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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

> Hearing Date: September 4, 2012 Hearing Time: 2:30 p.m.

Jan Sterling, an interested party representing herself, objects to ML Manager's Motion to Authorize Distributions of Proceeds to Investors in Accordance with Allocation Model, for the reasons set forth below.

I. The Liquidating Trust ("LT") and the ML Manager ("MLM") have failed to meet their responsibility to accurately allocate the \$44 M plus cost of the Exit Financing between the two entities, and their respective beneficiaries/creditors, based on the respective usage of the fund by the parties. Failure to allocate could unfairly discriminate against one of the groups of beneficiaries/creditors.

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The Allocation Model cannot accurately reflect the true costs of the Exit Financing that are being allocated to the investors until the required allocations of Exit Financing costs and expenses between the Liquidating Trust and ML Manager are done. The Interborrower Agreement is the controlling document. As relates to the allocation of Exit Financing advances, costs and expenses, the Interborrower Agreement provides very specific guidance regarding the timing, methodology and reporting requirements as defined in Operative Provisions 2.1-2.3. (See Exhibit 1)

2. Advances under the Loan

- 2.1 Advances. All Advances under the Loan will be initiated by a request signed by the Liquidating Trustee on behalf of the Liquidating Trust and the ML Manager on behalf of the Loan LLCs, and the Advance Request will request disbursement of a specific sum to each of the Liquidating Trustee and the ML Manager on behalf of the Loan LLC.
- Each Loan Advance will be specifically 2.2 Allocation of Loan Advances. allocated and documented between the Liquidating Trustee and Loan LLC Group at the time the advanced or as soon there after as possible based upon the purpose for which the money is drawn. Advances under the Loan may be made to the Loan LLC Group solely to pay for Servicing Costs and the Loan LLC Groups allocated portion of Professions Fees and Allocated Loan Costs, operating costs of the ML Manager and such amounts will be allocated to and become part of the Loan LLC Groups Allocated Loan Share. No amounts will be borrowed by the Loan LLC Group to pay for any Loan LLC Separate Costs. (Emphasis added)
- The Liquidating Trustee and the 2.3 Allocation of Certain Costs and Expenses. ML Manager shall agree upon a (i) preliminary dollar allocation of all Professions Fees between the Liquidating Trustee and Loan LLC Group, with the Loan LLC Group's dollar share being based upon best estimates of Profession Fees that were expended solely to defend the holders of Fractional Interests from suits and other actions by ML Borrowers based upon breaches by ML of the obligation to fund under ML's loan commitments or ML Loan Documents, which preliminary allocation will be revised when Professional Fees are approved by the Bankruptcy

Court, and (ii) a percentage allocation of Origination Fees and other Loan closing costs based upon the amount of funds borrowed by each on the date of the first Advance.(emphasis added) Interest Payments, Extension Fees, Repayment Incentive Payments, and Disposition Incentive Payments payment made under the Loan will be allocated between the Liquidating Trustee and the LLC Group in accordance with their then Allocated Loan Share at the time of such payment.

.......The Liquidating Trustee an the ML Manager shall jointly file with the Bankruptcy Court a schedule of allocated items which are determined from time to time .(Emphasis added)

The fact that ML Manager has assumed that the Liquidating Trust will never contribute to the cost of the Bankruptcy is not an excuse for refusing to adhere to the requirements of the Interborrower Agreement. The allocation has never been done. There is nowhere in the Interborrower Agreement that represents that Allocation is a suggestion or an option. During my tenure, as a member of the LT Board (inception-12/2010), I was a strong proponent for the allocation between the Liquidating Trust and the Loan LLC Group as evidenced by the documents that I have asked the Courts permission to file under seal.

