10		A. No, they're not, not in the e-mails
11		themselves.
12	99.	Q. Sorry, I didn't hear your last
13		answer.
14		A. Not in the e-mails. My conversations
15		with Steve were all in connection with undeployed
16		funds as opposed to restricted cash.
17	100.	Q. I'm showing you a document entitled
18		Lender Statement of Account, McCann Family
19		Holding Corporation, September 2013. It is, for
20		reference for those interested, from the Cash
21		Store productions, Bates number CH0000497.
22		I take it that this is an example of the
23		monthly statement of accounts that you would have
24		received?
25		A. This is an example. This is not the

1	:	final September statement. There was an
2	i	amendment issued.
3	101.	Q. I'm sorry, there was a?
4		A. There was a revision issued
5		subsequent to this, but this was the initial
6		September statement that was produced.
7	102.	Q. Well, we're just looking at it as ar
8		example. You can let me know if the revision
9		affects it.
10		A. Fair enough.
11		MR. MERSKEY: I'm going to mark that as
12		Exhibit 1, please.
13		EXHIBIT NO. 1: Lender Statement of
14		Account, McCann Family Holding
15		Corporation, September 2013.
16		BY MR. MERSKEY:
17	103.	Q. So I take it, reading through this
18		statement, that the statement would have shown
19		the total funds that had been made available.
20		That's the 13,350,000-dollar entry?
21		A. Correct.
22	104.	Q. It will show lines of credit
23		transferred from other lenders. That's the
24		7,338,528-dollar entry?
25		A. Correct.

1	105.	Q. And I take it those other lenders are
2		TPLs. Correct?
3		A. Correct.
4	106.	Q. And that is because, I think you told
5		me earlier in your evidence, McCann did not
6		extend the initial loan directly to customers but
7		rather bought other TPLs' loans?
8		A. Correct.
9	107.	Q. And then there's also an entry for
10		loans assigned by Cash Stores?
11		A. Correct.
12	108.	Q. And that's the 5,022,876-dollar
13		entry?
14		A. Correct.
15	109.	Q. And that, I take it, were funds that
16		Cash Stores was assigning to you to make up for
17		deficiencies elsewhere?
18		A. No, they were not. This was a loan
19		portfolio that was assigned to us. I mentioned
20		before we had it occur twice during our term, I
21		believe. We were assigned a five-million-dollar
22		loan portfolio to utilize additional funds that
23		had been advanced to Cash Store.
24		So the cash was there at the end of $$
25		undeployed funds were there at the end of August

1		and they assigned us a portfolio of loans which
2		were subsequently collected by us over the next
3		two months.
4	110.	Q. But this was to deal with undeployed
5		cash?
6		A. Undeployed cash.
7	111.	Q. And those loans originally went to
8		the borrower in Cash Store's name?
9		A. They would have presumably gone to
10		the borrower in Cash Store's name and were
11		acquired by us and subsequently collected by us.
12	112.	Q. I take it that you would have got
13		these reconciliations on a monthly basis?
14		A. Correct.
15	113.	Q. And that you would have reviewed them
16		on a monthly basis?
17		A. Correct.
18	114.	Q. And the excess funds in the bottom
19		line in the first half of the page would have
20		been the amount of undeployed funds that you
21		believed McCann to be entitled to?
22		A. Correct.
23	115.	Q. And those are the funds that you
24		believed couldn't be used for other purposes?
25		A. Correct.

1	116.	Q. And as we've already discussed, you
2		believed those funds were going into a
3		centralized account?
4		A. A centralized broker account, yes.
5	117.	Q. For all brokers?
6		A. For all brokers.
7	118.	Q. And including the receipts from the
8		Cash Store loans that were assigned to you?
9		A. Yes, we would have acquired the Cash
10		Store loans within that account. So the
11		collections would have gone into that account as
12		well.
13	119.	Q. Did you ever, before April 2014, seek
14		to exercise the audit inspection right under the
15		broker agreement?
16		A. No, we did not.
17	120.	Q. And that audit inspection right would
18		have allowed you to inspect the records of that
19		centralized account, correct?
20		A. Correct.
21		MR. STALEY: Let's go off the record for a
22		minute while he hands those out.
23		MR. MERSKEY: Okay.
24		Off the record at 10:44 a.m.
25		Upon resuming at 10:46 a.m.

1		BY MR. MERSKEY:
2	121.	Q. I am showing you a document. It's ar
3		e-mail chain ending Monday, June 18th, 2012. The
4		last e-mail in the chain is from Mr. Reykdal, and
5		you are one of the people copied on the e-mail, I
6		take it?
7		A. Correct.
8	122.	Q. And the e-mail was dealing with
9		funding being extended by McCann to Cash Stores,
10		correct?
11		A. Correct.
12	123.	Q. And lower down in the chain so I
13		take it you are familiar with this?
14		A. Yes.
15	124.	Q. Lower down in the chain Mr. Reykdal
16		wrote to Mr. McCann and indicated:
17		"Below are the wiring instructions and
18		just to confirm 4 million at 12 percent
19		under a gsa 1st lien security on Cash
20		Store Financial and 4 million at 17.5
21		percent unsecured under our broker lender
22		agreement."
23		Am I correct in understanding that the 4
24		million was referring to one particular form of
25		lending to the company, the first 4 million at 12

1		percent?	
2		A.	Yes.
.3	125.	Q.	And that was to be secured by a first
4		lien?	•
5		Α.	Correct.
6	126.	Q.	And McCann was also providing another
7		4 million t	o the company?
8		Α.	My understanding at this point was
9		that we wer	re providing 8 million in aggregate,
10		but the ter	rms had not yet been hammered out and
11		the agreeme	ents had not been done.
12		So	that was the purpose of this e-mail,
13		was to deal	with funding in advance of
14		documentati	ion being fully completed and agreed
15		to.	
16	127.	Q.	So initially some of it was going to
17		be secured	for a 12 percent interest rate?
18		Α.	Correct.
19	128.	Q.	And some of it was going to be
2.0		unsecured	for a 17.5 percent rate of return?
21		Α.	Some of it was going to be under the
22		broker-len	der agreement.
23	129.	Q.	Well, the word "unsecured" is used
24		here; corr	ect?
25		Ά.	Hm-hmm.

1	130.	Q. And as an accountant, you have an
2		understanding of what the word "unsecured" means,
3		I take it?
4		A. This is a communication between
5		Murray and Gord as opposed to a discussion with
6		me. I had no involvement in those conversations.
7		I have a different view of what the broker
8		agreement contains and what the first lien
9		agreement contained.
10	131.	Q. Was it your view that you were
11		receiving a 17.5 percent rate of return under the
12		ultimate broker-lender agreement?
13		A. My view was that we were under the
14		broker agreement as it was finalized, we're
15		entitled to receive a stated rate of interest of
16		59 percent, but that historically, in order to
17		have the third party lenders continue to make
18		funds available, there was a general inducement
19		amount that was traditionally made on a monthly
20		basis in order to ensure that the broker lenders
21		were receiving a return commensurate with the
22		risk.
23	132.	Q. A general inducement paid by Cash
24		Stores, correct?
25		A. Yes.

1	133.	Q. So the 59 percent would be paid by
2		the Cash Store customer. Correct?
3		A. Correct.
4	134.	Q. But the general inducement amount
5		would be paid by Cash Stores, correct?
6		A. The general inducement amount, my
7		understanding, came out of the broker account
8		after a reconciliation of interest payments in,
9		loan losses out. It was a return on our
10		customer-lent funds.
11	135.	Q. Sorry, I don't understand that. The
12		customer is only paying 59 percent in plus
13		principal, correct?
14		A. Correct.
15	136.	Q. So how could you be receiving more
16		than that out of the account?
17		A. We're not receiving more than that.
18	137.	Q. You're receiving historical
19		inducements, was your word; correct?
20		A. We're receiving, during the course of
21		the broker agreement, a return on our funds lent
22		to customers.
23	138.	Q. And a portion of that was paid by the
24		company, correct?
25		A. I don't know that,

1	139.	Q. That general inducement amount, that
2	was p	aid on a monthly basis; correct?
3		A. Right, again, my understanding from
4	the c	general broker account.
5	140.	Q. Well, from the same account that you
6	recei	ved all proceeds; correct?
7		A. Exactly.
8		MR. STALEY: Was that marked as an
9	exhil	oit?
10		MR. MERSKEY: If not, let's mark it as
11	Exhil	oit 2.
12		EXHIBIT NO. 2: E-mail chain ending
13		Monday, June 18, 2012 from Gord Reykdal to
14		Sharon Fawcett and others.
15		BY MR. MERSKEY:
16	141.	Q. I'm showing you an e-mail chain
17	endi	ng with an e-mail from you dated May 30th,
18	2013	to Craig Warnock. I'm going to mark that as
19	Exhi	bit 3.
20		EXHIBIT NO. 3: E-mail chain ending May
21		30, 2013 from Sharon Fawcett to Craig
22		Warnock.
23		BY MR. MERSKEY:
24	142.	Q. And in the e-mail you say:
25		The funds are available to be sent when

1		required.
2		I take it this is additional funding to be
3		provided to Cash Stores by McCann?
4		A. Correct.
5	143.	Q. And you said there were concerns
6		about the legal, regulatory and structural issues
7		of acting as a direct lender.
8		Can you tell me what those were?
9		A. We entered into the broker agreement
10		under the understanding that we would be
11		acquiring loans from other lenders and not be a
12		direct lender.
13		At some point early on in 2013, when Cash
14		Store was moving into the Ontario line of credit
15		product, they approached us to move into that
16		product as a direct lender in Ontario. We were
17		not set up to do business in that manner through
18		McCann Family Holding Corp.
19		We were concerned with the issues that
20		Cash Store was under dealing with in Ontario,
21		and if we were to be involved in that manner, we
22		would have needed to set up a separate subsidiary
23		company that would have been the lender. We
24		would have had to ensure that we had the
25		appropriate regulatory approvals in place, and it

1		would be a substantial process for us to set
2		ourselves up to be able to be a direct lender in
3		Ontario. That's what we were referring to.
4	144.	Q. So your funds at no time ever went
5		directly to a customer. Correct?
6		A. Exactly.
7	145.	Q. This is an e-mail chain ending
8		February 26, 2014 from you to Mr. Carlstrom;
9		correct?
10		A. Correct.
11		MR. MERSKEY: I'm going to mark that as
12		Exhibit 4.
13		EXHIBIT NO. 4: E-mail chain ending
14		February 26, 2014 from Ms. Fawcett to Mr.
15		Carlstrom.
16		BY MR. MERSKEY:
17	146.	Q. And in this e-mail chain you are
18		generally discussing with Mr. Carlstrom the
19		return of your undeployed funds, correct?
20		A. Correct.
21	147.	Q. And that would be the same as the
22		excess that's referred to on the monthly
23		statement, correct?
24		A. Correct.
25	148.	Q. And I take it you were asking for the

1		return of the undeployed funds for the time being
2		because there were no products being sold in
3		Ontario?
4		A. Yes. This was immediately after
5		their Ontario line of credit business was shut
6		down by the regulators. I was concerned about
7		those accounts and I requested a detailed lender
8		statement of our portfolio as at that date, which
9		I ultimately received, and wanted to ensure that
10		all funds collected on that portfolio remained
11		with us and were returned to us.
12	149.	Q. And I take it by that you mean were
13		not in Cash Store's hands?
14		A. Exactly.
15	150.	Q. And I take it that you expected as
16		long as the funds were in Cash Store's hands,
17		that you would be receiving from Cash Stores a
18		17.5 percent rate of return?
19		A. We expected that monthly payment to
20		continue as it had in the past.
21	151.	Q. So if the funds are in Cash Store's
22		hands at that point in time, you're expecting
23		Cash Stores to be making that 17.5 percent
24		payment?
25		A. They have our funds to deploy in

1		their broker business. We would expect a return.
2	152.	Q. And you would expect them to pay?
3		A. Yes.
4	153.	Q. Thank you. In preparing your
5		affidavits and for this examination, did you
6		search McCann's records with respect to
7		communications with Cash Stores around the
8		creation of the broker agreement and the
9		maintenance of segregated funds and monthly
10		reporting?
11		A. I did.
12		MR. MERSKEY: And can I have production of
13		those documents, counsel?
14		MR. STALEY: I'm giving you an accordion
15		folder with 114 tabs of documents and then two
16		separate clips of documents that touch on the
17		same matters.
18		MR. MERSKEY: Thank you, counsel. I don't
19		propose to review on the spot and conduct a
20		cross-examination on all of those documents. So
21		I will review the documents and adjourn my
22		portion of the cross-examination that might arise
23		from them if it does, which I'm not sure that it
24		does.
0.5		MR STALEY: The witness is here today to

answer questions. I'm not bringing the witness
back. You can ask questions today, but this
examination is over when we finish today.

MR. MERSKEY: You can take that position,

MR. MERSKEY: You can take that position, counsel, but I asked you for production of these documents a week ago. You insisted you were only obliged to provide them on the day of the examination. You've provided them on the day of the examination. I don't think it's a proper process for me to sit here and flip through the documents. I will do it in a reasonable fashion. There is time set aside in the schedule for follow-up examination on undertakings if it's necessary. May I finish speaking?

MR. STALEY: You can finish speaking.

MR. MERSKEY: Thank you. And should I choose to exercise that right, I will request it of you, and if you deny that right, then we will simply have to seek the remedies that are available from Justice Morawetz. I understand your position.

MR. STALEY: You should take it as the witness is here today to answer any questions.

You should ask any questions today. The witness is not being produced for re-attendance to answer

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any further questions arising out of documents 1 we've produced on the examination today. 2 If you need to take a break to look at the 3 documents and ask questions, you should feel free 4 to do so, but this is your day to examine this 5 witness. We're giving no undertakings. We're 6 not bringing the witness back again. 7 So you should exercise your rights 8 accordingly and act accordingly. 9 MR. MERSKEY: Well, I have heard your 10 speech, counsel, and it's contrary to the process 11 that was set up to deal with these matters and 12 it's contrary to the prior request that I made. 13 So I am not at this point in time going to 14 commit to reviewing these documents and asking 15 those questions, so be it. We have our 16 positions, I think. 17 MR. STALEY: You and I will disagree that 18 it's contrary to a process. There's a time for 19 re-attendance to answer questions arising out of 2.0 undertakings. We are not giving you any 21 undertakings today. I'm not producing the 22

MR. MERSKEY: I'm not going to quibble

witness again. So you can do as you see fit, but

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you have my position.

with you about semantics, Mr. Staley.

In any event, I'm going to go off the record to review the documents that I do have prior to this attendance and my notes, and I'll let you know if I have anymore questions for this morning.

- --- Off the record at 11:02 a.m.
- --- Upon resuming at 11:04 a.m.

MR. STALEY: I'm just reminded by my colleague that almost all of the documents we have given you today are documents that were otherwise produced by the CRO in the process that has taken place in the last week.

So I believe you're going to find there's very little there that you've not already seen.

