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| 10 | FOR THE DISTR | AICT OF ARIZONA |
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| 12 | In re: | In Proceedings Under Chapter 11 |
| 13 | MORTGAGES LTD., | Case No. 2:08-bk-07465-RJH |
| 14 | Debtor. | MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER COMPELLING ML MANAGER LLC TO |
| 15 | | (1) DISBURSE UNDISPUTED FUNDS, AND (2) RESOLVE ITS CONFLICT OF |
| 16 17 | | INTEREST WITH RESPECT TO THE PROCEEDS OF THE MK I AND MK II LOANS |
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| 19 | | Hearing Date: March 14, 2011 Hearing Time: 11:00 a.m. |
| 20 | | Location: Courtroom 603 |
| 21 | Pursuant to Sections 105(a) and 1142(b |) of the Bankruptcy Code, AJ Chandler 25 Acres |
| 22 | | P., Brett M. McFadden, Cornerstone Realty and |
| 23 | Development, Inc., Cornerstone Realty and De | evelopment, Inc. Defined Benefit Plan and Trust |
| 24 | Evertson Oil Company, Inc., L.L.J. Investme | ents, LLC (as successor in interest to Louis B |
| 25 | Murphey, James C. Schneck Rev. Trust, and | Γhe Lonnie Joel Krueger Family Trust), Michae |
| 26 | Johnson Investments II, L.L.C., Morley Rose | nfield, M.D. P.C. Restated Profit Sharing Plan |
| 27 | Pueblo Sereno Mobile Home Park, L.L.C., Rev | vocable Living Trust of Melvin L. Dunsworth, Jr. |
| 28 | William L. Hawkins Family L.L.P., Sternberg | Enterprises Profit Sharing Plan, QC MK Custom |
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Residential, L.L.C. ("QCMK") (as successor in interest to Queen Creek XVIII, L.L.C.), and/or their successors and assigns (collectively, the "Rev Op Investors"), by and through their duly authorized counsel, hereby file this Motion for entry of an order compelling ML Manager LLC ("ML Manager") to (i) distribute certain funds indisputably owing to the Rev Op Investors in compliance with the confirmed plan, and (ii) resolve its conflict of interest in connection with the proceeds of the MK I and MK II loans. In support of this Motion, the Rev Op Investors submit as follows:

ML Manager's Failure To Distribute The Rev Op Investors' Funds.

- 1. On June 20, 2008, an involuntary Chapter 7 bankruptcy petition was filed against Mortgages Ltd., the debtor in the above-captioned case ("Debtor"), which case this Court subsequently converted to a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.
- 2. Prior to the involuntary filing, each of the Rev Op Investors purchased fractional interests in various loans originated by the Debtor pursuant to the so-called "Rev Op Program." The Rev Op Investors (or their respective principals) are largely retired individuals who hold in excess of \$50 million in investments in loans originated by the Debtor, only a fraction of which the Rev Op Investors are likely to recover. For many of the Rev Op Investors, their investments with the Debtor constitute their sole source of income.
- 3. On or around March 12, 2009, the Official Investors Committee filed its First Amended Plan of Reorganization Dated March 12, 2009 (the "Plan") in the Debtor's bankruptcy case, which the Court confirmed as amended by order dated May 20, 2009. The Plan provided for the creation of Loan LLCs to hold various loans originated by the Debtor, and allowed investors in the loans the option to transfer their respective interests to the Loan LLCs.
- 4. However, the Rev Op Investors declined to transfer their respective interests in the loans to the Loan LLCs, opting instead to retain such interests as allowed under the Plan. Indeed, the Rev Op Investors continue to own such interests or, in many cases, are now tenants

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- 5. After confirmation of the Plan, ML Manager began servicing and managing many of the loans in which the Rev Op Investors hold interests. In connection with its asserted agency authority under the Plan, ML Manager has liquidated and continues to liquidate such loans and hold the proceeds thereof, pending an arbitrary and unilateral decision to distribute such funds to investors.
- 6. The Rev Op Investors are informed and believe that ML Manager has liquidated several loans in which they hold ownership interests amounting to millions of dollars to be distributed to investors, of which an estimated \$1-2 million in undisputed funds is owing to the Rev Op Investors. ML Manager has been "sitting" on these funds for several months with no distributions to investors. After inquiry, the Rev Op Investors have simply been informed that ML Manager plans to distribute these funds "sometime in 2012."
- 7. On December 15, 2011, counsel for the Rev Op Investors sent a letter to counsel for ML Manager demanding disclosure of ML Manager's plans with respect to accounting and distribution of the Rev Op Investors' funds, as well as confirmation that the Rev Op Investors' funds are deposited in a segregated and appropriate interest-bearing account. A true and correct copy of the December 15, 2011 letter is attached hereto as Exhibit A. As of the date hereof, ML Manager has failed to provide any response to the letter or otherwise disclose the information requested therein.
- 8. Pursuant to Section 4.13 of the Plan, ML Manager is obligated to distribute to the Rev Op Investors any funds in which they have an undisputed ownership interest. *See* Plan, § 4.13. Furthermore, as the Rev Op Investors' self-declared agent, ML Manger has undisputed fiduciary duties to act with loyalty, care, competence, and diligence with respect to the Rev Op Investors' investments. *See Musselman v. Southwinds Realty, Inc.*, 146 Ariz. 173, 175, 704 P.2d

Several sale issues remain pending on appeal. The Rev Op Investors reserve all rights with respect to these issues.

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814, 816 (Ct. App. 1984); Standard Chartered, PLC v. Price Waterhouse, 190 Ariz. 6, 945 P.2d 317 (App. 1997).

- ML Manager's failure to promptly distribute millions of dollars in undisputed funds owned by the Rev Op Investors or even to provide minimal information regarding its plans for any such distribution or how such funds are being held despite demand is a clear breach of Section 4.13 of the Plan and ML Manager's fiduciary duties with respect to the Rev Op Investors.
- 10. Moreover, the Rev Op Investors have received various 1099-S tax forms from Lawyer's Title Company for "proceeds for real estate transactions." Thus, the Rev Op Investors have potential tax obligations on transactions for which they have received no distributions. ML Manager continues to hold such funds, at its whim, despite due demand for an accounting and distribution.
- 11. It is reprehensible that ML Manager would sit on millions of dollars owned by the Rev Op Investors for many months, knowing that many are retired individuals whose livelihoods rely solely upon such income.

ML Manager's Failure To Resolve Its Conflict Of Interest Regarding Disputed Ownership Of Funds From The MK I And MK II Loans.

- 12. In May of 2005, the Debtor made a loan to MK Custom Residential Construction, LLC ("MK") in the original principal amount of \$7,495,000 evidenced by a promissory note and deed of trust, which loan is commonly referred to as the "MK I Loan." The MK I Loan was secured by certain residential real property located at 6500 North 64th Place and 6516 North 64th Place in Paradise Valley, Arizona (the "Property").
- 13. In January of 2006, the Debtor made an additional loan to MK in the original principal amount of \$2,500,000 evidenced by a promissory note and a second position deed of trust, which loan is commonly referred to as the "MK II Loan." The MK II Loan was also secured by the Property.

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- 14. QCMK's predecessor in interest, Queen Creek XVIII, L.L.C., purchased from the Debtor a 20% undivided interest in the promissory note and deed of trust evidencing the MK II Loan.
- 15. Pursuant to the Plan, certain investors in the MK I Loan transferred their ownership interests to MK I Loan LLC, and certain investors in the MK II Loan transferred their ownership interests to MK II Loan LLC. Queen Creek XVIII, L.L.C., as predecessor in interest to QCMK, opted to retain its 20% undivided interest in the MK II Loan.
- 16. In or about January of 2010, MK alleged that the deed of trust securing the MK I Loan was invalid due to improper acknowledgement. However, despite this knowledge, ML Manager commenced a non-judicial foreclosure of the MK I Loan deed of trust, which would have foreclosed any interest of QCMK and other investors under the MK II Loan deed of trust.
- 17. To prevent ML Manager from making the outright forfeiture of QCMK's interest in the Property, QCMK filed a petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on November 15, 2010. QCMK's Chapter 11 case is pending before the Judge Case, Bankruptcy Court for the District of Arizona, Case No. 10-bk-36845-CGC (the "QCMK Bankruptcy Case").
- 18. Subsequent to the commencement of QCMK's Chapter 11 case, QCMK and ML Manager stipulated to relief from the automatic stay to allow ML Manager to foreclose on the deed of trust securing the MK II Loan and to subsequently market and sell the Property while preserving the dispute over the priority of the deeds of trust securing the MK I Loan and the MK II Loan. ML Manager thereafter foreclosed on the deed of trust securing the MK II Loan thereby converting QCMK's interest into a 20% tenant-in-common ownership interest in the Property.
- 19. QCMK commenced an adversary proceeding in connection with the QCMK Bankruptcy Case contesting the disputed lien of the deed of trust securing the MK I Loan. QCMK also sought turnover of the Property and other remedies in the QCMK Bankruptcy Case in an effort to determine the lien priority issue and to control the disposition of its interest in the Property for the benefit of its estate. Despite ML Manager's clear conflict of interest as the asserted agent of the investors in the MK I Loan and the MK II Loan, ML Manager sought to dismiss the adversary proceeding and otherwise opposed QCMK's efforts to determine the lien

priority issue on the basis that it retained the sole right, in its absolute discretion, to seek such a determination pursuant to its asserted agency authority powers.