I have had several communications with the Liquidating Trust since my departure from the LT Board related to the Allocation. In my conversation with Scott Jenkins, counsel for the Trust, on Friday August 31, 2012, he stated that the Liquidating Trust was waiting until the Loan LLC Group asked for funds. At that point, they would discuss it. The Liquidating Trust Board did not want to disrupt a "good working relationship" they had with the Ml Manager Board. The allocation of costs between the MLM and LT is a mathematical calculation. To portray it as potentially jeopardizing a working relationship causes me great concern and should cause this Court great concern because the LT Board has a fiduciary responsibility is to do what is in the best interest of it's creditors.

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The Interborrower Agreement (2.2) states that "No amounts will be borrowed by the Loan LLC Group to pay for any Loan LLC Separate Costs ". (Emphasis added) A cost or expense that is appropriately allocated to the Loan LLC Group, and paid by the Loan LLC Group members, would not be classified as an Overpayment, an occurrence that triggers a 17.5% interest loan. If all costs and expenses of the Exit Financing are incorrectly allocated to the LT, it triggers an Overpayment for the LT that accrues interest. If the interest is not paid by the LT it becomes the burden of the investors. If, during the Allocation between the Boards, it is determined that some expenses are appropriately allocated to the Loan LLC Group, it will stop the LT interest accrual as those expenses will no longer be the responsibility of the LT. Millions of dollars in expenses that are misallocated and are accruing interest at 17.5% can quickly grow to an impactful amount. Higher accrued interest could result in higher Reserve withholds to cover the expense. The Replacement Loan Interest Expense could increase, which in turn would impact the Net Sales Proceeds available for payout to investors.

Failure to promptly allocate the Loan LLC cost of the Exit Financing artificially extends the borrowing period for the Loan LLC members and increases the interest expense to all investors.

This issue is non negotiable. Per the Interborrower Agreement, the allocation was to be done at the time of the Advance. Further delay will cause unnecessary cost allocation to investors and an increase in interest paid and accrued.

I am asking the Court to require that the allocation of the Exit Financing costs and expenses be accurately allocated between the two Boards prior to the approval of the Allocation Model.

I object to the lack of financial transparency in the management of the Loans П. and REO properties.

There are very few resources that an investor can turn to for financial information regarding their assets. There are no filings, to my knowledge, regarding the final Exit Financing borrowings and costs and no filings regarding professional fees paid post Bankruptcy to date. Even this Court does not have knowledge of how much is being spent to perpetuate this fiasco. There is no apparent oversight or cost control. Annual budgets are required for the Loan LLCs but an Opt Out investor, who is not a Member of the Loan LLC but with all of the responsibilities, has no right to review the annual budget. Information is piecemeal at best.

I went to the ML web site for information regarding the Allocation Model. My review focused on the Chateaux on Central sale to try and discern what information is readily available to an investor. Other than the ML Newsletters and one Allocation Model representing 6 property sales in 2010, there is little financial information on the ML web site.

Chateaux on Central was an REO property for which the Plan gave the Liquidating Trust responsibility. The LT managed and sold the property. Exhibit 4 of the Allocation Model shows that the Chateaux Loan LLC owns 100% of the asset (Exhibit 2). Based on my experience and knowledge, the Liquidating Trust has in excess of a 30% ownership. This significant discrepancy in ownership interest could impact the allocation of costs and expenses and unfairly harm one or more of the ownership groups. It causes me to question the accuracy of the Allocation Model.

Further investigation highlighted an entry on Exhibits 9B (Exhibit 3) which show a deduction for \$264,504.41 under the "Other" category of "Actual Specific Costs Incurred". A reasonable person would expect that a cost titled "Actual" would be a reliable number. This is a large number that equals over 10% of the Loan LLC's share of the Adjusted Net Sales Price. There is no footnote or explanation. This lack of documentation is an example of a gross lack of transparency. Because the data is spread over so many complex documents, it is also not easily discoverable by investors.