MR. MERSKEY: Then if that is the case, there may be absolutely no need for further questions, Mr. Staley. I wasn't insisting on it. I was reserving the possibility. I think otherwise we understand each other. I'm not going to express my view one more time on that.

So subject to the reservation I've expressed regarding the documents you've just given me, those are the questions that I have for this witness.

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1	Cross-examination is concluded at 11:05 a.m.
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### LENDER STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT McCann Family Holding Corporation

### September 2013

count Reconciliator			
	MONTH	YTD	
Funds made available, opening	\$ (13,350,000) \$	(9,000,000)	
Additional funds advanced to CSF	-	(4,350,000)	
Loans Assigned by CSF at fair value	5,022,876	5,022,876	
Lines of Credit transferred from other lenders	7,338,528	7,338,528	
Balance Forward	(46,876)	123,755	
Interest Collected	(985)	(1,172,670)	
Accounts Written Off	810,787	1,115,170	
Cash payments made	192,021	1,431,955	
Broker Retention Contribution	-	(543,264)	
Funding (Excess) / Deficiency	\$ (33,649) \$	(33,649)	

<sup>\*</sup>Effective on September 30, 2013 all delinquent receivables related to consumer loans and line of credit advances are written off when they reach 90 days past due. Future collections and recoveries on these written-off amounts will be credited to your account when received.

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	Lo	ans Assigned by CSF	Payday Loans Transferred From Other Lenders	Lines of Credit Transferred From Other Lenders	Total
Prior Month Closing Balance	\$	830,686	0	\$7,133,199	7,963,884
Transferred to other lenders		-	-	(7,617,829)	(7,617,829)
Transferred from other lenders		-	-	7,823,158	7,823,158
Collections		(19,899)	-	-	(19,899)
Loans assigned by CSF		5,022,876			5,022,876
Accounts Written Off		(810,787)	-	-	(810,787)
Current month closing balance	\$	5,022,876	\$ 0	\$ 7,338,528	\$ 12,361,404

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1. Loans Assigned by CSF											
Province	(	Current	1-30 Days Overdue		31-60 Days Overdue		61-90 Days Overdue		90 Days + Overdo	ıe	Total
Ontario	\$	5,400,942	\$ -	\$		\$			\$ -		\$ 5,400,942
AR Discrepancy Under Investigation											\$ -
Sub Total - Gross Amounts	\$	5,400,942	\$ -	\$	-	\$			\$ -		\$ 5,400,942
						Α	llowance on D	oul	btful Accounts		\$ (378,066)
									Carrying Value		\$ 5,022,876
2. Lines of Cradit Transferred From Other Lenders											
Province		Current	1-30 Days		31-60 Days		61-90 Days		90 Days + Overd	ue	Total
Ontario	\$	6,287,897	\$ 912,615	\$		\$	-		\$ -		\$ 7,200,513
AR Discrepancy Under Investigation											
Ontario											\$ 138,015
Sub Total	\$	6,287,897	\$ 912,615	ş	_	\$			\$ -	/ssmall	\$ 7,338,528



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### TAB B

From:

Gord Reykdal <gord@csfinancial.ca>

Sent:

Monday, June 18, 2012 2:17 PM

To:

aristos1@me.com

Cc:

s.fawcett@aristoscorp.com; s.schalin@aristoscorp.com; Halldor Kristjansson

<Halldor.Kristjansson@csfinancial.ca>; mzvonkovic@csfinancial.ca

Subject:

Re: Fwd:

Hi Murray

May this serve to confirm that I am in full agreement and accept the terms and conditions as per below as stated in both our emails. Any questions please feel free to contact me at anytime. Thanks for the support. Gord

Gordon J Reykdal
Chairman and CEO
Cash Store Financial Services Inc.
Office 780.408.5118
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"J. Murray McCann" <aristos1@me.com> wrote: Good morning Gord,

McCann Family Holding Corporation will be loaning Cash Store Financial Services Inc at the interest rate you set out \$8,000,000.00. This loan will be "On Demand" until such time as documentation, satisfactory to both parties is signed by both parties.

If these terms meet your approval please indicate by return email so that the funds may be wired to you under the instructions you set forth in your previous email.

Thanks Gord Murray

On Jun 14, 2012, at 10:45 AM, Gord Reykdal < gord@csfinancial.ca > wrote:

Hi Murray,

Below are the wiring instructions and just to confirm 4 million at 12 percent under a gsa 1 st lien security on Cash Store Financial and 4 million at 17.5 percent unsecured under our broker lender agreement.

Can you please let me know what name the security and broker agreement should be under.

Any questions please call me.

Gord

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----- Original message -----

Subject: RE:

From: Michael Zvonkovic < michael zvonkovic@csfinancial.ca>

To: Gord Reykdal < gord@csfinancial.ca>

CC: Halldor Kristjansson < Halldor Kristjansson@csfinancial.ca>

The Cash Store Financial Services Inc.

Bank - 0010

Bank Transit - 00059

Bank Account - 7223315

Address:

10102 Jasper Avenue

Edmonton, AB

T5J 1W5

The swift code is CIBCCATT.

### TABC

From:

Sharon Fawcett <s.fawcett@aristoscorp.com>

Sent:

Thursday, May 30, 2013 12:17 AM

To:

Craig Warnock < Craig. Warnock@csfinancial.ca>

Cc:

Gord Reykdal <gord@csfinancial.ca>

Subject:

RE: Funds

#### Hi Craig,

The funds are available to be sent when required. I had a discussion with Murray after his conversation with Gord and he did mention the additional \$3.5 million. Murray and Gord also discussed our concerns with the legal, regulatory and structural issues we had become aware of associated with acting as a direct lender, both with the new line of credit product and the existing broker arrangement. Murray indicated that this discussion would continue when he returned, and that we would be able to connect with other broker lenders who had already been through the process. My understanding is that our funds continue to be used to purchase existing loans in the regulated provinces and/or to form part of your required float. I assume that is what will be done with the additional \$3.5 million until such time as the legal and regulatory matters have been fully addressed.

In addition, we are working with Karen Hoffman on funding the CDI structure. This documentation has been finalized, but the funding date has been delayed from June 1st to July 1st. Karen mentioned that the funds earmarked for that vehicle may be able to be invested with Cash Store through the month of June so as not to be idle.

I will be in the McCann office later tomorrow afternoon. Perhaps we could arrange a time for a call to discuss the various matters outstanding.

Cheers

Sharon

Sharon Fawcett, CA McCann Family Holding Corporation

T: 403.251.5517 F: 1.888.474.8105

E: s.fawcett@aristoscorp.com

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----Original Message----

From: Craig Warnock [mailto:Craig.Warnock@csfinancial.ca]

Sent: May-29-13 8:06 PM To: Sharon Fawcett

Cc: Gord Reykdal Subject: Funds

Hi Sharon, I just wanted to follow up on a recent conversation between Gord and Murray. It was discussed that the trust would send an additional \$3.5 million to Cash Store.

Sharon, with the great growth that we are experiencing this month, we could use these additional funds to cover our growth.

Could you please let me know the timing of receiving these funds so I can better manage our cash balances.

Thank you for all your support.

Craig Warnock.

Sent from my iPad

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### TAB D

From:

Sharon Fawcett <s.fawcett@aristoscorp.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, February 26, 2014 1:09 PM

To:

Steve Carlstrom < Steve. Carlstrom@csfinancial.ca>

Cc:

Craig Warnock < Craig. Warnock@csfinancial.ca>

Subject:

RE: Cash Store Portfolio

#### Thanks Steve

Sharon Fawcett, CA McCann Family Holding Corporation

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From: Steve Carlstrom [mailto:Steve.Carlstrom@csfinancial.ca]

**Sent:** February-26-14 11:03 AM

**To:** Sharon Fawcett **Cc:** Craig Warnock

Subject: RE: Cash Store Portfolio

Hi Sharon,

#### Thanks for your message.

- We are working on an updated loan listing for you as of February 12<sup>th</sup> and I will provide shortly. No new amounts will be assigned in February and you will be able to see collections to the 12<sup>th</sup>.
- We will be reducing your January 31 portfolio balance accordingly as amounts continue to be collected on your behalf.
- I have asked Gord to confirm his agreement with Murray with respect to status and go-forward plans for the undeployed funds

#### Steve

From: Sharon Fawcett [mailto:s.fawcett@aristoscorp.com]

Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2014 10:27 AM

To: Steve Carlstrom

Subject: Cash Store Portfolio

Hi Steve,

I have reviewed our Lender Statement for January, as well as the detailed AR report. I wanted to touch base with you on the status of our portfolio now that you have stopped offering the line-of-credit product in Ontario. I would like to

receive an updated listing of our loan portfolio to February 12<sup>th</sup>, the date you stopped offering the line-of-credit product. I expect that this update will reflect the January 31<sup>st</sup> balance of \$10,769,390 (includes AR discrepancy) reduced by collections over the period from February 1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. Presumably these repayments will have been added to our unexpended capital balance, which was \$2,602,699 at January 31<sup>st</sup>, increasing that amount accordingly.

If my understanding is correct, the amounts transferred to us from other lenders occurs at month end. Given the suspension of the line-of-credit product, we assume that we will simply be reducing our loan portfolio balance as at February 12<sup>th</sup> as these amounts are collected. We expect that no further amounts will be assigned to us. We do not want to increase our exposure with respect to outstanding balances on this product.

I understand that Murray and Gord have had a number of discussions over the last few weeks. As I understand it, they have agreed that it makes sense to return our unexpended capital balance to us as the loans in our portfolio are repaid. These funds would be available to reinvest with Cash Store in future to deploy as new products are introduced by Cash Store to replace the Ontario line-of-credit business. Until such time, it makes no sense for Cash Store to be paying 17.5% on funds it is unable to deploy.

In keeping with Murray and Gord's agreement, I anticipate that a repayment would be made to us at the beginning of March which would include the unexpended capital balance at January 31<sup>st</sup> of \$2,602,699 plus all collections received with respect to our Ontario portfolio through the end of February.

I look forward to receiving the updated portfolio listing and confirmation of the anticipated repayments.

Cheers

Sharon

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1		Court File No. CV-14-10518-00CL
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3	·- ·	MERCIAL LIST
4		COMPANIES CREDIMORS ADDANCEMENT
5	IN THE MATTER OF THE CART ACT, R.S.C. 19	COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT 985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED
6	AND IN THE MATTER OF A	PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT NANCIAL SERVICES INC., THE CASH
7	STORE INC., TCS CASI	H STORE INC., INSTALOANS INC., 5515433 MANITOBA INC., 1693926
8	ALBERTA LTD. DOING	BUSINESS AS "THE TITLE STORE" APPLICANTS
9	mbic is the Cross-Evam	ination of J. MURRAY MCCANN, on
10	his affidavit sworn Ap	ril 22, 2014 herein, taken at the es LLP, 1 First Canadian Place,
11	100 King St. West, Sui Wednesday, May 21, 201	te 3400, Toronto, Ontario, on 4.
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13	APPEARANCES	:
14	Alan B. Merskey, Andrew McCoomb	for DIP Lenders
15		for 0678786 B.C. Ltd., Formerly
16	Robert Staley, Gannon G. Beaulne	The McCann Family Holding Corporation
17	Sharon A. Kour	for FTI Consulting, the Monitor
18	Karin Sachar	for the Chief Restructuring
19	Ralli bacital	Officer of the Applicants
20	Brett Harrison	for Trimor Annuity Focus LP #5
21	Andrew J. Hatnay, James Harnum	for Tim Yeoman, Class Plaintiff
22	William Aziz	for Court-Appointed CRO for Cash
23	ALSO PRESENT:	Store Financial Services
24	Greg Watson	Senior Managing Director, FTI Consulting
25	Sharon Fawcett	Observer

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10	following pages: None.
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15	pages: None.
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18	INDEX OF UNDER ADVISEMENTS
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20	following pages: None.
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24	advisements is provided as a service to counsel and does
25	not purport to be complete or binding upon the parties.

1		Upon commencing at 11:20 a.m.
2		J. MURRAY MCCANN: SWORN
3		CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. MERSKEY:
4	1.	Q. Good morning, Mr. McCann.
5		A. Good morning.
6	2.	Q. You've been sworn this morning?
7		A. I have been.
8	3.	Q. Thank you. By the way, if at any
9		point you can't hear me clearly, just tell me to
10		speak up.
11		A. Just speak up all the time, if you
12		wouldn't mind.
13	4.	Q. I will do my best, and if I fail to
14		do so, I expect you will remind me.
15		Could you just tell me your position with
16		the McCann company?
17		A. I guess I was the founder of the
18		McCann company. I really now don't hold a
19		position.
20	5.	Q. You were present during the
21		cross-examination of Ms. Fawcett, correct?
22		A. Yes, I was.
23	6.	Q. Okay. So if I refer to some things
24		in short form like McCann for the McCann company
25		or the numbered company, you'll understand that

1		I'm using the same short forms that I was using
2		to Ms. Fawcett?
3		A. Yes.
4	7.	Q. And if there's any confusion, please
.5		just ask me to clarify.
6		A. I will.
7	8.	Q. You swore an affidavit in this
8		proceeding on April 22nd, 2014; correct?
9		A. Yes.
10	9.	Q. And I'm looking at paragraph 2 of
11		your affidavit, and it says you had long-term
12		dealings with The Cash Store in various
13		capacities and you've become both the social and
14		business acquaintance of The Cash Store's CEO,
15		Mr. Reykdal?
16		A. Yes.
17	10.	Q. So when did your long-term dealings
18		with The Cash Store first start?
19		A. Actually, directly with Cash Store in
20		2012.
21	11.	Q. Did you have dealings at some point
22		before that that you associated with Cash Stores?
23		A. I was a debenture holder with
24		Assistive and Assistive were a third party lender
25		to Cash Store. My relationship was with

1		Assistive.
2	12.	Q. And did you have any other
3		associations with Cash Stores before 2012?
4		A. No.
5	13.	Q. And you indicate that you became a
6		social and business acquaintance of Mr. Reykdal?
7		A. Yes.
8	14.	Q. Could you just describe those
9		interactions to me?
10		A. Gordon Reykdal and I are both members
11		of the World Presidents' Organization, and I knew
12		Mr. Reykdal not well but through meetings and
13		up until 2012. He knew me, I knew him and we
14		were he was in a forum group, which is a
15		smaller group within YPO, which I had been in
16		when I was in YPO.
17	15.	Q. YPO is the World Presidents'
18		Organization?
19		A. Actually, it's the Young Presidents'
20		Organization, which you'd have to get out, and we
21		call ourselves World Presidents rather than call
22		ourselves what we really are.
23	16.	Q. So did your interactions with Mr.
24		Reykdal increase from 2012 on?
25		A. I would say yes.

