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Bradley D. Sharp, the Court-appointed permanent receiver (the "Receiver") for the estate of Direct Lending Investments, LLC ("DLI"), Direct Lending Income Fund, L.P., Direct Lending Income Feeder Fund, Ltd. ("DLIFF"), DLI Capital, Inc., DLI Lending Agent, LLC, DLI Assets Bravo LLC, and their successors, subsidiaries and affiliated entities (collectively, the "Receivership Entities"), pursuant to the Preliminary Injunction Order and Order Appointing Permanent Receiver issued April 1, 2019 ("Receiver Order") (Doc. No. 10), hereby submits his Eighteenth Status Report generally covering the period from April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023.

I. Summary Overview

The Receiver is submitting his Eighteenth Status Report to update the Court and interested parties of the recent activities that took place in the second quarter 2023.

A. <u>Highlights of Activity During the Second Quarter 2023</u>

A summary of the more significant activities during this period is as follows:

SAI Settlement

1. On June 1, 2023, the Receiver reached a settlement agreement regarding claims related to the investment in DLI Properties and Liberty Fund LLC, and the business affiliated with Strategic Acquisitions Inc. (the "SAI Settlement"). *See* Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Motion of Receiver for Order Approving Settlement and Release Agreement (Doc. No. 894-1). The SAI Settlement provided for payment to the Receiver for DLIF of \$3,805,638, to the Receiver for DLI of \$2,147,086, and to DLIFF of \$1,674,250. *Id.* at 3. The Court granted the motion and approved the SAI Settlement on June 27, 2023 (Doc. No. 899).

Claims Distribution

2. The Receiver continued to monitor the special distribution of the

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settlement sum paid in connection with the settlement with DLI's former auditors, Deloitte & Touche, LLP, Deloitte Tax LLP, and Deloitte & Touche Cayman Islands (the "Deloitte Entities"), which was approved on October 14, 2022 (Doc No. 854). The Receiver made the special distribution of the settlement funds paid by the Deloitte Entities in the amount of \$18,299,383.76 on December 16, 2022 to 889 DLIF investors. DLIFF separately received a total of \$8,050,616.24 in connection with the Deloitte distribution.

The Receiver filed a Motion for Approval of Third Interim 3. Distribution on July 26, 2023 (Doc. No. 902). The Receiver has collected additional funds into the receivership estate and seeks approval of his proposed third interim distribution. In summary, the Motion for Approval of Third Interim Distribution requests: (1) Approval of the proposed third interim distribution of \$1,500,000 to be shared by DLIF and DLIFF on a pro rata basis; (2) Approval of an additional distribution of \$18,500,000 to DLIF from funds derived solely from Net Winning Proceeds; and (3) Approval of an additional distribution of \$3,805,638 to DLIF from the SAI Settlement (see Doc. No. 894). This motion was granted by the Court on August 25, 2023 (Doc No. 906).

Loan Portfolios

The Receiver collected an additional \$86,000 on the loan portfolios 4. during the second quarter and continues to make progress in monetizing the remaining collectible investments in the portfolio. The Receiver continues to pursue collection efforts on four of the loan portfolios and is moving closer to nearing completion of the liquidation of the active, outstanding loan portfolio positions held by the Receivership Entities.

Litigation

5. As of June 30, 2023, just one lawsuit remains as to net winnings received by investors which is a lawsuit against foreign institutional defendants. The Receiver has continued settlement discussions with the defendants' counsel.

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27 28 The parties are discussing terms of resolution, and the Receiver is evaluating amendment of the complaint to name additional parties. From other net winners, the Receiver has recovered approximately \$28.5 million in cash payments and distribution offsets. The remaining claim and distribution offsets total to approximately \$530,000, providing for total value to the estate of approximately \$29.0 million.

- 6. As a result of negotiations with certain recipients of commission payments, the Receiver has recovered over \$900,000 in cash and over \$65,000 in the form of claim potential future offsets in connection with his claims to recover commission payments made to certain individuals and companies. The Receiver is in settlement discussion with the last few recipients of commission payments and no litigation has yet been commenced.
- 7. The Receiver has continued his investigation and prosecution of potential litigation claims relating to claims, counterparties, insiders, and others. Included in this category is the litigation commenced by the Receiver in New York against EisnerAmper LLP ("EisnerAmper") and litigation against Strawberry Peak Trust, along with an appeal of an order dismissing the case against Duff & Phelps LLC ("Duff & Phelps") in New York.
- The Receiver has engaged in discussions regarding possible 8. resolution of claims asserted in the complaint filed against Strawberry Peak Trust and Primus Trust Corp., which was served pursuant to the Hague Convention. The Receiver and Primus Trust have entered into a stipulation to provide additional time to respond. The complaint seeks to recover over \$11 million in funds transferred to a Hungarian Trust for the benefit of Brendan Ross's wife and children.
- 9. The Receiver has produced documents to and received documents from EisnerAmper in his case against EisnerAmper. The parties are also preparing for mediation.

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B. Summary of Cash Position

As of June 30, 2023, the Receiver had cash on hand of approximately \$46.5 million, of which \$3.8 million has been reserved as holdbacks for professional fees and \$542,000 [D&T Settlement Distr. and Claims Distr., Ex. 1 at 6] related to uncashed distribution checks and distribution reserves. As of June 30, 2023, the Receiver has recovered approximately \$242.7 million in portfolio collections [Total Collections Principal and Interest, Ex. 5]. Although the Receiver continues to make every attempt to maximize the recovery with respect to the investments, on the remaining assets that are still being actively managed, the anticipated and actual collections on the active portfolio positions have not materially changed the Receiver's overall outlook for recovery.

The portfolio investments held by the Receivership Entities as of the date of the receivership were valued at par (*i.e.*, face value amount outstanding) by DLI at \$789.6 million dollars as of March 31, 2019. The Receiver and his team continue to estimate a low range of return on the liquidation of the investments of \$215 million (or about 27% of the March 31, 2019 par value) and a high range of \$265 million (or about 34%), both after operating and professional fee expenses. Of course, these are only the best estimates available and are not certain. The ultimate return to investors will be increased by the \$31.7 million in cash on hand at the time of the appointment of the Receiver and any proceeds of litigation, including the proceeds of the net winner claims, the settlement with the Deloitte Entities, the SAI Settlement, and the other pending complaints, reduced by operating costs, administrative fees, and expenses, and impacted by allowed non-investor claims.

C. <u>Update on Operational Issues</u>

1. Employees:

The Receiver has continued to operate with a reduced staff and has continued to operate with a reduced staff of one DLI employee during this past

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quarter. This remaining employee of DLI will continue to work remotely for the remainder of her employment with DLI.

2. Ordinary Course Authority:

Pursuant to the Receiver's motion seeking multiple items of relief, including an order: (i) extending the Receiver's authority to employ vendors and professionals in the ordinary course of the receivership, subject to the less than \$10,000 per month limit on payment of professionals for the period through December 31, 2022; and (ii) an order authorizing the Receiver to employ and pay ordinary course professionals, including accountants and attorneys previously employed in the ordinary course of the Receivership Entity's business (Doc. No. 817), which was granted by order entered on September 6, 2022 (Doc No. 826), the Receiver has continued to pay ordinary course professionals for their assistance in monetizing the loan portfolios. The Receiver has previously advised the Court that the Receiver does not anticipate filing any additional such motions as he has previously obtained approval to operate the receivership estate, pay operating expenses, and pay his ordinary course professionals on the same terms in amounts no more than the current budget amounts by disclosure of the actual amounts expended in future quarterly status reports but without the need to file subsequent motions through the remainder of the case.

The Receiver has attached hereto as Exhibit "1" the actual v. budget for the three-month period ending June 30, 2023. Exhibit "2" is the Receiver's Standardized Fund Accounting Report for the Reporting Period of April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023. Exhibits "3" and "4" are the two three-month budgets for the periods of July 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023 and October 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023.

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D. Ordinary Course Settlement Update:

Pursuant to the authority and powers of the Receiver set forth in the Court's order granting the Receiver's Motion for Instructions re Scope of Receivership (Doc. No. 57), the Receiver is authorized to make compromises of claims and accept discounts of \$100,000 or less. Based on that order, the Receiver has obtained settlements or payments related to approximately two dozen claims in connection with the loan portfolios. The settlements include discounted payoffs and negotiated structured repayment agreements as the Receiver endeavors to maximize recoveries on loans in default. The settlements typically involve ongoing monthly payments on the loans potentially with reduced or waiver of interest. In the second quarter of 2023, the Receiver collected approximately \$10,900 in connection with such settlements.

II. Assets: The Loans and Litigation Claims

A. <u>Loan Portfolios</u>

The Receiver's initial review of the books and records of the estate indicated that there were 26 outstanding loan portfolios. The number of outstanding investment/loan portfolio positions is now 6, based on: (1) the Receiver's review and analysis of the loan records, which indicated certain investments were no longer outstanding and had been paid off shortly before the commencement of the receivership; (2) post-receivership loan payoffs; (3) five whole loan portfolio sales; (4) the Court's approval of a restructuring transaction/settlement for 10 additional investments; and (5) the Receiver's resolution of outstanding issues arising from Morrison Oil, LLC, an entity that is in a separate receivership proceeding, and with Walsh Electrical Contracting, an entity that filed for bankruptcy.

When the Receiver was initially appointed on April 1, 2019, the estate had cash on hand of \$31.7 million. Since the Receiver's appointment through June 30, 2023, the Receiver has recovered approximately an additional \$242.7 million

in portfolio collections (including interest recovery but excluding funds collected on behalf of and either reserved for or remitted to third parties) [Ex. 5].

1. Current Schedule of Loans/Investments

 However, as noted in the prior report, each of the remaining loan/investment portfolios has a number of issues that make recovery of all or a large portion of the outstanding balances challenging.

The uncollected balance as of June 30, 2023 is \$442.9 million [Ex. 5].

There are now only about 4 active material relationships for 5 disparate investments which the Receiver and his team are managing.

As in the prior report, the Receiver is maintaining confidential the identity of the specific borrowers on the list of loan/investment portfolios. Attached to this Eighteenth Status Report as Exhibit "5" is an updated list identifying the status of the investments, including a summary of those that have been paid off after the receivership, and the uncollected amounts for the remaining loans/investments (the "Loan/Investment Schedule"). The Loan/Investment Schedule includes the March 31, 2019 par dollar amount of the estate's interest in those portfolios as reflected on the books and records of the Receivership Entities, collections on those portfolios obtained since the commencement of the

Of the 5 remaining outstanding loan and investment portfolios, most are in some form of financial distress or subject to disputes that may affect the timing and extent of recoveries on those portfolios.

receivership, and a general summary of the loan/investment portfolio.

Without providing individualized loan/portfolio assessments, it remains the Receiver's general assessment, as informed by his professional advisors, that recoveries on the remaining loan/investment portfolios are likely to be far less than the \$789.6 million stated on the receivership books and records as of March 31, 2019. The Receiver and his professional advisors continue to estimate that the total recoveries to date (since appointment) and future recoveries on the

loan/investment portfolio in place as of March 31, 2019, will range between a low of \$215 million and a high of \$265 million, both after operating and professional expenses.

2. Loan Portfolio Activity

The Receiver and his professionals have continued efforts to maximize the value of the loan portfolio and evaluated counterparty proposals, financial reporting and projections, and certain underlying collateral to manage investment positions to support the collection and maximization of value from the loan portfolio. The Receiver directed efforts in recovering loans and pursued settlements of various non-performing loans through negotiated payment terms. Some of the specific activity relative to the portfolios is identified as follows:

a. Investment H/I

DSI continued to monitor and evaluate the improvement in the business performance of Investment I and its affiliates, including corresponding with the counterparty's board to further the counterparty's efforts to rebuild its own business. The counterparty's turnaround has resulted in profitability for the year 2021 and into 2022, and the Receiver is now evaluating potential strategic options to monetize the minority stake. However, no transaction is imminent, and the company's board has determined that market conditions do not support a formal process at this time.

b. Investment N

DSI evaluated multiple options available to the Receiver to protect DLI's interests in Investment N in light of a dispute between Investment N and another lender regarding their relative lien positions at their shared customer. Although significant litigation between Investment N and another lender has adversely impacted the collectability of the loan outstanding to DLI, DSI continues to work with Investment N to collect on other collateral within the portfolio and has collected \$93,200 during the second quarter.

recovery in connection with Investment N during this time period. They have monitored litigation by and against the counterparty relating to Investment N so that the Receiver can evaluate whether it is necessary action to preserve the value of the estate's collateral. That matter remains pending and ongoing services will be required to determine and pursue the most cost-effective and impactful path for recovery.

The Receiver and his professionals have evaluated possible sources of

c. DLIP, Liberty and SAI

The Receiver and his team have completed their support of the CRO in managing and liquidating all of the remaining real estate properties, with the final property sale closing in January 2023. Real estate sales total to over \$124 million. All administrative tasks have been completed and the CRO has resigned.

The Receiver and his team have successfully completed settlement discussions regarding the claims against the estate of the deceased guarantor of the obligations and his wife as the trustee of their family trust. The settlement discussions regarding those claims and the related entities, Strategic Holding Group ("SHG"), Strategic Acquisitions Inc. ("SAI"), Strategic Acquisitions LLC ("SAL"), BDR, Inc. ("BDR"), Strategic Property Management, Inc. ("SPMI"), The Address, Inc. ("TAI"), Strategic Reality Inc. ("SRI"), and Strategic Healthcare Services, Inc. dba Hira Health ("SHS") (collectively, the "SAI Entities") related to the SAI Entities' business relationship with the Receivership Entities, DLI Properties LLC, DLI Property Holdings LLC, Strategic DLI Holdings, Inc., and Liberty Fund.

The Receiver's counsel had worked closely with multiple parties and finalized the language in the settlement agreement. The Receiver through his counsel had worked with the SAI entities and the guarantor, with the joint official liquidators of DLIFF, and with other parties in connection with global settlement discussions. The firm had worked closely with the Receiver and DSI in

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developing information necessary to those settlement discussions. The Receiver filed a motion for order approving the settlement and release agreement on June 2, 2023 to resolve a complex series of loan transactions (Doc. No. 894) (the "SAI Settlement"). The SAI Settlement provided for payment to the Receiver for DLIF of \$3,805,638, to the Receiver for DLI of \$2,147,086, and to DLIFF of \$1,674,250. The payments were received during the third quarter of 2023.

d. VoIP Guardian

Although the March 31, 2019 par value of the VoIP loan on the Receivership Entities' book is approximately \$202.6 million, the Receiver is not expecting a recovery of nearly the amount of the outstanding balance, as there are substantial questions and concerns regarding collection of the underlying foreign telecommunications accounts receivable. VoIP is in a Chapter 7 bankruptcy, which fact alone reflects the challenges in collection. In addition, the collection of approximately \$22 million from VoIP receivables continues to depend on the outcome of proceedings in the Netherlands, as the funds are subject to an ongoing criminal investigation for money laundering and other criminal claims. Other portfolios are structured with limited guarantees by the principals, and in other portfolios, the value of the underlying collateral is highly uncertain or speculative.

Further recovery efforts included working with VoIP Guardian counsel to explore and pursue recovery efforts, including evaluating reports, complaints filed, and other material in connection with the investigation. The Receiver and his team have worked with the Trustee's counsel to provide certain documentary information requested by the Trustee to assist in the recovery efforts. The VoIP Trustee has been pursuing litigation claims against former insiders of VoIP, including Rodney Omanoff, which remains pending at this time.

Rodney Omanoff has requested that the Receiver correct a statement made in the Receiver's Report Regarding the Investigation of the Receivership 10

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Entities' Business Conduct and Recommendations Regarding Distributions filed on November 20, 2020 (Doc. No. 320). The Receiver's Report at page 61 stated: "Criminal charges were filed against VoIP Guardian, its principal Rodney Omanoff, and associates." The Receiver has recently confirmed that criminal charges have not been filed against Mr. Omanoff as of this time.

B. <u>Litigation Claims</u>

The Receiver has continued to pursue a variety of litigation claims and he continues to evaluate other potential claims. Below is a description of litigation matters that remained open during the second quarter of 2023.

1. DLIF Net Winner Claims

The Net Winner Claims for fraudulent transfers to investors brought pursuant to the Receiver's Motion for Authority to Pursue Avoidance Actions, Approval of Proposed Procedures, and Approval of Form and/or Limitation of Notice Under Local Rule 66-7 (Doc. No. 356) (the "Procedures Motion") approved by the Court on April 6, 2021 (Doc. No. 526) are now resolved. The settled claims have brought in \$28.5 million in cash payments and offset distributions pursuant to other settlement agreements. The one pending complaint against foreign institutional defendants located in Korea remains pending at this time. This case is discussed in more detail below.

The Receiver and his counsel also continued to address the few unresolved claims for recovery of overpaid commissions. They engaged in settlement discussions, which are ongoing at this time.

2. Bradley D. Sharp, as the Permanent Receiver of the Estate of Direct Lending Investments, LLC, et al. v. Shinhan Bank Co. Ltd., et al., Case 2:21-cv-09197 (C.D. Cal.) ("Korean Fund Action")

On November 23, 2021, the Receiver filed suit in the Central District of California against 33 investment funds in DLIF and their trustees and managers,

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27 28 alleging that the over \$166 million that those 33 investment funds received in redemptions, including fictitious profits of nearly \$16 million, were fraudulent transfers. The defendants did not agree to waive service, so the Receiver filed a motion seeking authority to serve the complaint without translation of the exhibits on defendants pursuant to the Convention of 15 November 1965 on the Service Abroad of Judicial and Extrajudicial Documents in Civil or Commercial Matters (the "Hague Convention") (Doc. No. 15). The Court approved the motion by order entered on April 1, 2022 (Doc. No. 18).

The defendants were all served through the Hague Convention in early June 2022, and the parties have been engaged in ongoing settlement discussions. The Receiver has entered into multiple stipulations to continue the deadline to respond to the complaint as the parties have continued to engage is settlement discussions. The most recent stipulations provide for the deadline for defendants to respond to the Complaint to be extended to and including October 31, 2023. (Doc. Nos. 58, 60). During this past quarter, the Receiver has refined the terms of settlement with the defendants and developed a strategy relating to the litigation going forward. The parties are in the process of documenting settlement agreements.

> 3. Bradley D. Sharp, as the Permanent Receiver of the Estate of Direct Lending Investments, LLC, et al. v. Strawberry Peak Trust and Primus Trust, Case No. 2:22-cv-789 (C.D. Cal.) ("Strawberry Peak Action")

On February 4, 2022, the Receiver filed a complaint against two foreign trusts relating to \$11.4 million originating from DLI that was directed to an offshore trust by Ross and his entities. The complaint alleges that the transfer of these funds are avoidable transfers that should be returned to the estate. The Receiver determined to proceed with the international service of the complaint, and the complaint was served on Primus Trust, one of the Defendants, on 12

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December 15, 2022. The Receiver entered into an initial stipulation with Primus Trust to extend the response deadline to give the parties an opportunity to discuss possible resolution, which was approved by the Court by order entered on December 28, 2022.

Defendant Primus represents that The Strawberry Peak Trust does not exist as an entity under the laws of Hungary. Defendant Primus Trust further contends that The Strawberry Peak Trust is only a contractual relationship between the settlor and the fiduciary asset manager and cannot be sued since it does not exist as an entity.

Plaintiff and Defendant have been engaged in discussions and sought additional time to discuss issues in the Complaint before any response to the Complaint is due. The deadline for Primus Trust to answer, move to dismiss, including any and all jurisdictional challenges, or otherwise respond to the Complaint has been extended to and including October 31, 2023.

Separately, the Receiver continues to evaluate the possibility of amending the complaint to name additional individuals and entities.

> 4. Bradley D. Sharp, as the Permanent Receiver of the Estate of Direct Lending Investments, LLC, et al. v. Baer, Case No. 2:22cv-1734 (C.D. Cal.) ("Baer Action")

On March 16, 2022, the Receiver, in order to protect his position while settlement discussions remain ongoing, filed a complaint relating to the guarantees of two loan obligations owed by two entities controlled by SAI created to receive DLI investments: DLI Properties LLC ("DLIP") and Liberty Fund LLC ("Liberty"). Through February 28, 2022, DLIP owes \$97,855,312 plus interest of \$74,916,050, and Liberty owes \$60,209,103. Those loan amounts were guaranteed by an individual and through his trust (for Liberty). When the individual passed away, the individual claims against him passed to his probate estate. The Receiver filed a claim in November 2021, and no response was

received so the Receiver filed the complaint.

The parties finalized the terms of a broad settlement agreement that included resolving this claim. The deadline for the defendants to respond to the complaint was extended by an agreed waiver of service initially to July 18, 2022 and was further extended by stipulation on a few occasions. The most recent deadline was extended to July 31, 2023. The Receiver filed a motion for order approving a settlement and release agreement on June 2, 2023 involving multiple parties to resolve a complex series of loan transactions (Doc. No. 894) (the "SAI Settlement"). As part of the SAI Settlement, the Receiver will dismiss this complaint.

5. Bradley D. Sharp, as the Permanent Receiver of the Estate of Direct Lending Investments, LLC, et al. v. Duff & Phelps, LLC, Index No. 652332/2021 (N.Y. Sup. Ct., N.Y. County) ("Duff & Phelps Action")

On September 3, 2020, the Receiver filed suit in the Central District of California against Duff & Phelps alleging claims for professional negligence, gross negligence, aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty, negligent misrepresentation, and breach of contract. Duff & Phelps filed a motion to dismiss. This Court granted the motion to dismiss based on a forum selection clause that the case must be litigated in New York state court. On April 8, 2021, Diamond McCarthy, on behalf of the Receiver, filed a complaint against Duff & Phelps in the New York County Supreme Court, *Bradley D. Sharp, as the Permanent Receiver of the Estate of Direct Lending Investments, LLC, et al. v. Duff & Phelps, LLC*, New York County Supreme Court Index No. 652332/2021. Duff & Phelps filed a motion to dismiss the complaint on June 28, 2021. There was a round of briefing on the Motion to Dismiss, but the hearing on the motion was not scheduled until July 22, 2022 (after several continuances on the Court's on motion). Before the hearing the Receiver decided to amend the complaint and

notified the parties and the Court. The Court postponed the hearing and an amended complaint was filed by Diamond McCarthy, on behalf of the Receiver, on July 21, 2022. Duff & Phelps filed another Motion to Dismiss. Sullivan, Blackburn & Pratt, on behalf of the Receiver, filed an opposition to on October 3, 2022. Duff & Phelps filed a reply brief. The New York state court held a hearing on the second motion to dismiss and thereafter issued an Order Dismissing the Amended Complaint on February 15, 2023 (the "Dismissal Order").

The Receiver appealed the Dismissal Order. The Receiver filed a motion seeking to engage Diamond McCarthy as his primary counsel to pursue the Duff & Phelps Appeal, which was granted by the Court on May 23, 2023 (Doc. No. 893).

The Receiver, through counsel, has also engaged in dialogue with Duff & Phelps regarding resolution and the parties have scheduled a mediation in the third quarter.

6. Bradley D. Sharp, as the Permanent Receiver of the Estate of Direct Lending Investments, LLC, et al. v. EisnerAmper, LLP, Index No. 656686/2021 (N.Y. Sup. Ct., N.Y. County) ("EisnerAmper Action")

While a previous mediation with the Receiver, related parties and EisnerAmper was not successful in April 2021, the parties have continued to explore ways to potentially resolve the litigation. The Receiver filed his complaint on November 24, 2021 in New York. The Receiver has continued to monitor the status of litigation related to his pending action against EisnerAmper.

The Receiver filed a motion seeking to substitute in Raines Feldman LLP in as his counsel in place of Sullivan Blackburn & Pratt LLP, which was granted by the Court on May 23, 2023 (Doc. No. 893). EisnerAmper filed a motion to dismiss on March 21, 2023 (Doc. Nos. 26-39). The Receiver entered into a

stipulation with EisnerAmper to extend the opposition deadline to September 15, 2023 to allow the parties an opportunity to discuss resolution, which was so ordered by the court on April 28, 2023 (Doc. No. 41). The Receiver intends to continue to discuss a possible mediation with the other parties in tandem with investor lawyers who also have filed lawsuits against EisnerAmper. The Receiver has been involved with an informal exchange of discovery with EisnerAmper, both producing and receiving document productions. The parties have scheduled a mediation to try to resolve the dispute.

7. <u>Settlement with Deloitte Entities</u>

The Receiver arranged for the special distribution of the settlement funds obtained from the Deloitte Entities (the "Deloitte Settlement"). The settlement sum recovered \$26.35 million for the benefit of the estate and the DLIFF estate pending in Cayman. The Receiver made the distribution of the Deloitte settlement proceeds to the DLIF investors. The total amount distributed to DLIF investors was \$18,299,383.76. The distribution, which was sent out on December 16, 2022, was to 889 DLIF investors, representing \$301,874,649.03 in total DLIF claims. The Receiver has monitored the distribution and fielded calls and email inquiries relating to the distribution.

8. SAI Settlement

On June 1, 2023, the Receiver reached a settlement agreement regarding claims related to the investment in DLI Properties and Liberty Fund LLC (previously identified as Investment S and Investment T), and the business affiliated with Strategic Acquisitions Inc. (the "SAI Settlement"). *See* Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Motion of Receiver for Order Approving Settlement and Release Agreement (Doc. No. 894-1). The SAI Settlement provides that the aggregate amount of \$22,400,000 (the "Settlement Payment") shall be paid by the Trustee of the Peter Baer 1998 Irrevocable Trust (the "ILIT Trustee"). The Court granted the motion and approved the SAI

Settlement on June 27, 2023 (Doc. No. 899).

The Settlement Payment has be paid directly to the parties to the SAI Settlement by the ILIT Trustee as set forth in the SAI Settlement. The SAI Settlement results in recovery of the total sum of \$5,952,724 for the estate. Separately, the sum of \$1,674,250 has been paid to DLIFF in connection with the SAI Settlement.

The SAI Settlement provided for payment to the Receiver for DLIF of \$3,805,638 and to the Receiver for DLI of \$2,147,086. The payments were received during the third quarter of 2023. The Receiver filed a Motion for Approval of Third Interim Distribution on July 26, 2023 (Doc. No. 902) and proposed to distribute the sum of \$3,805,638 to Class 4B DLIF Investors,

The issues leading to the SAI Settlement were very complex and involved multiple parties, sizeable claims, and limited assets. The parties reached the SAI Settlement after over a year of arms-length and difficult negotiations. The Receiver determined that the SAI Settlement maximizes the recoveries for the receivership estate and minimizes costs of litigation that would be incurred if the matter did not settle. The Receiver respectfully submits that the SAI Settlement is fair and reasonable and is in the best interest of the estate.

9. Other Possible Claims

The Receiver and counsel have identified possible additional litigation targets, outlined possible legal and other theories of recovery, and entered into tolling agreements with a number of potential defendants. This work product and the active work, which is ongoing, will provide the basis for recommendations concerning whether or not to initiate litigation against potential defendants to pursue recoveries for the benefit of the receivership estate, investors, and creditors.

The Receiver intends to continue to evaluate claims and work toward establishing a mediation process with certain former directors and officers of the

Receivership Entities to try to resolve claims against them.

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The Receiver and his counsel have continued to investigate possible insider claims, such as the entities of Brendan Ross, and his family members, and related entities.

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The Receiver and his counsel have also pursued claims against finders, sales agents, and broker-dealers who received commissions. The Receiver has negotiated several settlements with these finders, all of which were settled pursuant to the settlement parameters regarding these commission claims. He continues to engage in settlement discussion with a few remaining commission

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recipients.

III. Court Filings April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023

Motions Concerning Administration of the Estate A.

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The Receiver filed a motion for approval and payment of fees of the Receiver and his professionals on May 23, 2023, for the period from January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023 (Doc. No. 891). The Court approved the motion by Order entered on June 28, 2023 (Doc No. 900).

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On May 23, 2023, the Receiver filed his Seventeenth Status Report covering the period of January 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023 (Doc. No. 890).

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On April 26, 2023, the Receiver filed a motion for order: (1) authorizing substitution in of Raines Feldman LLP to pursue claims against EisnerAmper LLP; (2) authorizing employment of Raines Feldman LLP to pursue claims against directors and officers; (3) authorizing employment of Diamond McCarthy

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LLP and LaMonica Herbst & Maniscalco, LLP to pursue Duff & Phelps appeal;

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and (4) approving form and/or limitation of notice under Local Civil Rule 6607

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(Doc No. 881). The Court granted the motion by Order entered on May 23, 2023

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Anticipated Motions В.

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The Receiver continues to work actively to recover the balance on the

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remaining loan and investment portfolios. Subject to ongoing discussions, the Receiver may reach restructuring or settlement agreements with other counterparties during this quarter, or thereafter. If successful, the Receiver will file motions for approval of those agreements.

The Receiver also anticipates filing a motion seeking approval of one or more settlement agreements if he is able to finalize pending agreements and determines that court approval is necessary and appropriate.

Status of Implementation of Distribution Plan IV.

Rising Tide Distributions

The Receiver's motion to approve a Distribution Plan, among other things, was approved by Order entered on December 14, 2020 (Doc No. 321), which provided for the following relief: 1) approval of the Distribution Plan; 2) approval of rising tide distribution methodology with respect to DLIF investor claims; and 3) approval of an interim \$150 million distribution. A total of 1,180 claims were submitted to the Receiver.

The Receiver made distributions pursuant to the Distribution Plan in the first and second interim distributions following Court approval. As of December 31, 2022, the Receiver has sent distributions in the approximate amount of \$104.12 million to 750 investors as part of his first interim distribution and \$51.03 million to 787 investors as part of his second interim distribution. As of June 30, 2023, the amount of \$0.07 million, including \$0.05 million from the first distribution and \$0.02 million from the second distribution, remains reserved as the Receiver continues to evaluate and address certain related party claims.

The Rising Tide percentage for distribution in the case is 42.86% as of December 31, 2022, following the second interim distribution.

The Receiver filed a Motion for Third Interim Distribution on July 26, 3023 (Doc. No. 902). That Motion was granted on August 25, 2023 (Doc No. 906). The Receiver's third interim distribution will distribute \$1,500,000 from 19

the common fund to DLIF and DLIFF, to be divided on a *pro rata* basis pursuant to the terms of the claims stipulation previously approved as between those two entities. Of that sum, \$458,289 will be distributed to DLIFF Class 3 and \$1,041,711 will be distributed to DLIF Class 4. The Receiver will distribute an additional \$18,500,000 only to DLIF Investors pursuant to the rising tide methodology, which funds were derived solely from Net Winning Proceeds. The Receiver also will distribute \$3,805,638 from the SAI Settlement in the distribution to DLIF Investors. The proposed third interim distribution will bring the level of distribution to DLIF Investors to 48.13%.

B. Deloitte Settlement Distribution

Following Court approval of the settlement with the Deloitte Entities, and pursuant to the order approving the distribution methodology of the Deloitte settlement funds, the Receiver distributed the Deloitte settlement funds as follows. The total amount distributed to DLIF investors was \$18,299,383.76. The distribution, which was sent out on December 16, 2022, was to 889 DLIF investors, representing \$301,874,649.03 in total DLIF claims. This distribution, as opposed to the Rising Tide Distribution, was made to all DLIF investors with a claim and not just those whose distributions were below the Rising Tide level.

C. Reserved Distributions

The Receiver and his professionals identified a number of claims that they have considered objecting to, or have objected to, particularly with respect to indemnity claims and counter-party claims, insider claims, certain claims filed as administrative claims, and claims of investors that redeemed investments close to the collapse of the DLI funds. The Receiver and his professionals have continued to investigate these claims. Per the mechanism laid out in the Distribution Plan, the Receiver sent out objection reservation notices, entered into stipulations to resolve the claim disputes, and filed objections to certain claims. As of June 30, 2023, the Receiver and his counsel have resolved all but 4

of these investor claims. The Receiver had reserved \$0.07 million, including \$0.05 million from the first distribution and \$0.02 million from the second distribution, for these 4 unresolved related party claims. These include claims of possible insiders, such as the entities of Brendan Ross, and his family members, and certain former DLI employees.

V. Communications with Investors

- A. <u>Investor Inquiries</u>: The Receiver continues to track investor inquiries received directly by the Receiver's agents and by counsel, as well as responses to the inquiries. The Receiver continues to review and respond to investor inquiries, written and oral, and the Receiver's website for the case: https://cases.stretto.com/dli includes copies of case filings and other materials of interest to keep investors informed regarding the status of the case and the Receiver's activities. The Receiver continues to actively engage certain investor groups in response to their inquiries for updates on the case status, assets, and litigation.
- B. FAQs: The Receiver's website for the case also includes a series of "Frequently Asked Questions" and responsive information regarding the impact of the receivership on DLI and the investors' funds, the status of the receivership, and the Receiver's activities, the claims process in a receivership, and other similar information. The Receiver continues to periodically update the FAQs to address new issues or actions that may be of interest to investors as the case progresses.

VI. Pending Litigation by Investors

A. Marcia Kosstrin Trust and Professional Home Improvements, Inc.
Retirement Plan v. Direct Lending Investments, LLC, et al., Case No.
2:19-cv-02452 (C.D. Cal.) ("Proposed Class Action")

As previously reported, on the same date the Receiver Order was entered, a class action complaint was filed in this Court by Marcia Kosstrin Trust and

Professional Home Improvements, Inc. Retirement Plan against DLI, Brendan Ross, Bryce Mason, Frank Turner, Rodney Omanoff, and QuarterSpot, Inc. The Receiver, through counsel, filed a notice of stay of the action based on Section IX of the Receiver Order. The stay of the action remains in place, and there has been no further formal activity in the Proposed Class Action since the notice of stay was filed. Counsel for the putative class of investors, however, have been actively working on potential claims in cooperation with the Receiver and were active participants in the settlement process with the Deloitte Entities.

B. Forefront Partners, LLC v. Rodney Omanoff, et al., and Counterclaims, Index No. 650973/2017 (N.Y. Sup. Ct., N.Y. County) ("Forefront Partners Action")

On June 19, 2019, the Plaintiff in the Forefront Partners Action filed a motion in this Court to lift the stay of actions under the Receiver Oder. (Doc. No. 81.) The Court denied that motion by its order entered July 17, 2019 (Doc. No. 96). The parties to the Forefront Partners Action entered into a stipulation approved by the New York Court that stays the Forefront Partners Action as to the claims, cross-claims and claims against Brendan Ross, DLI TC, LLC, Direct Lending Investments, LLC, Direct Lending Income Fund, L.P., VoIP Guardian Partners I, LLC until such time as the receivership and/or the VoIP bankruptcy are resolved.

C. Alfred Jackson, et al. v. Deloitte & Touche, LLP, Deloitte Tax, LLP, and Opus Fund Services (USA) LLC, Case No. 20GDCV00419 (Cal. Sup. Ct., Los Angeles) ("Jackson Action")

On April 28, 2020, a group of investors filed suit in Los Angeles Superior Court against Deloitte & Touche, LLP, Deloitte Tax, LLP, and Opus Fund Services (USA) LLC ("Opus") alleging claims for misrepresentation. Opus removed the case to the Central District of California and filed a motion to compel arbitration. On July 31, 2020, the Receivership Court issued an order

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denying the motion to compel arbitration and remanding the case to state court. In connection with the global settlement with the Deloitte Entities, the claims against Deloitte & Touche in this proceeding have now been resolved, narrowing the claims and defendants in this case. Opus Fund continues to seek to prosecute its cross-claims in connection with this case.

D. Atkins Investment Group et al. v. Duff & Phelps, LLC, Case No. 1:22cv-1168 (S.D.N.Y.), and Baer et al. v. Duff & Phelps, LLC, No. 1:22cv-994 (S.D.N.Y.) ("Duff & Phelps DLI Investor Litigation")

On February 3 and 10, 2022, a group of investors filed nearly identical suits in federal court in the Southern District of New York against Duff & Phelps LLC ("Duff & Phelps") for conduct arising from the DLI matter, after those cases were dismissed by this Court for lack of personal jurisdiction. Following a suggestion by the Court, the complaints were consolidated by the Court. The Receiver is advised that discovery is proceeding in this case.

E. Atkins Investment Group et al. v. EisnerAmper, LLC, Case No. 4:21cv-990 (N.D. Cal.), and Baer v. EisnerAmper LLC, Case No. 20GDCV00407 (Cal. Sup. Ct., Los Angeles) ("EisnerAmper Investor Litigation")

On February 8, 2021, a group of investors filed the Atkins action in federal court for the Northern District of California, and on March 22, 2021, a group of investors filed the action in Los Angeles County Superior Court, both against EisnerAmper LLC ("EisnerAmper") for conduct arising from the DLI matter. The Receiver is advised that the investor plaintiffs are evaluating their cases and that further briefing is scheduled to take place in that case before a mediation will get scheduled. The Receiver is advised that informal discovery is proceeding in these cases and a motion to dismiss remains pending at this time.

VII. Cayman Activities

The Receiver and his professionals continued to spend time coordinating

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with counsel and Cayman Island professionals to monitor the liquidation of DLIFF. They worked closely with Cayman Island professionals to research and evaluate information and documents and prepare material in connection with investor requests, claims review, distributions, bank accounts, and third-party litigation efforts. Any time spent by the Receiver in his role as a Joint Official Liquidator is being charged to the DLIFF Cayman Liquidation. The compensation requested as a Joint Official Liquidator is subject to the approval process in the Cayman courts.

DATED: August 31, 2023

RAINES FELDMAN LITTRELL LLP

By: /s/ Kathy Bazoian Phelps Kathy Bazoian Phelps Counsel for Bradley D. Sharp Permanent Receiver

EXHIBIT 1

4.1.23 - 6.30.23

Consolidated Direct Lending Investments Receivership Domestic Entities $^{[1]}$ Three Month Actual v. Budget: DOMESTIC ENTITIES

\$ in 000's

		4.1.23	0.00.20	
			Favorable (U	nfavorable)
	 Actual	Budget	\$ Var	% Var
Receipts				
Net Portfolio Collections	\$ 86	\$ -	\$ 86	NM
Money Market Interest Income	371	-	371	NM
Total Net Portfolio Collections (see schedule on pg. 2)	456	-	456	NM
Other Receipts [2]	39	-	39	NM
Total Other Receipts	39	-	39	NM
Total Receipts	495	-	495	NM
Disbursements:				
Payroll	91	103	11	11%
Taxes	1	2	1	40%
Other Operating (see schedule on pg. 3)	19	58	38	67%
OCP Services (see schedule on pg. 4)	40	68	28	42%
Operating Disbursements	151	230	79	34%
Professionals: [3]				
Bradley D. Sharp / DSI - General	163	310	147	47%
Bradley D. Sharp / DSI - DLIF	30	40	10	25%
DSI - Investment T [4]	3	_	(3)	(100%)
Raines Feldman - General	33	300	267	89%
Raines Feldman - DLIF	1	6	5	91%
Raines Feldman - Investment T	26	35	9	26%
Raines Feldman - Litigation	32	5	(27)	(542%)
BRG	12	13	1	6%
Stretto	4	15	11	72%
Goldberg Kohn LTD	-	15	15	100%
Total Professionals	304	739	435	59%
Total Disbursements Before Claim Distributions and Counterparty Fundings	455	969	514	53%
Income Tax Payments ^[5]	8,271	-	(8,271)	NM
DLIF Investor Distributions ^[6]	6	196	190	NM
Deloitte Settlement Legal Fees and DLIF Investor Claim Distributions [7]	1,229	2,055	825	NM
Total Disbursements	9,961	3,220	(6,741)	NA
Net Cash Flow	\$ (9,466)	\$ (3,220)	\$ (6,245)	NM
Cash, Beginning Balance (Book)	\$ 51,676	\$ 51,676	\$ -	NM
Net Cash Flow	(9,466)	(3,220)	(6,245)	NM
Cash, Ending Balance (Book)	\$ 42,211	\$ 48,456	\$ (6,245)	NM

Note: Variances may be due to timing differences.

- [1] Direct Lending Investments, LLC, Direct Lending Income Fund, L.P., DLI Capital, Inc., DLI Lending Agent, LLC, DLI Assets Bravo, LLC, and their successors, subsidiaries and affiliated entities have been consolidated and are collectively referred to in this report as the "Consolidated Direct Lending Investments Receivership Domestic Entities."
- $\cite{Continuous properties} \end{Continuous properties}$
- [3] Budgeted Professional fees and expenses are subject to court approval. Actual fees and expenses are presented on an actual and accrual basis and are subject to change based upon receipt of invoices.
- [4] DSI is assisting the CRO in the supervision of the counterparty's day-to-day business operations and financial management. To date, the counterparty has reimbursed DLI with \$1.345M for a portion of these professional fees.
- [5] Disbursements comprise of \$6.22 million in federal income taxes for the year 2022, which is anticipated to be credited back to DLIR by no later than 2024. Additionally, there were \$2.05 million in state income taxes paid for the 2021 tax year, which is currently being disputed with the California Franchise Tax Board.
- [6] Budget amount represents funding of bank accounts used solely for holding claim reserves and processing claim distributions. Actual amount represents distribution checks sent to and cashed by DLIF investors with Class 4B allowed claims and a pre-receivership recovery percentage below 42.86%.
- [7] Budget amount represents funding of bank accounts used solely for holding Deloitte Settlement proceeds and processing payments of related legal fees and claim distributions. Actual amount represents legal fee payments and distribution checks sent to and cashed by DLIF investors with allowed claims for this special distribution.

Consolidated Direct Lending Investments Receivership Domestic Entities Summary of Total Net Portfolio Collections

\$ in 000's

	4.1.19 -					
	3.31.23		4.1.23 - 6.30.23			Total
Money Market Interest	\$	2,950	\$	371	\$	3,321
Normal Course Interest Payments		36,955		93		37,048
Total Full/Partial Payoff - Principal, Interest and Penalties		245,127		2		245,129
Remittance to Third Party [1]		(30,575)		(22)		(30,597)
Net Full/Partial Payoff - Principal, Interest and Penalties		214,551		(20)		214,532
Wholly Owned Loan - Principal & Interest		12,143		12		12,155
Remittance to Third Party [2]		(3,298)		-		(3,298)
Net Wholly Owned Loan - Principal & Interest		8,846		12		8,857
Total Net Portfolio Collections	\$	263,302	\$	456	\$	263,759

^[1] Net Cash Principal & Interest remittances to Quanta related to \$0.904M for Investment S, and to DLG related to \$12.600M for Investment S, \$10.708M for Investment T, and \$6.385M for FastPay Partners.

^[2] Net Cash remittance of \$919K to Pier Asset Management in connection with the Dealstruck sale, and \$2.371M of Principal & Interest to DLG for Quarterspot receipts (3/2019-1/2022), and \$8K paid to Titan Asset Purchasing LLC for pass through of Interest on Quarterspot loans purchased in 2021.

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Consolidated Direct Lending Investments Receivership Domestic Entities Actual v. Budget: Other Operating Disbursements

		4.1.23 -	- 6.30.23			
				Favorable (Unfavorable)		
	Actual	Budget	\$ Var	% Var		
GP						
General & Administrative						
BizFilings	\$ 165	\$ 200	\$ 35	18%		
Insurance	-	17,500	17,500	100%		
IT Services & Software						
Adobe	153	225	72	32%		
Advanced Networks Solutions	9,871	10,200	329	3%		
Atlassian	30	36	6	17%		
AWS	869	1,200	331	28%		
Broadvoice	206	225	19	8%		
Corodata	192	180	(12)	(7%)		
Dropbox	360	300	(60)	(20%)		
Send2fax.com	36	45	9	20%		
Total GP	11,882	30,111	18,229	61%		
Fund						
General & Administrative						
BizFilings	1,698	2,500	802	32%		
Other Operating Expenses						
Mediation Fees ^[1]	-	7,500	7,500	100%		
Independent Consultants – Loan Recovery Services	2,698	4,000	1,303	33%		
Lien Solutions	-	7,500	7,500	100%		
Total Fund	4,396	21,500	17,105	80%		
Other ^[2]	2,973	6,000	3,027	50%		
Total Other Operating Disbursements	\$ 19,250	\$ 57,611	\$ 38,361	<i>67%</i>		

Note: Variances may be due to timing differences.

^[1] Mediation fees related to litigation matters.

^[2] Other disbursements include FedEx, bank fees, cloud storage subscription expenses, and monthly fees related to Bill.com and QuickBooks.

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Consolidated Direct Lending Investments Receivership Domestic Entities Actual v. Budget: OCP Services Disbursements \$ in 000's

			4.1.23 -	6.3	0.23	
	Favorable (Unfavo				favorable)	
	Actual		Budget		\$ Var	% Var
Fund						
Millennium Trust Company	\$ -	'\$	20	\$	13	67%
Parker, Simon & Kokolis, LLC [1]	-	-	3		2	64%
	8	3	23		15	67%
GP						
Lucas, Horsfall, Murphy & Pindroh, LLP		-	-		-	-
Elite Discovery	32	2	45		13	29%
	32	2	45		13	29%
Total OCP Services Disbursements	\$ 40) \$	68	\$	28	42%

Note: Variances may be due to timing differences.

^[1] Budgeted amounts include out-of-pocket expenses and contingency collections fees.

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Consolidated Direct Lending Investments Receivership Domestic Entities Accrued Professional Fees/Bank Cash Reconciliation

Month Ending June 30, 2023

Cash Balance per Cumulative Actual (Book)	\$ 42,210,806
Add: Accrued and Unpaid Professional Fees [1]	
Receiver - DSI (April 2019 through June 2023)	1,260,155
Receiver - DSI - DLIF (January 2021 through June 2023)	147,729
DSI - Investment T (July 2020 through June 2023)	531,322
Diamond McCarthy - General (April 2019 through August 2022)	1,282,142
Diamond McCarthy - General - DLIF (March 2021 through August 2022)	55,828
Diamond McCarthy - NW (February 2021 through August 2022)	3,211
Sullivan Blackburn Pratt - General (September through December 2022)	221,177
Raines Feldman - General (April 2021 through June 2023)	172,758
Raines Feldman - DLIF (April 2021 through June 2023)	1,992
Raines Feldman - Investment T (August 2021 through June 2023)	78,423
Raines Feldman - Litigation (April through June 2023)	32,087
Berkeley Research Group (April 2019 through June 2023)	87,846
Stretto - (October 2020 through June 2023)	4,164
Goldberg Kohn LTD (September 2019 through June 2023)	 435,002
Total	4,313,837
Actual Bank Cash Balance	\$ 46,524,643

^[1] Actual Professional fees and expenses are accrued and shown in the disbursements category as available or as estimated. Such fees and expenses are subject to court approval.

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Consolidated Direct Lending Investments Receivership Domestic Entities Bank Cash Balance

As of June 30, 2023

Account #	Bank Name	Entity	Balance
	Pre-Receivership Bank Accounts		
x1602	Wells Fargo DLI Assets Bravo Operating (MM)	DLI Assets Bravo, LLC	165,686
			165,686
	Metropolitan Bank Accounts		
x4148	Metropolitan Bank (Seg. Proceeds)	DLI Assets Bravo, LLC	4
x4164	Metropolitan Bank	DLI Assets Bravo, LLC	6,633
x4229	Metropolitan Bank	DLI Assets Bravo, LLC	10,689
ICS-Accts	Metropolitan Bank / Western Alliance Bank	DLI Assets Bravo, LLC	20,062,593
x4202	Metropolitan Bank	Direct Lending Income Fund, L.P.	2,076,758
x0220	Metropolitan Bank (D&T Settlement Legal Fees)	DLI Receivership	475,000
x0239	Metropolitan Bank (D&T Settlement Distr.)	DLI Receivership	351,682
x2479	Metropolitan Bank (Claims Distr.)	DLI Receivership	190,067
x7019	Metropolitan Bank (Commissions Rcpts)	DLI Receivership	518,855
x8126	Metropolitan Bank (NW Rcpts)	DLI Receivership	366,152
x8785	Metropolitan Bank (QS Trust Rcpts)	DLI Receivership	115,797
ICS-Accts	Western Alliance Bank (NW Rcpts)	DLI Receivership	18,197,595
ICS-Accts	Western Alliance Bank (Prof Fees Holdbacks)	DLI Receivership	3,769,799
x4156	Metropolitan Bank - GP Operating	Direct Lending Investments, LLC	217,335
			46,358,958
	Total Cash [1]	- -	46,524,643

^[1] Excludes DLIFF bank account balance.

EXHIBIT 2

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STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT

CIVIL - RECEIVERSHIP FUND

Consolidated Direct Lending Investments Receivership Entities ¹

Civil Court Docket No. 2:19-cv-02188-DSF-MRW

Reporting Period 04/01/2023 to 06/30/2023

<u>Note 1:</u> Direct Lending Investments, LLC, Direct Lending Income Fund, L.P., Direct Lending Income Feeder Fund, Ltd., DLI Capital, Inc., DLI Lending Agent, LLC, DLI Assets Bravo, LLC, and their successors, subsidiaries and affiliated entities have been consolidated and are collectively referred to in this report as the "Consolidated Direct Lending Investments Receivership Entities."

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STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT for Consolidated Direct Lending Investments Receivership Domestic Entities - Cash Basis Receivership; Civil Court Docket No. 2:19-cv-02188-DSF-MRW

Reporting Period 04/01/2023 to 06/30/2023

Fund Acco	unting (See Instructions):		T		
Line 1	Reginning Releases (As of 4/1/2022)	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	\$	Grand Total 56,342,781
Line 1	Beginning Balance (As of 4/1/2023): Increases in Fund Balance:			9	50,542,781
Line 2	Business Income	104,198			
Line 2	Cash and Securities	104,198			
Line 4	Interest/Dividend Income	370,804			
Line 5	Business Asset Liquidation	2,033			
Line 6	Personal Asset Liquidation	-			
Line 7 Line 8	Third-Party Litigation Income Miscellaneous - Other	-			
Zine o	Total Funds Available (Lines 1 - 8):		477,035		56,819,817
	Decreases in Fund Balance:				
Line 9	Disbursements to Investors [1]	1,235,313	1,235,313		
Line 10	Disbursements for Receivership Operations:				
Line 10a	Disbursements to Receiver or Other Professionals	656,205			
	Business Asset Expenses	110,223			
	Personal Asset Expenses	21,599			
	Investment Expenses ^[2] Third-Party Litigation Expenses	21,399			
Line 10e	1. Attorney Fees [3]	-			
	2. Litigation Expenses	_			
	Total Third-Party Litigation Expenses	-			
	Tax Administrator Fees and Bonds	-			
Line 10g	Federal and State Tax Payments Total Dishussements for Pagaiyarship Operations	8,271,833	9,059,860		
T : 11	Total Disbursements for Receivership Operations	1	9,039,860		
Line 11 Line 11a	Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fund:	1 			
Line 11a	Distribution Plan Development Expenses: 1. Fees:				
	Fund Administrator	-			
	Independent Distribution Consultant (IDC)	-			
	Distribution Agent	-			
	Consultants Legal Advisers	_			
	Tax Advisers	_			
	2. Administrative Expenses	-			
	3. Miscellaneous	-			
	Total Plan Development Expenses	-			
Line 11b	Distribution Plan Implementation Expenses:				
	1. Fees: Fund Administrator	_			
	IDC	-			
	Distribution Agent	-			
	Consultants	-			
	Legal Advisers Tax Advisers	-			
	2. Administrative Expenses				
	3. Investor Identification:	-			
	Notice/Publishing Approved Plan	-			
	Claimant Identification	-			
	Claims Processing Web Site Maintenance/Call Center	-			
	4. Fund Administrator Bond				
	5. Miscellaneous	-			
	6. Fed Acct. for Investor Restitution (FAIR) Reporting Expenses	-		ļ	
	Total Plan Implementation Expenses Total Pichuresmonts for Distribution Expenses Reid by the Fr		_		
Line 12	Total Disbursements for Distribution Expenses Paid by the Fu	ınu	-		
Line 12 Line 12a	Disbursements to Court/Other: Investment Expenses/Court Registry Investment System (CRIS) For	_			
	Federal Tax Payments	-			
	Total Disbursements to Court/Other		-		
	Total Funda Dishungad (Fig. 9, 12)			¢	10 205 172
	Total Funds Disbursed (Line 9 - 12)			\$	10,295,173
Line 13	Ending Balance (As of 6/30/2023):			\$	46,524,643
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Note: This report excludes all cash activity for Direct Lending Income Feeder Fund, Ltd ("DLIFF"). Transfers between the accounts of the consolidated entities on this report are not included in the schedules contained herein.

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STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT for Consolidated Direct Lending Investments Receivership Domestic Entities - Cash Basis Receivership; Civil Court Docket No. 2:19-cv-02188-DSF-MRW

Reporting Period 04/01/2023 to 06/30/2023

		<u>Detail</u>	<u>Subtotal</u>	Grand Total
Line 14	Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets:			
Line 14a	Cash & Cash Equivalents			\$ 46,524,643
Line 14b	Investments			TBD
Line 14c	Other Assets or Uncleared Funds			TBD
	Total Ending Balance of Fund - Net Assets			\$ 46,524,643
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OTHED SI	UPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:			
OTHERS	UFFLEWIENTAL INFORMATION:	Detail	Subtotal	Grand Total
	Report of Items NOT To Be Paid by the Fund:	Detain	Subtotal	Grand Total
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Line 15	Disbursements for Plan Administration Expenses Not Paid by	the Fund:		
Line 15a	Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund:			
	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	IDC			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisers			
	Tax Advisers			
	2. Administrative Expenses			
	3. Miscellaneous			
	Total Plan Development Expenses Not Paid by the Fund			
Line 15b	Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fund:			
	1. Fees:			
	Fund Administrator			
	IDC			
	Distribution Agent			
	Consultants			
	Legal Advisers			
	Tax Advisers			
	2. Administrative Expenses			
	3. Investor Identification:			
	Notice/Publishing Approved Plan			
	Claimant Identification			
	Claims Processing			
	Web Site Maintenance/Call Center			
	4. Fund Administrator Bond			
	5. Miscellaneous			
	6. FAIR Reporting Expenses			
	Total Plan Implementation Expenses Not Paid by the Fund			
Line 15c	Tax Administrator Fees & Bonds Not Paid by the Fund			
2,,,,,	Total Disbursements for Plan Administration Expenses Not P	aid by the Fund		
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Line 16	Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by the Fund:			
Line 16a	Investment Expenses/CRIS Fees			
Line 16b	Federal Tax Payments			
	Total Disbursements to Court/Other Not Paid by the Fund			
Line 17	DC & State Tax Payments			
Line 18	No. of Claims:	<u> </u>		
Line 18a	# of Claims Received This Reporting Period [5]			0
Line 18b	# of Claims Received Since Inception of Fund [5]			1,204
Line 19	of Stand Received Since Inception of Lund			*
Line 19a	# of Claimants/Investors Paid This Reporting Period			29
Line 19b	# of Claimants/Investors Paid Since Inception of Fund			892
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- [1] Amount represents distribution checks cashed by DLIF investors.
- [2] Amount represents cash disbursements to third party participants and funding to counterparty.
- [3] Amount represents legal fees associated with the Deloitte Settlement.
- [4] Costs are reflected in Line 10 (Disbursements for Receivership Operations). Breaking out fees and expenses associated with the distribution plan specifically would be burdensome and can be provided upon request or gleaned from the fee applications of the Professionals.
- [5] Does not include claims filed in the Cayman Liquidation.

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STANDARDIZED FUND ACCOUNTING REPORT for Consolidated Direct Lending Investments Receivership Domestic Entities - Cash Basis Receivership; Civil Court Docket No. 2:19-cv-02188-DSF-MRW

Reporting Period 04/01/2023 to 06/30/2023

Receiver:

Sy: (Signature)

Bradley D. Sharp (Printed Name)

Receiver (Title)

Date: July 31, 2023

EXHIBIT 3

Direct Lending Investments

Quarterly Cash Flow Forecast: DOMESTIC ENTITIES - Excluding Receipts and Counterparty Fundings *USD in 000's*

	31-Jul Month 1	31-Aug Month 2	30-Sep Month 3	Total
Disbursements:	MOUTH	WOITH 2	MOHUI 3	Total
Payroll ^[1]	\$31	\$30	\$37	\$98
Taxes [2]	-	-	-	-
Other Operating (see pg. 2)	35	12	13	59
OCP Services (see pg. 3)	26	16	26	68
Operating Disbursements	92	58	76	225
Professionals: [3]				
Bradley D. Sharp / DSI - General	100	95	95	290
Bradley D. Sharp / DSI - DLIF	15	20	10	45
Raines Feldman LLP - General	50	100	100	250
Raines Feldman LLP - Litigation	50	100	100	250
Raines Feldman LLP - DLIF	2	2	2	6
Raines Feldman LLP - Investment T	10	5	-	15
BRG	2	3	15	20
Stretto	5	15	15	35
Goldberg Kohn LTD	5	5	5	15
Total Professionals	239	345	342	926
Total Expense-Related Disbursements	331	403	418	1,151
Cash, Beginning Balance (Book)	\$42,211	\$41,880	\$41,477	\$42,211
Less: Disbursements	331	403	418	1,151
Cash, Ending Balance (Book) [4]	\$41,880	\$41,477	\$41,060	\$41,060

Note: This cash forecast excludes all activity for Direct Lending Income Feeder Fund, Ltd ("DLIFF"). Professional fees incurred by DLIFF are subject to review by the Liquidation Committee and ultimately approval by the Cayman court.