Exhibit 3 of the Allocation Model (Exhibit 4) shows, for the Chateaux Loan, a Specific Loan Cost of \$2,237 in contradiction to the \$264,504.41 in Exhibit 9A, again with no

explanation or footnote. The Model also revealed a category called Allocated Uncovered Specific Loan Costs with an amount of \$31,918.(Exhibit 4) The source of this expense is not documented, explained, or footnoted. There is no provision in the Plan or Interborrower Agreement that allows an investor to be charged the Loan Specific Costs of another Loan, to act, in effect, as a financial safety net. This practice is in complete contradiction to the Plan and the Interborrower Agreement. This Plan was set up as an individual Loan Plan as evidenced by the individual Loan LLCs. This is not a pooled Plan. Yet ML Manger is taking such liberties with their expense allocations that it is turning into a pooled Plan.

The Plan clearly provides authority for a Loan LLC to borrow from a member, a 3rd party or liquidate the asset to pay a loan specific cost.. The Interborrower Agreement only allows for the sharing of Exit Financing related costs and expenses and clearly defined servicing costs. It is the responsibility of the MLM in the annual budgeting process to prevent the financial overextension of a Loan LLC that creates the inability to pay loan specific costs. This is yet another flagrant disregard of the Plan and Contracts that the investors voted on and rely on protect their assets. These are but a few examples for one loan sale. They are not isolated instances.

Investors have been forced to pay significant, unknown amounts of money for the development of this model. At a minimum it should provide consistent, transparent, accurate information that is understandable to investors. The proposed Allocations Model, with its lack of transparency, perpetuates a gross cost-sharing model that was never anticipated or approved by the investors.

III. The ML Manager asserts that the Allocation Model has been approved. The prior ruling by the Court was that the Allocation Model presented in Sept 2010 would be allowed as a "test drive".

ML Manager continues to assert that the Court has approved the Allocation Model and that the only issues not yet resolved relate to the actual figures. The Trust had someone attend

the hearing and the Trustee relayed to us that the Court had approved a test drive of the Allocation model. To the best of my knowledge, the Court never established metrics for determining when the "test drive" would be considered successful and there has not been an affirmative statement by the Court that the evaluation was completed. It is my belief that the evaluation of the Allocation Model should include the disclosures beyond the actual spreadsheets. I have attached as Exhibit 5 and Exhibit 6, two statements that I received with settlement checks. Exhibit 5 is a letter from the Thomas Title that I received with a payment. There was no settlement doc with detail regarding interest calculation for tax purposes or even the source of the funds. The letter referenced Pearce Farm but the Loan was to ABCDW LLC. There was no Loan number to which I could tie the payment. This is an unacceptable documentation standard in any situation but especially given the average age of ML investors. At a minimum the investors should not have to struggle to reconcile their payments.

Exhibit 6 is another loan payment that had no identifying information other than percentage of ownership that would assist me in identifying the source of the funds. This loan had a Gross Sales Price of \$313,800 and \$185,683.75 in unspecified costs. The unspecified costs represented 76% of the total costs. There is not an example of transparency.

Investors who have entrusted their assets to ML Manager are entitled to a complete and accurate accounting of the funds that were expended to service, foreclose, market and sell their assets. Any standard of disclosure less than that challenges the integrity of the Bankruptcy process. While no investor should expect the Bankruptcy process to add value to their assets, no investor should walk away from this experience feeling like the Bankruptcy system had let them down by failing to monitor the process.

The Motion of the ML Manager should be denied. ML Manager and the Liquidating

Trust should be required to allocate the Exit Financing cost and expenses per the Interborrower

Agreement prior to approval of the Model. In the spirit of disclosure and transparency, within 60

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days, ML Manager should post on the ML web site the ML Manager's legal, professional, and operational post Confirmation expenses, both paid and accrued. On a going forward basis the expense disclosures should be monthly. ML Manager should post annually on the ML website the annual budgets for all of the Loan LLCs. ML Manager should update the ML website with the Allocation Models used for each Loan/REO settlement. They should also be required to demonstrate to the Court a standardized format that will be used consistently to document, for the investor, the revenues and expenses associate with a loan settlement. The document should significantly limit the use of non-specific expense classification to no more than 10% of a Loan's total costs/expenses.