1	17.	Q. You saw him socially?
2		A. Not really. I was just trying to
3		figure out how often I saw him. I've had two
4		dinners with him and two lunches is the sum total
5		of my time with socially with Gordon Reykdal.
6	18.	Q. But you had, I take it, various
7		business interactions with him over your
8		investments in The Cash Store?
9		A. Yes.
10	19.	Q. And how often would you say you spoke
11		to him on a business basis from 2012 on?
12		A. Gosh, I'm just trying to think,
13		because there would be long periods when I
14		wouldn't be talking to him.
15		I would say how many times since 2012,
16		is that your question?
17	20.	Q. It wasn't exactly, but if an
18		approximation of that is useful to you, a rough
19		number would be fine.
20		A. I would say then I had a dozen
21		conversations with him, but that is a rough
22		estimate.
23	21.	Q. What was your business background,
24		sir?
25		A. Well, I started out as a chartered

1		accountant in public practice and then I acquired
2		an operating company, and I've acquired other
3		companies since that time. My business career
4		goes back over 50 years.
5	22.	Q. Ms. Fawcett described the McCann
6		company's current activities as being an
7		investment company.
8		So I take it that you are familiar with
9		investing in other companies and various forms of
10		financing in your business experience?
11		A. In the past, yes.
12	23.	Q. Who had the day-to-day interactions
13		with Cash Stores from the McCann side for the
14		administration of your investment? Was that Ms.
15		Fawcett?
16		A. It is. It was.
17	24.	Q. So she had been more directly
18		familiar with the lending arrangements?
19		A. She'd be more involved?
20	25.	Q. Yes.
21		A. Very much so.
22		MR. MERSKEY: I'm going to show the
23	•	witness Exhibit 2 from Ms. Fawcett's examination,
24		if you still have that handy, Mr. Staley.
25		MR. STALEY: It's in front of the witness.

1		MR. MERSKEY: Thank you.
2		BY MR. MERSKEY:
3	26.	Q. This is an e-mail chain, sir, in
4		which you're involved and it ends with an e-mail
5		from Mr. Reykdal dated June 18th, 2012. Why
6		don't you take a minute to read through the
7		e-mail?
8		So from the e-mail, sir, I take it that
9		you had various discussions with Mr. Reykdal
10		about the form of the funding that you would be
11		advancing to Cash Stores. Is that correct?
12		A. Well, we were going to be advancing
13		obviously \$8 million, but at that point it hadn't
14		been the documents hadn't been drawn up or the
15		negotiations complete.
16	27.	Q. So you were contemplating different
17		ways of doing it. Correct?
18		A. Yes.
19	28.	Q. So one way you contemplated of doing
20		it was putting half of it in, secured under a GSF
21		first lien. Correct?
22		A. For this one transaction. This
23		wasn't going to be the ongoing transaction. Our
24		documents hadn't been drawn up yet. So this was
25		in advance of that.

1	29.	Q. No, I appreciate that, sir, but I'm
2		asking about the different structures that you
3		considered before the documents were concluded in
4		terms of advancing the financing.
5		So I appreciate that that's not the final
6		form, but you had discussions, I take it, with
7		Mr. Reykdal about different ways to advance the
8		funds?
9		A. To advance this \$8 million until it
10		could be properly invested or transferred over to
11		Cash Store in their third party lending
12		documents.
13	30.	Q. Right. Outside of the third party
14		lending documents, you also eventually provided
15		funding to Cash Stores in another fashion, didn't
16		you?
17		A. Yes, I did.
18	31.	Q. And that was under a first lien
19		agreement, correct?
20		A. That was a first lien, yes.
21	32.	Q. Do you recall the interest rate under
22		that?
23		A. I believe it was twelve-and-a-half
24		percent.
25	33.	Q. Twelve-and-a-half percent, and that

1		was secured, that first lien; correct?
2		A. That's a first charge.
3	34.	Q. A first charge. So that's similar
·4		although not the same tranche of funds, I
5		appreciate, that's similar to what you were
6		talking about in this e-mail with Mr. Reykdal.
7		Correct?
8		A. No, it wasn't, in that the second one
9		was what he called a carveout. There was bonds
10		that had been issued, and in issuing those bonds
11		they had allowed for a first charge to come ahead
12		of the bonds, and the second was in that tranche.
13		There was 32 million, and we allowed there was
14		12 million that they were going to raise, and 5
15		million of that we took.
16	35.	Q. And that amount was secured?
17		A. That was sure my understanding, yes.
18	36.	Q. So I'm just trying to understand the
19		different structures that you were looking at.
20		It was my impression that you were
21		prepared to take a certain rate of return from
22		the company of 12 percent if it was secured.
23		A. Yes.
24	37.	Q. Correct. But then you
25		A. If it was secured.

1	38.	Q. Right. But then you wanted to take a
2		different higher rate of return of 17.5 percent
3		if it was unsecured, correct?
4	•	A. At this point, yes.
5	39.	Q. And I take it that you wanted the
6		higher rate of return on the unsecured amounts
7		being given to Cash Stores because there was a
8		higher risk involved?
9		A. Yes.
10	40.	Q. And the 17.5 percent rate of return
11		from Cash Stores is ultimately what you
12		understood you were getting under the broker
13		agreement?
14		A. No. It was my broker agreement
15		was to be the same as what they had with
16		Assistive. I had been I had a debenture with
17		Assistive and Assistive was paying me
18		fifteen-and-a-half percent, and I knew they were
19		making over and above what they were paying me.
20		So I wanted the same deal as what they
21		had, which turned out to be 59 percent.
22	41.	Q. You understood Assistive to be paying
23		you 15 percent but they were getting 59 percent?
24		A. Yes. They were also subject to
25		whatever the costs against that were, the bad

1		debts and so on.
2	42.	Q. And you had the same expectation for
3		yourself?
4		A. Yes.
5		MR. MERSKEY: Subject to the position I
6		expressed about the productions on Ms. Fawcett's
7		examination and possible questions arising from
8		this witness, I don't have any further questions
9		for the witness on this examination.
10		I understand that you would express the
11		same position as you did on Ms. Fawcett's
12		examination, Mr. Staley.
13		MR. STALEY: And more so because the
14		witness hasn't produced any documents on this
15		examination that you could possibly re-examine
16		him on, but there you go. We will we'll
17		preserve our positions.
18		MR. MERSKEY: You wish to take the
19		position that the documents produced are only
20		applicable to Ms. Fawcett's examination?
21		MR. STALEY: They were produced on her
22		examination. So if you had a question for her,
23		you could have asked her.
24		MR. MERSKEY: Shall I ask this witness
25		that question, Mr. Staley?

1		MR. STALEY: Which question?
2		BY MR. MERSKEY:
3	43.	Q. Sir, have you searched your records
4		in connection with this proceeding and looked for
5		any applicable e-mails or communications?
6		A. Yes, I have.
7	44.	Q. And have you produced those to your
8		counsel?
9		A. I have.
10	45.	Q. And can I have production of those
11		documents?
12		MR. STALEY: They've already been produced
13		to you on Ms. Fawcett's examination.
14		MR. MERSKEY: So the applicable documents
15		from Ms. Fawcett's examination would be the
16		applicable documents for Mr. McCann's
17		examination?
18		MR. STALEY: They would, yes.
19		MR. MERSKEY: Thank you. I think we're
20		concluded here.
21		Cross-examination is concluded at 11:36 a.m.
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24		
25		

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1		Upon commencing at 2:00 p.m.
2		ERIN VERONICA ARMSTRONG: SWORN
3		CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. MERSKEY:
4	1.	Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Armstrong.
5		A. Good afternoon.
6	2.	Q. You've been sworn this afternoon?
7		A. Yes.
.8	3.	Q. And you are here to give evidence on
9		your affidavit, one sworn April 13th, 2014 and
10		the other sworn May 8th, 2014; correct?
11		A. Yes.
12	4.	Q. I understand from the affidavits that
13		at one point in time you were the chief operating
14		officer for the party Trimor?
15		A. Yes.
16	5.	Q. All right. And I recognize from the
17		style of cause that your company is called Trimor
18		Annuity Focus LP #5. I'm just going to refer to
19		it as Trimor for the purposes of this
20		examination.
21		A. Yes.
22	6.	Q. Are there any other Trimor entities
23		that we need to be concerned with on the
24		examination?
25		MR. HARRISON: Not that I'm aware of.

1		BY MR. MERSKEY:
2	7.	Q. You were chief operating officer for
3		Trimor from June 2012 to January 2014, I
4		understand?
5		A. That's correct, for the general
6		partner of the partnership.
7	8.	Q. For the general partner, and I take
8		it the distinction you're making is that there
9		are LP entities that the general partner is
10		responsive to and manages the assets of Trimor
11		for?
12		A. Manages the business of the LP, yes.
13	9.	Q. Did you have a position with Trimor
14		before June 2012?
15		A. Yes.
16	10.	Q. What was that position?
17		A. Secretary.
18	11.	Q. Any other positions with Trimor?
19		A. No.
20	12.	Q. And you are still employed by Trimor
21		now as a part-time COO, is that correct?
22		A. No, I'm not employed with Trimor.
2.3	13.	Q. Who are you employed with?
24		A. I work for Chippingham Financial,
25		which is not related.

1		MR. MERSKEY: I take it, Mr. Harrison,
2		there's no issue that the witness' answers bind
3		the company?
4		MR. HARRISON: No, there is no issue.
5		BY MR. MERSKEY:
6	14.	Q. Do you still provide services to
7		Trimor, Ms. Armstrong?
8		A. I've been assisting with the
9		administration.
10	15.	Q. Is that on a contract basis?
11		A. No.
12	16.	Q. Well, I don't want to go too far
13		afield on this, but can you just summarize for me
14		how it is you come to be providing evidence in
15		the proceeding then?
16		A. I would have been the person
17		responsible for administration for the majority
18		of the period.
19	17.	Q. How far back do you go with Trimor
20		then? When was your secretary position? When
21	•	did it start?
22		A. To inception I'm not sure of the
23		exact date.
24	18.	Q. Just rough is fine.
25		A. Sometime in 2010, I think.

1	19.	Q. And what's the business of Trimor?
2		A. There are limited partnership
3		unitholders who are individuals. There's some
4 ·		small corporations and trusts that invest in the
5		limited partnership, and the limited partnership
6		advances loans to customers of Cash Store
7		Financial and some related entities.
8	20.	Q. Does Trimor have any business other
9		than providing funds to Cash Stores or its
10		customers?
11		A. No. Just to clarify, when you say
12		Trimor, we're just referring to this partnership
13		at the moment?
14	21.	Q. Yes.
15		A. Yeah.
16	22.	Q. Trimor Annuity Focus LP #5.
17		A. Perfect.
18	23.	Q. I take it that there are other Trimor
19		partnerships that invest in other areas?
20		A. There's other unrelated business
21		under the Trimor name but not part of this.
22	24.	Q. Are those generally financing and
23		investment businesses?
24		A. Those businesses have kind of varied
25		over time.

1	25.	Q. Do they include financing and
2		investment businesses?
3		MR. HARRISON: I'm struggling with
4		relevance of unrelated of businesses that
5		aren't involved in this particular
6	•	MR. MERSKEY: Sure. I'm just trying to
7		gain an understanding of the witness' experience,
8		whether there's any beyond this Trimor
9		partnership and the Cash Store circumstance with
10		respect to investments and finance operations,
11		since we're going to be asking her questions
12		about the administration of an investment and
13		finance operation.
14		MR. HARRISON: Well, this question I'll
15		let go, but we have to be focussed. So go ahead.
16		THE DEPONENT: Sorry, can you just repeat
17		the question?
18		BY MR. MERSKEY:
19	26.	Q. Yes. Well, let me back up for a
20		minute. Are you involved with the businesses of
21		the other Trimor partnerships?
22		A. I have been in the past.
23	27.	Q. Okay. And those businesses, some of
24		them, do they include investment or financing
25		businesses?

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1		A. There are investment-related aspects
2		of the business.
3	28.	Q. What's your professional background?
4		A. I have worked for how far back do
5		you want me to go?
6	29.	Q. Well, why don't you tell me what your
7		professional qualifications are, if you have any
8		professional qualifications?
9		A. Sure. I'm a registered investment
10		advisor.
11	30.	Q. In Alberta?
12		A. Yes.
13	31.	Q. Okay. So has your professional
14		experience been in that capacity?
15		A. That and other business aspects,
16		yeah.
17	32.	Q. Such as administering businesses in
18		the nature of what you were administering at
19		Trimor for several years?
20		A. That's right.
21	33.	Q. Can you turn to your first affidavit?
22		And I'm looking at page 11 of the record, and can
23		you look at paragraph 17? And you state there
24		that you have always believed that all funds
25		advanced by Trimor are to be held in a designated

1		broker bank account defined in paragraph 1.1(g)
2		of the broker agreement. Do you see that?
3		Can you turn to then page 18 of the
4		record, which is a broker agreement between
5		Trimor and Cash Store, correct?
6		A. Yes.
7	34.	Q. Can you just assist me with one small
8		discrepancy? The broker agreement says it's made
9		as of June 5th, 2012 and the cover page says
10		dated February 1, 2012.
11		What was the operative date for Trimor of
12		the agreement?
13		MR. HARRISON: Sorry, the operative?
14		MR. MERSKEY: The operative date. Under
15		what date forward were they operating under the
16		provisions of this broker agreement?
17		MR. HARRISON: If the witness knows.
18		THE DEPONENT: I believe that it's as of
19		the front page date of the broker agreement. I
20		believe that it's as of February 2012.
21		BY MR. MERSKEY:
22	35.	Q. Do you know why there's a difference?
23		A. No, I don't.
24	36.	Q. So if you look on page 18, there is a
25		definition there for "designated financier bank

1		account". Do you see that? Just take a minute
2		to read that definition. You can also take a
3		minute to read the definition of "designated
4		broker bank account".
5		So do you understand here that under the
6		broker agreement, if you look at the preamble,
7		financier refers to Trimor?
8		A. Yes.
9	37.	Q. And you understand that broker refers
10		to Cash Store?
11		A. Yes.
12	38.	Q. And you understand that customer
13		refers to a customer of Cash Store or broker
14		customer refers to a customer of Cash Store?
15		A. Yes.
16	39.	Q. Okay. So to your knowledge, did Cash
17		Store designate a broker account for receipt of
18		funds from Trimor?
19		A. There was an account that we had
20		always advanced funds to.
21	40.	Q. Did you have any understanding that
22		it was solely for the receipt of your funds?
23		A. Our understanding is that it was
24		solely for the receipt of third party funds.
25	41.	Q. Your funds or third party funds?

1		A. To my knowledge, third party funds.
2	42.	Q. And if you look at the definition of
3		"designated financier bank account", that
4		suggests a bank account that would be set up by
5		the financier, you, Trimor; correct?
6		A. From reading that, that sounds
7		correct.
8	43.	Q. Okay. And I don't see a reference to
9		any particular bank account designated by Trimor
10		in your evidence. I take it that Trimor did not
11		itself designate an individual or set up an
12		individual bank account for receipt of funds from
13		broker customers?
14		MR. HARRISON: Just to clarify, though, it
15		doesn't say, set up by the financier.
16		BY MR. MERSKEY:
17	44.	Q. Did Trimor designate, whether set up
18		or otherwise, an account for deposits of cash and
19		cheques received from broker customers?
20		A. Trimor didn't designate a bank
21		account of Cash Stores.
22	45.	Q. Did Trimor designate a bank account
23		of its own?
24		A. Trimor ultimately has its own bank
25		account which received funds.