- In the meantime, on August 31, 2011, ML Manager filed its motion in this Court 20. seeking authority to sell the Property for \$2.9 million. [DE #3301]
- 21. On September 13, 2011, Judge Case held a hearing in the QCMK Bankruptcy Case on various motions with respect to the lien avoidance litigation and other issues. Recognizing its insurmountable conflict of interest, ML Manager advised Judge Case that it would appoint separate business representatives and counsel for the investors in the MK I Loan and the MK II Loan and that neither ML Manager nor its counsel would be involved in any decisions or litigation regarding the priority dispute or settlement of these claims. See Transcript of September 13, 2011 Hearing, pp.7, 16–17 [QCMK DE #77]² (the "Hearing Transcript"),³ a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit B. Furthermore, ML Manager agreed that it would escrow approximately \$512,000⁴ of the proceeds of the sale of the Property pending resolution of the lien priority dispute. See Hearing Transcript, p.9.
- 22. Counsel for QCMK noted at the hearing, however, that ML Manager had proposed such an arrangement on several occasions but had failed to act upon it for more than eight months. See Hearing Transcript, p.12–13. Indeed, QCMK expressed great concern that ML Manager would not take any steps toward implementing the procedures it described at the hearing. See Hearing Transcript, pp.13, 15.

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References to docket entries in the OCMK Bankruptcy Case shall be "[OCMK DE #]." The Hearing Transcript was originally filed in the QCMK Bankruptcy Case. The Rev Op Investors request that this Court take judicial notice of the Hearing Transcript and its contents and substance. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9017; Fed. R. Evid. 201; Smith v. Duncan, 297 F.3d 809, 815 (9th Cir. 2002) (taking judicial notice of state court documents); Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Auth. v. City of Burbank, 136 F.3d 1360, 1364 (9th Cir. 1998) (taking judicial notice of state court filings); MGIC Indemnity Corp. v. Weisman, 803 F.2d 500, 504 (9th Cir. 1986) (taking judicial notice of motion to dismiss and supporting memorandum filed in a separate case).

This sum represents the 20% portion of the proceeds of the sale of the Property owing to QCMK, or \$580,000, less certain costs associated with the sale of the Property chargeable to QCMK.

| 1 | 23. After the hearing, Judge Case read his ruling in open court. With respect to ML |
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| 2 | Manager's representations regarding resolution of its conflict of interest, Judge Case stated: |
| 3 | ML [Manager] can deal with the conflict of interest issue as it has stated on |
| 4 | the record that it will do by hiring independent counsel for both groups that it otherwise would be the agent for and also to have separate business |
| 5 | representatives representing the agency position with regard to those different groups. |
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| 8 | I've noted that what QC MK claims to be an irreconcilable conflict of interest can |
| 9 | be resolved and frankly I fully expect that to be done based upon representations of counsel in the hearings this morning. If it turns out that this is not done, then I |
| 10 | will leave it to the parties to decide if there's appropriate relief that needs to be sought back here <i>because that's part of the basis of my ruling today</i> . |
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| 13 | [A]ny potential conflict of interest as I previously discussed can be avoided or cured by ML Manager's proposal to leave the proceeds from the sale of the |
| 14 | property in escrow, while the relative rights of the parties are finally |
| 15 | determined and also to engage both separate business and legal counsel, business people and legal counsel, to address how to best resolve the interest between the |
| 16 | two competing claims to the proceeds. |
| 17 | See Transcript of September 13, 2011 Hearing, pp.10, 14–15 (emphasis added) [QCMK DE #75] |
| 18 | (the "Ruling Transcript"), ⁵ a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C. |
| 19 | 24. Accordingly, Judge Case dismissed the adversary proceeding based in part upon |
| 20 | ML Manager's representations that it would remedy its conflict of interest in the manner |
| 21 | described at the hearing. |
| 22 | 25. Thereafter, ML Manager sold the Property pursuant to this Court's order dated |
| 23 | September 26, 2011. [DE #3321] Pursuant to the order and ML Manager's representations to |
| 24 | the Court in connection with its motion to sell the Property, ML Manager was required to escrow |
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| 26 | The Hearing Transcript was originally filed in the QCMK Bankruptcy Case. The Rev Op |
| 27 | Investors also request that this Court take judicial notice of the Ruling Transcript and its contents |
| 28 | and substance. |

- 26. On December 19, 2011, ML Manager circulated "ML Manager LLC Loan Portfolio Newsletter #21" to investors, wherein it stated with respect to the MK I Loan and the MK II Loan: "We have adopted a process to resolve the dispute regarding the validity of the lien of the first loan. Once the dispute is resolved, the sale proceeds can be distributed to the appropriate investors." A true and correct copy of the December 19, 2011 newsletter is attached hereto as Exhibit D.
- 27. On December 22, 2011, counsel for QCMK sent an email to counsel for ML Manager requesting information regarding the process adopted by ML Manager as stated in the newsletter. A true and correct copy of the December 22, 2011 email is attached hereto as <u>Exhibit</u> <u>E</u>. ML Manager's counsel never responded to the email or otherwise provided any information regarding the alleged process.
- 28. Nearly five months have passed since ML Manager represented to Judge Case and this Court that it would take the steps outlined at the September 13, 2011 hearing, and ML Manager has wholly failed to make any progress toward remedying its conflict of interest. Moreover, ML Manager's failure to act has deprived QCMK of the ability to pursue its rights with respect to the lien priority dispute or to otherwise realize upon its valuable interests. This too constitutes a breach of ML Manager's duties and obligations under the Plan and fiduciary duties to QCMK.

C. ML Manager Should Be Ordered To Comply With Its Plan Obligations.

29. Pursuant to Sections 105(a) and 1142(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, and relevant case law binding in this Circuit, this Court has the power and jurisdiction to enforce the Plan and otherwise order ML Manager to perform any act necessary for the consummation of the Plan. 11 U.S.C. §§ 105(a), 1142(b); see also Travelers Indem. Co. v. Bailey, 129 S. Ct. 2195, 2205 (2009) ("[T]he Bankruptcy Court plainly had jurisdiction to interpret and enforce its own prior orders."); Hawaiian Airlines, Inc. v. Mesa Air Group, Inc., 355 B.R. 214, 218 (D. Hawaii 2006) ("The law

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is clear that '[a] bankruptcy court retains post-confirmation jurisdiction to interpret and enforce its own orders, particularly when disputes arise over a bankruptcy plan of reorganization.").

30. As set forth herein, ML Manager has clearly failed to comply with its obligations under the Plan and its fiduciary duties to the Rev Op Investors. Indeed, the Rev Op Investors are entitled to a prompt distribution of their undisputed funds under the Plan, particularly in light of the fact that (i) many of them rely upon such funds as their sole source of income and (ii) many of them now have tax obligations related to property sales and no funds with which to pay such tax obligations. Furthermore, ML Manager has an affirmative obligation under the Plan and this Court's orders to promptly appoint and/or hire business and legal representatives to the investors in the MK I Loan and the MK II Loan to determine the priority issues with respect thereto.

WHEREFORE, the Rev Op Investors request that the Court enter an order:

- (A) Requiring ML Manager to immediately account for and distribute all undisputed loan proceeds owned by the Rev Op Investors;
- (B) Requiring ML Manager to appoint and/or hire business and legal representatives to the investors in the MK I Loan and the MK II Loan to determine the priority issues with respect thereto, and to confirm that the proceeds to which QCMK's lien attached are currently deposited in a segregated and appropriate interest-bearing account; and
- (C) Granting any other and further relief as may be just and proper under the circumstances of this Chapter 11 case.

DATED this 7th day of February, 2012.

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By:/s/ JAS, #026359 Robert J. Miller

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EXHIBIT A



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December 15, 2011

VIA E-MAIL AND U.S. MAIL

Cathy L. Reece, Esq. Fennemore Craig, P.C. 3003 North Central Avenue, Suite 2600 Phoenix, AZ 85012-2913

Re: Mortgages Limited

Dear Cathy:

As you know, this law firm represents the individuals and entities known as the Rev Op Group. It has come to our attention that ML Manager LLC ("ML Manager") is holding a significant sum of money — at least \$1 million — owed to the Rev Op Group. We also understand that ML Manager does not intend to turn over those funds to the Rev Op Group until "sometime in 2012." While the Rev Op Investors maintain that they are entitled to more funds than those currently designated for distribution by ML Manager, there is no contention that they are entitled to any less. Accordingly, ML Manager's refusal to distribute such funds until a later date is both puzzling and problematic.

