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Dear Governor Cuomo and Legislative Leaders:

Legislation passed in 2011 requires Workers' Compensation Board (Board) to prepare a semi-annual report to the Governor and the Legislature regarding the status of the various insolvent group self-insured trusts.

In response to this legislative requirement, I am pleased to present you with a brief analysis of the current status of group defaults, actions taken by the Board to collect from employers of these defaulted trusts, and the current funding status of all other self-insurers.

As part of the Business Relief Act passed in the Executive Budget, the Board was granted \$900 million in bonding authority to address group trust defaults. The bonding authority provides small businesses more affordable payment options and final releases from the joint and several liabilities associated with their participation in the insolvent groups. The Board has issued approximately \$370 million in bonds and has used these proceeds to execute nineteen Assumption of Loss policies.

Other highlights contained within the report include:

- The outstanding liability for all defaulted trusts administered by the Board has dropped from \$924 million in the first report published on June 30, 2011 to \$107,134,000 in our last report submitted in June 2016 to \$58,312,000 in the attached report;
- The Board has signed final settlement agreements with approximately 2,200 defaulted trust members; and

• The total number of defaulted trust claims being administered by the Board has decreased substantially from its original transition at 7,515 claims to only 290 today, demonstrating the Board's effective management of the claims, including the usage of Assumption policies.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

In accordance with Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2011, the Workers' Compensation Board is hereby reporting on the current status of all insolvent group trusts and the funding positions of currently active self-insured employers.

## I. Insolvent Non-Municipal Group Self-Insured Employers

## A. Total Liability of Insolvent Non-Municipal Group Self-Insured Employers

The table below displays the current outstanding liabilities as set forth in the most recent audited financial statements. The total liabilities include: claims liability; accrued expenses; accounts payable; unreimbursed WCL §50(5)(g) funds; and accrued NYS Assessments. It does not reflect the Group Self-Insured Trusts (GSITs) assets or collections expected to be recovered from the GSITs members which are reflected in Section III of this report. Further, those GSITs which have executed an Assumption of Liability Policy (ALP) have been removed from this section as the claims liabilities have been effectively capped via an ALP policy with member settlement proceeds and/or litigation proceeds serving to fund the cost of the ALP policy. See Section III infra.

		Total Liability	
		from Previous	Total Liability from
	Date of	Audited Financial	
Name of Insolvent Non-Municipal Group Self-Insured Trust	Transition	Statement <sup>^</sup>	Financial Statement ^
Healthcare Industry Trust of New York (HITNY	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
Healthcare Providers Self Insurance Trust (HCP)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
Manufacturing Industry WC Insurance Trust (NYMIT)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
New York Healthcare Facilities WC Trust (HCF)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
Provider Agency Trust for Human Services (PATH)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
Transportation Industry WC Trust (TRANSPORTATION)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
Auto Service and Repair Self Insurance Trust (AUTO)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
Elite Contractors Trust of New York (ELITE)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
Manufacturing Self Insurance Trust (MSIT)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
Wholesale and Retail WC Trust of New York (WRWCT)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
Builders Self Insurance Trust (BUILDERS)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
Trade Industry WC Trust for Manufacturers (TRADE)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
Real Estate Management Trust of New York (REMTNY)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
New York State Cemeteries Trust (NYSCT)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
Public Entity Trust of New York (PETNY)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
Retail and Wholesale Industry WC Self Insurance Trust (RWWCT)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
Selective Safety Trust (SELECTIVE)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
Long Term Care Risk Management Group (LONG TERM CARE)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
OHI Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Trust (OHI)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
Community Residence Insurance Savings Plan Self-Insurance Trust for			
Workers Compensation (CRISP)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
New York McDonalds Operators' Workers' Compensation Trust			
(McDONALDS)	Assumptio	on of Liability Exec	uted - See ALP Section
Empire State Transportation WC Trust (EMPIRE)	01/01/2012	\$ 44,757,000	\$ 38,691,000
Team Transportation Workers' Comp Trust (TEAM)	02/01/2012	\$ 24,414,000	\$ 19,621,000
Total of All Group Self Insurance Trusts (GSIT)		\$ 69,171,000	\$ 58,312,000
^ Does not reflect amounts held by the WCB or collections expected to	be recovere	ed.	