1	46.	Q. Would it receive those funds from
2		Cash Stores?
3		A. Yes.
4	47.	Q. It didn't receive direct deposits
5		from Cash Store's customers, did it?
6		A. It would have come through Cash
7		Store.
8	48.	Q. So the broker customer gives money to
9		Cash Stores and any money that Cash Stores was
10		giving to Trimor, Cash Stores sends to a Trimor
11		bank account?
12		A. I'm not sure if I know that process a
13		hundred percent. Sorry, I'm just having trouble
14		being clear on exactly
15	49.	Q. Well, let me help you. Let's step
16		back a minute. Trimor didn't receive money
17		directly from Cash Store customers, correct?
18		A. That's correct.
19	50.	Q. And in some fashion Trimor did
20		receive money directly from Cash Stores, correct?
21		A. Yes.
22	51.	Q. And that money was for a few
23		different purposes. Perhaps it was repayment of
24		principal?
25		A. My understanding is that the money

1		was coming from interest on loans from the
2		customers and retention payments.
3	52.	Q. Who was making the retention
4		payments, Cash Stores?
5		A. Correct.
6	53.	Q. And how were the amounts of the
7		retention payments calculated?
8		A. The amount of interest that was
9		collected from customers on Trimor loans, if it
10		did not meet seventeen-and-a-half percent, it was
11		topped up with retention payments from Cash
12		Store.
13	54.	Q. So you would get the interest that
14		was collected from the customers on top of which
15		you would get a payment from the company that was
16		the retention payment?
17		A. If the interest from the customer
18		didn't reach seventeen-and-a-half percent or
19	55.	Q. And from time to time, I take it that
20		the interest from the customer alone did not
21		reach seventeen-and-a-half percent?
22		A. I can't really say. I don't know
23		what the breakdown of that is.
24	56.	Q. Looking at your second affidavit, tak
25		3 of your record if you look at paragraph 6.

1		there's a statement there where you indicate that
2		Michael Zvonkovic of Cash Stores told you that
3		Trimor funds were being held in trust; correct?
4		A. That's correct.
5	57.	Q. And that's the e-mail at tab G of
6		your affidavit, correct?
7		A. Yes.
8	58.	Q. So in that e-mail, according to the
9		face of it, Mr. Zvonkovic says, they have not use
10		use the cash for general operating expenses
11		and is under the trust conditions as outlined in
12		the agreement.
13 .		Do you know what agreement Mr. Zvonkovic
14		was referring to?
15		A. The broker agreement.
16	59.	Q. The broker agreement. That is the
17		broker agreement as of November 9, 2011; correct?
18		A. That's correct.
19	60.	Q. Not the broker agreement as of June
20		or February of 2012, correct?
21		A. That's correct.
22	61.	Q. I take it you had a previous form of
23		broker agreement with Cash Stores?
24		A. Yes.
25	62.	Q. And I take it that that previous form

1		was not identical to the current form?
2		A. That's correct.
3	63.	Q. And did the previous form contain any
4		reference to a trust agreement or arrangement?
5		A. I believe so.
6	64.	Q. And is it your belief that the
7		current form contains any reference to a trust
8		agreement or arrangement?
9		A. Our understanding of the current
10		agreement is that the processes were to remain
11		the same.
12	65.	Q. That wasn't quite my question, Ms.
13		Armstrong. My question was, is it your
14		understanding that anywhere in the text of the
15		current agreement there is a reference or a
16		description of a trust agreement or arrangement?
17		A. I'd have to review the agreement.
18	66.	Q. Sure. Let's go to it. It's back at
19		tab A.
20		MR. HARRISON: I think, just to shorten
21		this up, I think we'll agree that we have not
22		seen the word "trust" in that agreement. If we
23		come to a different understanding, we'll let you
24		know.
25		MR. MERSKEY: Thank you. That will be

1		sufficient.
2		BY MR. MERSKEY:
3	67.	Q. Do you remember the context of the
4		e-mail from Mr. Zvonkovic, the discussions that
5		it arose out of?
6		A. Yes. There were some questions that
7		we had around a confirmation from their auditor.
8	68.	Q. So I'm going to show you a document
9		in a minute that starts off with an inquiry from
10		Cash Stores to Trimor with respect to an audit
11		inquiry by their auditor as to Cash Store's
12		arrangements, and it's dated November 9, 2011.
13		It includes a two-page questionnaire.
14		MR. HARRISON: Thank you.
15		BY MR. MERSKEY:
16	69.	Q. Is that the inquiry that you're
17		referring to?
18		A. Yes, I believe so.
19		MR. MERSKEY: I'm going to mark that as
20		Exhibit 1 on this examination.
21		EXHIBIT NO. 1: Letter from Cash Store to
22		Trimor dated November 9, 2011 with
23		questionnaire.
24		BY MR. MERSKEY:
25	70.	Q. So am I right in understanding that

1		your discussion with Mr. Zvonkovic arose as a
2		result of this audit inquiry by the Cash Store
3		auditors?
4		A. I believe so, yes.
5	71.	Q. And they sent you some questions to
6		answer and that sort of provoked a discussion
7		about it?
8		A. Yes.
9	72.	Q. I'm going to show you a second
10		document which appears to be answers to that
11		questionnaire signed by Kurt Soost on November
12		14th, 2011, and Mr. Soost is the president of
13		Trimor; correct?
14		A. Correct.
15	73.	Q. And I take it that these are the
16		responses of Trimor?
17		A. I believe so, yes.
1,8	74.	Q. And I take it these were drafted in
19		consultation with you?
20		A. Yes.
21		MR. MERSKEY: I'm going to mark that
22		document Exhibit 2.
23		EXHIBIT NO. 2: Answers to questionnaire
24		signed by Kurt Soost November 14, 2011.
25		BY MR. MERSKEY:

1	75.	Q. And among other things in the
2		document, you disagreed with the statement that
3		the funding from Trimor could be used to pay
4		general operating expenses. There's a statement
5		that "Funds are only to be used for loans to
6		broker customers"?
7		A. Correct.
8	76.	Q. And you disagreed that the
9		broker-lender arrangements allowed transfers of
10		loans between groups of lenders. There's a
11.		statement that says:
12		"There is nothing specific in the
13		agreement itself to allow this."
14		A. Correct. Sorry.
15	77.	Q. And I take it, from the
16		contemporaneous e-mails, that you had a series of
17		discussions with Mr. Zvonkovic himself about how
18		to answer this questionnaire?
19		A. Correct.
20	78.	Q. So I'm going to show you an e-mail
21		string ending November 16th, 2011 from Mr.
22		Zvonkovic to you. I'm going to mark that as
23		Exhibit 3.
24		EXHIBIT NO. 3: E-mail chain ending
25		November 16, 2011 from Mr. Zvonkovic to

1		Ms. Armstrong and Mr. Dewart.
2		BY MR. MERSKEY:
3	79.	Q. So the first do you want to take a
4		minute to read the whole document?
5		A. Yes, please.
6	80.	Q. Let's do that.
7		A. Okay.
8	81.	Q. So starting with the first e-mail in
9		the string which is from Mr. Zvonkovic to you on
10		November 9th, which is the e-mail that's in your
11		motion record
12		A. Yes.
13	82.	Qwas this e-mail in response to a
14		discussion that you had with him outside of the
15		e-mail chain?
16		A. I can't recall exactly what the whole
17		chain of events were.
18	83.	Q. It appears to me that he appears to
19		be responding to some discussion that you've had.
20		Is that a fair inference?
21		A. Yeah. I'm not sure whether it would
22		have been a phone discussion with me or someone
23		else. I just don't remember all the
24		circumstances. I apologize.
25	84.	O. That's okay. And then you consulted

1		your counsel with respect to the e-mail. Colby
2		Dewart, I take it, is one of the lawyers for
3		Trimor Capital?
4		A. Yeah. He was counsel for the limited
5		partnership.
6	85.	Q. And just on a side note, have youI
7		note your counsel very kindly handed me four
8		inches or more of documents about three hours
9		ago, but I didn't note in them anything with Mr.
10		Dewart's advice, and I see here that Mr. Dewart's
11		advice was being relayed to the Cash Stores
12		directly.
13		So may we have production of any e-mails
14		from Mr. Dewart on this subject as well, please?
15		R/F MR. HARRISON: No.
16		MR. MERSKEY: Privilege has been waived,
17		in my position, counsel, not by you in the
18		production but by the fact that Trimor at the
19		time was sharing this advice directly with Cash
20		Stores.
21		MR. HARRISON: We disagree.
22		MR. MERSKEY: Is there any basis for your
23		disagreement other than disagreeing?
24		MR. HARRISON: We don't agree it's waived
25		BY MR. MERSKEY:

1	86.	Q. Ms. Armstrong, you will agree with me
2		that Mr. Dewart was providing legal advice to
3		Trimor?
4		A. Yeah.
5	87.	Q. You will agree with me that you knew
6		he was providing legal advice to Trimor?
7		A. Yes.
8	88.	Q. You will agree with me that you chose
9		to forward that legal advice to Mr. Zvonkovic to
10		help to understand the issues?
11		A. Yes.
12	89.	Q. Thank you. So if we go through the
13		chain of e-mails, it appears that Mr. Dewart's
14		advice to you is based directly on a description
15		from the broker agreement that was existing at
16		that time. Is that fair?
17		A. It appears so.
18	90.	Q. And you then relay that to Mr.
19		Zvonkovic saying your counsel is telling you that
20		a different response to the audit inquiry would
21		conflict with things that you've told your LP
22		investors?
23		A. Yes.
24	91.	Q. Because I take it what you've told
25		your LP investors is strictly based on the form

1		of the loan agreement at that time lender
2		agreement?
3		MR. HARRISON: Sorry, you're talking about
4		the broker agreement?
5		MR. MERSKEY: Yes.
6		MR. HARRISON: Okay.
7		THE DEPONENT: Sorry, is there a question?
8		I just missed the question.
9		BY MR. MERSKEY:
10	92.	Q. Yes. I said, I take it that your
11		concern that there was a difference between what
12		Mr. Zvonkovic was saying and what you told the LP
13		investors was because what you told the LP
14		investors was strictly based on the form of the
15		broker agreement at that time?
16		A. I believe that would have been the
17		case.
18	93.	Q. And in the last e-mail in the chain
19		at the top, it appears that Mr. Zvonkovic is
20		taking the position that that is not how the
21		company views the use of funds. Do you see that?
22		A. Sorry, where are we? Which e-mail?
23	94.	Q. So if you go to the first e-mail at
24		the top of the page, he says:
25		"Please note that our interpretation of

1		the below section is that all funds must
2		be recorded in the Trust account and not
3 .		limiting the use of funds."
4		A. And sorry, your question was?
5	95.	Q. I'm saying I take it from that, that
6		you would have been aware that Mr. Zvonkovic and
7		the company, therefore Cash Stores, had a
8		different view of how the funds could be used
9		than the interpretation that Colby Dewart was
10		setting out from the broker agreement?
11		A. No, that wasn't my understanding.
12		What I my understanding was just that the
13		broker agreement didn't specify.
14	96.	Q. Well, Mr. Zvonkovic uses the words
15		that the below section says the funds must be
16		recorded in the trust account but not limiting
17		the use of funds.
18		MR. HARRISON: And she's given you her
19		understanding.
20		MR. MERSKEY: Mr. Harrison, it's a
21		cross-examination. I get some leeway, thank you
22		very much.
23		MR. HARRISON: You asked her a question.
24		She answered it. Is there a new question?
25		MR. MERSKEY: Yes, there was a new

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1		question	ı. It	was a question designed to get at
2		the same	e evid	dence. Whether the witness
3		misunder	stood	d it or had a different view of it, I
4		think it	c's en	ntirely inappropriate to jump in that
5		quickly.		
6			If we	e spend five minutes going around the
7		same mul	Lberry	y bush, you're welcome to jump in,
8		but unti	il the	en I'll thank you not to interfere in
9		the cros	ss-exa	amination.
10			MR. H	HARRISON: Then ask her a new
11		question	n.	
12			BY MF	R. MERSKEY:
13	97.		Q.	Did you get back to Mr. Zvonkovic and
14		suggest	that	there was some limit on the use of
15		funds?		
16			Α.	I believe so.
17	98.		Q.	And what limit did you suggest that
18		there w	as?	
19			Α.	It was always our understanding that
20		the fun	ds we:	ere not to be used for any other
21		purpose	othe:	er than making loans to customers.
22	99.		Q.	And did you convey that in another
23		e-mail	somewi	where?
24			Α.	I'm not sure where it is, actually.
0.5	100		$\circ$	Okay Did you discuss terms of an

1		amendment over the next few months to reflect
2		your mutual understanding?
3		A. I believe so, yes.
4	101.	Q. So I'm going to show you an e-mail
5		dated December 22nd, 2011 from you to Mr.
6		Zvonkovic. I'm going to mark that as Exhibit 4.
7		EXHIBIT NO. 4: E-mail chain ending
8		December 22, 2011 from Ms. Armstrong to
9		Mr. Zvonkovic and Mr. Dewart.
10		BY MR. MERSKEY:
11	102.	Q. And you were discussing possible
12		amendment terms with Mr. Zvonkovic, is that fair?
13		A. Yes.
14	103.	Q. And just to assist, I'm going to show
15		you another e-mail dated December 9th, 2011. I'm
16		going to mark that as Exhibit 5.
17		EXHIBIT NO. 5: E-mail chain ending
18		December 9, 2011 from Erin Armstrong to
19		Colby Dewart and Michael Zvonkovic.
20		BY MR. MERSKEY:
21	104.	Q. It's from you to Colby Dewart and
22		Michael Zvonkovic, and you're discussing proposed
23		wording of an amendment, which if you take a
24	,	minute to read the entire document, there appears
25		to be some variation on what Mr. Dewart proposed

1		that day. Is that correct?
2		A. Yeah, it appears so.
3	105.	Q. Okay. So going back to the e-mail of
4		December 22nd, there's an e-mail further down in
5		the chain dated December 15th, and Mr. Zvonkovic
6		has stated some concern with the proposed form
7		saying he's wondering administratively if it
8		makes sense to have all these requests written or
9		can it be verbal.
10		"As discussed previously we have huge dips
11		in our cash both ways so in some cases
12		Trimor could be using our cash to fund
13		loans so the provision has to be
14		balanced."
15		What did you understand Mr. Zvonkovic to
16		be saying there?
17		A. The way the loan process works, my
18		understanding is just that sometimes everything
19		might not be reconciled all at one point.
20	106.	Q. And you say everything be reconciled.
21		So we're talking
22		A. Sorry.
23	107.	Q. I just need to break that down to
24		understand that answer.
25		A. Yeah, no problem. The loans and

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1		interest going in and out of the account.
2	108.	Q. So you mean funding coming in
3		funds coming in from broker customers and going
4		out again to new customers?
5		A. Correct.
6	109.	Q. As well as the payment of interest?
7		A. That would be right.
8	110.	Q. And retention payments?
9		A. I don't think retention payments
10	•	would be part of that fluctuation but may be part
11		of what he's suggesting in terms of using Cash
12		Store funds.
13		If they made a retention payment to that
14		account, in our opinion, that wouldn't have been
15		Cash Store funds once they made it as a retention
16		payment to Trimor.
17	111.	Q. But in any event, he's saying that
18		because of the way their cash flow works, their
19		fluctuations in terms of whether something is
20		being funded from a broker payment or a sorry,
21		a customer payment or Cash Store funding itself?
22		A. Sorry, can you repeat?
23	112.	Q. Yes. He's saying, "we have huge dips
24		in our cash both ways". So is it fair to say
25		that he means cash in terms of cash coming in

Τ		TIOM DIOKEL CUSCOMETS:
2		A. I don't know if I can comment on what
3		he's intending. I can just give you my
4		understanding of what he said.
5	113.	Q. Sure. Why don't you do that?
6		A. I think I have.
7	114.	Q. So your understanding of what he said
8		was that the reconciliation didn't work on a
9		daily basis. It needed to be smoothed over time?
10		A. I don't know if those are the words
11		that I used.
12		MR. HARRISON: I was going to say, she did
13		give you her evidence. I think it's on the
14		record.
15		Answers to Questions 105 to 114 read
16		back.
17		BY MR. MERSKEY:
18	115.	Q. Okay. So when you say, "reconciled
19		all at one point", everything may be reconciled
20		all at one point, what's the everything that
21		you're referring to?
22		A. I thought we answered that already as
23		well.
24	116.	Q. I'm just trying to get clarification.
25		I take it that everything is the loans coming in

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1		and the loans going out and the other payments in
2		the account?
3		A. And the interest.
4	117.	Q. As part of the reconciliation
5		process, did you review monthly statements of
6		account?
7		A. We received monthly statements from
8		Cash Store.
9	118.	Q. And did you rely on those for the
10		reconciliation process?
11		A. The reconciliation process?
12	119.	Q. Did you rely on those to understand
13		what was going on in terms of your funds?
14		A. Yes, among other things.
15	120.	Q. So let's look at one of those just as
16		an example. I'm going to show you a copy of the
17		reconciliation statement for February 2013.
18		Am I correct that is this the Trimor
19		reconciliation statement for February 2013?
20		A. It appears so.
21	121.	Q. And this would have been produced by
22		Cash Stores and sent to you as part of a monthly
23		reporting process?
24		A. Yes.
25		MR MERSKEY: I'm going to mark that as

1		Exhibit 6.
2		EXHIBIT NO. 6: Cash Store reconciliation
3		statement for February 2013.
4		BY MR. MERSKEY:
5	122.	Q. And I take it you reviewed these as
6		part of your administrative duties on a regular
7		basis?
8		A. Depending on the time period, I may
9		have been one of the people that reviewed them.
10	123.	Q. Trimor was reviewing them on a
11		regular basis, whether it was you or somebody
12		else at Trimor?
13		A. Yes.
14	124.	Q. So if we go through it, I just want
15		to confirm the way the information is set out.
16		At the beginning it says, Funds made
17		available, opening, 16,324,000.
18		A. Okay.
19	125.	Q. And I take it that those are the
20		funds that Trimor had advanced in total to Cash
21		Stores?
22		A. I believe so.
23	126.	Q. Okay. And then it says additional
24		funds advanced to Cash Stores of 1.75 million.
25		Do you see that?

1		, A.	Yes.
2	127.	Q.	I take it that that was just
3		subsequent	funding advanced by Trimor to Cash
4		Stores?	
5		A.	I believe so.
6	128.	Q.	And then it lists below that a payday
7 .		loan portf	Folio, \$3,897,047?
8		A.	Yes.
9	129.	Q.	And I take it that was part of what
10		you were r	receiving for your funding?
11		Α.	I'm sorry, I don't understand the
12		question.	
13	130.	Q.	. Well, why did you understand that
14		they were	showing you payday loan portfolio
15		amounts in	n this reconciliation statement?
16		Α.	. Because we had advanced payday loans
17		to custome	ers.
18	131.	Q.	. And that was what the funding of 16
19		million pl	lus, for instance, was being used for,
20		among othe	er things?
21		Α.	. Not among other things, to our
22		understand	ding.
23	132.	Q.	. It was also being used for lines of
24		credit, r	ight?
25		А	. Sorry, the loans interpretation I

1		think is	broa	dened to include line of credit
2		under th	e bro	oker agreement, to my understanding.
3	133.		Q.	So you're told that you're receiving
4		a payday	o loar	n portfolio in a certain amount.
5		Correct?		
6			Α.	That we have a payday loan portfolio
7		in a cer	ctain	amount.
8	134.		Q.	And lines of credits in another
9		amount,	in th	nis case \$10,027,493?
10			Α.	Correct.
11	135.		Q.	And those amounts do not equate to
12		the tota	al amo	ount that you've advanced to Cash
13		Stores,	corr	ect?
14			Α.	It doesn't appear so.
15	136.		Q.	And I take it that part of that
16		differe	nce i	s made up by Cash Stores assigning
17		loans to	o you	?
18			Α.	As well as loans that were past due
19		and acc	ounts	written off, et cetera.
20	137.		Q.	So one component of the to add
21		back up	to t	he 16 million would have been amounts
22		written	off,	as you just said, but another
23		compone	nt wo	ould have been loans assigned to you,
24		accordi	ng to	this document, by Cash Stores.
25		Correct	?	

1		A. It appears so.
2	138.	Q. And without those loans being
3		assigned to you or transferred or otherwise
4		given, granted to you, there would have been a
5		larger funding excess?
6		A. It appears so.
7	139.	Q. And what do you understand the line
8		at the bottom of the first half of the page,
9		"Funding (Excess)" to represent?
10		A. Funds that Cash Store would have beer
11		holding for Trimor not advanced to customers.
12	140.	Q. I'm showing you an e-mail dated
13		January 10th, 2012 from Mr. Pang, who appears to
14		be at Cash Stores, to you. I'm going to mark
15		that as Exhibit 7. Take a minute to read the
16		e-mail, please.
17		EXHIBIT NO. 7: E-mail dated January 10,
18		2012 from Mr. Pang to Ms. Armstrong.
19		BY MR. MERSKEY:
20	141.	Q. Mr. Pang appears to be responding to
21		a request from you, correct?
22		A. It appears so.
23	142.	Q. And he indicates that you asked for
24		the transfer of 275,000 from Trimor 5 to Trimor
25		6.

1		Can you just explain to me what Trimor 5
2		and Trimor 6 are?
3		A. They are two Trimor limited
4		partnerships conducting the same business with
5		Cash Store.
6	143.	Q. So why would you need a transfer
7		between the two?
8		A. I would have to see the whole chain
9		in order to comment with certainty, but our
10		process
11		MR. HARRISON: Are you speculating or do
12		you know?
13		THE DEPONENT: I can't be a hundred
14		percent certain in this scenario.
15		BY MR. MERSKEY:
16	144.	Q. So you don't know why you were asking
17		for Cash Stores to transfer funds for you?
18		A. I can't say with a hundred percent
19		certainty in this scenario.
20		There were scenarios that occurred where
21		an investor in one partnership would have sold
22		their units and an investor in another
23		partnership would have purchased units, and so
24		the amount that would have been made available
25		for loans in one partnership would have gone down

1		and the other partnership would have gone up.
2	145.	Q. And Mr. Pang says that there would be
3		a problem in moving any AR from Trimor 5 due to
4		AR restriction.
5		Can we take it that "AR" means account
16		receivable?
7		A. That would make sense.
8	146.	Q. And do you know what the restriction
9		was in moving an account receivable?
10		A. I don't.
11	147.	Q. Are you aware of any restriction
12		yourself?
13		A. As I said, this is one e-mail from a
14		chain and I can't see the rest of the chain. So
15		it's hard for me to comment.
16	148.	Q. Well, I understand. I've only had
17		the benefit of secondhand production from all
18		parties.
19		So I'm showing you an e-mail dated Friday,
20		March 1st, 2013 from Mr. Carlstrom to you. I'm
21		going to mark that as Exhibit 8.
22		EXHIBIT NO. 8: E-mail dated March 1, 2013
23		from Mr. Carlstrom to Ms. Armstrong.
24		BY MR. MERSKEY:
25	149.	Q. And Mr. Carlstrom indicates that he

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1		has 4 million of your capital allocated to Loans
2		AB.
3		Do you know what Loans AB was referring
4		to?
5		A. Loans Alberta would have been one of
6		the entities that brokered loans for Trimor.
7	150.	Q. And so Mr. Carlstrom was asking you
8		in this instant to use that capital for other
9		consumer lending activities. Correct?
10		A. My understanding was that it was just
11		to be transferred to broker loans under our
12		agreement with Cash Store as opposed to our
13		agreement with Loans Alberta.
14	151.	Q. He says, "consumer lending
15		activities." So taking your evidence as well, I
16		take it he was asking for permission to move the
17		loans to some other activity than just Loans AB.
18		Correct?
19		A. My understanding was that he was
20		intending to transfer the money to be used under
21		our broker agreement with Cash Store.
22	152.	Q. And did you grant that permission?
23		A. I can't say without seeing my
24		response.
25	153.	O. Did this sort of request come up from

1		time to time?
2		A. I can't recall specific
3		circumstances.
4	154.	Q. You don't know one way or another?
5		A. Not for sure.
6		MR. HARRISON: Just to clarify, I think
7		we've provided and I think you have, because the
8		company has provided all of the lender statements
9		that have all of the amounts that were made
10		available to both of these entities and how much
11		and at what time. So I think you have all that
12		information.
13		MR. MERSKEY: So sitting here at this
14		point in time, Mr. Harrison, you're able to
15		pinpoint it on those lender statements. Is that
16		why you're directing my attention to those
17		documents?
18		MR. HARRISON: No, because you have it.
19		MR. MERSKEY: I have it. So you're
20		inviting me to go off on a safari through those
21		documents to see if I can pinpoint it instead of
22		asking the witness the direct question? I'm not
23		sure what's the basis for your interjection.
24		MR. HARRISON: The witness has just said
25		she doesn't know. So I'm just directing you

1	there to help you.
2	MR. MERSKEY: Well, thank you for that
3	assistance.
4	MR. HARRISON: You're welcome.
5	MR. MERSKEY: I think it would be better
6	if we stuck with the witness' evidence.
7	Let's just go off the record for five
8	minutes.
9	Off the record at 2:56 p.m.
10	Upon resuming at 2:57 p.m.
11	MR. MERSKEY: Mr. Harrison, the document
12	production, there was about four or five inches
13	in height that you provided to me this morning.
14	I take it that you're content to agree that those
15	were produced either in response to the Notice of
16	Examination or as the equivalent of an answer to
17	undertaking?
18	MR. HARRISON: Yes.
19	MR. MERSKEY: Thank you. I don't have any
20	further questions for the witness.
21	MR. HARRISON: Off the record.
22	Off the record at 2:57 p.m.
23	Upon resuming at 3:04 p.m.
24	RE-EXAMINATION BY MR. HARRISON:
25	155. O. I've just handed you a document which

1		was produced by the CRO, number CH0001380, which
2		is an e-mail from you to The Cash Store dated
3		November 16th, 2011.
4		A. Yes.
5	156.	Q. And you will recall that Mr. Merskey
6		had asked you a series of questions with regard
7		to conversations that you had or e-mails that you
8		had back and forth with Mr. Zvonkovic on November
9		16, on or about November 16, 2011?
LO		A. Yes.
L1	157.	Q. I think those are related to Exhibits
12		1, 2 and 3. Correct?
13		A. Yes.
14	158.	Q. And if you will read the additional
15		e-mails that were sent in that chain that are in
16		which I'm going to mark as Exhibit 9?
17		A. You want me to just read all of this?
18	159.	Q. If you just read the additional
19		e-mails.
20		MR. MERSKEY: Which are the new ones,
21		counsel?
22		MR. HARRISON: So if I look at Exhibit 3,
23		it appears Exhibit 3 stops with the e-mail from
24		Michael Zvonkovic that is at 3:55 on November
25		16th.

1	MR. MERSKEY: So you're asking the witness
2	I'm not sure about that.
3	MR. HARRISON: Oh, I am sorry. You know
4	what, it's funny because the timing is different.
5	Obviously there's a time difference from Toronto
6	and Calgary.
7	So it would appear in Exhibit 9 that is
8	the e-mail from Michael Zvonkovic which is at
9	1:55 p.m. because of the time difference.
10	MR. MERSKEY: Right. So there's two new
11	e-mails in the chain which is what you're asking
12	the witness to look at?
13	MR. HARRISON: Right.
14	MR. MERSKEY: So why don't we confine it
15	for simplicity to those first two e-mails?
16	THE DEPONENT: So starting here?
17	BY MR. HARRISON:
18	160. Q. I'm just asking you to read those
19	two.
20	A. Okay. Just the two?
21	161. Q. Right.
22	A. So Mike says Hello Erin
23	162. Q. Sorry, you don't have to read them
24	out loud. It's okay.
25	A. Oh, okay.

1	163.	Q. So I'm going to mark it as nine, but
2		do you recall this e-mail? It's your e-mail?
3		A. Yes.
4		MR. HARRISON: I'm marking it number 9.
5		EXHIBIT NO. 9: E-mail chain ending
6		November 16, 2011 from Erin Armstrong to
7		Kurt Soost and others (CH0001380).
8		BY MR. HARRISON:
9	164.	Q. And in the e-mail that Michael
10		Zvonkovic sends to you which in Exhibit 9 is at
11		3:05 p.m., do you see that one?
12		A. Yes.
13	165.	Q. Do you see his comment about making
14		amendments?
15		A. Yes.
16	166.	Q. Do you recall what issue he is
17		relating to referring to?
18		A. So this is relating to the auditor
19		confirmation again that we provided already, and
20		number 1 and 4 of the confirmation, I just need
21		to read them.
22	167.	Q. That's Exhibit 2.
23		A. So
24		MR. MERSKEY: What's the clarification
25		question you're asking, Mr. Harrison?

1	MR. HARRISON: Well, I'm happy just to
2	leave it, to mark it.
3	MR. MERSKEY: Yes, you can just mark it.
4	I'm content to have it in the record, say what it
5	says. I think that makes more sense than
6	MR. HARRISON: I was going to give her the
7	opportunity to clarify, but if
8	THE DEPONENT: So the I just needed to
9	see them so that I can clarify.
10	MR. MERSKEY: I understand, but there's no
11	question and I was asking what the question was.
12	So I want to know, especially to understand
13	this
14	MR. HARRISON: Sure. I said that there
15	was another e-mail in here which would help
16	explain. You had said you haven't seen any
17	e-mail in here which addresses the issue the
18	witness raised about the segregation of funds.
19	It's my recollection, and I'm just giving
20	the witness an opportunity, you didn't put this
21	e-mail to her, which is part of this conversation
22	which you put to her.
23	MR. MERSKEY: I completely agree that the
24	conversation was this e-mail chain was put to
25	her and those are additional e-mails in the

1		chain, and I'm happy to have you mark it as
2		Exhibit 9.
3		My recollection about the discussion of
4		the segregation of funds was on a separate topic,
5		which is why I'm a bit uncomfortable in you
6		putting an additional question to her.
7		MR. HARRISON: Well, I'm going to let the
8		witness answer the question about clarifying the
9		discussion that was had in the e-mail. If you
10		object, that's fine. We can deal with that
11		before His Honour, but I'm going to put the
12		question to her.
13		BY MR. HARRISON:
14	168.	Q. So does this help clarify?
15		A. Yes, it does. So point 1 that he is
16		talking about, we had asked for a clarification
17		on that point because the auditor's confirmation
18		states that funds could be used for operating
19		expenses, and our understanding is that they were
20		not to be used for any other purpose.

Cash Store agreed and said they would make the necessary amendments on the broker agreement effective as the beginning of the date when the broker agreements were signed to clarify the use of funds that wasn't defined.

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1		RE-CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. MERSKEY:
2	169.	Q. So a couple of follow-up questions
3		then with respect to that, just on the
4		clarification point.
5		So again, we're talking about the broker
6		agreement as it was in 2012, not the broker
7		agreement that was entered into in we're
8		talking about the broker agreement as it was in
9		2011. Correct?
10		A. Correct.
11	170.	Q. Not the broker agreement that was
12		entered into in 2012, correct?
13		A. My understanding was that some of the
14		changes to the broker agreement stemmed from this
15		point.
16	171.	Q. Fine, but my question was, at this
17		point in time, we are talking about amending the
18		broker agreement in 2011; right?
19		A. Correct.
20	172.	Q. Not the one that you're operating
21		under today, which was the one that was entered
22		into in 2012; correct?
23		A. That's correct.
24	173.	Q. And you'll recall that in your
25		examination earlier this afternoon, we did in

1	fact go through some of the back and forth over
2	this amendment; correct?
3	A. Some of it.
4	MR. MERSKEY: Thank you.
5	Cross-examination is concluded at 3:11 p.m.
6	I HEREBY CERTIFY THE FOREGOING to be a true and accurate
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Attention: Natalie Brykman, CA 10125 – 102 Street

Edmonton, AB T5J 3V8:

Phone: 780.429.6538

Fax: 780,429,7379

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter

ours truly,

Michael Zvonkovic, CA: VP Financial Reporting



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Disagree - (please provide the details of differences.)

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Agree

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Individual KURT GT. J. SOOST

Title PRESIDENT

Signature

Date Nov. 14, 2011





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Sent:

Wednesday, November 16, 2011 3:55 PM

To:

Erin Armstrong <earmstrong@trimorcapital.com>; Colby Dewart (ctd@bdplaw.com) 'Kurt Soost' <ksoost@trimorcapital.com>; Bill Johnson <br/> bill.johnson@csfinancial.ca>;

Cc:

Nancy Bland <nancy.bland@csfinancial.ca>

Subject: Attach:

RE: Sentence image001.jpg

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Please note that CSF has never used funds for any other purpose other than loans to customers or maintaining a loan float.

Let us know ASAP,

Mike

From: Erin Armstrong [mailto:earmstrong@trimorcapital.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 3:53 PM

To: 'Michael Zvonkovic'

Cc: 'Kurt Soost'

Subject: FW: Sentence

Hi Mike,

Given the seriousness around any misrepresentation made by us to investors we felt we needed to receive advice from our legal counsel around the terms of the agreements. Unfortunately he has advised us that we cannot sign off agreeing to this statement without being in conflict with what we have represented to our Limited Partners. I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, the last thing that we want to do is make things more difficult for you. Please feel free to give us a call to discuss, we will wait to hear from you prior to submitting.

Erin

From: Colby Dewart [mailto:ctd@bdplaw.com] Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 3:11 PM

To: Erin Armstrong Subject: RE: Sentence

Erin,

You need to check "Disagree". Funds are only to be used for loans to broker customers.

Below is an excerpt from one of the Broker Agreements:

"Broker shall account to Trimor with respect to all funds (i.e. funds paid by Trimor to

or funds received by Broker from Broker Customers or other third parties in relation to Loans) and

Records from time to time received by Broker. All such funds and Records shall be received, and

shall be segregated and kept apart by Broker, in trust for Trimor."

As such, Broker has no ability to use any funds for its general operating expenses.

Let me know if you need any further clarification on this.

Colby

From: Erin Armstrong [mailto:earmstrong@trimorcapital.com]

Sent: November 9, 2011 2:53 PM

To: Colby Dewart Subject: FW: Sentence

Colby,

As per our conversation please see response suggested by Michael below. Please let me know if this is something we could do without causing any legal issues.

Thanks, Erin

From: Michael Zvonkovic [mailto:michael.zvonkovic@csfinancial.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 2:13 PM
To: Erin Armstrong (earmstrong@trimorcapital.com)

Cc: <u>ksoost@trimorcapital.com</u> Subject: RE: Sentence

Agree – As represented by Michael Zvonkovic they have not use the cash for general operating expenses and is under the trust conditions as outlined in the agreement.

### Michael M. Zvonkovic, CA VP Financial Reporting

Description: CashStoreFinancial Green with White back

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Direct:

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From:

Erin Armstrong <earmstrong@trimorcapital.com>

Sent:

Thursday, December 22, 2011 5:10 PM

To:

'Michael Zvonkovic' <michael.zvonkovic@csfinancial.ca>; 'Colby Dewart'

<ctd@bdplaw.com>

Subject:

RE: Trimor/Cash Store - Broker Agreement Amendment

### Hi Mike/Colby,

I just wanted to follow up and see where we are at with this, can you please let me know when you think we can have this in place?

Thank you, Erin

From: Michael Zvonkovic [mailto:michael.zvonkovic@csfinancial.ca]

Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2011 8:47 AM

To: Colby Dewart; Erin Armstrong

Subject: RE: Trimor/Cash Store - Broker Agreement Amendment

Hi Colby I've had a chance to look at this and just wondering administratively if it makes sense to have all these requests written or can it be verbal? As discussed previously we have huge dips in our cash both ways so in some cases Trimor could be using our cash to fund loans so the provision has to be balanced.

As for the branches transfers here's a little sentence: something to the affect that Cash Store Financial reserves the right, under our discretion, to transfer branches and their related list of customer receivable at fair value, between lenders.

From: Colby Dewart [mailto:ctd@bdplaw.com] Sent: Friday, December 09, 2011 11:29 AM To: Erin Armstrong; Michael Zvonkovic

Subject: Trimor/Cash Store - Broker Agreement Amendment

Erin and Michael,

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Colby

### Colby Dewart

## BD&P BURNET, DUCKWORTH & PALMER LLP Law Firm

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From:

Erin Armstrong <earmstrong@trimorcapital.com>

Sent:

Friday, December 9, 2011 1:54 PM

To:

'Colby Dewart' <ctd@bdplaw.com>; 'Michael Zvonkovic'

<michael.zvonkovic@csfinancial.ca>

Cc:

'Kurt Soost' <ksoost@trimorcapital.com>

Subject:

RE: Trimor/Cash Store - Broker Agreement Amendment

### Colby,

I would be more comfortable with the wording as changed below if this still works with our LP Agreement and for Cash Store Financial:

"Any funds forwarded by Trimor to the Broker, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement, may not be used by the Broker for purposes other than Loans, without (i) the Broker first providing Trimor with a written request, requesting that the Broker be able to use the funds for purposes other than the Loans, stating the reasons why the Broker is making such a request and the amount of funds that the Broker wishes to uses for purposes other than Loans and (ii) once the Broker has delivered the aforementioned written notice, the Broker obtain the prior written consent of Trimor to the written request provided by the Broker, which consent may be withheld for any reason whatsoever."

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### LENDER STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

February 2013

Trimor Annuity Focus Limited Partnership #5

Account Reconciliator			
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Funds made available, opening	\$ (16,324,000) \$	(16,324,000)	
Funds transferred to The Title Store	100,000	100,000	
Additional funds advanced to CSF	(1,750,000)	(1,750,000)	
Payday Loan Portfolio	3,897,047	3,897,047	
Loans Assigned by CSF at fair value	2,790,665	2,790,665	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Lines of Credit	10,027,493	10,027,493	
Balance Forward	1,042,379	1,110,749	
Interest Collected	(142,282)	(216,211)	
Accounts Written Off	104,385	114,890	
Credit for Fraudulent Loans	-	(4,947)	•
Cash payments made	238,058	476,117	
Broker Retention Contribution	(288,310)	(526,368)	
Funding (Excess) / Deficiency	\$ (304,565) \$	(304,565).	

<sup>\*</sup>Includes participation fees of \$179,753.49 on assigned loans

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Prior Month Closing Balance New Loans Loans Received From another Lender Collections	\$ Payday Loans 4,044,759 \$ 2,719,162 - (2,762,489)	Assigned Loans 3,588,779 - - (798,114)	Lines of Credit - \$ 10,027,493 -	Total 7,633,538 12,746,655 - (3,560,603)
Accounts Written Off	 (104,385)		•	(104,385)
Current month closing balance	\$ 3,897,047 \$	2,790,665 \$	10,027,493 \$	16,715,205

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1. Payday Loans												
Province	Current		1-30 Days Overdue			31-60 Days Overdue		61-90 Days Overdue	90 Days	s + Overdue	Total	
Unregulated Provinces	\$	1,462,239	\$	338,713	\$	163,363	\$	163,627	\$	1,769,107	\$	3,897,048
AR Discrepancy in investigation												
Total	\$	1,462,239	\$	338,713	\$	163,363	\$	163,627	\$	1,769,107	\$	3,897,048
2. Assigned Loans			***				***					
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Ontario	\$-		\$	285,194	\$	457,189	\$	1,013,565	\$	5,139,917	\$	6,895,866
AR Discrepancy Under Investigation											\$	256,685
Total	\$		\$	285,194	\$	457,189	\$	1,013,565	\$	5,139,917	Ş	7,152,551
							Al	lowance on Dou	ibtful Acc	counts	\$	(4,361,885)
									Total		\$	2,790,665
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Province		Current		1-30 Days		31-60 Days		61-90 Days	90 Day	s + Overdue		Total
Ontario	\$	9,831,614	\$	195,879	\$	-	\$	-	\$	•	\$	10,027,493
Total	\$	9,831,614	\$	195,879	Ş		5		\$	•	\$	10,027,493



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From:

Ivan Pang < Ivan.Pang@csfinancial.ca>

Sent:

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 12:18 PM

To:

'earmstrong@trimorcapital.com' (earmstrong@trimorcapital.com)

Cc:

<michael.zvonkovic@csfinancial.ca>

Subject:

Transfer to Trimor 6

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Hi Erin,

For December, you have requested us to transfer \$275K from Trimor 5 to Trimor 6. However, we are unable to move any AR out from Trimor 5 due to AR restriction. If we transfer the \$275K out, we may have a receivable from this LP. Can we suggest the transfer coming out from Trimor 2 for \$137K and \$138K from Trimor 3?

Thank you,

### Ivan Pang

Staff Accountant, Financial Reporting



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From:

Steve Carlstrom < Steve. Carlstrom@csfinancial.ca>

Sent:

Friday, March 1, 2013 1:34 PM

To:

Erin Armstrong (earmstrong@trimorcapital.com)

Cc:

Ivan Pang <Ivan.Pang@csfinancial.ca>

Subject:

Loans AB Capital

Hi Erin,

As you may know we are in the process of winding up Loans AB through the collection of outstanding accounts and have not made any loans since September 30, 2012. We currently have \$4 million of your capital allocated to Loans AB. I am requesting your permission to re-allocate/transfer \$2 million of this capital that is not currently being utilized back to the Cash Store for use in our consumer lending activities. We anticipate re-allocating the remaining capital over the coming months as the remaining loans are collected or written off.

Let me know if ok to proceed

Thanksl

Steve

stevecarlstrom, CA VICE PRESIDENT FINANCIAL REPORTING

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Wednesday, November 16, 2011 5:27 PM

To:

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Cc:

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'Nancy Bland' <nancy.bland@csfinancial.ca>; 'Colby Dewart' <ctd@bdplaw.com>

Subject:

RE: Sentence

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#### Hi Mike,

I have sent the signed confirmation off to Linda Nelson based on the amendments to be made as per our conversation this afternoon with Colby at BD&P. Thank you for your time spent working through this with us. We can sympathize with the pressure that you are under and appreciate your understanding of our position.

Thanks, Erin

From: Michael Zvonkovic [mailto:michael.zvonkovic@csfinancial.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2011 3:05 PM

To: Erin Armstrong

Cc: 'Kurt Soost'; Bill Johnson; Nancy Bland; Colby Dewart (ctd@bdplaw.com)

Subject: RE: Sentence

Hello Erin,

As discussed we will make the necessary amendments to the broker agreements to reflect #1 (as noted below) and #4 on the confirmation to the satisfactory of Trimor. We can make these effective at the beginning of when the original broker agreements were signed.

Thanks,

Mike

From: Michael Zvonkovic

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2011 1:55 PM **To:** 'Erin Armstrong'; Colby Dewart (ctd@bdplaw.com)

Cc: 'Kurt Soost'; Bill Johnson; Nancy Bland

**Subject:** RE: Sentence **Importance:** High

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Please note that our interpretation of the below section is that all funds must be recorded in the Trust account and not limiting the use of funds. Here is what we propose for the amendment.

Because the broker-lender agreement is silent on the use of the funds advanced by lenders, in relation to the auditor's first question on their confirmation letter, we proposed to Randy and he agreed that we add an addendum to the agreement that states;

"If any funds advanced by the lender under this agreement are to be used for any purpose other than loans to customers or the loan float, then before the funds are used for that purpose, written permission will be obtained by the broker from the lender."

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Please note that CSF has never used funds for any other purpose other than loans to customers or maintaining a loan float.

Let us know ASAP,

Mike

From: Erin Armstrong [mailto:earmstrong@trimorcapital.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 3:53 PM

To: 'Michael Zvonkovic'

Cc: 'Kurt Soost'

Subject: FW: Sentence

Hi Mike,

Given the seriousness around any misrepresentation made by us to investors we felt we needed to receive advice from our legal counsel around the terms of the agreements. Unfortunately he has advised us that we cannot sign off agreeing to this statement without being in conflict with what we have represented to our Limited Partners. I sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, the last thing that we want to do is make things more difficult for you. Please feel free to give us a call to discuss, we will wait to hear from you prior to submitting.