DATED this 4th day of September, 2012

Jan Sterling

Copies of the foregoing via e-mail this 4th day of September, 2012, upon

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"Recovery" means the gross cash or non-cash consideration received by the Liquidating Trust or the Loan LLC by settlement or judgment collection, on Liquidating Trustee Causes of Action and Loan LLC Causes of Action, respectively.

"REO Property" means any real property to which the Liquidating Trust presently has title or to which a Loan LLC receives title by reason of a judicial or non-judicial foreclosure of a ML Deed of Trust, a deed-in-lieu of foreclosure under a ML Deed of Trust or payment on an ML Note in kind consisting of real or personal property.

"Servicer" shall mean ML Servicing Co., Inc (formerly Mortgages, Ltd) or any other entity engaged to service the ML Loans.

"Servicing Expenses" means the actual expenses of engaging a servicer to service the ML Loans from and after the Effective Date, including all normal and customary services that are normally by loan servicers, including but not limited to collecting payments, fees and other charges from ML Borrowers, maintaining accounting records with respect to the ML Loans, sending notices to ML Borrowers, paying taxes and insurance from impounds; confirming insurance coverage; making distributions of principal and interest to holders of interest in the ML Notes, providing custody services to hold the ML Notes and ML Loan Documents as agent for the benefit of the holders of the interests in the ML Notes, providing accountings and year end tax statements to holders of the ML Notes, answering inquiries from holders of the ML Notes or from ML Borrowers with respect to the ML Loans, and other services reasonable requested by the ML Manager to be provided to the holders of the ML Notes but excluding from Servicing Expenses those amounts charged to and collected from the Non-Conveying ML Note Holders for servicing under the Agency Agreements.

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- specifically allocated and documented between the Liquidating Trustee and Loan LLC Group at the time advanced or as soon thereafter as possible based upon the purpose for which the money is drawn. The funds allocated to each will be deposited in accounts held by the Liquidating Trustee and the ML Manager on behalf of the Loan LLC Group. Advances under the Loan may be made to the Liquidating Trustee solely for the purpose of paying Claims Required to be Paid and Liquidating Trustee Costs and Expenses and such amounts advanced will be allocated to and become part of the Liquidating Trustee's Allocated Loan Share. Advances under the Loan may be made to the Loan LLC Group solely to pay for Servicing Costs and the Loan LLC Group's allocated portion of

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Professional Fees and Allocated Loan Costs, operating costs of the ML Manager and such amounts will be allocated to and become part of the Loan LLC Group's Allocated Loan Share. No amounts will be borrowed by the Loan LLC Group to pay any Loan LLC Separate Costs.

