UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION,

Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 8:09-cv-0087-T-26TBM

ARTHUR NADEL; SCOOP CAPITAL, LLC; SCOOP MANAGEMENT, INC.

Defendants,

SCOOP REAL ESTATE, L.P.; VALHALLA INVESTMENT PARTNERS, L.P.; VALHALLA MANAGEMENT, INC.; VICTORY IRA FUND, LTD.; VICTORY FUND, LTD.; VIKING IRA FUND, LLC; VIKING FUND, LLC; AND VIKING MANAGEMENT, LLC,

Relief Defendants.

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THE RECEIVER'S SIXTH INTERIM REPORT

Receivership Information and Activity from February 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010.

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INTRODUCTION

Burton W. Wiand, the Court-appointed Receiver for the Receivership Entities as defined herein, hereby files this Sixth Interim Report (the "**Report**") to inform the Court, the investors, and others interested in this Receivership, of activities from February 1, 2010 through April 30, 2010 as well as the proposed course of action.¹ As of the date of filing this Report, the Court has appointed Burton W. Wiand as Receiver over the following entities and trust:

- a) Defendants Scoop Capital, LLC ("**Scoop Capital**") and Scoop Management, Inc. ("**Scoop Management**") (which, along with Arthur Nadel, are collectively referred to as "**Defendants**");
- b) Relief Defendants Scoop Real Estate, L.P. ("Scoop Real Estate"); Valhalla Investment Partners, L.P. ("Valhalla Investment Partners"); Victory IRA Fund, Ltd. ("Victory IRA Fund"); Victory Fund, Ltd. ("Victory Fund"); Viking IRA Fund, LLC ("Viking IRA Fund"); and Viking Fund LLC ("Viking Fund") (collectively referred to as the "Hedge Funds");
- c) Relief Defendants Valhalla Management, Inc. ("Valhalla Management"), and Viking Management, LLC ("Viking Management") (which, along with Scoop Capital and Scoop Management, are collectively referred to as the "Investment Managers"); and
- d) Venice Jet Center, LLC; Tradewind, LLC; Laurel Mountain Preserve, LLC; Laurel Preserve, LLC; Laurel Mountain Preserve Homeowners Association, Inc.; Marguerite J. Nadel Revocable Trust UAD 8/2/07; Guy-Nadel Foundation, Inc.; Lime Avenue Enterprises, LLC; A Victorian Garden Florist, LLC; Viking Oil & Gas, LLC; and Home Front Homes, LLC.

The foregoing entities and trust are collectively referred to as the "Receivership Entities."

¹ Unless otherwise indicated, the information reported herein reflects the information in the Receiver's possession as of April 30, 2010. In the near future, the Receiver will file a report covering information and activities from May 1, 2010 through July 31, 2010.

The Receiver was appointed on January 21, 2009. By January 26, 2009, the Receiver established an informational website, <u>www.nadelreceivership.com</u>. The Receiver has updated this website periodically and continues to update it with the Receiver's most significant actions to date; important court filings in this proceeding; and other news that might be of interest to the public. This Report, as well as all previous and subsequent reports, will be posted on the Receiver's website. In a further effort to keep investors and other interested parties informed, the Receiver held an in-person informational meeting in Sarasota on April 26, 2010. The Receiver also arranged for web access and telephone conferencing for the meeting. Approximately 60 people attended the meeting and approximately another 190 participated by phone and/or internet access.

Overview of Significant Activities During this Reporting Period

During the time covered by this Interim Report, the Receiver and his Professionals engaged in the following significant activities:

- Continued to pursue litigation for (1) the recovery of false profits from investors (i.e., from "Profiteers"); (2) the recovery of distributions from Receivership Entities to Neil and Sharon Moody, Donald and Joyce Rowe, and certain of their affiliated entities; (3) the recovery of other distributions, such as commissions, from other individuals and/or entities; and (4) the recovery of certain charitable contributions made with scheme proceeds;
- Reached 22 settlements for a total sum of \$5,585,943.22 and engaged in efforts that led to the settlement of 15 additional cases as of July 29, 2010, for a further amount of \$2,337,973.66. As of July 29, 2010, the Receiver had reached agreements to settle with 71 Profiteers for a total amount of \$11,227,470.08;
- Continued to operate ongoing businesses, and where possible, enhance the value of those businesses resulting in the generation of more than \$229,797.29 in gross business income;
- Generated \$41,601.66 in interest/dividend income; \$2,941,930.57 in third-party litigation income; and \$235,000 in other income;

- Conveyed a parcel of real property located in Englewood, Florida which eliminated over \$790,000 in debt obligations and claims against the Receivership estate, resolved an Eleventh Circuit Appeal, and saved the Receivership the ongoing costs of maintaining the property;
- Sold heavily encumbered property located in Thomasville, Georgia for \$725,000 and successfully negotiated the resolution of over \$759,000 in debt obligations and claims on the property with the proceeds of the purchase price less commissions;
- Auctioned a "Barbie" Jeep and Subaru Outback on eBay resulting in the sale of these vehicles in excess of their estimated values as determined by Edmunds.com (combined purchase price was \$24,375);
- Assisted the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") with obtaining the entry of judgments enjoining Neil V. Moody and Christopher D. Moody (at times collectively referred to as the "Moodys") from further violations of the anti-fraud provisions of the federal securities laws and allowing the Commission to seek disgorgement and/or civil penalties from the Moodys by motion to the Court;
- Worked towards an agreement with Neil Moody wherein he would agree to cooperate with the Receiver to effect the orderly transfer of all of his assets and to provide assistance, as necessary, in connection with the Receiver's efforts to recover monies from third parties;
- Worked on recovering assets in the possession of Neil Moody and Chris Moody;
- Pursued the Receiver's malpractice action against Holland & Knight, LLP, including successfully defeating in substantial part a motion to dismiss; the complaint seeks to recover as much as possible of the approximately \$168 million of out-of-pocket losses suffered by investors; and
- Instituted the claims process (the necessary motion and exhibits to institute the claims process were filed on April 20, 2010 and granted in their entirety on April 21, 2010).

The above activities are discussed in more detail in the pertinent sections of this

Interim Report.

BACKGROUND

I. <u>Procedure and Chronology.</u>

Defendant Arthur Nadel ("**Nadel**") was the Hedge Funds' principal investment advisor and an officer and director of Scoop Management and sole managing member of Scoop Capital. On or about January 14, 2009, Nadel fled Sarasota County and disappeared for nearly two weeks.

On January 21, 2009, the Commission filed a complaint in this Court charging the Defendants with violations of federal securities laws (the "**Commission Proceeding**"). In this Proceeding, the Commission alleged that Nadel used the Investment Managers to defraud investors in the Hedge Funds from at least January 2008 forward by "massively" overstating investment returns and the value of fund assets to investors in these funds and issuing false account statements to investors. The Commission also asserted that Nadel misappropriated investor funds by transferring \$1.25 million from Viking IRA Fund and Valhalla Investment Partners to secret bank accounts. The Court found the Commission demonstrated a *prima facie* case that the Defendants committed multiple violations of federal securities laws.

On that same day, on the SEC's motion, the Court entered (i) an Order of Preliminary Injunction and Other Relief as to the Investment Managers and all Relief Defendants (Doc. 7) and (ii) a Temporary Restraining Order and Other Emergency Relief as to Nadel (the "**Nadel TRO**") (Doc. 9). Among other things, these orders enjoined the Defendants and Relief Defendants from further violations of federal securities laws and froze their assets. On February 3, 2009, the Court entered an Order of Preliminary Injunction and Other Relief as to Nadel (the "**Nadel Preliminary Injunction**") (Doc. 29), the terms of which are essentially identical to those of the Nadel TRO.

Also on the same day the Commission filed its complaint, the Court entered an order appointing Burton W. Wiand as Receiver for the Investment Managers and Hedge Funds (the

"**Order Appointing Receiver**"). (*See generally* Order Appointing Receiver (Doc. 8).) Between January 27, 2009, and August 10, 2009, on the Receiver's motions, the Court entered orders expanding the scope of receivership to include additional entities as follows:

January 27, 2009 (Doc. 17)	Venice Jet Center, LLC Tradewind, LLC
February 11, 2009 (Doc. 44)	Laurel Mountain Preserve, LLC Laurel Preserve, LLC Marguerite J. Nadel Revocable Trust UAD 8/2/07 Laurel Mountain Preserve Homeowner Association, Inc.
March 9, 2009 (Doc. 68)	Guy-Nadel Foundation, Inc.
March 17, 2009 (Doc. 81)	Lime Avenue Enterprises, LLC A Victorian Garden Florist, LLC
July 15, 2009 (Doc. 153)	Viking Oil & Gas, LLC
August 10, 2009 (Doc. 172)	Home Front Homes, LLC

On June 3, 2009 and January 19, 2010, the Court entered orders Reappointing Receiver. (Docs. 140, 316.) The January 21, 2009, June 3, 2009, and January 19, 2010 Orders will be referred to collectively as the "**Orders Appointing Receiver**." Pursuant to the Orders Appointing Receiver, the Receiver has the duty and authority to: "administer and manage the business affairs, funds, assets, choses in action and any other property of the Defendants and Relief Defendants; marshal and safeguard all of the assets of the Defendants and Relief Defendants; and take whatever actions are necessary for the protection of the investors." (Orders Appointing Receiver at 1-2.)

On January 27, 2009, Nadel surrendered to the FBI in Tampa, Florida. Nadel was arrested and charged with two counts of securities fraud and wire fraud based on the fraudulent investment scheme discussed herein. On or about February 2, 2009, Magistrate Judge Mark Pizzo of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida entered a Detention Order denying bail and a Removal Order requiring that Nadel be transferred to the Metropolitan Correctional Center in New York, New York to await trial in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. *U.S. v. Nadel*, Case No. 8:09-mj-01039 M.D. Fla. (Docs. 5, 6).

On April 28, 2009, Nadel was indicted on six counts of securities fraud, one count of mail fraud, and eight counts of wire fraud. The maximum sentence for each charge is 20 years of imprisonment. On February 24, 2010, Nadel pled guilty to all counts in the indictment. Sentencing is scheduled for October 8, 2010. Nadel is still being held in the Metropolitan Correctional Center pending sentencing.

In the Commission Proceeding, on April 6, 2009, Nadel filed his answer and affirmative defenses, in which he denied nearly every allegation in the Complaint and set forth two affirmative defenses. (Doc. 104.) Nadel also purported to set forth a "Counterclaim," which the Court struck on the Receiver's motion. (Docs. 111, 112.)

II. <u>The Receiver's Role and Responsibilities.</u>

The Receiver functions as an independent agent of the court. The United States Supreme Court has explained that:

> [a receiver] . . . is an officer of the court; his appointment is provisional. He is appointed on behalf of all parties, and not of the complainant or of the defendant only. He is appointed for the benefit of all parties who may establish rights in the cause.

The money in his hand is *in custodia legis* for whoever can make out a title to it . . . It is the court itself which has the care of the property in dispute. The receiver is but the creature of the court; he has no power except such as are conferred upon him by the order of his appointment and the course and practice of the court.

Booth v. Clark, 58 U.S. 322, 331 (1854). Generally, the Receiver is charged by the Court with maximizing investors' and creditors' recoveries. To this end, the Court directed the Receiver to engage in the following activities:

A. Operating the Business of the Receivership Entities.

The Court granted the Receiver the "full and exclusive power, duty, and authority" to "administer and manage the business affairs, funds, assets, choses in action and any other property of the Defendants and Relief Defendants" (Orders Appointing Receiver at 1.)

B. Taking Possession of Receivership Property.

The Court directed the Receiver to "[t]ake immediate possession of all property, assets and estates of every kind of the Defendants and Relief Defendants, whatsoever and wheresoever, located belonging to or in the possession of the Defendants and Relief Defendants" (Orders Appointing Receiver \P 1.)

C. Investigating Receivership Affairs and Recovering Funds.

The Court also directed the Receiver to "[i]nvestigate the manner in which the affairs of the Defendants and Relief Defendants were conducted and institute such actions and legal proceedings, for the benefit and on behalf of the Defendants and Relief Defendants and their investors and other creditors as the Receiver deems necessary against those individuals, corporations, partnerships, associations and/or unincorporated organizations, which the Receiver may claim have wrongfully, illegally or otherwise improperly misappropriated or transferred monies or other proceeds directly or indirectly traceable from investors in the Defendants and Relief Defendants" (Orders Appointing Receiver \P 2.)

D. Reporting on Assets and Liabilities and Implementing Claims Process.

The Court further directed the Receiver to "[p]resent to this Court a report reflecting the existence and value of the assets of the Defendants and Relief Defendants and of the extent of liabilities, both those claimed to exist by others and those the Receiver believes to be legal obligations of the Defendants and Relief Defendants" (Orders Appointing Receiver ¶ 3.) As contemplated by the Orders Appointing Receiver, on April 20, 2010, the Receiver moved the Court for institution of a claims process primarily for the benefit of the Receivership Entities' investors who have been defrauded and suffered legitimate and verifiable losses as a result of the activities of Nadel and others (Doc. 390). The Court granted the Receiver's motion on April 21, 2010 (Doc. 391). The claims process is discussed in more detail in Section V.I below.

III. <u>Overview of Findings To Date.</u>

The Receiver continues the process of reviewing voluminous records from the offices of Receivership Entities, as well as records from more than thirty (30) different institutions, including banks and brokerage firms. The Receiver has formed conclusions based on his review of a substantial portion of the records received. While these conclusions may change as the review becomes more complete, the Receiver does not believe any changes would be material.

