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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Adda Penn Laurence	•	ing Person *_	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ellington Financial LLC [EFC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) (First) (Middle)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	_X_ Director 10% Owner			
53 FOREST AVENUE			12/30/2011	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)			
				CEO and President			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
OLD GREENWICH, CT 06870			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqui	red, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactiomr Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownershi Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		Beneficial Ownership	
Common Shares rep limited liability company interests	12/30/2011		Code V	Amount	(D)	Price \$ 17.16 (1)	(Instr. 3 and 4) 16,675	D	
Common Shares rep limited liability company interests	12/31/2011		J(2)	154,552	A	\$ 0	154,552	I	See footnote (2)

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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Titl	le and	8. Price of	•
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	ınt of	Derivative	į
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	rlying	Security	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Secur	ities	(Instr. 5)	į
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					of (D)						
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
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						Date	Expiration	·	or		
						Exercisable	Date	Title	Number		
									of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

Penn Laurence

53 FOREST AVENUE X CEO and President

OLD GREENWICH, CT 06870

Signatures

/s/ Sara Walden Brown, attorney-in-fact for Laurence
Penn 01/04/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$17.10 to \$17.18. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected. All purchases pursuant to this transaction were made pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (2) On December 31, 2011, as a result of an internal restructuring (the "Restructuring"), Mr. Penn may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 153,022 common shares held by EMG Holdings, L.P. ("EMGH"). In connection with the Restructuring, common shares previously held by New Ellington Partners, L.P. ("NEP"), Ellington Mortgage Partners, LLC ("EMP") and New Ellington Credit Partners, L.P. ("NECP") were transferred to EMGH and other entities and persons via a series of pro rata distributions and contributions. No one received or paid any consideration for any common shares transferred in connection with the Restructuring. None of the pecuniary

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interests, to the extent any such interests exist, of the ultimate beneficial owners of common shares increased or decreased as a result of the Restructuring.

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