Many members of the Rev Op Group had a substantial portion of their net worth tied up in Mortgages Ltd. They already face massive losses, and now are being forced to await distributions until ML Manager makes an arbitrary decision about the timing of disbursement. ML Manager's flippant approach in handling other people's property is not only troubling, it is a breach of its fiduciary duties. Based ML Manager's current refusal to deal with these distribution issues, the Rev Op Group hereby demands that ML Manager disclose its plans for accounting and distribution of the Rev Op Group's funds, and whether ML Manager intends to seek bankruptcy court approval prior to distribution.

The Rev Op Investors are also concerned about how their funds are (or are not) being safeguarded. Given the length of time ML Manager insists on holding the Rev Op Group's cash, one would assume that ML Manager, as their fiduciary, has placed their funds in an interest-bearing account and that such interest will be paid to the Rev Op Group. One also would assume that ML Manager does not have the Rev Op Group's funds commingled with operating and other types of funds. Please confirm that my clients' funds are segregated in an appropriate interest-bearing account.

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The Rev Op Group reserves all rights, and nothing herein shall be construed to affect any of the pending appeals or any other matters.

Sincerely,

Bryce A. Stzuki FOR THE FIR

cc: The Rev Op Group (via email)

EXHIBIT B

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| 1 | UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF ARIZONA |
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| 3 | In re: |
| 4 | RADICAL BUNNY, LLC CH: 11) 2:08-bk-13884-CGC |
| 5 | RB LIQUIDATION, LLC vs QUARLES & BRADY) ADV: 2-10-02104 LLP & ROBERT MOYA & SARA DREIER-MOYA &) |
| 6 | ROBERT BORNHOFT & BRANDIE BORNHOFT &) |
| 7 | CHRISTIAN HOFFMAN & SALLY ROOF & GARY) SHULLAW & MARY SHULLAW) |
| 8 | DECISION ON THE RECORD MOTION TO) |
| 9 | DISMISS COMPLAINT FOR PROFESSIONAL) (LEGAL) NEGLIGENCE FILED BY SCOTT B) |
| 10 | GARNER OF MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS, LLP) ON BEHALF OF QUARLES & BRADY LLP) |
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| 12 | In re: |
| 13 | QC MK CUSTOM RESIDENTIAL LLC CH: 11) 2:10-bk-36845-CGC |
| 14 | DECISION ON THE RECORD MANAGER'S) OBJECTION TO MOTION TO TURNOVER) |
| 15 | PROPERTY AND REJECT AGENCY AGREEMENT) |
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| | U.S. Bankruptcy Court 230 N. First Avenue, Suite 101 |
| 17 | Phoenix, AZ 85003-1706 |
| 18 | September 13, 2011 |
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| 20 | BEFORE THE HONORABLE CHARLES G. CASE II, Judge |
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| 1 | THE CLERK: 08-13884, Radical Bunny, LLC. |
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| 2 | THE COURT: Shall we call the QC MK matter at the |
| 3 | same time? |
| 4 | MS. REECE: Sounds good, Your Honor. |
| 5 | THE CLERK: 10-36845, QC MK Custom Residential. |
| 6 | THE COURT: Good afternoon. Appearances, please. |
| 7 | MR. LORENZEN: Hello, Your Honor. Richard Lorenzen |
| 8 | for RB Liquidation Manager Corp. |
| 9 | MS. REECE: Good afternoon or good morning, Your |
| 10 | Honor. Cathy Reece on behalf of ML Manager in both of the |
| 11 | cases that you called. |
| 12 | MR. CHAMBLISS: Good morning. Richard Chambliss for |
| 13 | QC MK. |
| 14 | MR. MEDA: Good morning, Judge. Alan Meda on behalf |
| 15 | of the debtor, QC MK. |
| 16 | THE COURT: All right. Well, let's take up the issue |
| 17 | having to do with the motion to vote in favor of the sale in |
| 18 | the Radical Bunny case to begin with. |
| 19 | MR. LORENZEN: Thank you, Your Honor. I don't think |
| 20 | this is too controversial. We filed the motion, copies of the |
| 21 | order setting this hearing and the motion were sent to all |
| 22 | creditors and interested parties. No objections have been |
| 23 | received. It's fairly straightforward. Radical Bunny has a |
| 24 | majority interest in an entity that holds a lien against the |
| 25 | property. The proposed sale is for 2.9 million in cash and a |

| 1 | backup offer of 2,850,000. It's been marketed it's a house |
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| 2 | in Paradise Valley, it's been marketed for some period of time, |
| 3 | and there's a dispute there were two ML liens on the |
| 4 | property, so it created two loan LLCs. One of the loan LLCs |
| 5 | has foreclosed its deed of trust and the one in which Radical |
| 6 | Bunny has an interest still asserts a lien against the property |
| 7 | and there's a disagreement between those two parties as to the |
| 8 | relative priority of those liens. |
| 9 | So if the sale occurs |
| 10 | THE COURT: Isn't there a disagreement as to the |
| 11 | validity of the lien one of the liens? |
| 12 | MR. LORENZEN: Validity and hence priority. What you |
| 13 | said is more accurate. And we believe that the lien is valid |
| 14 | and that because it was recorded first in time, it is it was |
| 15 | senior to the MK the other MK lien that foreclosed its |
| 16 | interest. So that needs to be resolved. |
| 17 | If the sale occurs, then closing costs will be paid. |
| 18 | And as with other sales, the exit financer will receive its |
| 19 | share and the balance will be escrowed until that dispute is |
| 20 | resolved. |
| 21 | THE COURT: Okay. This is being sold to the CJ |
| 22 | Family Irrevocable Trust, is that Ms. Johnson? I don't think |
| 23 | so. |
| 24 | MR. LORENZEN: I don't think so. |
| 25 | THE COURT: I was just I was making a joke, I |

| 1 | guess. I guess she already left. |
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| 2 | MR. LORENZEN: She left. And then the backup is |
| 3 | Daniel Adhoot or nominee. |
| 4 | THE COURT: Right. I see that. And as I understand |
| 5 | it, there's no objection, including no objection from QC MK; is |
| 6 | that correct? |
| 7 | MR. CHAMBLISS: No objection to the sale, Your Honor. |
| 8 | THE COURT: Okay. Now |
| 9 | MR. CHAMBLISS: Objection as to where the money goes |
| 10 | after the sale. |
| 11 | THE COURT: All right. Well, the proposal is that |
| 12 | the money be held in escrow and not distributed until the |
| 13 | underlying dispute between the lienholders is resolved. Do you |
| 14 | have an objection to that, Mr. Chambliss? |
| 15 | MR. CHAMBLISS: Your Honor, Ms. Reece and Mr. Meda |
| 16 | have met this morning and I think we've worked out how we can |
| 17 | escrow those proceeds. We are going to be representing a |
| 18 | stipulated order to the Court. I'm taking Cathy's thunder from |
| 19 | her and I apologize. |
| 20 | MS. REECE: The 20 percent interest that this |
| 21 | debtor's estate is alleging is what we're working out |
| 22 | THE COURT: This debtor being QC MK? |
| 23 | MS. REECE: Correct. Not the other potential 80 |
| 24 | percent or the potential 93.377 percent that would belong to |
| 25 | the loan LCs and other investors. So to be conservative, we're |

| 1 | working off of 20 percent interest for this particular debtor, |
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| 2 | the QC |
| 3 | THE COURT: What's the 93.37 percent? |
| 4 | MS. REECE: Oh, the when you look at the two LLCs |
| 5 | that are involved, the exit financing applies only to the loan |
| 6 | LLCs portion, not to the other investors. |
| 7 | So let me start afresh. The 20 percent interest, out |
| 8 | of \$2.9 million is approximately is \$580,000. That would be |
| 9 | the maximum, assuming they won on all of the issues, the |
| 10 | maximum that this debtor, QC MK Custom Residential LLC would be |
| 11 | entitled to |
| 12 | THE COURT: That's if they jump over the first lien? |
| 13 | MS. REECE: Assuming that they the first lien is |
| 14 | not valid, right. And so that would be the maximum that they |
| 15 | would be entitled to. |
| 16 | THE COURT: And just so I understand, this is if |
| 17 | the first lien is not valid, let's just make that assumption, |
| 18 | does everybody agree that the result is then that the second |
| 19 | lien or now actually the holder the owner of the |
| 20 | property, I take it, having foreclosed the second lien, would |
| 21 | then be senior to and "jump over" the first lien? |
| 22 | MS. REECE: That is the premise that we have been |
| 23 | working under. I'm not prepared to admit it, but that is the |
| 24 | premise that we we're working under, yes. |
| 25 | THE COURT: If we were in a hankruntoy case and the |

trustee were avoiding the first lien, we would have a 551 issue and the -- about whether or not the lien was being avoided for the benefit of the estate, as opposed to the benefit of any junior creditors who would jump up, but I take it since we're talking about -- I guess I'm asking the question, is whether -- because we're talking about a trust set up -- a liquidating trust set up post-confirmation as opposed to a debtor-in-possession or trustee exercising the avoiding powers, does -- do we have a 551 issue here?

MS. REECE: I don't think any of that is even relevant because the liquidating trust is not involved in this specific property or the management or in ML Manager at all. So real -- and the reason I'm hedging, without admitting that what you've posed is correct is because, remember in the adversary proceeding which was brought by QC -- that's the shorthand, we needed to talk about it -- brought by QC against both loan LLCs and all of the other investors, what ML Manager did was merely file a motion to dismiss because the agency agreement is irrevocable, they don't have standing or the ability to pursue it.

And so the position is going to be, if you were to grant that motion to dismiss, which is under advisement right now, it would then allow both loans to have their own independent counsel to be able to then pursue whatever they understand the claims are going to be. And it may be that when

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| 2 | has the deed of trust on the property they may have other |
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| 3 | theories and I'm not in a position to be able to say what those |
| 4 | would be or what their legal positions would be. |
| 5 | THE COURT: Okay. |
| 6 | MS. REECE: I'm just trying to be very limited and |
| 7 | caution |
| 8 | THE COURT: MK1, the one in which QC MK has its 20 |
| 9 | percent? |
| LO | MS. REECE: MK2 is the one that it has |
| l1 | THE COURT: Okay. |
| L2 | MS. REECE: its 20 percent interest in. |
| L3 | So for the purpose of being conservative, what we're |
| L4 | trying to do is not give away or make any admissions or |
| L5 | anything of that nature |
| L6 | THE COURT: Or affect whatever those rights the |
| L7 | rights of those parties are at a later time? |
| L8 | MS. REECE: Exactly. And so those don't have to be |
| L9 | determined right now. And what we're trying to do now is take |
| 20 | the alleged 20 percent interest that QC has and that would be a |
| 21 | maximum, based on the sale price, of 580,000. We would |
| 22 | subtract from the 580,000 the 20 percent interest of the real |
| 23 | estate taxes, the commission that has to be paid at close, the |
| 24 | customary closing costs and the insurance that had been |
| 25 | advanced by ML Manager, the repairs and maintenance that had |

independent counsel represents MK1, which is the one that still

been advanced, the utilities and I believe the trustee sales expenses. We have agreed that we're going to provide invoices to Mr. Meda, so that he can review all of that with his client and go through that and make sure that these third party costs are -- have, in fact, been incurred, but it's going to be 20 percent of these third-party costs at the time of closing.

And that percentage and that amount would be held -would actually be used at the closing and by ML Manager to pay
those types of things. It's approximately \$68,000 of the
\$580,000 that would be the 20 percent interest here. And then
the rest of it, approximately \$512,000, is going to then be
escrowed at the escrow company that does the closing or at
another title company the parties -- another escrow company the
parties -- the mutual parties agreement. And then it's going
to be pending the dispute.

The other 80 percent then when we go to Judge Haines' courtroom on the Mortgages Ltd. case on September 20th, we will deal with the remaining issues there because that's the Court that deals with the loan LLCs and the expenses and the exit financing. So we would basically deal with the 20 percent here and the 80 percent there for purposes of the sale. Again, the net proceeds there are also going to be escrowed. There we would take whatever their amount is, which is approximately \$2.32 million, we'll take off the 80 percent of the various closing, and the costs that I just went through, we'll take off

the exit financing from that amount, which is owed to the loan LLCs and we'll take off the reserve that's allowed under the loan documents and then we'll escrow the net amount for that 80 percent. So we're going to be escrowing approximately a million dollars and not disbursing that at this point.

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And so that is how we propose to proceed. And I already presented a form of order to Mr. Meda for his review. I don't know what the Court schedule is, in terms of when you're available to sign this. We are -- obviously both the Radical Bunny approval and the QC approval are going to be contingent upon normal things that we have in this case, which is that the loan LLCs have to vote in favor of the sales or they can't happen. That ballot closes the 19th of September and the Radical Bunny vote will carry MK1 Loan LLC. The other votes in MK2 LLC right now, which are all nine of the funds, plus another nine -- five individuals, that is running 95 percent in favor of doing the sale, so -- but there's still another week-and-a-half of voting -- or a week of voting, so that still has to come in, but when it comes in we then go to the hearing so the other contingency of course is Judge Haines' approval in the Mortgages Ltd. case.

So with all of those contingencies satisfied that we need to satisfy, we then like your order to have been entered and these other orders to be entered and then we will be in position to close probably before the end of September,

| 1 | beginning of October; it's that quick of a close. The deposits |
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| 2 | have been made. This particular purchaser, this CJ Family |
| 3 | Trust Irrevocable Trust, has already posted their \$200,000 |
| 4 | earnest money and the backup bidder has posted its \$250,000 |
| 5 | earnest money and we'd like permission to be able to do the |
| 6 | higher bid first. If it doesn't close pursuant to the sale |
| 7 | agreement, we would then move on to the backup bidder. And so |
| 8 | that's what we have proposed in our form of order with Mr. |
| 9 | Meda. |
| LO | MR. MEDA: Judge, I'd like to address a couple things |
| 11 | quickly and then I'll get to the sale itself. |
| L2 | Yes, there is a dispute over the lien positions. My |
| L3 | client is a 20 is an interest holder in the second lien |
| L4 | position. My client asserts a 20 percent the debtor asserts |
| L5 | a 20 percent interest in the property and the sale proceeds. |
| L6 | Yes, there is a pending adversary proceeding |
| L7 | THE COURT: A 20 percent interest in the I guess |
| 18 | now the ownership of the property, whether or not it is subject |
| L9 | to this first lien or not. |
| 20 | MR. MEDA: Yes. |
| 21 | THE COURT: And if it's subject to the first lien, |
| 22 | and that's valid, everybody would agree that the first lien is |
| 23 | underwater the property is underwater and there is no value |
| 24 | then left for QC MK? |
| 25 | MR. MEDA: That would be correct. |

1 THE COURT: But if that's wiped out, or subordinated 2 or whatever happens, then that would not be true? 3 MR. MEDA: That is correct. And that dispute is the 4 subject of a pending adversary proceeding. 5 THE COURT: I understand that. 6 MR. MEDA: While counsel would like to suggest that 7 independent counsel should step in and try to resolve the 8 dispute, I think it's important to point out, Judge, that we've 9 been told that for over eight months and yet, there is no 10 independent counsel. ML Manager had an opportunity to bring 11 this lawsuit -- the adversary proceeding. It chose not to, so 12 we brought it. 13 So, you know we've been hearing about this for a long 14 time, but the bottom line is that ML Manager has a conflict of 15 interest. They've had a conflict of interest for a long time. 16 They noticed up simultaneous trustee sales of the first and 17 second lien position. We went forward, we filed bankruptcy 18 petition, we filed the adversary proceeding to preserve the 19 second lien position on our deed of trust, which has 20 subsequently now been turned into an ownership interest. 2.1 THE COURT: You didn't file the adversary proceeding 22 to preserve that, you filed the bankruptcy to preserve that? 23 MR. MEDA: Right. That's correct. 24 THE COURT: The adversary proceeding has to do with 25 the validity of the first lien.

MR. MEDA: That is correct. So we've been acting promptly to preserve our interest in this property, we believe there's a conflict of interest. Yes, we do believe that there should be some independent counsel for ML Manager, but in the meantime we have to take action, we have to proceed. We've been promised this for a long, long time, over eight months, and this is where we are today.

So getting to the present motion. We agree, the property should be sold. We agree to the purchase price of \$2.9 million. We agree that our potential 20 percent interest comes to \$580,000. And we agree that that amount of money can be escrowed pending resolution of the adversary proceeding. We do also believe that out of that \$580,000 the ML Manager can pay 20 -- our 20 percent share -- pro rata share of certain expenses relating to the sale.

What are those expenses? Real estate taxes, we're told that through September 1 the taxes are \$121,414 up to the closing that number will increase slightly, but we agree to pay our share of those taxes out of the sale proceeds. We're told that the commission is \$174,000. We agree to pay our share of that out of the sale proceeds. We're told that title insurance, closing costs and escrow fees comes to \$7500 and again, we agree to pay our share of that. Those three items, Judge, comes to \$302,914. Obviously some of those costs will increase slightly based on the closing date, but our share of

that is estimated to be \$60,582.80. So we agree that our share, our 20 percent share -- pro rata share of those costs can come out of the \$580,000.

There are a number of other items that have been identified for us, such as property insurance. We're told that's \$11,055. Utilities that are due and owing of \$9,544.90, repair and maintenance items, \$7,185.67 and certain trustee sale costs, which we've been told include publication, the guarantee report and posting, comes to \$6,387.95. The total of those four items is \$34,173.54 and our 20 percent share of that would come to \$6,834.71. That means, Judge, that based on these items that I have identified our estimated share of these expenses comes to a total of \$67,417.51, which means that there would be a balance in escrow pending resolution of the adversary proceeding of approximately \$512,582.49.

We have received a form of order. I have reviewed it. I have certain revisions to the order, which I will make as soon as I get back to the office, but subject to the balance of the sale proceeds, other than what I've identified, subject to those proceeds being escrowed, we do not object to the sale.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. It's ordered approving then the vote by Radical Bunny in favor of the sale by ML Manager. Mr. Lorenzen can submit a form of order on that.

MR. LORENZEN: I'll do that this afternoon, Your

25 | Honor.

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| THE COURT: So, Ms. Reece, what happens if I grant |
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| your motion to dismiss for the reasons that are stated in your |
| motion to dismiss with regard to the litigation that's pending? |
| Presuming the litigation gets dismissed, Mr. Meda says ML |
| Manager has declined to bring that action to resolve that |
| issue, ML Manager is taking the position that QC MK cannot |
| prosecute that itself, that that's ML Manager's sole |
| prerogative and they've alleged that you have this conflict of |
| interest and you say you're going to solve that by appointing |
| independent counsel, Mr. Meda says yeah, you know, you've been |
| telling me that for months and months and months and nothing |
| has happened. So let's play out that scenario, what happens |
| here so that the issue of the validity of the lien actually |
| does get decided by a court of competent jurisdiction, whether |
| here or someone else, how is that going to play out? |
| MS. REECE: Well, first of all, ML Manager hasn't |
| declined to bring the litigation or hasn't refused to bring it. |
| We preferred to sell the house first, have the money escrowed |
| so the parties could then deal with the money and the proceeds, |
| but to answer the precise question, if the motion to dismiss is |
| granted in this adversary proceeding, it is our intention to go |

The other -- you know, but the huge percentage of the loan that QC is involved in is all of the funds. That's about

ahead and hire independent counsel for both sides of the -- for

both loan transactions.

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| 2 | THE COURT: Is all of what? |
| 3 | MS. REECE: All of the MP Funds, Funds 9 through 17, |
| 4 | they have about 1500 investors in them. It's a large number of |
| 5 | people and there's the one that have the right to vote on what |
| 6 | happens with regards to their portion of their interest. |
| 7 | So what we would propose to do is to have independent |
| 8 | counsel represent 100 percent of the ownership of that specific |
| 9 | interest, we would have other counsel independent counsel, |
| 10 | would not be Fennemore Craig or anyone else that is |
| 11 | representing ML Manager, to represent then the MK2 1 loan |
| 12 | interest, so that you'd have 1 and 2 separately being |
| 13 | represented. We would have a business person for each one |
| 14 | being able to help make the decision. The LLCs ultimately have |
| 15 | to vote on however it's resolved. |
| 16 | Our first effort is going to be to try and settle it |
| 17 | because this is an issue over rather than litigating 100 |
| 18 | percent loss on both sides, we will attempt to settle. |
| 19 | THE COURT: When you say you know, when you say |
| 20 | your preference would be that, what you really mean is |
| 21 | actually, you don't really know what the preference be |
| 22 | MS. REECE: True. |
| 23 | THE COURT: presumably because somebody else is |
| 24 | going to be advising them and somebody else will be making the |
| 25 | business calls. |

1 MS. REECE: That is true. I misspoke when I said 2 that my preference would be because I'm not going to be 3 involved in the process and neither is Fennemore Craig going to 4 be involved in the process, but I'm assuming that reasonable 5 business people will want to try and settle it before they 6 spend a whole lot of time and money litigating over these 7 interests. 8 So that would mean then that if the right -- if they 9 cannot settle it, given a reasonable period of time, if they 10 cannot settle it then it needs to be brought somewhere. 11 Mortgages Ltd. plan has a retention of jurisdiction and a 12 channeling injunction. It would seem to me that the Mortgages 13 Ltd. court is the one that really should decide the dispute 14 between all of the investors and all of the plan interests that 15 were set up and based on that retention of jurisdiction, that 16 would be a logical place to bring it. 17 THE COURT: And your position is that this case 18 simply has the wrong plaintiff, because QC MK is 20 percent 19 holder, but really the -- I quess is it MK2 --20 MS. REECE: MK2 Loan LLC owns 80 percent. 2.1 THE COURT: -- is -- owns --2.2 Eighty percent. MS. REECE: 23 THE COURT: And you think there should be one counsel 24 for MK2 and QC MK? 25 MS. REECE: Correct.

1 THE COURT: Representing whose interests are aligned 2 as the owners by virtue of foreclosing the second deed of 3 trust? 4 MS. REECE: Correct. And then similarly on the MK1 5 Loan LLC side, a very large portion, almost 94 percent, is 6 owned by the loan LLC and then there are five individuals. So 7 again, there would be one counsel representing MK1 Loan LLC and those investors. And then that's why a mechanism would work, 8 9 they will, of course -- which probably discuss how you -- it 10 should be resolved and where it should be resolved and whether 11 it's a declaratory judgment proceeding or where it might be 12 appropriate and we'll decide the right forum in the courtroom. 13 THE COURT: Again, the --14 But that won't be my decision. MS. REECE: 15 THE COURT: -- using the royal "We." 16 MS. REECE: Yes, exactly. 17 In other words, somebody --THE COURT: 18 MS. REECE: The client, yes. 19 THE COURT: The client and independent counsel will 20 make those decisions? 2.1 MS. REECE: And I think that is appropriate. That's 22 how we're trying to resolve the conflict in a rational, 23 reasonable way. And even the plan of reorganization and the 24 disclosure statement in the Mortgages Ltd. case recognizes 25 there could be conflicts and there is a rational way for the

1 parties to be able to proceed to resolve the conflict between 2 the different interests. And Judge Haines has seen that from 3 time to time and commented on it and so he's aware of the 4 conflict that exists as well. 5 THE COURT: Okav. 6 MS. REECE: Now, Mr. Meda's last comment was -- and I 7 just want to make sure -- I'm trying to be precise, because the 8 approximate amount to be escrowed is about \$512,000. 9 numbers are what they're going to be. When you get to the 10 closing the taxes will be a precise amount, it won't be the 11 numbers that he said here, but it's going to be close to it. 12 The utilities are going to have to be prorated right up until 13 the date of closing with the buyer, the insurance will be the 14 same way. So these are approximate amounts, but I will provide 15 invoices and the calculations to Mr. Meda so that he has that 16 information as we get there. So the form of order might very 17 well say approximately. It won't even be capped, it will be 18 approximate amounts that can be updated until the closing. 19 Any other questions, Your Honor? 20 THE COURT: No. 2.1 MS. REECE: Okay. Thank you. 2.2 THE COURT: Just give me one second here. 23 Mr. Chambliss, you have something you want to add? 24 MR. CHAMBLISS: I just was going to respond briefly 25 to the last ten minutes or so of appointing independent counsel

for both of these entities. The essential problem that we've had is two-fold. One, this conflict interest of QC MK has been pending for over a year. We've got communications that are going back eight months of appointing counsel, tendering it to the title company and ultimately we had to file the adversary action.

The problem that we are running to is the ML Manager position is that they have the absolute authority to make every decision and QC MK has no authority to be heard. If we don't have a forum like this courtroom to protect QC MK's interest, then we're back to letting other people decide the interest of this debtor and I guess if we don't like that decision, we have to come back and file another lawsuit. It seems to me, Judge, you have a motion to dismiss pending that's been filed by ML Manager -- the first issue of which ML Manager is saying we're not the right plaintiff, based on prior rulings we have no position whatsoever. You need to make a decision about that issue. If you decide it favorably to ML Manager, then we're going to be playing catch up.

If you decide it unfavorably, we now have an adversary action that is not on all fours with what the facts will be, assuming that the property gets sold. The present pending adversary has two counts to it. One is declaratory action regarding the validity of the first lien deed of trust and the second is a declaratory action against ML Manager

because they refuse to acknowledge QC MK's interest in the property when QC MK's predecessor, Queen Creek, transferred it to QC MK. If the property gets sold, Count II goes away. We don't need to fight with ML Manager about who has a property interest. We then have cash to fight about. And if the property gets sold, I suspect the complaint should be revised to reflect the sale and focus the issue then on the validity of the first lien deed of trust and the proceeds payable to QC MK.

THE COURT: All right. Well, what I would like to do is -- unfortunately we've run out of time this morning. I'm prepared to rule on all of the pending motions and I'm prepared to do that on the record. I'll do that per -- if it works for the parties at 1:30. You can call in if you don't want to be here, you know, if you want to hear it by phone. I know it'd be more convenient for everybody to hear it now, but unfortunately I've got a conflict at -- over the noon hour that makes it impossible for me to take the time to do it and I want to be able to take the time so that we understand that.

So I'll give you the option, we can do it at 1:30, we can do it at 2:30, we can do it -- anybody can be available over the telephone so you don't have to come down and spend your afternoon here with me, although you're of course welcome to be here if you want to.

MS. REECE: I would like to be present in the courtroom because sometimes when you make a ruling there may be

| 1 | a question or two afterwards and that would give us the |
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| 2 | opportunity to do that. |
| 3 | THE COURT: Well, so |
| 4 | MS. REECE: So 1:30 is just fine. |
| 5 | MR. CHAMBLISS: Mr. Meda and I can be here at 1:30 |
| 6 | also, Your Honor. |
| 7 | THE COURT: All right. So we'll start first thing |
| 8 | we have a 1:30 calendar, but we'll put this first at 1:30 and |
| 9 | then we'll take that up. |
| LO | MR. LORENZEN: Your Honor, if I wanted to listen by |
| 11 | telephone could you give me the number? |
| L2 | THE COURT: Rhonda will give you the call in number. |
| L3 | Okay. |
| L4 | MR. LORENZEN: Thank you. |
| L5 | THE COURT: All right. Thank you. |
| L6 | MS. REECE: So does that mean, Your Honor, that even |
| L7 | at 1:30 you are then going to rule on the motion regarding the |
| L8 | sale or can we just work on our form of orders? |
| L9 | THE COURT: The motion regarding the sale I thought I |
| 20 | already granted. |
| 21 | MS. REECE: Okay. |
| 22 | THE COURT: Is there another I mean, with regard |
| 23 | to the the real issue here was Radical Bunny and to the |
| 24 | extent that you need QC filed a second motion to "ratify" |
| 25 | the ML sale, so to the extent that we need a second order, I |

| 1 | guess that is implicated by this notion of who is actually in |
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| 2 | charge of doing it, but normally what happens is, Radical Bunny |
| 3 | comes in and wants to get authority to be able to vote in favor |
| 4 | or against whatever its people want to do in the ML case, which |
| 5 | is the primary issue that I thought we were deciding this |
| 6 | morning. To the extent |
| 7 | MR. LORENZEN: And I'll lodge an order on that. |
| 8 | THE COURT: To the extent that there's this separate |
| 9 | issue because QC MK filed its motion to ratify agent's decision |
| 10 | to sell real property |
| 11 | MS. REECE: That was ML Manager's motion, not QC's |
| 12 | and QC filed a limited objection to it. |
| 13 | THE COURT: Oh, okay. |
| 14 | MS. REECE: So that's why we were going to do a form |
| 15 | of order approving the sale and authorizing the signatures |
| 16 | and |
| 17 | THE COURT: It doesn't sound to me like we need |
| 18 | anything would you agree, Mr. Chambliss and Mr. Meda? |
| 19 | MS. REECE: I believe the title company is going to |
| 20 | need an order that authorizes us to sign. |
| 21 | THE COURT: Okay. And but it doesn't sound like |
| 22 | anybody has an objection to that? |
| 23 | MR. CHAMBLISS: We have no objection. We were |
| 24 | exchanging the form of order and we'll probably reach an |
| 25 | agreement |

| 1 | THE COURT: All right. So all that we'll talk about |
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| 2 | then at 1:30 are the three pending motions, okay? |
| 3 | MS. REECE: Thank you, Your Honor. |
| 4 | THE COURT: The turnover motion, the rejection motion |
| 5 | and the motion to dismiss, I think, are the three pending |
| 6 | motions, okay? |
| 7 | MS. REECE: Thank you. |
| 8 | THE COURT: Thank you. |
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| 7 | CHRISTIAN HOFFMAN & SALLY ROOF & GARY) SHULLAW & MARY SHULLAW) | | | | |
| 8 | DECISION ON THE RECORD MOTION TO | | | | |
| 9 | DISMISS COMPLAINT FOR PROFESSIONAL) (LEGAL) NEGLIGENCE FILED BY SCOTT B) | | | | |
| 10 | GARNER OF MORGAN, LEWIS & BOCKIUS, LLP) ON BEHALF OF QUARLES & BRADY LLP) | | | | |
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| 15 | PROPERTY AND REJECT AGENCY AGREEMENT) | | | | |
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THE COURT: Please be seated.

THE CLERK: I don't know the adversary numbers on these, Judge. So I'm just going to call the admin case on 08-13884, Radical Bunny and 10-36845, QC MK Custom Residential.

THE COURT: All right. Good afternoon. This is the time for a ruling on the record. May I have the appearance of counsel please?

MS. REECE: Good afternoon, Your Honor, Cathy Reece on behalf of ML Manager, LLC.

MR. MEDA: Alan Meda and Richard Chambliss on behalf of the Debtor.

THE COURT: All right. Pending before the Court are three motions. Debtor's motion to turn over property and to reject an agency agreement and ML Manager's motion to dismiss the Debtor's adversary complaint seeking a declaration that the first deed of trust on the property on which the Debtor previously held a second deed of trust is invalid. Because the first deed of trust was not properly acknowledged.

The Debtor subsequently foreclosed its second deed of trust and is now the owner of the property. The Debtor alleges to be the owner of a 20 percent interest in this property at 6500 and 6516 North 65th Place -- 64th Place, Paradise Valley, Arizona and its interest arises from a 20 percent interest in the second deed of trust on the property which resulted from an investment by the Debtor's predecessor Queen Creek XVIII LLC.

And that investment was entered into through ML which was what we can call a hard money lender originating loans which had been sold subscriptions to investors who were called participants. And as part of the investment process, Queen Creek signed an agency agreement authorizing ML to take certain actions on its behalf.

Queen Creek purchased then a 20 percent interest in the loan secured by the second deed of trust and the other 80 percent in the second deed of trust is owned by several other parties. The property is also subject to a first deed of trust in the substantial amount of approximately seven and a half million dollars, which the holders of the second deed of trust or the owners having foreclosed the second deed of trust to be invalid.

During the course of the Mortgages Ltd. bankruptcy, disputes arose as to the scope of the agency agreement whether it was executory and whether it was revocable. As a result of those disputes in March of 2010 after confirmation of the plan in the ML case, ML Manager which is the entity created to liquidate ML commenced a declaratory judgment action seeking to clarify its authority under the agency agreement. This was a proceeding in which QC MK participated. Judge Haines' decision in the declaratory judgment action forms the basis of several of the parties' arguments as discussed below.

Thereafter, the Debtor QC MK filed a Chapter 11

petition on November 15th of last year to stop a foreclosure sale on the 1st wanting to preserve the second lienholder's ability to challenge the deed of trust and preserve the position represented by that second deed of trust. The Court granted a relief from stay to permit foreclosure of the second deed of trust. And after the sale, the Debtor QC MK along with the other owners of the interest in the second deed of trust became the owners of the property.

QC MK, the Debtor, then MK then filed the current adversary proceeding seeking a determination that the first deed of trust is invalid due to the failed acknowledgment. ML Manager as agent and manager for the Defendants has filed a motion to dismiss the adversary proceeding arguing that it has the sole authority to bring the claims asserted by Debtor's adversary proceeding pursuant to an irrevocable agency agreement entered into by each investor including the Debtor here.

The Debtor has also filed a motion to compel turnover of its 20 percent undivided interest in the property pursuant to § 543 and to reject the agency agreement under § 365.

Now the parties' positions are the following. On the motion to compel turnover, the Debtor argues that ML Manager is required to turn over property under the clear language of 543 and that ML Manager has failed to do so and did not seek to be excused from that obligation prior to the filing of the motion.

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And that even if ML requested to be excused, the Debtor argues it should not be granted because ML Manager cannot show that it meets the requirements of 543(d) which provides for excusal if quote the interest of creditors and if the debtor is not insolvent, equity security holders would be better served by permitting a custodian to continue in possession, custody or control.

In this case, the Debtor argues that ML Manager suffers from an irreparable conflict of interest because it purports to act as the agent and representative of both the first lienholders and the former participants in the second lien. ML Manager takes the position that 543 does not apply because it is not acting as a custodian and that even if 543 applies, excusal should be granted because of the relationship between the parties and the operation of the confirmed ML plan and in effect the need for the matter to be handled on a unitary basis for the benefit of all of the interest holders in the various loans.

With regard to the rejection of the agency agreement, the Debtor requests approval to reject it as an executory contract. Frankly, it's not clear to me why the Debtor believes that the agency agreement is executory or why it believes rejection is appropriate other than the conflicts of interest that have been alleged above. And during the course of its argument, it argues not so much that the agency

agreement is executory as that it is not exclusive and that it provides that ML Manager may take certain actions related to the property after foreclosure and may do so in ML Manager's sole discretion. But not to the exclusion of the second lienholder's rights to pursue their own interests.

ML Manager argues that the agency agreement is not executory, cannot be rejected and contends that this matter has been fully and exclusively decided by Judge Haines in the ML bankruptcy case. And that since Queen Creek was a part to the disputes holding that the agency agreements were not executory contracts, that QC MK is bound by those decisions under theories of res judicata.

Now with regard to the motion to dismiss the present adversary proceeding, ML Manager argues that the complaint should be dismissed because the Debtor is bound by the agency agreement and the agency agreement, the plan confirmation and the other orders by Judge Haines established that ML Manager has the sole and exclusive authority to act on behalf of the second lien participants including the Debtors. The Debtor counters that ML Manager has at best concurrent authority to administer the property. And in any event, because of its alleged conflict of interest, the Court should permit the Debtor to act on its own behalf in this particular case even if I were to find that the agency agreement is exclusive.

Now with regard to the motion to compel turnover, it

generally requires that any custodian in possession of any property of the Debtor is to turn over the property unless the Court excuses the turnover. So the first question presented is whether ML fits within the definition of custodian under § 543. ML Manager argues that it does not because it doesn't meet the definition of custodian under 10111(c). It argues that its role is to liquidate ML's interest in its loan portfolio for the benefit of ML creditors and that this is a different role than a custodian which is defined quote as an agent under applicable law or under contract that is appointed or authorized to take charge of property of the debtor for the purpose of enforcing a lien against such property or for the purpose of general administration of such property for the benefit of the Debtor's creditors. And the key ML Manager argues is that the duty is to ML's creditors, not to the Debtor's creditors.

Frankly, I found this argument interesting because it seems to me that it is contradictory to the other arguments that are made by ML Manager that it is an agent under an irrevocable agency agreement. The only party entitled to enforce the liens on the property is it for the benefit of the security holders. And so while ML Manager's role may be to liquidate ML's loan portfolio, seems to me that it stepped into the shoes of ML under the agency agreement and has at least — it does have agency authority for the purpose of enforcing the

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liens or administering the property. And according to ML Manager itself, it has the right to quote take charge of the property close quote for the purpose of enforcing the liens.

It seems to me that this set of rights and obligations has ML Manager fit within the definition of a custodian under the facts that are present here. question is whether or not ML Manager is entitled to be excused from turnover under 543(d) and I conclude that the answer to that is yes. 543(d) provides that the Court may excuse turnover if the interest of creditors would be better served by permitting a custodian to continue in possession. And here ML argues that it should be excused because the Debtor has only a minority interest in a second deed of trust on an uncompleted single family residence which I'll also note for the record is subject to a sale motion by ML in the ML case, ML Manager in the ML case and that we had a hearing this morning in which I also approved and ratified -- I approved Radical Bunny's voting in favor of that motion and ratified the decision of ML to proceed with the sale as to which there is no objection raised by OC MK as more fully reflected on the record of that hearing this morning.

And that therefore ML Manager argues that a centralized sale process will be the best way to maximize the return for all of the security holders. Frankly, I find that argument persuasive. Even if the first deed of trust is

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invalid, it's better to have a centralized process for not only sale but distribution of the proceeds and that ML is in the best position to do so and can deal with the conflict of interest issue as it has stated on the record that it will do by hiring independent counsel for both groups that it otherwise would be the agent for and also to have separate business representatives representing that agency position with regard to those different groups.

So it seems to me in effect this has become modestly moot because we've approved the sale although it hasn't closed yet. But nevertheless it seems to me that ML's in a better position to liquidate the collateral, sell it, than it would be to have a partial interest of a junior deed of trust turnover to this particular Debtor.

I've noted that what QC MK claims to be an irreconcilable conflict of interest can be resolved and frankly I fully expect that to be done based upon representations of counsel in the hearings this morning. If it turns out that this is not done, then I will leave it to the parties to decide if there's appropriate relief that needs to be sought back here because that's part of the basis of my ruling today.

What about the agency agreement? Seems to me that it's not rejectable because it's not executory. Why is it not executory? Because Judge Haines has found it not to be executory very explicitly in his declaratory judgment action.

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And I will not allow the relitigation of issues that were raised or could have been raised in a previous action where there's an identify of claims, final judgment on the merits and identity or privity between the parties. There's a recent Ninth Circuit case of 2011, <u>United States v. Liquidators of European Federal Credit Bank</u>, 630 F.3d 1139 as well as a previous Ninth Circuit case, <u>Owens v. Kaiser Foundation Health Plan</u>, 244 F.3d 708, standing for that proposition.

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Judge Haines determined that the agency agreement was binding on those who entered into it. He did so in a declaratory judgment order as I noted. And specifically found in paragraph 71 that the plan and confirmation order provide that among other things, the agency agreements were not executory contracts and were to be assigned to ML Manager. This matter having been decided in an action in which the Debtor's predecessor in interest had the opportunity to argue that the agreement was executory precludes further litigation on that issue in my judgment.

So on these two administrative matters, I conclude therefore that although ML Manager is a custodian, it will be excused from compliance with § 543 for the reasons stated on the record and that the agreement may not be rejected in this case because it is not an executory agreement or contract and that that issue has been previously found and determined.

What about the motion to dismiss? This is a slightly

different proposition. The question here is whether the agency agreement gives ML Management sole and exclusive authority to act on behalf of the Debtor. The relevant part of the agency agreement states that if the ownership of any trust property becomes vested in participant, a defined term, either in whole or in part by trustee sale, judicial foreclosure or otherwise, agent may enter into one or more real estate brokers agreements, enter into a management maintenance agreement or if applicable may acquire insurance, make take such other actions, et cetera, et cetera, all as agent deems appropriate in its sole discretion.

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Now, ML Manager argues that the Debtor lacks standing to bring the adversary proceeding which challenges the validity of the first deed of trust on its behalf as a 20 percent holder of an interest in the junior second deed of trust, now foreclosed. The result of that would be -- I won't opine as to what the result of that would be, but presumably what the Debtor here expects that the result would be is that if the first lien is invalidated in these post confirmation, postbankruptcy proceedings, that it would rise to -- its ownership interest would rise to the top and would be senior to the inappropriately acknowledged first lien position.

But ML Management says -- Manager says that it lacks standing to bring that under the agency agreement because ML Managers has the ability to act on behalf of the participants

in its sole discretion. I mean according to ML Manager, this gives it the exclusive ability to act and that exclusive authority is evidenced by several decisions of Judge Haines including his declaratory judgment order in the ML case.

The Debtor here, on the other hand, argues that the agency agreement is permissive and allows ML Manager to act in certain matters in its sole discretion without having to worry about participants forcing it to do something it does not feel appropriate. However, Debtor argues that the language of the agreement which grants ML Manager sole discretion to take certain action should not be read to provide ML Manager with sole and exclusive discretion to take those actions.

Now in connection with this matter, I've carefully reviewed the language of the agency agreement, the language of the declaratory judgment order and in my view, the declaratory judgment order and the language of the agency agreement itself make it clear that ML Manager as agent does have the sole authority to make decisions regarding the participant's interests in the ML loans. The declaratory judgment order states clearly that number one, the agency between ML and Debtor under the agency agreement was an agency coupled with an interest that it was therefore irrevocable, that it was not executory, that allegations of breach of fiduciary duty or breach of contract do not affect the operation of the agency agreement and that all authorized actions can be taken within

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The agency agreement further makes ML Manager's sole authority clear by providing for a grant of broad authority subject to a carve out of rights in favor of the Debtor and other participants in very limited circumstances, one of which is not this, providing sole discretion to ML Manager in execution of all authorized actions under the agreement and providing a mechanism by which participants could regain control of the property, decision making regarding the property, but only upon becoming the sole owner of the property which is also not the facts here.

Therefore, it seems to me in conclusion that the agency agreement in accordance with the declaratory judgment order make clear taken together that the Debtor granted ML the sole authority to act on behalf of the Debtor with regard to its loan participation interest. And as a result, ML Manager by assignment of the agency is the proper party to initiate any action to determine the relative rights of the various participating parties. And that any potential conflict of interest as I previously discussed can be avoided or cured by ML Manager's proposal to leave the proceeds from the sale of the property in escrow which will be approved by order submitted later on today, while the relative rights of the parties are finally determined and also to engage both separate business and legal counsel, business people and legal counsel,

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| 4 | pending motions in the QC MK case and I'll ask that counsel for | | |
| 5 | ML Manager submit brief orders not reciting all of the reasons | | |
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| 10 | sign those orders when submitted. Thank you all for coming | | |
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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

District of Arizona

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CASE NUMBER/ADVERSARY NUMBER: 2:10-bk-36845-CGC

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To:

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Subject: FW: ML Manager Newsletter # 21

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Subject: ML Manager Newsletter # 21

ML MANAGER LLC 14050 N.83rd Ave., Suite 180 Peoria, AZ 85381

December 19, 2011

ML MANAGER LLC LOAN PORTFOLIO NEWSLETTER #21

Dear Investors:

The following are the significant events that have occurred since our last newsletter.