In the Commission's Emergency Motion and Memorandum of Law in Support of Temporary Restraining Order and Other Emergency Relief (Doc. 2) and supporting papers, the Commission presented evidence showing Nadel defrauded investors through his control of the Hedge Funds' advisers and/or managers, Scoop Capital and Scoop Management. Through the Investment Managers, Nadel, along with the Moodys, was ultimately responsible for controlling the Hedge Funds' investment activities.

While the Commission's evidence showed that Nadel defrauded investors since at least January 2008, the Receiver's investigation uncovered evidence showing the fraud began at the inception of the first Hedge Fund, Valhalla Investment Partners, and likely earlier. Indeed, Nadel essentially admitted as much in several letters he wrote for family at the time of his disappearance in January 2009. In one letter in which he suggested how to calculate the Hedge Funds' investment losses he wrote, "go back as far as possible, to 1998 if we can, to Spear, Leeds & Kellogg from Goldman Sachs, and determine the actual trading losses," and added that his "recollection of the more recent losses, say from 2001 on, is about an average of about \$20M per year." In another letter, which was shredded, he wrote (emphasis added): "For more than ten [years] I have truly believed that [I could] trade my way out of this mess, and in 2008 did it finally penetrate my addled [brain] that this is not to be." In yet another letter, Nadel wrote, "[a]t first moderate profits were achieved, but by 1999 the volatile tech bubble created losses. When the bubble burst I began to 'doctor' the trading results." All of the above information shows that from 1999 and possibly earlier, Nadel was perpetrating his scheme.

A. The Ponzi Scheme.

The Receiver has discovered that from 1999 through 2008, over \$330 million was raised from approximately 390 investors on behalf of one or more of the Hedge Funds by

Nadel and his entities, Scoop Management and Scoop Capital; by the rest of the Fund Managers; and by the Moodys through the offer and sale of securities in the form of interests in Hedge Funds as part of a single, continuous Ponzi scheme. As discussed below, Nadel grossly overstated the trading results of the Hedge Funds. Despite significantly lower, and typically negative yields (*i.e.*, trading losses), Nadel, the Moodys, and the Fund Managers falsely communicated to investors and potential investors, through monthly "statements," Hedge Funds' "Executive Summaries," and other methods, that investments were generating positive returns and yielding between 10.97% and 55.12% per year. For most years, they falsely represented the investments were generating returns between 20% and 30%.

To perpetuate and perpetrate this scheme, Nadel caused the Hedge Funds to pay investors "trading gains" as reflected on their false monthly statements. The funds used to pay these trading gains were not generated from trading activities; rather they were generated from new or existing investors. Nadel further caused the Hedge Funds to pay tens of millions of dollars in fees. Those fees were based on grossly inflated returns, and thus, were improperly and wrongfully paid. The negative cash flow of the Hedge Funds made the eventual collapse of Nadel's scheme inevitable.

As mentioned above, on February 24, 2010, Nadel pled guilty to all counts in the indictment relating to this scheme.

B. Fictitious Trading Results.

The Receiver's investigation has revealed that for each Hedge Fund, the Hedge Fund's performance as disclosed to investors from 1999 forward was based mainly on trading results that Nadel purported to have in brokerage transactions cleared through Spear, Leeds & Kellog, LLC and its successor Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (in which money was purportedly traded to generate the purported returns Nadel was paying). The returns reported to investors and potential investors were based on fictitious performance results that were created by Nadel and then included in a database maintained by Scoop Management. These fictitious performance results formed the basis of gross misrepresentations to investors.

Below are details concerning the Hedge Funds' performance from September 1999 through year end 2008 and misrepresentations concerning that performance. **Table 1**, below, shows a comparison of actual trading results in the Hedge Funds' accounts to the values represented to investors and to distributions paid. Specifically, for each year from 1999 through 2008, the table lists, from left to right, (1) the pertinent year; (2) the amount of gains the Investment Managers represented that the Hedge Funds had achieved that year; (3) the actual combined total trading gain or loss experienced that year in the accounts for the Hedge Funds; (4) the difference between what the Investment Managers represented the Hedge Funds had achieved in performance versus the actual trading results in the Hedge Funds' accounts (identified as "Difference"); and (5) the actual distributions paid by the Hedge Funds for the pertinent year, including distributions to investors and management and performance incentive fees paid.²

² Records appear to indicate that no distributions were made in 1999. The Receiver is in the process of confirming this information. In past Interim Reports, the Receiver reported a somewhat higher number for the amount of Distributions. This previously reported amount included purported "internal transfers" among "accounts" with different Hedge Funds. The currently reported Distributions numbers do not include these purported transfers.

Table 1: Gains/(Losses)

		Hedge Funds		
	Investment Managers'	Actual Trading		
Year	Represented Gains (\$)	Performance(\$)	Difference (\$)	Distributions (\$)
1999	959,480	35,647	923,833	
2000	2,636,299	(2,882,463)	5,518,762	584,000
2001	2,560,961	(2,402,728)	4,963,689	1,147,584
2002	7,130,171	(3,012,774)	10,142,945	3,196,452
2003	23,716,749	19,843,624	3,873,125	7,961,233
2004	46,950,345	5,152,400	41,797,945	25,596,873
2005	61,169,058	6,064,172	55,104,886	70,647,030
2006	50,003,778	(18,549,355)	68,553,133	75,377,733
2007	54,665,571	(24,989,307)	79,654,878	50,863,789
2008	36,334,794	(2,493,654)	38,828,448	72,716,381
Total	286,127,206	(23,234,438)	309,361,644	308,091,075

As **Table 1** shows, from their inception, the Hedge Funds' performance as represented to investors was significantly overstated and thus, false. Specifically, from the inception of the first Hedge Fund in 1999 through 2008, the Investment Managers represented that the Hedge Funds' trading activity generated more than \$286 million in gains when, in reality, the Hedge Funds' investment accounts actually <u>lost</u> approximately \$23 million. Further, while the Hedge Funds lost approximately \$23 million for this same period, more than \$308 million was paid by the Investment Managers in distributions to investors and to themselves and others as fees. As this table shows, the Investment Managers were making distributions and paying fees that the investment performance of the Hedge Funds never supported.

Although Nadel's representations of trading results were false, in furtherance of the scheme he intentionally and wrongfully caused the Hedge Funds to pay investors purported trading gains. On at least a quarterly basis, Nadel and the Fund Managers caused the Hedge Funds to pay to investors sums of money that were equivalent to the trading gains

purportedly earned by those investors as reflected in their "account statements." Similarly, in response to investors' requests for redemptions of their principal investments, in furtherance of Nadel's scheme he caused the Hedge Funds to pay the requesting investors sums of money equivalent to all or part of the principal invested by those investors. These (and all other) distributions which Nadel caused the Hedge Funds to make to investors were paid from fruits of the scheme. Specifically, money raised from new and existing investors was used to pay these false trading gains and redemptions.

The Investment Managers also were crediting fictitious profits to accounts where the accountholders were not taking distributions. These fictitious profits were likewise unsupported by the Hedge Funds' investment performance and served only to further increase the Hedge Funds' insolvency. This negative cash flow made the eventual collapse of Nadel's scheme inevitable.

In short, the investment returns and performance as represented to investors and potential investors from the inception of the Hedge Funds (as applicable based on then existing Hedge Funds) were false and based on grossly overstated performance numbers created by Nadel. The true results of the trading activity that actually occurred were never included in data reported to investors or potential investors.

C. Depletion of the Hedge Funds' Assets.

Evidence also shows that the Hedge Funds directly or indirectly paid substantial fees to Scoop Capital and Scoop Management, to other Receivership Entities, and to other third parties in the form of management, advisory, and/or profit incentive fees and "finder" fees. As reflected in **Table 2**, below, according to the Hedge Funds' documents, from 2001 through 2008 they paid approximately \$97,726,438 in total fees. Profit incentive fees were paid to Scoop Management, Viking Management, Valhalla Management, and third parties, based on a percentage of profits that never occurred. Such payments significantly depleted the Hedge Funds' assets and diverted those assets to Scoop Capital and Scoop Management, which were controlled by Nadel, and to Valhalla Management and Viking Management, which were controlled in name by Neil and Christopher Moody.

Year	Management Fees	Incentive Fees	Total Fees
2001	721,728	124,723	846,451
2002	721,906	1,061,285	1,783,191
2003	997,967	3,440,759	4,438,726
2004	3,279,751	7,214,560	10,494,311
2005	4,784,428	12,869,824	17,654,252
2006	6,330,654	14,938,134	21,268,788
2007	6,369,072	14,238,590	20,607,662
2008	6,972,969	13,660,088	20,633,057
Total	30,178,475	67,547,963	97,726,438

Table 2: Fees Paid from Hedge Funds to Investment Managers and Others

Significant sums from the proceeds of Nadel's scheme also made their way into other accounts controlled by Nadel and/or his wife, Marguerite "Peg" Nadel. As of December 31, 2008, according to the balance sheet for Scoop Management, Scoop Management had transferred approximately \$17,177,896.56 to accounts owned either individually or jointly by the Nadels. These amounts are in addition to the amounts Mrs. Nadel received from Scoop Management as compensation. According to its balance sheet, Scoop Management also transferred approximately \$6,433,804.40 to other entities controlled by Nadel. During the time the Hedge Funds operated, neither Nadel nor his wife had any source of income that was not in some manner funded with money from that scheme.

Documentation and other information that the Receiver has collected shows that money derived from the scheme was used by Nadel to purchase and/or fund other businesses. The Receiver has expanded the Receivership to include additional businesses controlled by Nadel. (*See* discussion of expansion in Section V.A, below.)

D. Investor Losses and "False Profits."

As stated above, to date, the Receiver has discovered and identified approximately 390 investors who invested slightly more than \$330 million.³ Based on documentation analyzed to date, it appears that investors have out-of-pocket losses of approximately \$168 million. The Receiver has also discovered that some investors were paid more than their total investments. These overpayments were false profits. To date, the Receiver has discovered approximately \$35 million in such false profits. The Receiver has initiated efforts to recover these false profits, and those efforts are discussed in Section V.D, below.

Further, it appears that, although separate investor accounts were identified in communications with investors and brokerage accounts were used for each Hedge Fund, in reality there were not separate funds. Due to the method Nadel used to trade securities and his handling of money invested in Hedge Funds through "shadow" bank accounts, as discussed below, distinctions made between the individual Hedge Funds and between investor "accounts" have little meaning. Nadel treated the Hedge Funds as a single source of money regardless of the Hedge Fund with which investors purportedly invested, and then

³ In past Interim Reports, the Receiver reported a slightly higher number for the total amount invested. This previously reported amount included purported "internal transfers" among "accounts" with different Hedge Funds. The currently reported total investment number does not include these purported transfers.

investor funds were commingled in Nadel's and the Receivership Entities' accounts. Nadel also maintained "shadow" bank accounts at Wachovia Bank, N.A. ("Wachovia Bank") which he used to transfer money among the Hedge Funds to fund distributions.

E. Nadel's Trading Activities in the Hedge Funds.

In the Executive Summaries disseminated to investors, Nadel represented that the Hedge Funds were generating the annual returns reflected in **Table 3**, below, primarily through trading in the quadruple Qs (and also in real property for Scoop Real Estate).⁴

						Scoop
Year	Valhalla	Victory	Viking	Viking IRA	Victory IRA	Real Estate
1999*	36.00%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2000	55.12%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2001	19.78%	34.05%*	2.97%*	2.97*	N/A	N/A
2002	21.59%	40.93%	26.98%	26.88%	N/A	N/A
2003	41.57%	42.52%	46.42%	45.23%	30.43%	N/A
2004	28.96%	30.30%	30.46%	29.93%	32.16%	48.67%
2005	30.19%	25.90%	27.40%	26.36%	27.31%	32.14%
2006	19.99%	18.94%	19.08%	18.93%	19.50%	21.15%
2007	19.24%	19.65%	20.60%	20.55%	20.02%	21.75%
2008*	10.97%	11.82%	11.43%	11.52%	11.72%	12.31%

Table 3: Fund Performance as Represented in Executive Summaries

* Results are for an incomplete year.

While Nadel did trade in quadruple-Qs, he did not achieve for the Hedge Funds the amount of returns he represented to investors. Rather, based on the documents the Receiver's financial expert has analyzed, the Hedge Funds as a whole lost significant sums. Specifically, **Table 4**, below, shows the actual account performance for the Hedge Funds for the indicated time.

⁴ The term "Quadruple Qs" (ticker symbol: QQQQ) refers to the NASDAQ-100 Tracking Stock, an exchange-traded fund ("ETF") listed on the NASDAQ intended to track the NASDAQ index.

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-	Year	Valhalla	Victory	Viking	Viking IRA	Victory IRA	Real Estate
	1999*	2.46%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2000	(91.24%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2001	(98.79%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
	2002	(80.82%)	(35.43%)*	(5.83%)*	(4.31%)*	N/A	N/A
	2003	110.84%	63.59%	29.52%	55.07%	40.53%*	N/A
	2004	9.39%	3.96%	(5.97%)	5.84%	11.99%	60.91%*
	2005	3.85%	1.45%	3.20%	2.89%	4.38%	24.54%
	2006	(0.64%)	(22.02%)	(23.68%)	(22.13%)	(22.03%)	(20.65%)
	2007	7.30%	(36.51%)	(56.84%)	(55.56%)	(69.92%)	(55.96%)
	2008*	(42.31%)	(52.54%)	(29.93%)	(61.28%)	(11.97%)	(80.58%)

Table 4: Actual Hedge Fund Performance

* Results are for an incomplete year.