			Number of			
		Number of	Open			
		Open Claims	Claims as			
Name of Insolvent Non-Municipal Group Self-Insured Trust	Date of Transition	as of Transition	of 11/30/2016	Difference		
Healthcare Industry Trust of New York (HITNY	02/01/2008	1,651	0*	(1,651)		
Healthcare Providers Self Insurance Trust (HCP)	10/12/2009	1,168	0*	(1,168)		
		· · · ·	0*			
Manufacturing Industry WC Insurance Trust (NYMIT)	03/31/2006	149		(149)		
New York Healthcare Facilities WC Trust (HCF)	07/31/2006	294	0*	(294)		
Provider Agency Trust for Human Services (PATH)	03/01/2006	338	0*	(338)		
Transportation Industry WC Trust (TRANSPORTATION)	09/08/2008	604	0*	(604)		
Auto Service and Repair Self Insurance Trust (AUTO)	10/15/2010	21	0*	(21)		
Elite Contractors Trust of New York (ELITE)	04/01/2010	501	0*	(501)		
Manufacturing Self Insurance Trust (MSIT)	06/01/2007	256	0*	(256)		
Wholesale and Retail WC Trust of New York (WRWCT)	08/11/2008	390	0*	(390)		
Builders Self Insurance Trust (BUILDERS)	05/01/2009	63	0*	(63)		
Trade Industry WC Trust for Manufacturers (TRADE)	05/16/2008	182	0*	(182)		
Real Estate Management Trust of New York (REMTNY)	07/07/2008	57	0*	(57)		
New York State Cemeteries Trust (NYSCT)	07/07/2008	24	0*	(24)		
Public Entity Trust of New York (PETNY)	01/15/2008	116	0*	(116)		
Retail and Wholesale Industry WC Self Insurance Trust (RWWCT)	10/15/2008	29	0*	(29)		
Selective Safety Trust (SELECTIVE)	03/18/2011	92	0*	(92)		
Long Term Care Risk Management Group (LONG TERM CARE)	04/14/2011	263	0*	(263)		
OHI Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Trust (OHI)	07/01/2011	38	0*	(38)		
Community Residence Insurance Savings Plan Self-Insurance Trust for						
Workers Compensation (CRISP)	08/08/2011	574	0*	(574)		
Empire State Transportation WC Trust (EMPIRE)	01/01/2012	464	218	(246)		
Team Transportation Workers' Comp Trust (TEAM)	02/01/2012	193	72	(121)		
New York McDonalds Operators' Workers' Compensation Trust (McDONALDS)	07/15/2011	48	0*	(48)		
Total of All Group Self Insurance Trusts (GSIT)		7,515	290	(7,225)		
*The Claims Liability has been transferred via an Assumption Liability Policy.						

# B. Total Open Claims of Insolvent Non-Municipal Group Self-Insured Employer

## C. Qualified Non-Municipal Self-Insurer Groups

**A.** Pursuant to Chapter 57 of Laws of 2011, only certain group trusts were allowed to provide coverage effective January 1, 2012. As a result, each self-insured group must post an annual security deposit as calculated by the Board. The following trusts have posted the requisite security for the period beginning November 1, 2016:

Trust Name				
Electrical Employers Self-Insurance Safety Plan				
New York College & University Risk Management Group				
New York Lumbermen's Insurance Trust Fund				

**B.** There are an additional 32 inactive trusts as of December 31, 2016. Two of these groups are under the Board's management, the remainder are being managed by their boards of trustees. Groups have been issued guidelines on successfully managing their groups' obligations in run off. A significant component of this is ensuring sufficient cash is available to pay outstanding claims obligations. Specifically, groups that have 18 months of cash or less are required to levy an assessment to their members. Groups that fail to maintain cash in excess of 9 months of payouts will be transitioned to the Board for liquidation. At this time, there are 7 trusts that have between 6 and 18 months of cash. The Board continues to work with the trusts to ensure amounts are levied against their former members. To the extent such levies are successful, the Board will allow a trust to continue to administer its own run off. In addition, there are 7 groups with cash balances sufficient to cover 18 to 36 months of claims and another 18 groups whose cash is sufficient for 36 months or more. It is important to note, however, that the inability of these groups to maintain successful cash balances may result in the number of insolvent trusts increasing.

## D. Current NYS Workers Compensation Board Efforts to Extinguish Outstanding Liabilities

One of the primary objectives of the Board's Litigation Division is to facilitate the extinguishment of the liabilities of insolvent GSITs. The Litigation Division employs a variety of methods to accomplish this goal, including: 1) collection of funds from the former employer members of the insolvent GSIT; 2) recoupment of damages from the former management of the insolvent GSIT; and 3) transfer of the liabilities to a commercial insurer by way of an ALP.

#### **COLLECTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

There are number of different avenues by which the Board seeks to collect funds from the former employer members of insolvent GSITs. Some employer members of insolvent GSITs have acknowledged their liabilities. For those employers that refuse to acknowledge any liability in connection with their participation in a GSIT, the Board employs a variety of enforcement mechanisms, including: 1) filing default judgments<sup>1</sup>, restraining notices and information subpoenas; 2) the issuance of stop work orders; and 3) the commencement of a civil collection action. With respect to judgments and judgment enforcement, the Board has obtained approximately \$8.4 million in contractual recoveries. Additional judgments, information subpoenas, and restraining notices may be filed against any employer who refuses to enter into a repayment arrangement. With respect to stop work orders, five have been issued, resulting in the recovery of approximately \$332,000.

For those employers that are in agreement with the Board's assessment of their pro rata share of the liabilities, the Board initially offers two types of agreements. For those employers that are in complete agreement, the Board enters into a Deficit Assessment Contractual Agreement (DACA) where the employer agrees to repay its pro rata share of the deficit over a specific time period. For those employers that acknowledge some amount of liability in connection with their participation in a GSIT but dispute the amount alleged owed by the Board, the Board enters into an interim repayment agreement (MOU) with those employers. The employers participating in the MOU collectively pay sufficient funds to meet the insolvent GSIT's claims liability during the period of the MOU in exchange for the opportunity to engage in informal discovery relative to the accuracy of the Board's deficit calculations, with each party preserving all of their rights. Finally, where the Board is in possession of sufficient information, the Board will issue a final settlement offer. In light of the bonding authority discussed below, the Board is now able to issue settlement offers to any individual employer(s) that wishes to settle its liability associated with participation in the GSIT for it's pro rata allocation

By decision rendered on April 30, 2012, in <u>Riccelli Enterprises Inc. et al. v. State of New York Workers' Compensation Board et al.</u> (Onondaga County, Index No. 10-6901) (Riccelli), a court preliminarily enjoined the Board from filing proposed judgments and taking any other enforcement action with respect to the plaintiffs in that case. By decision dated May 5, 2015, