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(Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Vranos Michael W (Last) (First) (Middle) 53 FOREST AVENUE (Street) 08/01/2012 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) OLD GREENWICH, CT 06870			 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X DirectorX 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Co-Chief Investment Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person Person X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person X X X X			
(City) (State) (Zip)	Table I - Non-D	erivative Securities Acq		or Beneficial	ly Owned	
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Common 08/01/2012 shares	J <u>(1)</u>	11,045 A \$0	2,373,136	[See Footnote	
Common shares			14,294 <u>(3)</u>	D		

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 Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		ate	Amou Unde Secur	rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Vranos Michael W 53 FOREST AVENUE OLD GREENWICH, CT 06870 VC INVESTMENTS LLC	Х	Х	Co-Chief Investment Officer			
53 FOREST AVE OLD GREENWICH, CT 06870		Х				
Signatures						
/s/ Christopher C. Green, attorney-in-fact for Michael W. Vranos			08/02/2012			

**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Christopher C. Green, attorney-in-fact for VC Investments LLC	08/02/2012
**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).
- (1) The shares were issued in connection with the second quarter 2012 incentive fee payable to Ellington Financial Management LLC ("EFM"), the issuer's manager, pursuant to a management agreement between the issuer and EFM.

The shares are owned indirectly by each of Michael W. Vranos and VC Investments LLC ("VC"). Of the 2,373,136 shares indirectly beneficially owned by each of Michael W. Vranos and VC, 2,362,091 common shares are owned directly by EMG Holdings, L.P. ("EMGH") and 11,045 common shares are directly owned by EFM. VC is the general partner of EMGH and the managing member of

(2) EFM. Michael W. Vranos is the managing member of, and holds a controlling interest in, VC. Michael W. Vranos and VC together share the power to direct the voting and disposition of these common shares, and may be regarded as the beneficial owners of the common shares owned beneficially or of record by each other. Each of Michael W. Vranos and VC disclaims beneficial ownership of any common shares owned beneficially or of record by each other except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein.

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(3) Represents common shares owned directly by Michael W. Vranos.

Remarks:

In addition, Michael W. Vranos is the settlor of two trusts holding 500,000 and 109,000 common shares, respectively. Michael

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