A comparison of **Table 3** and **Table 4** demonstrates the disparity between what Nadel and others were claiming the Hedge Funds were achieving and the returns the Hedge Funds were actually achieving. For instance, in 2000, Nadel claimed that Valhalla Investment Partners achieved a 55.12% return where in reality it had lost 91.24%. Although these Tables demonstrate the disparities by Hedge Fund, the performance of each individual Hedge Fund is not significant because Nadel arbitrarily allocated daily results of trading transactions among the Hedge Funds. He also transferred money among the Hedge Funds using "shadow" bank accounts. This activity resulted in the commingling of the Hedge Funds' assets and makes the performance results of each individual Hedge Fund immaterial. In short, Nadel was losing significant sums of money while representing that he was achieving annual returns from 18.93% to 55.12% (for years with full activity).

Nadel traded the money invested in the Hedge Funds in a pooled and commingled fashion through a single master trading account. Specifically, when trading, Nadel would pool all of the available money raised from investors and invested in the different Hedge Funds, along with money in his personal or other non-Hedge Fund accounts that he controlled (collectively, "**Nadel's Accounts**"), in a single account and use it to purchase securities. Then, before the close of the trading session, Nadel allocated the completed trades as he wished among the accounts of the Hedge Funds and Nadel's Accounts. Typically, Nadel allocated profitable trades to Nadel's Accounts, including accounts in his name or in the name of Scoop Management or Scoop Capital, and unprofitable trades to the Hedge Funds' accounts. This activity resulted in the commingling of the Hedge Funds' assets and makes the performance results of each individual Hedge Fund immaterial. He also used personal and Hedge Funds' accounts at Wachovia Bank to transfer money among the various Hedge Funds.

While the Hedge Funds' accounts experienced losses, all but one of Nadel's personal accounts and other accounts maintained essentially for the benefit of Nadel and Nadel's Accounts experienced significant gains. For instance, from inception through 2008, Scoop Capital's accounts experienced gains of \$11,331,464, representing a 413.17% rate of return. Nadel's trading practices indicate that he engaged in a fraudulent practice known as "cherry picking." In cherry picking, the trader allocates profitable trades to himself and unprofitable trades to clients. *See, e.g., S.E.C. v. K.W. Brown and Co.*, 555 F. Supp. 2d 1275, 1302-07 (S.D. Fla. 2007) (holding that "cherry-picking" day-trading scheme operated by officers constituted scheme to defraud under Securities Exchange Act).

ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE RECEIVER

Since his appointment on January 21, 2009, the Receiver has taken a number of steps to fulfill his mandates under the Order Appointing Receiver, described in Section II, above. For additional efforts of the Receiver, please refer to prior Interim Reports.

IV. <u>Securing the Receivership Estate.</u>

A. Taking Possession of Defendants' Headquarters.

On the day of his appointment, the Receiver took possession of the Receivership Entities' offices at 1618 Main Street, Sarasota, FL 34236 (the "**Office**"). Nadel used the Office as the headquarters for administering his control of the Investment Managers, Hedge Funds, and other Receivership Entities. Among other things, the Receiver ended the Office's lease, turned over the keys, and sold the office furniture and other items for \$3,500.00.

The Receiver removed documents, several servers, and other computer-related equipment from the premises that were used by Nadel and the entities he controlled. The Receiver retained experienced forensic information technology experts with the firm E-Hounds, Inc. ("E-Hounds"), to assist in securing and analyzing the electronic data on the computers. E-Hounds personnel have possession of the equipment, have secured the data, and are well underway in their forensic analysis.

B. Securing Receivership Funds.

At the outset of the Receivership, approximately \$556,758.33 in cash and cash equivalents in financial accounts titled in the name of the Hedge Funds and Investment Managers were identified and frozen pursuant to the Nadel TRO and the Preliminary Injunction, itemized as follows:

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Scoop Capital	\$12,506.98
Scoop Management	\$30,343.53
Scoop Real Estate	\$139,554.86
Valhalla Investment Partners	\$16,248.68
Valhalla Management	\$7,309.98
Victory IRA Fund	\$134,101.58
Victory Fund	\$80,686.75
Viking IRA Fund	\$70,212.65
Viking Fund	\$56,896.07
Viking Management	\$8,897.25

In addition, cash and cash equivalents in financial accounts titled in the name of other Receivership Entities at the time those entities were brought into receivership were approximately \$629,750.47, itemized as follows:

1/27/09 (Doc. 17)	Venice Jet Center, LLC	\$69,761.41
1/27/09 (Doc. 17)	Tradewind, LLC	\$77,782.72
2/11/09 (Doc. 44)	Laurel Mountain Preserve, LLC	\$5,328.03
2/11/09 (Doc. 44)	Laurel Preserve, LLC	\$22,640.22
2/11/09 (Doc. 44)	Marguerite J. Nadel Rev. Trust	\$381,142.34
2/11/09 (Doc. 44)	Laurel Mtn. Preserve Homeowner Assoc.	\$0.00
3/9/09 (Doc. 68)	Guy-Nadel Foundation, Inc.	\$58,092.49
3/17/09 (Doc. 81)	Lime Avenue Enterprises, LLC	\$1,623.89
3/17/09 (Doc. 81)	A Victorian Garden Florist, LLC	\$10,456.96
7/15/09 (Doc. 153)	Viking Oil & Gas, LLC	\$473.91
8/10/09 (Doc. 172)	Home Front Homes, LLC	\$2,448.50

Thus, total cash at the inception of the Receivership and as the Receivership was expanded to include each additional Receivership Entity indicated was approximately \$1,186,508.80.⁵

During the time covered by this Interim Report, all Receivership funds were held at (1) Northern Trust Bank, N.A. in non-interest bearing accounts and (2) Bay Cities Bank in certificates of deposit ("CD") with a yield of 1.98% and in a tiered interest bearing money market account with interest starting at 1.49%. The Receiver is contemplating the

⁵ This amount does not include any sum for non-cash or non-cash equivalent assets the Receiver has recovered. For a discussion of these assets, please refer to Section V, below.

appropriate action to take with respect to these funds in light of the current state of the economy and financial institutions. He is exploring the relative benefits and risks of moving the funds into interest-bearing accounts and/or revenue-generating investments.

C. Locating Additional Funds.

One of the Receiver's highest priorities is to locate and recover any additional funds that were in Nadel or the Receivership Entities custody at the time of the scheme. The Receiver has retained a forensic accounting firm to assist in tracing funds. As discussed in Section V below, the Receiver's investigation revealed that significant sums were used to purchase or fund other entities. The Receiver also identified a CD issued by Northern Trust Bank for approximately \$1.5 million. However, the CD was pledged as security for a loan from Northern Trust for \$1.5 million with a maturity date of December 1, 2011. The Receiver resolved all claims and obligations with Northern Trust under this loan in connection with the sale of certain assets of Venice Jet Center, LLC. The Receiver's agreement with Northern Trust alleviated other significant obligations owed to the bank. Specifically, the agreement with Northern Trust also waived all payments in connection with two interest rate swap agreements in the amounts of approximately \$133,000 and \$247,000 (values are as of October 27, 2009) and limited the principal amount of a mortgage owed on property in the possession of the Receivership on Fruitville Road in Sarasota, Florida. The Receiver will continue to diligently investigate and will update the Court and the investors if additional funds are located.

D. Receivership Accounting Report.

Attached as **Exhibit A** to this Interim Report is a cash accounting report showing the amount of money on hand as of February 1, 2010 less operating expenses plus revenue through April 30, 2010. This cash accounting report does not reflect non-cash or cash-equivalent assets. Thus, the value of all property discussed in Section V below is not included in this accounting report. From February 1, 2010, through April 30, 2010, the Receiver received \$229,797.29 in business income from ongoing operations of some Receivership Entities;⁶ \$41,601.66 in interest/dividend income; \$2,941,930.57 in third-party litigation income; and \$235,000 in other income.⁷ (Ex. A.).

Since the inception of the Receivership through April 30, 2010, the Receiver received \$2,908,123.00 in business income from ongoing operations of some Receivership Entities; \$2,066,501.32 in cash and securities; \$187,809.92 in interest/dividend income; \$638,425.25 in business asset liquidation; \$120,000 in personal asset liquidation; \$5,441,252.33 in third-party litigation income; and \$355,006.09 in other income.⁸

⁶ As discussed in Section V.A below, much of the entities' business income is derived from rental payments.

⁷ The "other income" includes: \$217,000 in note payments; \$135,000 received in connection with the proposed sale of property in Newnan, Georgia; and money received from Chris Moody and found in the Office.

⁸ The income numbers provided in this and the foregoing paragraph are gross figures and do not include any offset for business operations costs or any other expenses.

E. Obtaining Information from Third Parties.

Since obtaining control of the Receivership Entities, the Receiver and his professionals have had discussions – including continuing discussions – with a significant number of people associated with Nadel and/or the Receivership Entities.

The Receiver and his professionals have also reviewed documents located in the Office; documents obtained from the accountant for several Receivership Entities; information stored on the Receivership Entities' computer network; documents obtained from other businesses controlled by Nadel; documents obtained from financial institutions and other third parties, including lawyers and others who assisted Nadel's businesses with their transactions; and information available in the public record.

The Receiver also served a subpoena for documents on Donald H. Rowe ("**Rowe**") for information relating to him and several entities through which he operated during the relevant period. Rowe objected to producing his tax returns and sought a protective order from the Court. The Court denied Rowe's motion for protective order and Rowe filed an appeal of that ruling. Ultimately, on January 21, 2010, Rowe produced the subpoenaed tax returns to the Receiver and subsequently dismissed his appeal.

V. Asset Analysis and Recovery.

A. Expansion of Receivership to Include Additional Entities.

As a result of the review of these records and of the discussions noted above, the Receiver sought and successfully obtained the expansion of the Receivership to include: Venice Jet Center, LLC; Tradewind, LLC; Laurel Mountain Preserve, LLC; Laurel Preserve, LLC; Laurel Mountain Preserve Homeowners Association, Inc.; the Marguerite J. Nadel Revocable Trust UAD 8/2/07; the Guy-Nadel Foundation, Inc.; Lime Avenue Enterprises, LLC; A Victorian Garden Florist, LLC; Viking Oil & Gas, LLC; and Home Front Homes, LLC. Along with Summer Place Development Corporation, these entities will hereinafter be referred to collectively as the "Additional Entities."⁹ The Receiver's investigation revealed that the Additional Entities were purchased and/or funded with money derived from Nadel's fraudulent investment scheme.

The following discussion of the Additional Entities includes a description of assets the Receiver has acquired as a result of the businesses' inclusion in the Receivership; known encumbrances related to those assets; and actions taken by the Receiver with respect to those assets. Where possible the Receiver has included estimated values of these assets. However, given the state of the U.S. economy at the time of this Report and the possibility for additional information not yet uncovered by the Receiver, it is important to note that any such estimations, valuations or appraisals are subject to change. Due to the poor state of the real estate markets, the estimates provided may differ markedly from the actual amounts realized upon the selling of any real property.

1. Venice Jet Center, LLC.

Venice Jet Center, LLC ("**VJC**"), is a Florida limited liability company formed in April 2006. Nadel was its managing member and registered agent, and its principal address was the Office. The assets of VJC were purchased with proceeds of Nadel's scheme, and over time additional proceeds of the scheme were transferred to VJC.

⁹ The Receiver gained control of Summer Place Development Corporation by virtue of Scoop Capital's ownership interest in that entity. However, for various reasons, a formal order expanding the Receivership to include this entity has not been sought.

On January 27, 2009, the Court expanded the Receivership to include VJC. VJC was a fully operating fixed-base operator that included a flight school, fueling service, hangar rentals, and a café. On January 20, 2010, the Court approved the sale of the assets of the VJC as provided in the Receiver's Motion for the Approval of the Sale of the Assets of VJC and Agreement with Northern Trust (Motion, Doc. 254; Order, Doc. 321.) In pertinent part, VJC's assets were sold to Tristate Aviation Group of Florida LLC for (1) \$300,000 cash at closing; (2) a \$250,000 unsecured promissory note payable over a term of three years; (3) resolution of a \$1,960,169 loan with Northern Trust; and (4) assumption of prosecution of the Part 16 Complaint subject to an offset of the note obligations to the Receiver for up to \$50,000 for expenses and costs actually incurred in connection with efforts to resolve all disputes with the City of Venice (the "**City**"), including the Part 16 Complaint.

Part 16 Complaint Against City of Venice

The City in contravention of its lease and specific direction from the Federal Aviation Authority ("**FAA**"), refused to grant VJC authorization to develop four hangars at the VJC facility. The Receiver vigorously resisted any unwarranted interference by the City with what appeared to be a substantial and valuable property right of VJC (and of the Receivership estate). On or about July 2, 2009, on behalf of the VJC and pursuant to Title 14 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 16, the Receiver filed and served a complaint against the City (FAA Docket No. 16-09-05). On or about September 2, 2009, the City filed its answer and affirmative defenses and motion to dismiss, to which VJC replied on or about September 30, 2009. A ruling in this action has not yet been rendered.

2. Tradewind, LLC.

Tradewind, LLC ("**Tradewind**") was formed in Delaware in January 2004 and registered for the first time in Florida in March 2008. Nadel was Tradewind's managing member and registered agent, and its principal address was the Office. Tradewind owned and controlled five planes and one helicopter and owns 31 hangars at the Newnan-Coweta County Airport in Georgia (the "**Georgia Hangars**"). The Receiver's investigation revealed that Tradewind was funded with money from Nadel's scheme. Tradewind is a viable business with potential to generate assets for the Receivership estate.

On January 27, 2009, the Court expanded the Receivership to include Tradewind. Tradewind is a fully operating business. Since the Receiver's appointment as Receiver of Tradewind, he has taken control of it and is continuing to operate the business. Tradewind collects approximately \$20,000 in monthly rent and incurs varying monthly expenses, which include land rent, loan payments, and various utilities. The Receiver is entertaining offers to purchase this business or any of its assets.