- Allocation of Certain Costs and Expenses. The Liquidating Trustee 2.3 and the ML Manager shall agree upon a (i) preliminary dollar allocation of all Professional Fees between the Liquidating Trustee and Loan LLC Group, with the Loan LLC Group's dollar share being based upon best estimates of Professional Fees that were expended solely to defend the holders of Fractional Interests from suits and other actions by ML Borrowers based upon breaches by ML of the obligation to fund under ML's loan commitments or ML Loan Documents, which preliminary allocation will be revised when the Professional Fees are approved by the Bankruptcy Court, and (ii) a percentage allocation of Origination Fees and other Loan closing costs based upon the amount of funds borrowed by each on the date of the first Advance. Interest payments, Extension Fees, Repayment Incentive Payments and Disposition Incentive Payments payment made under the Loan will be allocated between the Liquidating Trustee and the LLC Group in accordance with their then Allocated Loan Share at the time of such payment. To the extent that the Non-Conveying ML Note Holders are required to pay and do pay their fair share of the Loan Costs and other costs funded with Loan proceeds under the Agency Agreements, the amount so paid shall reduce the amount to be allocated among the Loan LLCs for repayment purposes. The Liquidating Trustee and the ML Manager shall jointly file with the Bankruptcy Court a schedule of allocated items which are determined from time to time.
 - 2.4 <u>Responsibility to Repay Lender</u>. The Liquidating Trustee and Loan LLC Group will be responsible, as between themselves, to repay to the Lender its then Allocable Loan Share at each point in time.
 - Overpayments and Repayments. To the extent that either of the Liquidating Trustee or the Loan LLC Group shall pay more than their Allocable Loan 2.5 Share, or their share of Allocated Loan Costs, to Lender ("Overpaying Party") because of the requirements of the Loan Documents or otherwise, the overpayment ("Overpayment") shall be accounted for as a debt due to the Overpaying Party for underpayment ("Underpayment") from the other party ("Underpaying Party") which shall bear interest until repaid at the same rate of interest then borne by the Loan. To the extent that the Loan LLC Group is the Underpaying Party, the Loan LLCs will allocate the underpayment among the Loan LLCs in the ratio of their then Allocated Loan Shares to the total Allocated Loan Share of all Loan LLCs. or in the case of Underpayment of Allocated Loan Costs which are not paid from an Advance of Loan proceeds on the basis of the ratio of their Allocated Loan Costs under Section 2.3 or other method deemed fair by the ML Manager. In the event that the Underpaying Party is the Liquidating Trust or the Loan LLC Group, to the extent that funds are available to the Liquidating Trust if the Underpaying Party or from a Loan LLC if the Loan LLC Group is the Underpaying Party, from Net Proceeds from Disposition by such Underpaying Party, the funds shall first be used to pay off such Underpaying Party's share of the Underpayment owed based

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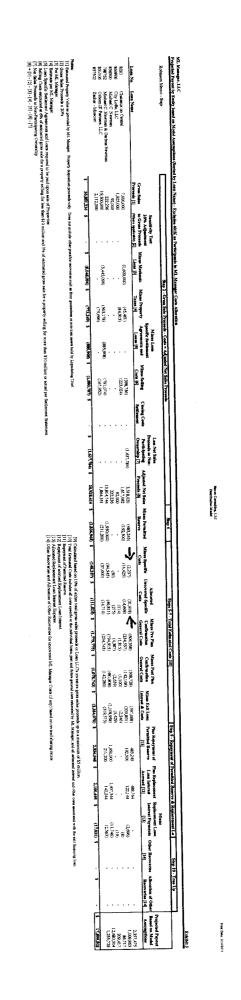


EXHIBIT 5



Thomas Title & Escrow Promenade Corporate Center 16435 N. Scottsdale Rd., Stc. 405 Scottsdale, AZ 85254 P| 480.222.1116 F| 480.222.1117 www.thomastitle.com

June 01, 2012

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Jan Sterling 125 Fox Hollow Road Woodside, CA 94062

Regarding:

Escrow No. 115947 / Pearce Farm - Penal County

Dear Jan:

In connection with the above referenced escrow we are enclosing the following documents:

Check number # 12329 in the amount of \$25,168.00

Please negotiate any enclosed checks immediately. This is a Note Payment from ML Manager LLC for the Pear Farm sale.

In the event you have any questions regarding the above or enclosed, please feel free to call.

Sincerely,

Julia Mendoza Escrow Assistant to Diane Carpenter

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Thomas Title & Escrow, LLC

16435 N. Scottsdale Rd., Ste. 405 Scottsdale, AZ 85254

File No 115947

Wells Fargo Bank 100 West Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85003 12329

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DATE 06/01/2012

AMOUNT \$25,168.00

PAY Twenty Five Thousand One Hundred Sixty Eight and 00/100

TO THE ORDER OF JAN STERLING 125 Fox Hollow Rd.

Woodside, CA 94062

Two Authorized Signatures Required

Memo:

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Jan Sterling

PAYEE: SELLER:

ABCDW, L.L.C., an Arizona limited liability company, as to an undivided 59.5520% interest

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ADDRESS: Line Items

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