IRS Ruling

As reported in previous newsletters, ML Manager retained PricewaterhouseCoopers ("PWC") to represent us in seeking assistance from the IRS relating to potential theft loss deductions in connection with investments in Mortgages Ltd. We are pleased to inform you that the IRS just issued Revenue Procedure 2011-58 that we believe will significantly benefit many investors. As with most tax matters numerous, complex issues arise in connection with this new revenue procedure. We have retained PWC to provide us with a formal professional opinion and advice on several issues. Some of the issues that PWC will address are which investors' returns can and should be amended to claim a theft loss (i.e., should it be the pass-through investors' individual returns, the returns filed by the Loan LLCs and/or the returns filed by the MP Funds) and, if amendments are appropriate, for which tax years should they be filed. The work of PWC has already begun and we will update you as this work progresses.

As always, we urge you to discuss this and all tax matters with your own professional tax advisors. We do, however, ask that you refrain from filing amended returns until PWC completes its work. We are placing more detailed information concerning the tax matters on our web page:

http://www.mtgltd.com/webs/MLMNews/IRS%20Theft%20Loss%20Tax%20Information/

You can review a memorandum from our tax attorney, Gregg Hanks, both of the relevant IRS revenue procedures and documents from the Arizona Department of Financial Institutions and the Securities and Exchange Commission. We realize that you and your tax advisors may have many questions. We will attempt to answer the questions as best we can, but ask that you hold your questions until PWC is able to analyze the numerous issues and provide guidance. Again, we believe the action by the IRS to be a very positive result and we are anxious to complete the necessary analysis and work so that the investors can benefit from this new revenue procedure.

PDG Los Arcos, LLC (Los Arcos Crossing) (Loan 859305)

The sale of this property was consummated on November 30th for the sales 2/07/12 Desc Exhibit D Page 2 of 4

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VCB (Loan 856805)

The sale of this property was consummated on December 8th for a sales price of \$1,200,000.

Rodeo Ranch Estates (Loan 857906)

The sale of the fourth house within this subdivision in Casa Grande was consummated on December 8th for a price of \$250,000.

Exit Loan Balance

The principal balance of the exit loan has now been paid down to zero. Under the terms of the loan agreement we remain obligated to pay a disposition fee to the exit lender that is capped at \$7.5M. The current remaining balance of this fee is approximately \$3.5M. No additional interest is payable on this remaining balance to the exit lender. Recall that most of the funds otherwise payable to the Loan LLCs upon the sales of each property were used to pay down the exit loan. The amounts that exceed the proportionate share of each Loan LLCs share of the exit loan will be repaid to the investors in the Loan LLCs. We generally refer to these obligations as replacement loans. These amounts will be repaid to the Loan LLCs as future properties are sold and interest is accruing on these loans at a rate of 17.5%.

MK Custom (Loans 839506 and 845006)

We have adopted a process to resolve the dispute regarding the validity of the lien of the first loan. Once the dispute is resolved, the sale proceeds can be distributed to the appropriate investors.

Portales Place (Loan 852606)

The buyer elected to terminate the sale agreement for this property in central Scottsdale due to issues with the adjoining property owner. We are asserting our legal rights against the adjoining property owner and hope to resolve this issue in our favor. Additionally, the buyer is still making efforts to resolve the issues and continues to desire to purchase the property. The sale of the property may not occur until the legal dispute is resolved, which may take several months.

Foothills Plaza (Loan 853106)

After entering into a sale agreement for the purchase of this property in southeast Mesa, the exit lender elected to terminate the agreement and not proceed with the purchase. We are currently working with another buyer and hope to have the property back under contract shortly.

Northern 120 (Loan 849206) and Citrus 278 (Loan 849306)

We have entered into a sale agreement for these adjoining properties consisting of 392 acres northwest of Phoenix. The sales price is approximately \$5.79M (\$14,750/acre). The sale agreement is subject to the affirmative vote of the members of Citno Loan LLC, the Nocit Loan LLC and the Bankruptcy Court. The Bankruptcy Court hearing to approve the sale is December 19th. The buyer's feasibility period expires on January 4th and closing would occur on January 19th.

National Retail (Loan 860905)

We have entered into a sale agreement for this property near Dysart and Camelback. The sales price is \$2,300,000. The sale agreement is subject to the affirmative vote of the members of NRDP Loan LLC and the Bankruptcy Court. The Bankruptcy Court hearing to approve the sale is December 19th. The closing is scheduled to occur in mid January.

Zacher Maryland (Loan 857802)

The sale of this property in central Phoenix received the affirmative vote of the members of ZDCIII Loan LLC and the approval of the Bankruptcy Court. We are working with the buyer to attempt to close the sale within the next few weeks.

HH20 (Loan 858305)

We have entered into a sale agreement to sell 5 of the 20 acres of this property located in Pinal County. The sales price is \$300,000. The sale agreement will be subject to the affirmative vote of the members of the HH Loan LLC and the Bankruptcy Court. If the buyer elects to proceed with the purchase, the sale is scheduled to close in early April.

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several offers and are engaged in the piccess of identifying the highest and best afer.

Metropolitan Lofts (Loan 860706)

We have reached a settlement with the bankruptcy trustee that will allow us to foreclose upon the property. The Bankruptcy Court hearing to approve the settlement is scheduled for December 19th. The settlement is subject to the affirmative vote of the members of Metro Loan LLC. The foreclosure will occur shortly after the approval of the Bankruptcy Court and investors. We have resumed our efforts to market the property for sale.

Town Lake Development Partners (Loan 861305)

This property is subject to a significant amount of assessments, which have gone unpaid for the past few years. The City of Tempe attempted to foreclose the lien of one of the assessments. In order to stop the City from foreclosing or the property, TLDP Loan LLC filed for bankruptcy protection under Chapter 11. Notwithstanding the bankruptcy filing we continue our efforts to identify a purchaser for the property.

Riverfront Commons/Cottonwood (Loan 853705)

The trustee's sale for this property occurred on November 10th. We are currently in discussions with a potential purchaser of the property.

Next Distribution to Investors

Funds are being held in separate accounts for the Arizona Commercial, PDG Los Arcos, Rodeo Ranch, Bisontown, and VCB properties and are available for distribution. We are waiting to see if the Zacher Maryland and Portales sales are consummated in the near term. We are reviewing the allocation model against actual expenses to verify that the assumptions remain valid. The appropriate share of costs attributable to each loan will be deducted from the proceeds prior to distribution. ML Manager LLC intends to make the distributions through our servicing agent, Canyon State Servicing Co., LLC, as soon as practical during the first quarter of 2012.

Number of Properties Sold

So far we have sold approximately fifteen properties, seven are currently in escrow and approximately twenty remain to be sold

Valuation of Interests

Several of you have contacted us about the need to value your investments. As you should recall, ML Manager retained Henry & Horne, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, to prepare valuations of the investments approximately one year ago. The Henry & Horne, LLP valuations continue to be available on a secure website and by regular mail for your use. There are security procedures in place to protect the information. If you would like to obtain a valuation of an investment by mail for your use or the use of a tax advisor, you may complete the required written request form and mail it to ML Manager LLC. Upon receipt of the completed and signed form, you will receive log in information to access the valuations online on a secure website or you may request the information be sent to you by mail. Please keep in mind the valuations are dated October, 2010 and are the only valuations available.

If you have any questions, you may contact our office at 623-234-9560 or via email at mortgagesinfo@mtgltd.com. Please also feel free to contact Karen Epstein at 480-948-6777 or kme818@cox.net. It is much more efficient for us to respond to written questions and we ask whenever possible, please communicate with us via email.

Thank you for your support of our efforts.

Best Regards,

Elliott Pollack Chairman

EXHIBIT E

Rick E. Chambliss

From:

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Sent:

Thursday, December 22, 2011 2:02 PM

To: Cc: 'REECE, CATHY'

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'Bill Hawkins'; Wesley S. Loy

Subject:

QC MK; ML Manager Newsletter # 21

Good Afternoon Cathy,

ML Manager Newsletter # 21 states that ML Manager has adopted a process to resolve the dispute regarding the validity of the lien of the first loan. Please advise of the process that ML Manager has adopted.

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