^[1] Payroll expenses exclude \$17K of estimated accrued and unpaid PTO as of 6/30/23. Should the Receiver pursue additional headcount reductions, the amount forecasted for this budget period will also include the corresponding accrued and unpaid PTO for terminated employees. September 2023 payroll expenses include 5 weeks of payroll.

^[2] Excludes estimated income taxes payable.

^[3] Professional fees and expenses are presented on a monthly accrual basis.

^[4] Includes cash held in bank accounts used solely for holding claim reserves and processing claim distributions.

Direct Lending Investments

Quarterly Cash Flow Forecast: Other Operating Disbursements - Consolidated

	31-Jul Month 1	31-Aug Month 2	30-Sep Month 3	Total
GP .				
General & Administrative				
BizFilings	\$500	_	-	\$500
Insurance	17,500	_	-	17,500
IT Services & Software	,			,
Adobe	60	60	60	180
Advanced Networks Solutions	6,400	3,400	3,400	13,200
Atlassian	12	12	12	36
AWS	350	350	350	1,050
Broadvoice	75	75	75	225
Corodata	70	70	70	210
Dropbox	120	120	120	360
Send2fax.com	15	15	15	45
	25,102	4,102	4,102	33,306
Fund				
General & Administrative				
BizFilings	1,500	-	500	2,000
Other Operating Expenses				
Mediation Fees	2,500	2,500	2,500	7,500
Independent Consultants – Loan Recovery Services	1,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
Lien Solutions	2,500	2,500	2,500	7,500
	7,500	6,000	6,500	20,000
Other	2,000	2,000	2,000	6,000
Total Other Operating Disbursements	\$34,602	\$12,102	\$12,602	\$59,306

Direct Lending Investments Quarterly Cash Flow Forecast: Ordinary Course Professionals - Consolidated *USD in 000's*

Professional	31-Jul Month 1	31-Aug Month 2	30-Sep Month 3	Total
Fund				
Millennium Trust Company	\$10	-	\$10	\$20
Parker, Simon & Kokolis, LLC [1]	1	1	1	3
	11	1	11	23
GP				
Lucas, Horsfall, Murphy & Pindroh, LLP	-	-	-	-
Elite Discovery	15	15	15	45
	15	15	15	45
	\$26	\$16	\$26	\$68

^[1] Budgeted amounts include out-of-pocket expenses and contingency collections fees.

EXHIBIT 4

Direct Lending Investments

Quarterly Cash Flow Forecast: DOMESTIC ENTITIES - Excluding Receipts and Counterparty Fundings $USD\ in\ 000's$

	31-Oct	30-Nov	31-Dec	
	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Total
Disbursements:				
Payroll [1]	\$30	\$30	\$38	\$98
Taxes ^[2]	-	-	-	-
Other Operating (see pg. 2)	13	13	13	38
OCP Services (see pg. 3)	26	16	27	69
Operating Disbursements	69	59	77	205
Professionals: [3]				
Bradley D. Sharp / DSI - General	95	95	95	285
Bradley D. Sharp / DSI - DLIF	15	15	10	40
Raines Feldman LLP - General	75	75	75	225
Raines Feldman LLP - Litigation	50	50	50	150
Raines Feldman LLP - DLIF	2	2	2	6
BRG	4	2	2	8
Stretto	15	5	5	25
Goldberg Kohn LTD	5	5	5	15
Total Professionals	261	249	244	754
Total Expense-Related Disbursements	330	308	321	959
Cash, Beginning Balance (Book)	\$41,060	\$40,729	\$40,422	\$41,060
Less: Disbursements	330	308	321	959
Cash, Ending Balance (Book) [4]	\$40,729	\$40,422	\$40,100	\$40,100

Note: This cash forecast excludes all activity for Direct Lending Income Feeder Fund, Ltd ("DLIFF"). Professional fees incurred by DLIFF are subject to review by the Liquidation Committee and ultimately approval by the Cayman court.

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^[3] Professional fees and expenses are presented on a monthly accrual basis.

^[4] Includes cash held in bank accounts used solely for holding claim reserves and processing claim distributions.

Direct Lending Investments

Quarterly Cash Flow Forecast: Other Operating Disbursements - Consolidated

	31-Oct Month 1	30-Nov Month 2	31-Dec Month 3	Total
GP				
General & Administrative				
BizFilings	\$500	-	-	\$500
Insurance	-	-	-	-
IT Services & Software				
Adobe	60	60	60	180
Advanced Networks Solutions	3,400	3,400	3,400	10,200
Atlassian	12	12	12	36
AWS	350	350	350	1,050
Broadvoice	75	75	75	225
Corodata	70	70	70	210
Dropbox	120	120	120	360
Send2fax.com	15	15	15	45
	4,602	4,102	4,102	12,806
Fund				
General & Administrative				
BizFilings	500	500	500	1,500
Other Operating Expenses				
Mediation Fees	2,500	2,500	2,500	7,500
Independent Consultants – Loan Recovery Services	1,000	1,000	1,000	3,000
Lien Solutions	2,500	2,500	2,500	7,500
	6,500	6,500	6,500	19,500
Other	2,000	2,000	2,000	6,000
Total Other Operating Disbursements	\$13,102	\$12,602	\$12,602	\$38,306

Direct Lending Investments Quarterly Cash Flow Forecast: Ordinary Course Professionals - Consolidated *USD in 000's*

Professional	31-Oct Month 1	30-Nov Month 2	31-Dec Month 3	Total
Fund	-			
Millennium Trust Company	\$10	-	\$10	\$20
Parker, Simon & Kokolis, LLC [1]	1	1	1	3
	11	1	11	23
GP	7			
Lucas, Horsfall, Murphy & Pindroh, LLP	-	-	1	1
Elite Discovery	15	15	15	45
	15	15	16	46
	\$26	\$16	\$27	\$69

^[1] Budgeted amounts include out-of-pocket expenses and contingency collections fees.

EXHIBIT 5

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Investment Portfolio Summary (Positions as of 6/30/2023)

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# Investment	Form of Investment	Collateral	Initial Inv. Date	Maturity Date	3/31/2019 Par Debt Amount	Net Advances / (Collections) - Principal	Net Advances / (Collections) - Interest	Principal Adjustments ^[1]	6/30/2023 Uncollected Balance
1 Investment D	Whole Loans	Small balance commercial real 7/31/2015 estate	7/31/2015	N/A	\$1.4	(\$0.0)	,	(\$0.9)	\$0.5
2 Investment G	Asset-Based Facility	Purchase order finance	3/1/2017	1/1/2022	88.6	(\$0.7)	(\$0.0)	•	87.9
3 Investment H	Corporate Term Loan	All assets lien over entity (no pledge of stock)	2/1/2016	12/31/2021	298.7	(\$36.1)	1	1	\$62.6
4 Investment N	Asset-Based Facility	Accounts receivable, purchase order finance and movie film finance	9/1/2015	3/14/2023	\$69.3	(\$0.5)	(\$23.7)	ı	\$68.8
5 Investment S	Second Lien Asset-Based Facility Residential real estate and Flip)	Residential real estate (Fix and Flip)	7/17/2017	5/30/2021	8.68	(\$1.9)	(\$1.8)	(5.2)	\$2.7
6 Investment T	Second Lien Asset-Based Facility Residential real estate (Fix and Flip)	Residential real estate (Fix and Flip)	7/31/2015	7/31/2020	\$56.3	(\$9.7)	(\$1.2)	(41.7)	\$4.9
7 All Other Investments					\$545.4	(\$150.2)	(\$16.8)	(\$395.2)	ı

\$147.4

(\$442.9)

^[1] Includes adjustments for full and partial write-downs of asset values in connection with discounted payoffs, debt to equity conversions and the Receiver's estimation of uncollectible amounts.