The Receiver has possession and control of the Georgia Hangars, which have one known encumbrance: a loan with the Bank of Coweta with a remaining balance of approximately \$934,318.95 (as of April 2010), and monthly payments of \$8,055. There is also monthly rent of \$3,079.89 due to the Newnan Coweta Aviation Authority. The Receiver has been making these monthly payments as he believes they are in the best interest of the Receivership. The Receiver received two offers to purchase the Georgia Hangars. Both offers, however, were below the balance of the loan and below what the Receiver believes to be the fair market value of the Hangars.

The Receiver also acquired possession and control of the five planes and helicopter. The following table shows the year, model, and known encumbrances relating to each aircraft, as well as the Court-approved disposition of four of the aircraft:

Model	Year	Type of Aircraft	Known Encumbrance	Action Taken by Receiver
Piper PA- 28/140	1971	Airplane	None.	Sold for \$27,500 (Doc. 433) ¹⁰
Cessna 152	1978	Airplane	None.	
Baron	1977	Airplane	None.	
Learjet 31A	1996	Airplane	Loan with General Electric Capital Corporation (" GECC ") entered into on May 17, 2006, for approximately \$2.4 million.	Settled with GECC; disposed of Learjet (Doc. 119)
Citation	1992	Airplane	Loan with VFS Financing, Inc. (" VFS ") entered into on May 23, 2008, for approximately \$2.1 million	Settled with VFS; disposed of Citation (Doc. 119)
Schweizer 300	1997	Helicopter	None.	Sold for \$200,000 (Doc. 100)

The Receiver is contemplating the disposition of the remaining two aircraft.

3. Laurel Mountain Preserve, LLC; Laurel Preserve, LLC; and Laurel Mountain Preserve Homeowners Association, Inc.

Laurel Mountain Preserve, LLC ("Laurel Mountain"), was formed in Florida in

December 2003. Nadel was Laurel Mountain's manager and member, and its principal

address was the Office. Laurel Mountain was "withdrawn" as a limited liability company in

January 2006.

¹⁰ The Receiver filed his motion for sale of the 1971 Cherokee Piper PA-28-140 Aircraft on July 9, 2010 (Doc. 432). The Court entered an order granting the Receiver's motion in its entirety on July 12, 2010 (Doc. 433).

Laurel Preserve, LLC ("Laurel Preserve"), was formed as a North Carolina limited liability company in February 2006. Nadel was Laurel Preserve's registered agent and manager, and its principal address was the Office. The Laurel Mountain Preserve Homeowners Association, Inc. (the "HOA"), is a North Carolina non-profit corporation formed in March 2006. Nadel was the HOA's registered agent, and its principal address was the Fairview, North Carolina home. Documentation reviewed and information obtained by the Receiver shows that Laurel Preserve holds title to approximately 420 acres near Asheville, North Carolina in Buncombe and McDowell counties, intended for development of home-sites (the "Laurel Mountain Property").

On February 11, 2009, the Court expanded the Receivership to include Laurel Mountain, Laurel Preserve, and the HOA. Since the Receiver's appointment as Receiver of these entities, he has taken control of them and is working on marketing for sale the Laurel Mountain Property. This property currently does not generate any income. The Laurel Mountain Property encompasses 29 lots, including 23 estate-sized and 6 cottage-sized lots. There is also a cabin home on this property that, according to the Buncombe County Property Appraiser, is valued at \$319,800. The Laurel Mountain Property's infrastructure is fully developed: infrastructure and utilities are currently in place and are fully functional.

The Laurel Mountain Property has three known encumbrances. The first encumbrance is a \$360,157.37 loan from BB&T Bank. The second encumbrance is a \$1,900,000 interest only loan from Wachovia Bank. There is a monthly payment of \$5,149.66 due on this latter loan and the Receiver presently is not making the loan payments. The third encumbrance is an easement of approximately 169 acres of the Laurel Mountain

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Property, which was granted to a land conservancy in 2005 (the "**Easement**"). It appears that this donation was made in part for the Nadels' own tax benefit. The Receiver determined that it would be in the best interests of the Receivership to recover this Easement from the conservancy as it may generate an exponential increase in the value of the full acreage.

The Receiver instituted proceedings to extinguish the Easement. On November 23, 2009, the Receiver filed a Motion for Order to Show Cause as to Why Conservation Easement Should Not be Extinguished (Doc 236). The Court granted that motion and entered an Order to Show Cause on November 24, 2009 (Doc. 238). On December 18, 2009, the Carolina Mountain Land Conservancy ("the **Conservancy**") filed its response to the Order to Show Cause (Doc. 264). Because of the existence of genuine issues of material fact and the complexity of those issues, the Court discharged its Order to Show Cause and determined that these issues would be more appropriately resolved in a primary civil proceeding. (*See* Order dated December 23, 2009 (Doc. 276).) The Receiver instituted a primary civil proceeding against the Conservancy on December 1, 2009. The Conservancy was served on or about March 26, 2010. This action is proceeding.

The Receiver consulted with a realtor who previously listed the Laurel Mountain Property and is entertaining offers to purchase or proposals to market this developed property either by lot or in its entirety. The Receiver continues to evaluate the current value of this property, but it appears that the value is higher than the amount of the encumbrances. Parties interested in purchasing this property should contact the Receiver directly.

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For more information regarding the Laurel Mountain Property, please visit http://www.laurelmountainpreserve.com.

4. Marguerite J. Nadel Revocable Trust UAD 8/2/2007.

The Marguerite J. Nadel Revocable Trust Under Agreement Dated 8/2/2007 (the "**Trust**") was created on August 2, 2007. The Receiver's investigation revealed that the Trust was funded entirely with proceeds of Nadel's scheme through (1) a transfer of \$500,000 from Scoop Management in August 2007 and (2) a transfer of \$150,000 from Scoop Capital on the day before Nadel fled. On February 11, 2009, the Court expanded the Receivership to include the Trust. The Receiver took control of the Trust's bank account and used the funds for Receivership costs and expenses.

5. Guy-Nadel Foundation, Inc.

The Guy-Nadel Foundation, Inc. (the "**Foundation**"), is a Florida non-profit corporation Nadel formed in December 2003 for "charitable, educational and scientific purposes." The Foundation was funded with proceeds of Nadel's scheme. On March 9, 2009, the Court expanded the Receivership to include the Foundation. Since the Receiver's appointment as Receiver of the Foundation, he has taken control of it and is working on marketing the real property owned by the Foundation.

The Receiver has discovered that from 2000 through 2008, the Foundation made a total of approximately \$2,484,589 in contributions from scheme proceeds to various non-profit organizations and charities. The Receiver has focused his attention on the charitable organizations that received the most contributions. As discussed in Section V.E.4, the Receiver sought to obtain tolling agreements from all charitable organizations so he could

contemplate the appropriate action to take regarding these significant disbursements. Three charities did not provide such agreements, thus the Receiver had no recourse but to initiate actions against them. The Receiver has determined to approach the charities again in an effort to settle these matters before actively pursuing litigation. The Receiver is also attempting to reach resolutions with the charities that entered tolling agreements.

North Carolina Parcels

The Receiver has possession and control of approximately eight lots that are essentially adjacent to each other and to the Laurel Mountain Property. The lots appear to have been purchased by Laurel Mountain and the Nadels as part of the same general transaction in which Laurel Mountain purchased the Laurel Mountain Property. In December 2003 and December 2004, Laurel Mountain and Nadel and his wife deeded these lots to the Foundation. The Receiver is currently determining how best to market the property and is considering including it in the sale of the Laurel Mountain Property. Parties interested in purchasing this property should contact the Receiver.

Thomasville, Georgia Parcels

Additionally, the Receiver has possession and control of two small parcels of unimproved land in Thomasville, Georgia (this land is separate from the Thomasville Property discussed in Section V.B.1, below) owned by the Foundation. According to the Thomas County Board of Tax Assessors, the first lot (located on North Stevens Street) has a 2009 tax valuation of \$34,745, and the second lot (located on Church Street) has a 2009 tax valuation of \$4,276. Parties interested in purchasing these parcels should contact:

Brad Parker Tallahassee Land Company, Inc. 217 John Knox Road Tallahassee, Florida 32303 Office: (850) 385-6363 Fax: (850) 385-6337 Email: <u>Brad@tlhland.com</u>

6. Lime Avenue Enterprises, LLC, and A Victorian Garden Florist, LLC.

Lime Avenue Enterprises, LLC ("Lime") was formed in Florida in August 2006, and Nadel was a managing member of Lime. Lime owns a building located at 599 North Lime Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34237 (the "Lime Building"). Lime purchased the Lime Building in August 2006. Public records and other information reviewed by the Receiver indicate that Lime was formed by Nadel and Mrs. Nadel (who also was a manager of Lime) for the purpose of purchasing the Lime Building. The Lime Building houses a flower shop, which is owned by A Victorian Garden Florist, LLC ("Victorian Garden"), which was formed in Florida in April 2005. The Receiver's investigation revealed that Lime and Victorian Garden were funded with proceeds from Nadel's scheme.

On March 17, 2009, the Court expanded the Receivership to include Lime and Victorian Garden. The Receiver has possession and control of the Lime Building. The Lime Building has one known encumbrance: a mortgage owed to the individuals who sold the building to Lime on which the balance is approximately \$600,000.

The Receiver also took control of the business and determined that ownership of the florist was not in the best interest of the Receivership. The flower shop did not have sufficient revenue to cover its expenses, thus the Receiver planned to close the business. In lieu of closing the business, the Receiver is allowing the former manager of the flower shop to continue the flower shop's operations. The Receiver is presently attempting to negotiate a resolution of the obligations relating to the Lime Building.

The Receiver also took possession and control of two vans owned by Lime: a 1999 Ford van and a 2003 Dodge van. The Receiver sold these vans for \$500 and \$2,000, respectively.¹¹

7. Viking Oil & Gas, LLC.

Viking Oil & Gas, LLC ("**Viking Oil**") is a Florida limited liability company formed in January 2006 by the Moodys to make personal investments in an oil and gas venture. Its principal address was the Office. The Receiver's investigation revealed that Viking Oil was funded with proceeds from Nadel's scheme. The funds invested in Viking Oil were used to purchase an investment interest in Quest Energy Management Group, Inc. ("**Quest EMG**"). Between February 2006 and April 2007, through Viking Oil, the Moodys invested \$4 million to fund a working interest in Quest EMG.

As discussed in Section V.C.4, below, the Receiver also has possession of a promissory note from Quest EMG and two individuals to Valhalla Investment Partners in the amount of \$1,100,000. On July 15, 2009, the Court expanded the Receivership to include Viking Oil. Since the Receiver's appointment as Receiver of this entity, he has taken control of it and is determining the most prudent course of action to take with respect to the working interest in Quest EMG. An examination of this venture has caused the Receiver to question the viability and value of this investment. The Receiver has hired a forensic accountant, Otto

¹¹ Because the value of the vans was less than \$5,000 each, in accordance with the Court's March 24, 2009, Order, the Receiver did not need to seek approval of the sale of these vans.

L. Wheeler, CPA/ABV, to assist with further examination of Quest EMG and the Receivership's interest therein. Mr. Wheeler obtained documents from Quest EMG and is reviewing the materials to determine the appropriate recommendation to make to the Receiver. The Receiver is also in the process of setting the depositions of the principals of Quest EMG to conduct an in-depth examination of the funds received and the use and disposition of those funds.

8. Home Front Homes, LLC.

Home Front Homes, LLC ("Home Front Homes"), is a Florida limited liability company that was formed in 2006. Nadel was the sole managing member of Home Front Homes, and Scoop Capital owned a majority membership interest in it. By virtue of this controlling interest, the Receiver assumed control over Home Front Homes before it was placed in receivership. Home Front Homes was engaged in the business of manufacturing, marketing, and selling energy-efficient homes. Home Front Homes was an operating business until September 2009. On August 10, 2009, the Court expanded the Receivership to include Home Front Homes. (Doc. 170.)

To preserve the value of Home Front Homes for the Receivership estate, the Receiver instituted litigation against Brian C. Bishop, a former employee, for breach of non-compete covenants, breach of a promissory note, and tortious interference with a business relationship. *Home Front Homes, LLC v. Brian C. Bishop*, Case No. 2009-CA-2037NC (12th Jud. Cir., Sarasota County, Florida). This matter was settled and Mr. Bishop was ordered to comply with the restrictive covenants. Mr. Bishop, however, violated the Court's order against him. The Receiver filed a motion for entry of an order finding Mr. Bishop in

contempt and for sanctions. In connection with the conveyance of a parcel of real property located at 512 Paul Morris Drive, Englewood, Florida 34223, Lot 81 of the Morris Industrial Park (the "**Morris Drive Property**") and in consideration of the sale of Home Front Homes' assets (both discussed below), the Receiver is no longer pursuing his motion.

Due to various factors discussed in prior Interim Reports, the Receiver determined that it was in the best interest of the Receivership to close Home Front Homes and cease all business operations. As Home Front Homes was no longer a going concern, the entirety of its current value was derived from its assets, which were encumbered by a loan from M&I Bank. On January 6, 2010, the Court granted the Receiver's motion to sell certain of Home Front Homes' assets and approve an agreement with M&I Bank in its entirety. (*See* Jan. 6, 2010, Order, Doc. 293; Motion, Doc. 291.) In salient part, South American Development Corporation agreed to purchase certain assets for \$250,000, with \$150,000 to be paid at closing and a zero interest promissory note due December 18, 2010 for the \$100,000 balance. The promissory note is secured by the assets.

Because the assets subject to the sale above were encumbered by a loan from M&I Bank, it was necessary for the Receiver to resolve Home Front Homes' loan obligations. Specifically, M&I Bank had an outstanding \$3,000,000 loan to Home Front Homes that matured on April 14, 2009. The Receiver resolved this obligation such that M&I agreed to waive over \$3,000,000 in debt obligations and forego any deficiency claims against the Receivership estate in exchange for 65% of the cash and note proceeds after \$12,000 has first been paid to the Receiver for expenses incurred. As a result of this agreement, the Receiver will gain over \$95,000 from the sale of Home Front Homes' assets and alleviate over \$3,000,000 of debt obligations.

Following the sale of Home Front Homes' assets covered by the asset purchase agreement discussed above, Home Front Homes continued to own several assets valued at less than \$5,000 each. These assets included a pick-up truck, two small free standing storage structures, and a telephone system. In accordance with this Court's March 24, 2009, Order the Receiver sold, or otherwise disposed of these items, for a total amount of \$7,600.

After the sale of certain of Home Front Homes' assets, Home Front Homes continued to own the Morris Drive Property. The Morris Drive Property had two known encumbrances. The first encumbrance was a mortgage and note owed to William Bishop, as Trustee of the William F. Bishop Revocable Trust ("**Bishop Trust**") with a balance of approximately \$704,200 as of January 8, 2010. The second encumbrance was a mortgage held by Regions Bank. The balance owed to Regions Bank, as of January 6, 2010, to satisfy the mortgage was approximately \$86,300. The Morris Drive Property was not generating any income. Further, it appeared that the market value of the Morris Drive Property was less than the total amount of its encumbrances.

As discussed in prior Interim Reports, the Receiver initially attempted to sell Home Front Homes as a going concern. (*See* Receiver's Declaration in Support of Motion for Approval of Sale of Assets of HFH LLC and Agreement with M&I Bank, Doc. 292, at \P 9.) In response, William Bishop filed a motion to intervene citing that he had filed a foreclosure action on July 14, 2009, against Home Front Homes for default on the note and mortgage. (*See* William F. Bishop's Motion to Intervene, Doc 193, at \P 3.) On September 24, 2009, the Court denied this motion (Order Sept. 24, 2009, Doc. 207). Bishop appealed the Court's decision to deny his motion to the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals. (Appeal No. 09-16007-H).

For several reasons the Receiver determined that it was in the best interests of the Receivership estate for him to convey the Morris Drive Property to the Bishop Trust in exchange for the release of all claims against the Receivership estate. In short, the Receiver believed that this conveyance was in the best interests of the Receivership because: (1) the Receiver does not believe there was any equity in this property; (2) the conveyance would eliminate over \$790,000 in debt obligations and claims against the Receivership estate; (3) it would resolve the then-pending Eleventh Circuit Appeal; and (4) it would save the Receivership the ongoing costs of maintaining the Morris Drive Property. On March 1, 2010, the Receiver filed his motion to convey the Morris Drive Property to the Bishop Trust (Doc. 353). The Court granted the Receiver's motion in its entirety on March 2, 2010 (Doc. 355). On March 16, 2010, William Bishop dismissed the appeal.

9. Summer Place Development Corporation.

Summer Place Development Corporation ("Summer Place") is a Florida company that was formed in 2005. The Receiver has not sought a formal order expanding the Receivership to include Summer Place. However, Nadel purchased 50% of the holdings in Summer Place with a \$200,000 investment in Home Front Homes and payment of \$50,000 to the co-managing member's investment company. Nadel became a managing member of Summer Place, and Scoop Capital owns a fifty-percent interest in Summer Place. By virtue of this fifty-percent interest, the Receiver has not assumed full control over Summer Place but is working with the other managing member and fifty-percent owner in directing the operation of Summer Place for the benefit of the Receivership estate.

Summer Place is an operating business and owns a 6-acre parcel in Bradenton, Florida. The owners originally intended to build thirty affordable home sites on this property. However, due to the decline in the market for affordable housing, no development has taken place. Taxes on the property are approximately \$3,000 a year. The Receiver intends to sell Scoop Capital's equity interest in this entity in a manner which would be most beneficial to the Receivership estate. Parties interested in marketing or purchasing Scoop Capital's interest in this business should contact the Receiver directly.

B. Recovery of Real Property.

In addition to the assets discussed in conjunction with the expansion of the Receivership in Section V.A, the Receiver has also recovered a number of other assets, most of which continue to be valued, assessed, and otherwise analyzed for liquidation, disposition, or other action. Again, given the state of the U.S. economy at the time of submission of this Report, the Receiver emphasizes that any estimates, appraisals, or valuations are subject to change because of market forces. In particular, due to the poor state of the real estate markets, the estimates provided in this section may be significantly different from the amounts realized upon selling such real property.

1. Thomasville, Georgia.

The Receiver obtained possession and control of approximately 14 acres in Thomasville, Georgia (the "**Thomasville Property**"). The Thomasville Property was purchased by Receivership Entity Scoop Capital on January 5, 2007 for \$285,000 with

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proceeds from Nadel's scheme. The Thomasville Property encompassed 45 lots, 44 of which were undeveloped. After Scoop Capital's purchase of the Thomasville Property, the Property was improved with asphalt paved roads, street lights, utilities, city water and sewage. There is also one newly constructed residential home on one lot within the Thomasville Property.

The Thomasville Property had two known encumbrances. The first encumbrance was a \$600,000 loan from Thomasville National Bank ("**TNB**"), on which a \$571,816 balance was due. Nadel prepaid the interest on this loan through December 2009. The second encumbrance was a loan for \$141,366 also from TNB for the construction of the house. Both of these loans matured in December 2009. The Receiver did not make any payments on either loan. As of February 23, 2010, Scoop Capital owed more than \$759,000 to TNB and the Property was encumbered by deeds signed to secure the debt. During the time covered by this Interim Report, the Thomasville Property did not generate any income.

The Receiver's efforts to sell the Thomasville Property revealed that, due to the loans encumbering the Property and the costs associated with sale transactions, there was no equity to be recovered. Moreover, the costs of maintaining the Thomasville Property, in excess of \$15,000 as of February 25, 2010, were a burden on the Receivership.

On February 25, 2010, the Receiver filed a Motion to Approve the Sale of the Woodland Heights Subdivision Located in Thomasville, Georgia and Agreement with Thomasville National Bank (the "**Thomasville Motion**") (Doc. 350). The Thomasville Motion proposed the sale of the Thomasville Property to Mark Harmon as Assignor to EAGH, LLC ("**Harmon**") for \$725,000. The Receiver believed that \$725,000 fairly represented the market value of the Thomasville Property. Because the purchase price was

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insufficient to satisfy the outstanding liens on the Property, the Receiver reached an agreement with TNB wherein TNB agreed to accept the purchase price less commissions (the Receiver negotiated reduced commissions of \$30,000 to be divided equally among three realtors) in exchange for the full settlement of all amounts owed under the loans and the waiver of all claims against the Receivership estate. Due to the significant debt owed on the Property, the likelihood that the value of the Property would not increase in the foreseeable future, the costs of maintaining the Property, and the lack of interested buyers, the Receiver believes that the disposition of the Property as described above was in the best interests of the Receivership. On February 26, 2010, the Court approved the sale of the Thomasville Property and Agreement with TNB as provided in the Thomasville Motion. (Doc. 352.)

2. Grady County, Georgia.

The Receiver is in possession of approximately 33 acres owned by Scoop Capital in Grady County, Georgia (the "**Grady Property**"). According to Grady County public records, the land value of the Grady Property in 2009 was \$151,125. The Receiver is currently determining the best course of action to take regarding this land. The Receiver has received offers for the purchase of this property, but he believes those offers are below the property's fair market value. Parties interested in marketing or purchasing the Grady Property should contact:

Brad Parker Tallahassee Land Company, Inc. 217 John Knox Road Tallahassee, Florida 32303 Office: (850) 385-6363 Fax: (850) 385-6337 Email: <u>Brad@tlhland.com</u>

3. Graham, North Carolina.¹²

The Receiver has possession and control of a building located at 841 South Main Street, Graham, North Carolina 27253 (the "**Rite-Aid Building**"). This building was purchased for \$5,310,000 and is currently being leased to a Rite-Aid Pharmacy for \$33,073.08 per month under an absolute triple net lease.¹³ The Rite-Aid Building has one known encumbrance: a \$2,655,000 interest-only loan with Wachovia Bank, which matured in June 2009. The Receiver paid interest on this loan through October 2009. He currently is not making any payments on this loan. The Receiver had reached an agreement in principle to sell the Rite-Aid Building. However, the parties were unable to reach a final agreement. Parties interested in purchasing the Rite-Aid Building should contact:

Jim Hamilton, Director Holliday Fenoglio Fowler, L.P. 3414 Peachtree Road, NE Suite 736 Atlanta, GA 30326 Telephone: (404) 942-2212 Fax: (404) 942-2181 Email: jhamilton@hfflp.com

4. Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Receiver has possession and control of a building located at 4905 Waters Edge,

Raleigh, North Carolina 27060 (the "Waters Edge Building"). This building was purchased

¹² The properties described in this subsection and the following subsections (4), (5), and (6) were purchased through Scoop Real Estate. However, in light of the commingling of assets among all Receivership Entities, these properties are appropriately attributed as general assets of the Receivership estate.

¹³ Under an "absolute triple net lease," a tenant is required to pay all property taxes, property insurance, and maintenance in addition to a monthly lump sum rent.

for \$1,900,000 and was leased to Electronic Data Systems ("**EDS**"), a technology services provider, for \$29,688.54 per month under a triple net lease. EDS' lease term ended January 2010 and EDS did not renew its lease. The Receiver is working on reletting this property. The Waters Edge Building has no known encumbrances. Parties interested in purchasing or leasing the Waters Edge Building should contact:

John A. Skicewicz, CCIM	Fred Dickens		
Coldwell Banker Commercial NRT	Senior Real Estate Advisor		
1988 Gulf to Bay Blvd.	Coldwell Banker Commercial		
Clearwater, Florida 33765	TradeMark Properties		
Office: (727) 642-3965	Email: <u>fdickens@cbctmp.com</u>		
Fax: (727) 466-4119	Direct: (919) 227-5508		
Toll Free: (800) 775-1696	Main Office: (919) 782-5552		

5. Tupelo, Mississippi.

The Receiver has possession and control of a building located at 2433 West Main Street, Tupelo, Mississippi 38801 (the "**Starbucks Building**"). This building was purchased for \$941,000 and currently is being leased to Starbucks (Store #8809) for \$6,279.19 per month under a triple net lease. The Starbucks Building has no known encumbrances. Parties interested in purchasing the Starbucks Building should contact:

John A. Skicewicz, CCIM Coldwell Banker Commercial NRT 1988 Gulf to Bay Blvd. Clearwater, Florida 33765 Office: (727) 642-3965 Fax: (727) 466-4119 Toll Free: (800) 775-1696

6. Newnan, Georgia.

The Receiver had possession and control of a gas station located at 5 McCollum Station, Newnan, Georgia 30265 (the "Newnan Property"). This property was purchased

on January 20, 2006 for \$2,450,000. The Newnan Property consists of approximately two acres of land and a 3,500 square-foot building. The Newnan Property is currently being operated as a Shell service station with space for a convenience store and restaurant. The convenient store space is occupied by Candler Food, LLC #136 ("Candler"). The restaurant space is vacant. The convenient store tenant defaulted on its lease, and an eviction proceeding was filed. Due to the sale, discussed below, the Receiver is no longer pursuing the eviction proceeding. The Newnan Property had no known encumbrances.

On or about November 19, 2009, the Receiver entered into an agreement for the sale of the Newnan Property to Candler, subject to the Court's approval. On January 11, 2010, the Receiver filed a motion to approve the sale. (*See* Receiver's Unopposed Motion to Approve the Sale of Real Property Located in Newnan, Coweta County, Georgia (Doc. 299).) The Court granted the Receiver's motion on January 12, 2010 (Doc. 302). The agreement provided that Candler would pay \$1,725,000 to the Receiver at closing. Candler paid \$100,000 into escrow as earnest money. The closing was scheduled to occur on January 15, 2010. The closing did not occur because the buyer was unable to obtain financing.

The Receiver provided the buyer additional time to obtain financing in an effort to try to close the transaction in the weeks that followed entry of the Order, and the buyer provided an additional \$35,000 in escrow funds at the Receiver's request. After several weeks, it became clear to the Receiver that the buyer would not be able to close the transaction. Thus, in accordance with the terms of the agreement between the Receiver and the buyer, the Receiver took possession of the \$135,000 being held in escrow following the buyer's failure to perform under the terms of the agreement.

The buyer re-approached the Receiver with evidence of its ability to close the transaction and, among other things, requested a new court order memorializing the sale of the Newnan Property for underwriting purposes. The terms of the agreement were slightly modified to the following: (1) a purchase price of \$1,725,000.00; (2) credit to the buyer of \$135,000.00 for the escrow deposits previously paid by the buyer; (3) payment of \$25,000.00 by the buyer to the Receiver for legal fees and costs associated with the buyer's failure to close the original transaction; and (4) delivery of a deed by the Receiver to the buyer.

On August 3, 2010, the Receiver filed a Renewed Motion to Approve the Sale of Real Property Located in Newnan, Coweta County, Georgia (Doc. 449) ("**Renewed Motion**") setting forth the modified terms of the agreement discussed above. Under the modified terms, the Receivership Estate will receive \$1,615,000 from the sale of the Property. The Court granted the Receiver's Renewed Motion on August 4, 2010 (Doc. 451). The Receiver believes that the modified terms of the agreement for the sale of the Newnan Property are in the best interests of the Receivership.

On August 5, 2010, the Receiver received a wire from the buyer in the amount of \$1,615,000 thereby completing the sale of the Newnan Property. In total, the Receivership received proceeds of \$1,750,000 from the sale of the Newnan Property. Prior to the sale of this property, the Receiver requested opinions from real estate professionals in the area and was told that the property was valued between \$1.2 million and \$1.4 million.

7. Fairview, North Carolina.

On March 30, 2009, the Court granted the Receiver's motion (Doc. 98) for possession of property located in Fairview, North Carolina (the "Fairview Property"). (Doc. 100.)

Nadel and his wife purchased the Fairview Property for \$335,000 on June 14, 2004. The Fairview Property was a secondary residence of the Nadels and is located in the mountains of North Carolina. The Fairview Property has one known encumbrance: a loan with BB&T Bank on which there is a remaining principal balance of approximately \$248,941.73. The Receiver received two offers for the purchase of the Fairview Property. One offer was below what the Receiver believed to be the fair market value of the property. The Receiver negotiated with the other prospective buyer; however, the buyer was unable to obtain financing. The Receiver retained \$2,000 from funds put in escrow by this prospective buyer. Parties interested in purchasing the Fairview Property should contact:

The Armour Team Mike and Nona Armour Keller Williams Professionals 86 Asheland Avenue Asheville, NC 28801 Mike Armour: (828) 771-2342 Nona Armour: (828) 771-2336 http://armourteam.homesandland.com, listing ID #13704540

8. Sarasota, Florida (Fruitville Road).

On July 8, 2009, the Court granted the Receiver's motion (Doc. 146) for possession of property located at 15576 Fruitville Road in Sarasota, Florida (the "**Fruitville Property**"). (Doc. 148.) To purchase the property, Nadel paid a \$5,000 deposit on March 5, 2003, and \$201,163.93 at closing. The Fruitville Property is residential property that was purchased in the names of Nadel and Mrs. Nadel, was deeded to their trusts, and was rented to third parties. Presently, the tenant pays a monthly rent of \$500. The Fruitville Property has one known encumbrance: a loan with Northern Trust on which there is a remaining principal balance of approximately \$173,929.23. As discussed in Section V.A.1 above, in conjunction

with the sale of the VJC's assets, the Receiver reached an agreement resolving outstanding debt obligations between Northern Trust and Receivership Entities. As part of that agreement and upon the sale of the Fruitville Property, Northern Trust has agreed to accept in full satisfaction of the mortgage, the principal amount of the mortgage owed when the Fruitville Property became a Receivership asset, exclusive of all fees and penalties, provided a sale of the property is closed by January 20, 2011. (*See* Order, Jan. 20, 2010 (Doc. 321).)

Parties interested in purchasing the Fruitville Property should contact:

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9. Oberlin, Ohio.

The Receiver has title to a condominium in Oberlin, Ohio (the "**Oberlin Property**"). The Oberlin Property was purchased on or about September 23, 2003, with the funds of Intex Trading Corp. ("**Intex**")¹⁴ and was originally titled in Nadel's name. On or about September 2, 2004, title in the Oberlin Property was transferred to the Clark/Nadel Revocable Trust. On or about October 9, 2008, Nadel as Trustee of the Clark/Nadel Revocable Trust transferred title in the Oberlin Property to Nadel's son, Chris Nadel. On or about July 15, 2009, Chris Nadel and his wife, Amy L. Nadel, executed a quitclaim deed, which transferred all right,

¹⁴ Nadel created Intex and at all times was its sole director and officer. Intex was the General Partner of Scoop Investments, Ltd., which is the predecessor of Victory Fund. On November 27, 2002, Scoop Investments, Ltd. was renamed Victory Fund, Ltd. On December 20, 2002, Intex was replaced by Receivership Entity, Scoop Capital, as Victory Fund's general partner.

title, and interest in the Oberlin Property to the Receiver. There are no known encumbrances on the Oberlin Property. Parties interested in purchasing the Oberlin Property should contact:

Jackie Meinke Howard Hanna Real Estate Services 1240 N. Abbe Road Elyria, Ohio 44035 Phone: (440) 365-8392 Fax: (440) 365-2769

10. Sarasota, Florida (La Bellasara).

On January 28, 2010, the Court granted the Receiver's motion (Doc. 324) for possession of property located at 464 Golden Gate Point, Unit 703, Sarasota, Florida (the "Bellasara Property"). (Doc. 327.) The Bellasara Property is a residential condominium unit in a building called La Bellasara. (Doc. 100.) On or about May 23, 2006, Neil Moody as Trustee of the Neil V. Moody Revocable Trust Agreement dated February 9, 1995 purchased the Bellasara Property for \$2,160,000. The Bellasara Property was Neil Moody's primary Florida residence. The Bellasara Property has two known encumbrances: a primary mortgage loan from MSC Mortgage, LLC in the amount of \$956,000 and a home equity line of credit from Wells Fargo Bank N.A. with an initial balance of \$880,000, both of which were obtained by Neil Moody on or about the date of the closing of the purchase of the Bellasara Property. The Bellasara Property is currently subject to a foreclosure proceeding in the Twelfth Circuit in and for Sarasota County, Florida. The Receiver has notified all parties in the pending foreclosure to effectively stop the proceeding and has undertaken to market the property and negotiate with the lenders in an effort to generate money for the

Receivership estate. Parties interested in purchasing the Bellasara Property should contact the Receiver directly.

C. Recovery of Vehicles and Other Items.

1. Vehicles.

The Receiver assumed control of four vehicles: (1) 2008 Mercedes-Benz E63; (2) 2009 Volkswagen EOS; (3) Maserati Grand Turismo; and (4) 1998 Jeep Wrangler. Valhalla Management and Viking Management leased the first three vehicles for the Moodys' use. Because there was no value to these three vehicles and only the continuing obligation of lease payments, the Receiver surrendered them to the respective leasing companies without penalty and without the lessor retaining any claim to Receivership assets. Scoop Capital, LLC and Nadel's wife owned the Jeep Wrangler. The Receiver sold this car to a dealership for \$4,500.

On July 7, 2009, the Court authorized the Receiver to bring into the receivership a 2006 Subaru Legacy Outback ("Subaru"). The Subaru was purchased with proceeds of Nadel's scheme. Mrs. Nadel delivered the Subaru to the Receiver. On or about March 18, 2010, the Receiver listed the Subaru for sale on eBay. Prior to the listing, he also engaged in efforts to generate publicity for the eBay sale. Through his efforts, the Receiver was able to obtain a purchase price of \$16,500 which was in excess of trade-in and dealer retail values the Receiver obtained from Edmunds.com. On March 23, 2010, the Receiver filed a motion to approve the sale of the Subaru (Doc. 370). On March 24, 2010, the Court approved the sale of the Subaru as set forth in the Receiver's motion (Doc. 371).

On or about January 21, 2010, the Receiver obtained possession of a 1997 Jeep Wrangler customized in "Barbie" colors ("Barbie Jeep"). Chris Moody voluntarily transferred possession and control of the Barbie Jeep to the Receiver after informing the Receiver that the Jeep was purchased with proceeds of Nadel's scheme. On or about February 19, 2010, the Receiver listed the Barbie Jeep for sale on eBay. Through marketing the Barbie Jeep on eBay, the Receiver was able to obtain an offer of \$7,875 for the Jeep which was far in excess of the trade-in and dealer retail values the Receiver obtained through Edmunds.com. On March 2, 2010, the Receiver filed a motion to approve the sale of the Barbie Jeep (Doc. 356). On March 2, 2010, the Court approved the sale of the Barbie Jeep as set forth in the Receiver's motion (Doc. 357).

2. Condominium Note and Mortgage.

On April 30, 2009, the Court granted the Receiver exclusive interest in a note and mortgage for a condominium located at 774 North Jefferson Avenue in Sarasota, Florida. (Doc. 116.) The condominium's owner, an employee of the florist (*see* Section V.A.6, above), had executed a promissory note payable to Mrs. Nadel for \$126,556.24. The note was secured by a mortgage held by Mrs. Nadel. On February 9, 2009, Mrs. Nadel assigned the note and mortgage to Nadel's former criminal defense attorneys, Cohen, Jayson & Foster, P.A., who subsequently assigned the note and mortgage to the Receiver, per the Court's order. The principal balance due under the note is \$125,742.24, and the outstanding interest as of December 11, 2009 is \$12,708.02. The condominium's owner is in default, and the Receiver initiated foreclosure proceedings. A summary judgment hearing was held on June 18, 2010 and an order of foreclosure was entered the same day.

3. Bonds.com Assets.

The Receiver's investigation revealed that proceeds of the scheme were used to fund a number of assets related to Bonds.com, Inc. ("**Bonds.com**"). Bonds.com is a registered securities broker dealer established in 2007. Bonds.com developed and operates an online trading platform for the sale of fragmented lots of fixed income securities. The Receivership's Bonds.com assets consist of promissory notes, shares of stock, and warrants.

Two Promissory Notes (Valhalla Investment Partners)

The Receiver has two promissory notes from Bonds.com to Valhalla Investment Partners: one in the amount of \$400,000 and the other in the amount of \$203,000. Both notes accrue interest at 9% and are secured by the domain name <u>www.bonds.com</u>. On November 2, 2009, Bonds.com paid \$100,000 toward the principal owed on the \$400,000 note and all accrued interest as of that date for a total payment of \$117,000. In November 2009, the Receiver and Bonds.com negotiated an amendment of this note. The amended note has a principal amount due of \$300,000 and continues to accrue interest at 9%. On April 1, 2010, Bonds.com paid \$100,000 toward the principal owed on the \$300,000 note and all accrued interest as of that date for a total payment of \$111,325. The next payment on this note in the amount of \$100,000 plus accrued interest is due July 1, 2010.

The note for \$203,000 matures on September 22, 2010, and is owed and outstanding. This note is a convertible note that can be converted into an equity interest in the company at the Receiver's option.

Stock (Valhalla Investment Partners)

The Receiver has possession and control of 1,591,395 shares of stock in Bonds.com held in the name of Valhalla Investment Partners. The shares are being held in a brokerage account with Wells Fargo and as of May 26, 2010 are valued at \$79,569.75.

Stock and Promissory Note (Christopher D. Moody)

Christopher D. Moody had the following assets related to Bonds.com:

- 3,116,171 fully paid and non-assessable common shares of stock in Bonds.com; and
- a secured convertible promissory note executed by Bonds.com on September
 22, 2008, in the amount of \$1,236,836, and a secured convertible promissory
 note executed by Bonds.com on December 12, 2008, in the amount of \$50,000.

On August 5, 2009, on the Receiver's motion, the Court entered an order transferring all right, title, and interest in Chris Moody's stock and notes to the Receiver. The Receiver has filed (i) a Schedule 13D (commonly known as the "Beneficial Ownership Report") with the Commission to report beneficial ownership of stock received from The Christopher D. Moody Revocable Trust and (ii) a Form 3 (Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities) for the stock, as required under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Chris Moody's shares also are being held in a brokerage account with Wells Fargo. As of May 26, 2010, the value of the shares was \$155,808.55. Combined with the shares held in the name of Valhalla Investment Partners, the Receivership currently holds more than 4.7 million shares of Bonds.com and as discussed below will likely obtain 2,048,946 more shares. While Bonds.com is a publicly traded company, the Receivership cannot readily sell all of these shares. If the Receiver were to sell all of these shares through the secondary market, the value of the shares would substantially decline as the shares were sold and the company would be adversely affected to a significant degree. The Receiver is contemplating the appropriate action to take with respect to all of the Receivership's interests in Bonds.com.

Stock and Promissory Note (Neil V. Moody)

Neil V. Moody also has stock in and notes from Bonds.com of a similar nature to Chris Moody's relevant assets:

- 1) 2,048,946 shares of stock in Bonds.com; and
- a secured convertible promissory note made by Bonds.com in the amount of \$250,000 that is due in September 2010, convertible to 666,667 shares of stock in Bonds.com.

As discussed in Section V.D below, the Receiver is in the process of acquiring Neil Moody's interest in Bonds.com.

<u>Warrants</u>

Warrants, which give the holder rights to acquire more shares on a fully diluted basis, also were issued to the Moodys and Valhalla Investment Partners. The following warrants were issued:

- Christopher D. Moody Revocable Trust, approximately 857,900 warrants with an exercise price of about \$0.47.
- Valhalla Investment Partners, approximately 135,869 warrants with an exercise price of about \$0.47

 Neil V. Moody Revocable Trust, approximately 166,670 warrants with an exercise price of about \$0.47 and 378,717 warrants with an exercise price of \$0.66

In July 2010, Bonds.com extended an offer to exchange its outstanding warrants for common shares in the company. According to the offering documents, shares of the company's stock were then trading at approximately \$.20 per share. As set forth above, the Receiver held warrants with strike prices of about \$.66 and \$.47 respectively. Over the past two years, the common stock trading range was \$.15 to \$1.75 per share. The chart below identifies the warrants held by the Receiver and the offered exchange ratio for the warrants.

Registration	Warrants	Strike	Exchange	Quantity	Value of
		Price (\$)	Ratio	of	Exchanged
				Common	Shares at
				Stock	\$.20 per
					share
Christopher D Moody	824,566	.66	.14	237,063	\$47,412.60
Neil V. Moody Rev	378,717	.66	.17	53,562	\$10,712.40
Trust					
Neil V. Moody Rev	166,670	.46875	.29	47,918	\$9,583.60
Trust					
Christopher D. Moody	33,334	.66	.14	9,584	\$1,916.80
Rev Trust					
Valhalla Investment	135,869	.66	.14	39,062	\$7,812.40
Partners					
Total	1,539,159			387,189	\$77,437.80

The offered exchange had to be accepted by July 29, 2010 and 95% of the warrant holders were required to accept the exchange for it to occur. At the time of the proposed exchange, the strike price was considerably higher than the exchange value for common shares of Bonds.com. The warrants have no value when shares are trading below the warrants' strike price.

Currently, the company is in development stages and dependent on acquiring additional funding in order to continue as a going concern. Generally, a company undertakes the exchange of warrants to common shares to decrease the potential shares outstanding, which may impede the development of a market for the company's shares and may also decrease its share price.

As discussed above, in addition to the warrants, the Receivership holds over 4.7 million shares of Bonds.com stock and notes of over \$2 million dollars that are convertible into over 10 million shares of Bonds.com stock. At this time, these holdings are illiquid and their value is dependent on the success of the company. The Receiver believes that the warrant exchange will benefit Bonds.com, which ultimately benefits the Receivership estate in the long term. As such, the Receiver believes that the exchange of warrants to common stock of Bonds.com is in the best interest of the Receivership. Thus, on July 29, 2010, the Receiver moved the Court to approve the exchange of the warrants (*see* Receiver's Unopposed Motion to Approve Exchange of Warrants for Common Shares of Bonds.com (Doc. 445).) The Court approved the Receiver's motion the same day (*see* Order, Doc. 448).

4. Quest EMG Promissory Note.

As mentioned above in Section V.A.7, the Receiver also has a promissory note from Quest EMG and two individuals to Valhalla Investment Partners in the amount of \$1,100,000. Interest is being paid monthly on this note.

5. Miscellaneous Items.

The Receiver has also recovered a myriad of other items that he may be able to sell, including a variety of furniture, artwork, sculptures, fixtures, computers, jewelry,¹⁵ and miscellaneous supplies. The Receiver will make reasonable efforts to maximize the amount he is able to recover from the possible sale of all of these items.

D. Recovery of Assets from the Moodys.

The Receiver's investigation has revealed that a significant portion of activities of certain Hedge Funds should have been managed and directed by the Moodys. Together, the Moodys received approximately \$42 million in fees from certain Receivership Entities.

In April 2009, the Receiver initiated contact with the Moodys' counsel. On April 17, 2009, the Receiver received a letter from the Moodys agreeing that they would not transfer any assets of value owned by them, nor would they remove any such assets from the state of Florida without prior written notice to the Receiver. Chris Moody has satisfied this commitment and has fully cooperated with the Receiver in connection with the turnover of all of his assets. On January 19, 2010, Chris Moody gave the Receiver a power of attorney

¹⁵ The Receiver has possession of jewelry from Queen's Wreath Jewels, Inc. ("Queen's Wreath"). The Moodys invested \$400,000 in Queen's Wreath and made several loans to the company. The funds used to invest in Queen's Wreath and make loans to it were primarily transfers from Receivership Entities. Queen's Wreath transferred the ownership of the remaining jewelry to the Moodys in exchange for satisfaction of the outstanding loans and a relinquishment of their ownership interest in the company. On September 3, 2009, the Court granted the Receiver's motion for, among other things, possession of the jewelry (Doc. 190). The Receiver is in the process of selling this jewelry. He has received several bids, but believes the bids are below market value.

which allows the Receiver to effectuate the transfer of most of his assets without any direct participation from Chris Moody.

The Receiver met with Chris Moody, confirmed the assets he owned, and reviewed in detail Chris Moody's interests and liabilities in those assets. Meaningful assets the Receiver has identified are delineated on the attached **Exhibit B**. Where possible, the Exhibit provides percentage of interest acquired or purchase price, the estimated value, and status or disposition of the asset. For the most part, the Receiver is continuing to evaluate these assets and will take appropriate actions as he determines are in the best interests of the Receivership. Any entity in which the Receiver believes he may have a viable interest or potential for meaningful recovery has been put on notice of the Receiver's interests and rights.

Additionally, Chris Moody surrendered all bank and brokerage accounts to the Receiver. On February 24, 2010, Chris Moody sent the Receiver a check in the amount of \$8,085 which represented the total balance in Chris Moody's personal bank account. Shares of stock were transferred to accounts held by the Receiver. In addition to the Bonds.com interests discussed above, the Receiver also received the shares of stock identified on Exhibit B.

Neil Moody is prepared to enter into an agreement with the Receiver to cooperate with him to effect the orderly transfer of all of his assets and to provide assistance, as necessary, in connection with the Receiver's efforts to recover monies from third parties. These assets include (1) personal property; (2) real property; (3) bank and brokerage accounts; (4) various corporate interests, including the Bonds.com interests discussed above;

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and (5) certain possible tax refunds. On January 28, 2010, the Receiver obtained possession of a condominium owned by Neil Moody in Sarasota (*see* Discussion at V.B.10 above for Bellasara Property; Order, Jan. 28, 2010 (Doc. 327)). The Receiver will endeavor to provide more information regarding Neil Moody's assets in the next interim report.

Enforcement Action Instituted Against Moodys

On January 11, 2010, the Commission instituted an enforcement action against the Moodys alleging that they violated antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws in connection with their involvement in Nadel's scheme. See generally SEC v. Neil V. Moody, et al., Case No. 8:10-cv-00053-T-33TBM (M.D. Fla.) (the "Moody SEC Action"), Compl. (attached as Exhibit A to Doc. 325). Also on January 11, 2010, Neil Moody and Chris Moody, without admitting or denying the allegations of the complaint, consented to entry of a permanent injunction and agreed to disgorge all ill-gotten gains upon the Commission's request. (Moody SEC Action, Consent of Def. Neil V. Moody ¶ 3, Doc. 2, Ex. 2) (also attached as Ex. B to Doc. 325.); Moody SEC Action, Consent of Def. Christopher D. Moody ¶ 3, Doc. 2, Ex. 1). On April 7, 2010, Judgments of Permanent Injunction and Other Relief were entered against Neil and Chris Moody. (Moody SEC Action, Docs. 9 (Neil Moody) and 9-1 (Chris Moody)). The Judgments permanently enjoin Neil and Chris Moody from further violations of the antifraud provisions of the federal securities laws. The Judgments also allow the Commission to seek an order for disgorgement of ill-gotten gains and/or a civil penalty.

E. Litigation.

In January 2010, the Receiver filed **134** lawsuits seeking **\$71,096,326.43**. The lawsuits seek (1) the recovery of false profits from investors; (2) the recovery of distributions from Receivership Entities to Neil and Sharon Moody, Donald and Joyce Rowe, and certain of their affiliated entities; (3) the recovery of other distributions, such as commissions, from other individuals and/or entities; and (4) the recovery of certain charitable contributions made with scheme proceeds. The Receiver also continues to pursue malpractice litigation against Holland & Knight and continues to evaluate possible additional litigation.

1. Recovery of False Profits from Investors.

As discussed in Section III.C above, the Receiver has determined that some purported investor accounts received monies in an amount that exceeded their investments. These purported profits were false because they were not based on any trading or investment gain, but rather were fruits of a Ponzi scheme that consisted of commingled funds of new and existing investors. To date, the Receiver has discovered approximately \$35 million in such "false profits." The Receiver spent substantial time identifying recipients of these false profits. In consultation with the Commission, the Receiver concluded that, in the best interests of the Receivership Entities and the investors as a whole, these inequitable distributions should be recovered and distributed in an equitable manner among investors holding legitimate and allowed claims (as to be determined by the claims process). The Receiver sent more than 180 demand letters to investors, each of whom, according to the records in the Receiver's possession, made false profits by receiving monies from Hedge Funds in an amount that exceeded his or her investments (the "**Profiteers**"). With the Commission's approval, the Receiver offered to settle with each of these Profiteers for payment of 90% of the pertinent false profits.

As of April 30, 2010, the Receiver reached settlements with **56** Profiteers for a total sum of **\$8,889,496.42**. The Court has approved all 56 of these settlements. The Receiver's efforts during this period also led to the settlement of 15 additional cases as of July 29, 2010, for a further amount of \$2,337,973.66. As of July 29, 2010, the Receiver had reached agreements to settle with 71 Profiteers for a total amount of \$11,227,470.08.

In January 2010, the Receiver initiated **121** lawsuits against Profiteers seeking to recover total false profits of approximately **\$32,755,269.13** from those investors who did not settle the Receiver's claims during the demand stage. The complaints set forth claims for unjust enrichment and fraudulent transfers pursuant to Florida's Uniform Fraudulent Transfers Act ("FUFTA"). In anticipation of initiating lawsuits, the Receiver filed Motions to Reappoint Receiver (Docs. 139, 315). Those motions were granted on June 3, 2009 and January 19, 2010, respectively. Except in situations where defendants had, or should have had, knowledge of the fraudulent investment scheme or did not act in good faith, the Receiver is seeking to recover false profits but not the amount equivalent to the principal investment. Individuals and/or entities who the Receiver believes did not act in good faith are discussed in sub-sections V.E.2 and V.E.3 immediately below.

The Receiver believes that he has identified all of the Profiteers. However, the Receiver is verifying that identification and will bring additional actions if appropriate and in the best interests of the Receivership. The Receiver is continuing to engage in settlement discussions with defendants of the lawsuits discussed above.

2. Litigation against Moodys and Rowe.

a. Moodys.

On January 20, 2010, the Receiver filed suit against Neil V. Moody, individually and as Trustee of the Neil V. Moody Revocable Trust; Sharon G. Moody, individually and as Trustee of the Sharon G. Moody Revocable Trust; and the Neil V. Moody Charitable Foundation, Inc. (collectively the "Moody Defendants") for the return of \$28,341,953.10. *See Wiand, as Receiver v. Neil V. Moody, et al.*, Case No. 8:10-cv-249-T-17MAP (M.D. Fla.). As set forth in the Complaint, the Moody Defendants received distributions of purported trading profits or purported principal redemptions in connection with their investments which do not satisfy FUFTA's "good faith" and reasonably equivalent value standard and which are unjust. Further, Neil Moody received distributions of purported management and performance fees in connection with his purported management of certain Hedge Funds under circumstances which also do not satisfy FUFTA's good faith standard and which are unjust. The Receiver seeks to avoid all those transfers under FUFTA, or alternatively, seeks disgorgement of those amounts pursuant to equitable claims of unjust enrichment.

b. Rowe.

On January 20, 2010, the Receiver filed suit against Donald Rowe ("**Rowe**"), individually and as Trustee of the Wall Street Digest Defined Benefit Pension Plan, Joyce Rowe, and Carnegie Asset Management, Inc. ("**CAM**") (collectively "**Rowe Defendants**") for the return of **\$8,610,428.90**, which includes approximately \$2,106,568.89 in false profits. *See Wiand, as Receiver v. Donald Rowe, et al.*, Case No. 8:10-cv-245-T-17MAP (M.D. Fla.).

As set forth in the Complaint, Donald Rowe, both in his individual capacity and as Trustee of the Wall Street Digest Defined Benefits Pension Plan, and Joyce Rowe were investors in one or more of the Hedge Funds and received distributions of purported trading profits or purported principal redemptions in connection with their investments which do not satisfy FUFTA's "good faith" standard and which are unjust. The Receiver seeks to recover those transfers under FUFTA, or alternatively, seeks disgorgement of those amounts pursuant to equitable claims of unjust enrichment.

Rowe played a key role in Nadel's scheme, and was also a major financial beneficiary as he, his wife, and his entities received millions of dollars of investor funds. He actively solicited a large number of investors in violation of federal and state securities laws. He also repeatedly touted and recommended the Hedge Funds in his investment newsletter, "The Wall Street Digest," and in "reports." He extolled that the Hedge Funds were managed by "America's Top-Ranked Money Manager" or with similar praise. In addition to Rowe's violation of various state and federal securities laws by his general solicitation of investors for the Hedge Funds, he further violated these laws by: (1) his receipt of purportedly performance-based fees and commissions for soliciting investors even though neither he nor his entities were registered with the State of Florida or the Commission as a broker/dealer, associated person of a broker/dealer, or an investment adviser; and (2) his repeated material omissions and misrepresentations made in connection with his solicitation of investors.

Further, CAM (and Carnegie Wealth Management ("**CWM**"), a division of CAM) also received certain funds from the Hedge Funds under the terms of a purported "Non-Solicitation Agreement." This Agreement was merely a financial settlement pursuant to

which money from the Hedge Funds was transferred to CAM and CWM for "management" and "performance" fees Rowe claimed he was supposed to receive for his referral and solicitation of investors to the Hedge Funds. The Receiver believes this Agreement was fraudulent and nothing more than a document designed for the sole purpose of paying improper fees to CAM and CWM. The Receiver seeks to recover all such sums distributed to CAM and CWM from Receivership Entities.

The Hedge Funds also paid "management" and "performance" fees based on the purported value and performance of the Hedge Funds to another entity controlled by Rowe, Wall Street Online ("**WSO**"). WSO is now defunct, however, the Receiver has information and believes that its assets remain under Donald Rowe's control. The Receiver seeks to recover all such sums distributed to WSO from Receivership Entities.

3. Recovery of Fees from Recipients of Commissions or Other Transfers.

a. Recovery of Commissions.

Information available to the Receiver reveals that at least three individuals received commissions as "compensation" under circumstances that warrant the Receiver's recovery of those sums. In January 2010, the Receiver initiated lawsuits against these three individuals. *See Wiand, Receiver v. Kelvin V. Lee and Barbara Lee*, Case No. 8:10-cv-251-T-17MAP (M.D. Fla.) (seeking the return of \$93,921.28 in purported fees and \$33,077.26 in false profits); *Wiand, Receiver v. Michael Corcione*, Case No. 8:10-cv-234-T-17MAP (M.D. Fla.) (seeking the return of \$7,500 in purported fees); and *Wiand, Receiver v. Steve Ellis*, Case No. 8:10-cv-233-T-17MAP (M.D. Fla.) (seeking the return of \$62,299.64 in purported fees). The Hedge Funds paid the Defendants in these cases "management" and "performance" fees

based on the purported value and performance of the Hedge Funds. The Receiver seeks to recover those transfers under FUFTA, or alternatively, seeks disgorgement of those amounts pursuant to equitable claims of unjust enrichment.

b. Recovery of Other Transfers.

The Receiver also determined that two entities received improper distributions in connection with Nadel's Scheme: GQ Digital Home Integration, Inc. ("GQ Digital") and Alpha Ventures Securities Company ("Alpha Ventures"). Both of these matters have been resolved. GQ Digital was not an "investor" in the Hedge Funds, but is a business that received funds from the Nadels which were scheme proceeds. Specifically, GQ Digital received \$241,000 in wrongful distributions. On January 20, 2010, the Receiver initiated an action to recover those funds. *See Wiand, Receiver v. GQ Digital Home Integration, Inc.*, Case No. 8:10-cv-250-T-17MAP (M.D. Fla.). On June 4, 2010, the Receiver entered into a stipulation with the defendant for entry of a default judgment in the amount of \$241,000 with post-judgment interest accruing at the current statutory rate (Doc. 12). The judgment as stipulated was entered on June 7, 2010 (Doc. 14).

Alpha Ventures, with Daniel Blumberg, likewise received wrongful distributions in connection with Nadel's fraud. Specifically, Alpha Ventures received \$129,627.43 from the Hedge Funds as an improper distribution as a result of Mr. Blumberg's individual investment. On January 20, 2010, the Receiver initiated an action to recover those funds. *See Wiand, Receiver v. Alpha Ventures, et al.*, Case No. 8:10-cv-235-T-17MAP (M.D. Fla.). The Receiver subsequently discovered that Mr. Blumberg suffered significant losses in connection with other investments in the Hedge Funds. These losses more than offset the

wrongful distributions noted above. Accordingly, on or about April 5, 2010, the Received filed a motion for dismissal without prejudice of this matter (Doc. 10). The Court granted this motion on April 6, 2010 (Doc. 11).

4. Recovery of Charitable Contributions Made with Scheme Proceeds.

Nadel formed the Guy-Nadel Foundation in December 2003 as a non-profit corporation for charitable, educational and scientific purposes. The Foundation was funded solely with proceeds of Nadel's scheme. All money Nadel wrongfully caused to transfer or pay to the Foundation was diverted and misappropriated by him in connection with his scheme. The Receiver has discovered that from 2000 through 2008, the Guy-Nadel Foundation made a total of \$2,484,589 in contributions to various non-profit organizations and charities.

The Receiver has focused his attention on the charitable organizations that received the most misappropriated funds. The Receiver sought to obtain tolling agreements from all charitable organizations so he could contemplate the appropriate action to take regarding these significant disbursements. Three charities did not provide such agreements, thus the Receiver had no recourse but to initiate actions against them. *See Wiand, Receiver v. Catholic Charities, Diocese of Venice, Inc.*, Case No. 8:10-cv-247-T-17MAP (M.D. Fla.) (seeking the return of \$40,000); *See Wiand, Receiver v. Diocese of Venice in Florida, Inc.*, Case No. 8:10-cv-247-T-17MAP (M.D. Fla.) (seeking the return of \$40,000); *See Wiand, Receiver v. Diocese of Venice in Florida, Inc.*, Case No. 8:10-cv-247-T-17MAP (M.D. Fla.) (seeking the return of \$370,000); *See Wiand, Receiver v. Sarasota Opera Association, Inc.*, Case No. 8:10-cv-248-T-17MAP (M.D. Fla.) (seeking the return of \$353,125).

The Receiver has determined to approach the charities again in an effort to settle these matters before actively pursuing litigation. The Receiver is also attempting to reach resolutions with the charities that entered tolling agreements

5. Class Action Litigation.

The Receiver had communications with the law firm of Johnson, Pope, Bokor, Ruppel & Burns, LLP ("Johnson Pope") regarding the institution of a class action against Holland & Knight, LLP ("H&K"), the law firm that prepared the private placement memoranda used to solicit investors into the Nadel scheme. On March 20, 2009, Johnson Pope on behalf of investor Michael Sullivan and others similarly situated, instituted a class action suit against H&K, *Michael Sullivan v. Holland & Knight LLP*, Case No. 09-cv-0531-EAJ (M.D. Fla.). On March 31, 2010, the Court entered an order of dismissal based on the determination that this class action was preempted by the Securities Litigation Uniform Standards Act of 1998 ("SLUSA"). The plaintiffs filed a motion for reconsideration of this determination on April 7, 2010. No ruling has been issued yet.

6. Receiver's Litigation Against Holland & Knight LLP.

The Receiver entered into a contingency fee agreement with Johnson Pope whereby Johnson Pope will pursue professional malpractice claims by the Hedge Funds against H&K, seeking to recover as much as possible of the approximately \$168 million out-of-pocket losses suffered by investors. (*See also* Order dated August 12, 2009 (Doc. 175).) On or about August 31, 2009, the Receiver initiated an action against H&K on behalf of the Hedge Funds. *Scoop Real Estate, L.P., et al. v. Holland & Knight, LLP, et al.*, Case No. 2009-ca-014887-NC (Sarasota County, Fla., 12th Jud. Cir.). On or about September 30, 2009, H&K

removed the action to the Middle District of Florida. *See* Notice of Removal, Doc. 1, *Scoop Real Estate, L.P., et al. v. Holland & Knight LLP, et al.*, Case No. 8:09-cv-1992 (M.D. Fla.). On November 16, 2009, the Court granted the Receiver's motion to remand. The case is again proceeding in state court and discovery is underway.

On or about October 20, 2009, H&K filed a motion to dismiss. The motion to dismiss was heard on March 9, 2010. The motion to dismiss in large part was denied, however two counts of the complaint were dismissed. The Receiver filed a Second Amended Complaint against H&K and Scott MacLeod, Esq. on April 23, 2010. The Second Amended Complaint asserted four counts: Count I, Breach of Fiduciary Duty; Count II, Negligence/Professional Malpractice; Count III, Common Law Aiding and Abetting of Fraud; and Count IV, Common Law Aiding and Abetting Breach of Fiduciary Duty. The Defendants filed a motion to dismiss all counts of the Second Amended Complaint on May 26, 2010. The Court, at the conclusion of a July 21, 2010 hearing, ruled from the bench and denied the Defendants' motion to dismiss in its entirety. A proposed written order reflecting the Court's oral ruling has been submitted for consideration and signature. Discovery is continuing and the case is proceeding toward trial.

7. Other Potential Litigation.

The Receiver continues to examine the actions of other professionals and businesses that provided services to Receivership Entities to determine whether he needs to take additional steps with respect to any of those professionals and businesses to recover assets for the Receivership.

VI. <u>Claims Process.</u>

On April 20, 2010, the Receiver filed his Motion to (1) Approve Procedure to Administer Claims and Proof of Claim Form, (2) Establish Deadline for Filing Proofs of Claim, and (3) Permit Notice by Mail and Publication and Incorporated Memorandum of Law (Doc. 390) ("Claims Motion"). On April 21, 2010, the Court granted the Receiver's Claims Motion in its entirety (Doc. 391). The Court established a Claim Bar Date of the later of 90 days from the date of the Order granting the Claims Motion or the mailing of Proof of Claim Forms to all known investors (as the term Claim Bar Date is defined in the Receiver's motion). Pursuant to the Court's Order, any person or entity who failed to submit a proof of claim to the Receiver so that it is actually received by the Receiver on or before the Claim Bar Date is barred and precluded from asserting any claim against the Receivership or any Receivership Entity.

The Court's Order further provided that sufficient and reasonable notice was given by the Receiver if made (1) by mail to the last known addresses of all known potential claimants, (2) by global publication on one day in <u>The Wall Street Journal</u> and publication on one day in the <u>Sarasota-Herald Tribune</u>, and (3) on the Receiver's website (www.nadelreceivership.com).

In compliance with the Court's Order, on June 4, 2010, the Receiver mailed 1256 packages to known investors and their attorneys, if any, and any other known potential creditors of the Receivership Estate thereby establishing **September 2, 2010 as the Claim Bar Date**. Each package included a cover letter, the Notice of Deadline Requiring Filing of Proofs of Claim (the "Notice"), and a Proof of Claim Form. The Receiver also published the

Notice in the global edition of <u>The Wall Street Journal</u> and in the <u>Sarasota Herald-Tribune</u> on June 15, 2010, and provided the Notice and a Proof of Claim form on his website.

VII. <u>Investigating Receivership Affairs and Tracing Receivership Funds.</u>

The Receiver has retained the services of PDR Certified Public Accountants ("**PDR**"), forensic accountants, to assist in investigating and analyzing the flow of funds both into and out of the Receivership Entities, and to assist in locating additional funds, if any. The Receiver has also retained the services of Riverside Financial Group ("**Riverside**"), financial analysts to assist in investigating and analyzing all of the trading activity. In conjunction with the Receiver, PDR and Riverside are further attempting to identify additional individuals and/or entities who may be in possession of Receivership funds. PDR is also assisting in determining the amount of each investor's loss. The Receiver has also retained the services of Otto L. Wheeler, CPA/ABV, of Wheeler Fairman & Kelly Certified Public Accountants in Austin, Texas, in connection with the Viking Oil & Gas venture discussed at Section V.A.7, above.

The Receiver has also retained the services of RWJ Group, LLC ("**RWJ**") as an asset manager for the Receivership Entities. RWJ is owned and operated by Roger Jernigan. Mr. Jernigan has over 24 years of law enforcement and investigative experience. He also has experience in managing multiple businesses with gross sales exceeding \$1.5 million. Mr. Jernigan formerly was the manager of the VJC and has significant knowledge of the maintenance of assets recovered by the Receiver. Mr. Jernigan is a commercial pilot with over 10,000 hours of accident and incident free flying. After conducting due diligence, the Receiver determined that Mr. Jernigan had no involvement with Nadel's scheme and was not an investor in the Hedge Funds. Mr. Jernigan has been an invaluable asset to the Receivership. Mr. Jernigan assists the Receiver with overseeing ongoing business operations and property recovered by the Receiver, including aiding with efforts to sell such businesses and property. His efforts are designed to ensure that Receivership assets are maintained and/or enhanced to allow for maximum recovery for the Receivership estate. Pursuant to an agreement with the Receiver, RWJ receives \$5,500 per month for its services and is reimbursed for related expenses.

VIII. <u>The Next Sixty Days.</u>

The Receiver has received useful information from investors and third parties during the course of the Receivership. A number of people have contacted him with respect to the location of assets. The Receiver would like to thank those parties for their efforts. For anyone who may have information that they believe would be of use to the Receivership, the Receiver encourages those parties to bring that information to him.

The Receiver has received most but not all of the documents he has subpoenaed from third parties. He will continue to make efforts to obtain additional relevant documents and to review such documents in connection with his efforts to investigate matters underlying this Receivership, including to identify any additional sources of recovery and to prepare an accounting. The Receiver is working diligently on this task, but without knowing the full volume of documents he expects to receive, it is difficult to estimate the time needed for completion.

The Receiver will proceed with the claims process by reviewing all submitted Proof of Claim Forms and addressing any questions potential claimants and/or their attorneys may have. After the Claim Bar Date and the Receiver has reviewed all submitted claims, he will submit a motion to the Court with his claim determinations. This motion likely will not be filed until several months after the Claim Bar Date.

The Receiver will proceed with the pending cases. He will continue attempts to serve process on any defendants that yet have not been served. The Receiver will continue to thoroughly consider and review any settlement offers for pending cases and engage in settlement negotiations. The Receiver will make every effort to reach compromises that are in the best interests of the Receivership Entities and the investors.

The Receiver will continue to review information to determine if any third parties may have liability either to the Receivership estate or investors. The Receiver will likely institute litigation against financial institutions that assisted Nadel and his companies.

The Receiver will continue to attempt to locate additional funds and other assets and, if appropriate, will institute proceedings to recover assets on behalf of the Receivership Entities. In an effort to more fully understand the conduct at issue and in an attempt to locate more assets, the Receiver will continue to conduct interviews and/or depositions of parties and third parties with knowledge.

The Receiver will also continue the operations of all ongoing businesses of the Receivership Entities to maintain and, if possible, enhance their value. The Receiver will continue to market properties for sale and entertain offers for purchase.

CONCLUSION

Creditors and investors in the Receivership Entities are encouraged to periodically check the informational website (<u>www.nadelreceivership.com</u>) for current information

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concerning this Receivership. The Receiver and his counsel have received an enormous amount of emails and telephone inquiries and have had to expend significant resources to address them. To minimize those expenses, creditors and investors are strongly encouraged to consult the Receiver's website before contacting the Receiver or his counsel. However, the Receiver continues to encourage individuals or attorneys representing investors who may have information that may be helpful in securing further assets for the Receivership estate or identifying other potential parties who may have liability to either the Receivership estate or investors directly to either email jrizzo@wiandlaw.com or call Jeffrey Rizzo at 813-347-5100.

Dated this 18th day of August, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

<u>s/ Burton W. Wiand</u> Burton W. Wiand, Receiver

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on August 18, 2010, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system. I further certify that I mailed the foregoing document and the notice of electronic filing by first-class mail to the following non-CM/ECF participant:

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