Erin

From: Colby Dewart [mailto:ctd@bdplaw.com] Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 3:11 PM

To: Erin Armstrong Subject: RE: Sentence

Erin,

You need to check "Disagree". Funds are only to be used for loans to broker customers.

Below is an excerpt from one of the Broker Agreements:

"Broker shall account to Trimor with respect to all funds (i.e. funds paid by Trimor to Broker

or funds received by Broker from Broker Customers or other third parties in relation to

Records from time to time received by Broker. All such funds and Records shall be received,

shall be segregated and kept apart by Broker, in trust for Trimor."

As such, Broker has no ability to use any funds for its general operating expenses.

Let me know if you need any further clarification on this.

Colby

From: Erin Armstrong [mailto:earmstrong@trimorcapital.com]

**Sent:** November 9, 2011 2:53 PM

To: Colby Dewart Subject: FW: Sentence

Colby,

As per our conversation please see response suggested by Michael below. Please let me know if this is something we

could do without causing any legal issues.

Thanks, Erin

From: Michael Zvonkovic [mailto:michael.zvonkovic@csfinancial.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2011 2:13 PM
To: Erin Armstrong (earmstrong@trimorcapital.com)

Cc: <u>ksoost@trimorcapital.com</u>
Subject: RE: Sentence

Agree – As represented by Michael Zvonkovic they have not use the cash for general operating expenses and is under the trust conditions as outlined in the agreement.

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# TAB 5

Court File No. CV-14-10518-00CL

#### ONTARIO

SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE - COMMERCIAL LIST

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES' CREDITORS ARRANGEMENT ACT, R.S.C. 1985, c. C-36, AS AMENDED

AND IN THE MATTER OF A PLAN OF COMPROMISE OR ARRANGEMENT OF THE CASH STORE FINANCIAL SERVICES INC., THE CASH STORE INC., TCS CASH STORE INC., INSTALOANS INC., 7252331 CANADA INC., 5515433 MANITOBA INC., 1693926 ALBERTA LTD. DOING BUSINESS AS "THE TITLE STORE"

Applicants

This is the Cross-Examination of JENNIFER PEDE, via videoconference, on the Affidavit of Don MacLean sworn May 15th, 2014, taken at the offices of Bennett Jones LLP, Suite 3400, 100 King Street West, Toronto, Ontario, on the 27th day of May, 2014.

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BILL AZIZ

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- UPON COMMENCING AT 2:05 P.M. 1 2 JENNIFER PEDE, AFFIRMED CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. MERSKEY: 3 Good afternoon, Ms. Pede, can you hear 1. Ο. 5 me okay? Α. Yes. 6 You are here being examined as a 7 2. Q. 8 representative of PricewaterhouseCoopers in substitution of Don MacLean with respect to a report 9 dated May 14th, 2014, correct? 10 Yes, that's correct. 11 Α. 3. Q. And I take it that you were involved in 12 the preparation and drafting of this report? 13 Yes. My role was supervising the -- I Α. 14 15 was involved in the field work and supervising the 16 team. And were you involved in the drafting? 17 Q. 4. Yes, I had some involvement in the Α. 18 drafting of the report. 19 MR. MERSKEY: Let me just pause there. 20 Madam Reporter, are you picking up the answers all 21 22 right? 23 THE REPORTER: I am, yes.
  - NETWORK REPORTING & MEDIATION (416) 359-0305

Ms. Pede, if for any reason you can't

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BY MR. MERSKEY:

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1	hear me or don't understand the question you can just
2	ask me to repeat myself, given the connection.
3	A. Okay.
4	MR. MERSKEY: The report refers to an
5	engagement letter of April 21, 2014. Can you provide
6	me with a copy of the engagement letter, Counsel?
7	MR. HARRISON: I'll take it under
8	advisement.
9	UNDER ADVISEMENT NO. 1
10	MR. MERSKEY: And will you provide me with a
11	copy of the working file in connection with the
12	report, please?
13	MR. HARRISON: I'll take that under
14	advisement as well.
15	UNDER ADVISEMENT NO. 2
16	MR. MERSKEY: And can you tell me when
17	you're going to determine your position on the
18	advisement?
19	MR. HARRISON: After I've considered it.
20	MR. MERSKEY: Given the schedule for the
21	litigation I'm just asking if there's a date by which
22	I can expect an answer, Counsel?
23	MR. HARRISON: I don't know until I've
24	considered it, so I will let you know as soon as
25	possible.

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1		MR. MERSKEY: All right. And when I refer
2		to the working file you will understand me to mean I'm
3		also referring to all communications with counsel in
4		connection with the preparation of the report as well?
5		MR. HARRISON: I understand that.
6		MR. MERSKEY: Thank you.
7		BY MR. MERSKEY:
8	6.	Q. Ms. Pede, could you start by turning to
9		pate 7 of the report, please? And you'll see on page
10		7 at paragraph 5 that there is a reference to a
11		separate bank account being used for deposit of funds
12		received from TPLs and for cash retention payments
13		paid to TPLs; do you see that reference there?
14		A. Yes, I see the reference.
15	7.	Q. The statement there does not indicate
16		whether or not that account was also, in your
17		understanding, used for receipt of funds from
18		customers. Are you able to say from your review
19		whether the account was used for the receipt of funds
20		from Cash Store customers?
21		A. Yes. There I'll refer you to
22		this is intended to be a summary. I will refer you to
23		later in the report just give me one moment
24		where that's addressed.
25	8.	Q. I think there's a further discussion of

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the account on page 27 of the report, if that assists you, Ms. Pede.

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- A. Can you repeat the question, please?
- 9. Q. Yes. My question was: were you able to determine from your investigation whether what is referred to as a separate bank account, being the CIBC account, was used for receipt of funds from Cash Store customers?
  - A. We did not do a detailed audit of all of the transactions going through this account; what we did note from our observations and review of the bank statements that were provided to us for the period from October 2013 through to January 2014 -- we noted that there were certain transactions in smaller dollar values going through that account which, when we discussed that with management they indicated that those transactions represented customer pre-authorized deposit collections which would be in relation to both brokered and direct loans. We did not substantiate that by tracing those to source documents to understand which lender those would have related to.
  - 10. Q. Thank you. Just staying with the statement on page 7 of the report that although this account was not specifically designated for third party funds, based on your review of the bank

statements for the period October 2013 to March 2014, 1 it appears to have been used for that purpose. And am 2 I correct in understanding from your report, Ms. Pede, 3 that in fact the account was used for at most one to 4 two months for that purpose, at least as far as you 5 can determine from your investigation? 6 No, I don't believe that to be correct. 7 Α. 11. Q. Okay. Can you go to page 27 of your 8 report then to assist me with that? So if we look at 9 the second-last bullet from the bottom of the page it 10 indicates that prior to January of 2014 this account 11 was used to facilitate cash receipts from and payments 12 to the TPLs. And the last bullet says, "Mr. Carlstrom 13 advised this process was discontinued in December 14 2013." So my understanding from your report is that 15 the last period of time in which this bank account was 16 used in the fashion you've described was December 17 2013. Is my understanding accurate? 18 I think it's important to characterize 19 Α. that we did not look at the transactions through this 20 21

account prior to October 2013 so I cannot comment on what was going through that prior to that.

- No, I appreciate ---23 12. Q.
- 24 Α. What we were ---

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25 13. Q. Ms. Pede, let me just interrupt you there. No, she can finish the question -- but it relates to clarifying my prior question anyway, Mr. Harrison -- and that is I appreciate that your investigation doesn't go back before October 2013 but what I'm asking is from the statements that you've reviewed you have only seen this account being used in that fashion for one to two months; is that fair?

MR. HARRISON: Please feel free to complete

THE DEPONENT: So we reviewed the statements, the bank statements, from October to January 2014. We discussed the nature of the transactions going through this account with management at that time. The discussions we had with management at that time is they advised that it was used to facilitate the cash receipts from the TPLs as well as payments to the TPLs. They had made some changes -- Mr. Carlstrom indicated to us that they had made some changes to their banking arrangements after this December 2013 period and as noted before these pre-authorized deposits had been set up to go to that account so they were essentially running the course, I guess, of those that were in place. But after December 2013 anything -- well, I believe it was actually in November, they set them up to be directed

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- to a separate account, a different account. 1
- Right. So I'm correct in understanding 14. 2
- that from your review and what you've seen you're only 3
- aware of what was going through there in October and 4
- November of 2013? 5
- October, November, December and January Α. 6
- were the months that we looked at. 7
- Right. There was nothing going through 15. Ο. 8
- there in January, right? 9
- I would have to go back and check to be Α. 10
- sure but there may have been minimal transactions 11
- going through at that time. I believe we state on 12
- page 28 of our report that there was still a balance 13
- in that account of about \$5,000.00 as at March 31st. 14
- But ---15
- Let me put it to you this way, Ms. 16 16. Q.
- Pede, the account wasn't being used for general 17
- collection of TPL funds in January, correct? 18
- Can you clarify what you mean by TPL Α. 19
- funds? 20

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- Yes. You have indicated that your 21 17. Ο.
- understanding of this account is it was used -- while 22
- not identified in that fashion it was used for the 23
- collection of third party lender receipts. Is that 24
- your understanding of what it was used for or was it 25

1		used for some wider purpose?
2		A. No, our understanding is that it was
3		used to deposit advances from TPLs as well as make
4		those cash payments that are issued to the TPLs on a
5		monthly basis from that account.
6	18.	Q. Those are the 17.5 percent payments?
7		A. Correct.
8	19.	Q. And so I was just attempting to confirm
9		that the usage which you've just described, you're
10		aware of it being used for that purpose on a regular
11		basis in November 2013, correct?
12		A. As far as the information we were
13		provided by management, yes.
14	20.	Q. And that's all you've got to work with,
15		right, the information that was provided by
16		management?
17		A. With respect to the detailed bank
18		transactions, yes, we were provided with statements by
19		management and then they provided explanations to us
20		as to how that account was used.
21	21.	Q. Okay. So to the best of your
22		knowledge, based on the information you were provided,
23		that account was used for that purpose in November
24		2013, correct?

A. Yes.

1	22.	Q. Do you know if it was used generally
2		for that purpose in December 2013? That's the month
3		in which Mr. Carlstrom said to you that it was
4		discontinued.

- A. I would have to go back and look at the exact transactions because what Mr. Carlstrom had indicated to us is they were -- around the time frame of about December 2013 they were in the process of changing the structure of their bank accounts so there would have been changes being made during that time frame. But there would have been some transitioning period there. I would ---
- 23. Q. But you're not able to say anything further at this point in time, based on your report?

  A. No, I would have to go back and look at
- the actual bank statements.
- Ms. Pede, could you look at page 10 of 24. 17 Q. your report, please? And on this page there is a flow 18 chart depicting an overview of the third party lender 19 process, it's depicted. So am I correct in 20 understanding that on the left-hand side you are 21 showing funds, being interest of 59 percent per year, 2.2 flowing from the Cash Store customer to the third 23 party lender? 24
  - A. Yes.

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1	25.	Q. And then on the right-hand side am I
2		correct that the dotted line from the broker, which is
3		Cash Store, to the TPL represents the flow of funds
4		from Cash Stores making 17.5 percent payments to the
5		third party lenders?
6		A. Yes, that's correct. I should clarify,
7		just back to your point on the interest; this is not
8		necessarily intended to represent the flow of cash.
9		This is just provided to explain the nature of the
10		relationship between the broker and third party
11		lender.
12	26.	Q. Thank you. So conceptually the
13		customer is paying 59 percent in interest which
14		somehow arrives at the third party lender, correct?
15		A. Yes, that's correct.
16	27.	Q. And then conceptually the company or
17		Cash Stores is separately paying an amount that
18		amounts to a 17.5 percent return to the third party
19		lenders, correct?
20		A. Based on what management told us, yes,
21		that is how it operated.
22	28.	Q. Right. And your understanding of the
23	20.	reason that they did that, that's set out on page 11,
		correct? You say that's because the company
24		correct: for say that a because the company

recognized the need to compensate the TPLs for the use

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- A. Yes. Our discussions with management indicated that these 17 and a half percent payments were made to the TPLs to encourage them to continue to lend their funds through the brokerage business.
  - 29. Q. And that's why you call it compensation to the TPLs in your report?
    - A. It's compensation in the form that it is cash changing hands, yes, but it's important to note, I guess, that it's not specified in the broker agreement, that specific payment. So we -- this comment is based on our discussions with management and how they advised us that they were dealing with the practice.
    - 30. Q. Understood. Can you turn to page 12 of your report, please? And I understand that set out here is a step description of how funds are flowed through these lending arrangements. And just to let you know where we're going with this, Ms. Pede, I would like to break that down into some smaller steps with you to see if my understanding of that is correct. So as I understand this correctly -- if I understand it correctly, this all starts -- there was an initial contribution of funds by the TPL, correct?
      - A. Yes. Now, that may have been made in

- more than one transaction or tranche. 1
- Fair enough. But at some point the TPL 2 31. Q.
- hands funds over to Cash Stores, correct? 3
- Α. Yes.
- Q. And Cash Stores flows that money out to 32. 5
- individual customers? 6
- Yes, in its capacity as the broker.
- 33. 0. Well, let's have the court decide the 8
- capacity and you can tell me whether you know whether 9
- it was flowed out to customers, okay, Ms. Pede? 10
- MR. HARRISON: I think she's giving you her 11
- understanding. 12
- THE DEPONENT: Well, based on our 13
- discussions with management that was our understanding 14
- of how they were operating the business. 15
- BY MR. MERSKEY: 16
- Q. All right. So Cash Stores flowed the 17 34.
- money out to individual customers in some capacity, 18
- fair? 19
- A. Yes. 20
- And the customers then signed loan 21 35. 0.
- documents naming, for instance, Trimor as the lender, 22
- correct? 23
- Yes, that is correct and there are 24
- examples of those attached in the appendix to our 25

1		report.
2	36.	Q. I take it you didn't see customers
3		signing any documents naming McCann as the lender, did
4		you?
5		A. No, we did not, but our work in looking
6		at the source loan documents was limited to just one
7		sample, one of which is attached in our report, but
8		they did include McCann loans.
9	37.	Q. Are you aware from your discussions
10		with management that customers did not sign any
11		documents naming McCann as the lender?
12		A. That was what management advised us,
13		yes.
14	38.	Q. Okay. So funds flow out to the
15		customers, then turning to the return part of the
16		cycle, some customers default, perhaps, correct?
17		A. That's correct.
18	39.	Q. And the customers that don't default
19		return the borrowed funds to Cash Stores along with
20		interest payments, correct?
21		A. Yes.
22	40.	Q. In one period of time Cash Stores used
23		what you called a flow-through account, you've seen a
24		month or two of that, to receive those funds, correct?
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A. We saw in some cases, yes, that those

transactions would have been deposited to a flowthrough account, but it's important to note we didn't
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sense as to whether that represents all of those fund
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- 41. Q. So you're not able to say how regular or irregular that practice was, based on the limited documentation you had for review?
  - A. Well, based on our discussions with management the practice was that there would be a preauthorized payment agreement set up with the customer and that would deposit the funds in to a bank account which was controlled by the broker. But those -- we didn't go through all of those transactions to know whether all of the transactions were going through one account or whether there were multiple accounts that these collections were going through.
- 18 42. Q. I take it you weren't aware, either

  19 from what you saw or your discussions with management,

  20 that any of the funds were being segregated by

  21 individual TPL?
- 22 A. Can you clarify, are you referring to a bank account?
- 24 43. Q. Correct. The funds were not being held 25 in a separate bank account, for instance, for Trimor?

1		A. Based on our discussions the bank
2		account that was being used for flow of funds was the
3		CIBC account referred to in our report. They did not
4		advise whether or not there was any a separate
5		account for Trimor versus McCann but that that was
6		used for TPL payments and the advances.
7	44.	Q. So you don't have any additional
8		information on that point?
9		A. No.
10	45.	Q. Okay. Leaving aside that flow-through
11		account then, otherwise, as far as you know, Cash
12		Stores flowed the funds received from customers into a
13		general operating account, correct?
14		A. Based on our discussions with
15		management, after January 2014 they were directed to a
16		general operating account.
17	46.	Q. And in that general operating account
18		TPL funds would be comingled with general Cash Store
19		funds, correct?
20		A. We didn't look at the details of what
21		was in that account, but based on Mr. Carlstrom's
22		representations to us that account had other functions
23		that it was used for, for general operating which is
24		why we have characterized it as a general operating

account in our report.

1	47.	Q. You've characterized it as a general
2		operating account because it received various
3		different kinds of receipts, correct, at least
4		according to what management has told you?
5		A. Right. But, you know, they would have
6		a number of accounts for a number of different
7		purposes of which we didn't discuss with them
8		specifically.
9	48.	Q. And I take it and I suppose this is
10		obvious to you from the accounting perspective, but
11		the account balance would go up as these different
12		kinds of receipts flowed in?
13		A. Are you talking about the receipts
14		directly from the customers, the pre-authorized
15		deposits?
16	49.	Q. Not just the pre-authorized deposits
17		but any receipts. The company's general receipts are
18		coming into that account and these pre-authorized
19		deposits, right?
20		A. Yes.
21	50.	Q. And so the account is going to go up as
22		any or all of these receipts come in, correct?
23		A. Yes.
24	51.	Q. And I take it then, equally, in the
25		gravitational pull of the accounting world the account

1	is going to go down as these funds are flowed out fo	r
2	various purposes, right?	
3	A. Correct.	

- Q. And of those various purposes you're 52. 4 aware, for instance, that Cash Stores would pay over 5 customer interest to the TPLs from this operating 7 account?
- Sorry, for clarification, are you Α. 8 talking actual payment of cash? 9

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- Yes. I'm talking about the receipts 10 53. Q. which represented interest that had been received from 11 customers. 12
  - Those would have been deposited into Α. this account but, for clarity, those were not directly given to the third party lender at that point in time. They would have been reflected as the collection of interest on the lender's -- the monthly lender's statement.
  - 54. So would there have been a monthly Ο. payment to the TPL then, representing that interest payment from that account?
- The way management described it to us 22 Α. is they hold the funds to which the TPL has provided 23 but in their role as the broker they are continuously 24 25 relending those funds. So that does not mean that

1		they are necessarily making a direct payment of that
2		specific interest in cash to the TPL on a monthly
3		basis. But it is reflected in the lender's statement
4		as funds that would be available to relend.
5	55.	Q. So it's either, in your understanding,
6		funds that might be paid out to the TPL or else it's

- funds that might be paid out to the TPL or else it's an accounting notation of funds -- of an obligation to the TPLs in that respect?
- 9 A. I wouldn't call it an obligation. I
  10 would refer you to a lender -- if you look at a
  11 monthly lender's statement the interest earned then -12 -
- 13 56. Q. If I can stop you, actually, there? I

  14 want to ask you about the chart on page 12, because

  15 what I'm really talking about here is step 3 in your

  16 chart. You see where it says "Cash payments made to

  17 third party lenders"?
- 18 A. Yes.

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- 20 Q. And there's a general operating 20 account. And it says "Return of capital payments, 21 target of 17.5 percent per annum."
- MR. HARRISON: So just if the witness can
  finish answering the question as she saw fit? So if
  you want to finish answering that question please feel
  free to.

1		THE DEPONENT: Sure. For clarity, I the
2		interest payment coming from the customer is reflected
3		as an entry in the I'll say the lender's it
4		effectively increases the amount available to loan
5		again, net of any accounts written off, which would
6		happen in the normal course. As to the 17 and a half
7		percent that you refer to on the chart, that is not
8		necessarily a payment of interest. I as I refer
9		you back to so that represents on page 11 of our
10		report these voluntary monthly cash payments of 17 and
11		a half
12		BY MR. MERSKEY:
13	58.	Q. So those are the payments from the
14		company to TPLs coming out of that general account?
15		A. After January 2014 we were told they
16		were coming out of that general account, prior to that
17		we were told the practice was it came out of that
18		flow-through account.
19	59.	Q. The payments by the company there, the
20		17.5 percent?
21		A. That's correct.
22	60.	Q. Well, I take it that after January
23		2014, at least, or from January 2014 on the company
24		was also using this general operating account to make
25		new customer loans?

1		A. We didn't look at that specifically but
2		that would be a question for the company.
3	61.	Q. Are you aware as to whether the
4		customer loans were coming from any other place?
5		A. Are you talking about new loans
6		advanced?
7	62.	Q. Correct, to new customers in January
8		2014 and forward?
9		A. TPL loans or company loans?
10	63.	Q. Let's take it step by step. Funds
11		would then flow out again to customers of Cash Stores,
12		right?
13		MR. HARRISON: So just to clarify, when you
14		say customers of Cash Stores are you talking about the
15		brokerage business or the direct lending, just to be
16		clear?
17		MR. MERSKEY: No, to be very clear I'm
18		talking about retail customers, it doesn't matter for
19		the purposes of this question, Mr. Harrison, whether
20		they're broker or direct lending. At some point there
21		is somebody who walks into a Cash Store premises in
22		any province, regardless of the form of the loan, and
23		gets money. So that's where my question starts.
24		BY MR. MERSKEY:
25	64.	Q. So I take it, to return to the

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1	question, Ms. Pede, that the funds to be advanced to
2	the individuals that walk into the retail stores come
3	from these accounts?
4	A. They come from general after Januar
5	2014 they came from one of I can't confirm how man

A. They come from general -- after January 2014 they came from one of -- I can't confirm how many accounts they had at that point but they would have come from a general operating account after January 2014.

- 65. Q. And then a receivable -- if this was in the brokerage side I take it a receivable was created in the name of the TPL for that particular customer loan if it was being attributed to a TPL; is that right?
  - A. Can you clarify what you mean by receivable?
- 66. Q. Well, later on in your report you review the accounts receivable for Trimor, among others, so I'm assuming from that you're looking at brokered loans carried on the books of the company, including from after January 2014, and that an accounting entry has been made at least on behalf of Trimor with respect to a customer loan. That's what I mean by a receivable.
- A. Okay. I think we need to clarify the definition of receivable because when you say recorded

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1		on the books it's important to distinguish the fact
2		that the company did not reflect the third party
.3		lender loans on the books of on the financial
4		statements. So if we refer to page 29 of my report
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6	67.	Q. I've read it, Ms. Pede. Actually by
7		account receivable I was intending something more
8		basic than that. Somewhere you in your investigation
9		could denote amounts that you thought were owed to a
10		TPL, right?
11		A. Yeah, there would be loan portfolios
12		that exist that are attributed to the TPL loans
13		granted to the customers.
14	68.	Q. Right. And some of those TPL loans
15		granted to the customers come into existence after
16		January from January 2014 and on, right?
17		A. Correct.
18	69.	Q. So all I was asking you before is that
19		in some fashion or another funds are flowed out of
20.		these general operating accounts and the TPL is given
21		a receivable, however you want to define it, with
22		respect to that individual loan, correct?
23		A. That loan agreement is between the

broker is I guess in possession of those funds at that

customer and the third party lender so, yes, but the

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- point in time and in their role as the broker is 1 providing that to the customer. 2 From its general operating account? 70. Q. 3 As far as management advised us. Α. 4 And then if we just track this through 71. Q. 5 to the end the cycle starts over again with the funds 6 being received back from customers into this general 7 operating account again; is that right? 8 9 As far as I'm aware, yes. And then it's sort of recycled, if I 10 72. 0. can use that word, through the system in a perpetual 11 circle? 12 Well, yeah, the -- as management Α. 13 explained to us the nature of these loans are very 14 short term in nature as in that they are collected and 15 re-loaned on a very short -- I think the word Gord 16 17 Reykdal used was 'velocity', short. High velocity loans? 18 73. Q. Α. Yes. 19 MR. MERSKEY: Okay. If you'll just give me 20 three minutes off the record, Counsel? 21 --- OFF THE RECORD ---22 --- UPON RESUMING ---23 MR. MERSKEY: I have just been provided with 24
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a copy of a letter from PwC dated May 26, 2014 to Mr.

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Carlstrom of Cash Stores together with a preceding email from Mr. Carlstrom of Cash Stores dated May 21 to PwC seeking corrections in the PwC report. been provided with this information shortly before the end of the cross-examination by not counsel who retained PwC but counsel for the CRO, Mr. Wasserman. There are a number of corrections requested and I have to say, Mr. Harrison, this only reiterates my request for the full working file. And I find it somewhat discomfiting at best to be provided with a document from the company witness with whom PwC spoke seeking clarifications of the report only at the end of my examination and not from PwC itself. I'm going to reserve my rights to examine on this and other issues once I see your working file or if I have to bring a motion to compel production of the working file. But in the meantime I would note an issue which we spent 10 to 15 minutes going over as to what the use of the bank account called by PwC a flow-through account was has been taken issue with by Mr. Carlstrom in his email and he specifically states that he did not believe then and does not believe now that the bank account identified by PwC in the section was a separate bank account used primarily for TPL purposes. BY MR. MERSKEY:

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- I have one question for you, Ms. Pede, 1 74. Q. in that regard. 2
- Α. Yes. 3
- Did you consider the statement made by 75. Q. 4 Mr. Carlstrom that the bank account identified in the 5 report was not a separate bank account used primarily 6 for TPL purposes? You received his email and you 7 considered that point? 8
- Yes, I received his email and ---9 Α.
- And you considered that point? 10 76. 0.
- We considered it and our response is in Α. 11 the letter which -- that we sent dated May 26th, which 12 I think you have in front of you. 13
- Q. And you chose not to include it in your 77. 14 report, correct? 15
- MR. HARRISON: Just to clarify, if you look 16 at the dates the report was issued quite some time 17 18 before that.
- THE DEPONENT: Yes. 19
- BY MR. MERSKEY: 20
- You chose not to issue an update to 21 78. Ο. your report correcting it, correct? 22
- We didn't -- as I mentioned before we 23 looked at the ---24
- 25 79. Q. Ms. Pede, my question was: you chose

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1		not to issue an update to the report correcting it,
2		right?
3		MR. HARRISON: Feel free to answer the
4		question in the manner you choose.
5		MR. MERSKEY: No, no, if you want to ask the
6		witness a question re-examine her. I asked the
7		witness a specific question and the fact is that ${\tt I'm}$
8		entitled to direct the witness to provide me with an
9		answer to my specific question which it's quite clear
10		she was in the middle of not providing.
11		MR. HARRISON: You don't have to browbeat
12		the witness, she's allowed to answer the question as
13		she sees fit.
14		MR. MERSKEY: I would be impressed if I
15		could browbeat a witness in your presence, Mr.
16		Harrison, however I'm simply asking the witness to
17		answer the question that I put to her, which was quite
18		straightforward.
19		BY MR. MERSKEY:
20	80.	Q. And I think yes or no, Ms. Pede, you
21		chose not to issue a correction to the report,
22		correct?
23		A. To answer your question our report was
24		dated May 14th, we received comments from Mr.

Carlstrom which you have in front of you. We reviewed

1		his comments and we didn't we did not issue a
2		revised report as a result. We responded to his
3		comments directly by way of letter.
4	81.	Q. Thank you. Those are all my questions
5		for you.
6		MR. MERSKEY: Do you wish to re-examine, Mr.
7		Harrison?
8		MR. HARRISON: I do.
9		RE-EXAMINATION BY MR. HARRISON:
10	82.	Q. You'll recall that counsel went through
11		I think it was the report at page 7 and 27 with
12		regard to the flow-through account?
13		A. Yes.
14	83.	Q. And he asked you a series of questions
15		with regard to timing of when that account was used
16		for third party funds; do you recall that?
17		A. Yes.
18	84.	Q. And he put to you that you only saw
19		bank statements from October, November, December and
20		onward; do you recall that?
21		A. Yes.
22	85.	Q. Sorry, you have to
23		A. Oh, yes, sorry.
24	86.	Q. Did you have any discussions with

management about the time period in which that account

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was used?

I would say we had general discussions 2 -- we had meetings with management on the very first 3 day of our engagement. It may be important to note 4 that Mr. Carlstrom was not in attendance at that 5 meeting. And in those discussions it was mentioned 6 that there was a separate bank account and TPL 7 transactions had gone through this account. And 8 following that discussion there was a take-away for 9 those in attendance at that meeting, the controller 10 and such, to provide information to us on the nature 11 of that account. So we did discuss generally with 12 them the existence of this account. And the 13 impression that we got from them would have been that 14 15 this had been in existence for some time. What we were highlighting in our report was the change, which 16 there was a change in practice from the December to 17 January time frame. 18

- 87. Q. Thank you. And at the end of your examination counsel put to you that you did not update the report after you received Mr. Carlstrom's email; do you remember that?
- 23 A. Yes.

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- 24 88. Q. And why did you not update your report?
- 25 A. I don't have his email in front of me

but to my recollection his comments around the nature of the bank account talked about transactions in September. That was outside of the period that we were referencing in our report. It did not warrant updating our report for the fact that we saw what we saw in the time period that we were looking at. The information that Mr. Carlstrom provided did not contradict that information. And it might be important to highlight that our report was intended for our ...

89. Q. Did Mr. Carlstrom's letter change any of your comments in the report?

A. No, we responded to Mr. Carlstrom's comments by way of letter but as noted in the report it did not change any comments in our report. In some cases what he was referring to may have been rationale for certain things, but we were reporting on the facts of the information that had been presented to us at that time.

20 90. Q. Thank you.

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--- WHEREUPON THE EXAMINATION WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:51 P.M.

I hereby certify that this is the Cross-Examination of JENNIFER PEDE, taken before me to the best of my skill and ability on the 27th day of May, 2014.

Tracy Wingrove - Court Reporter

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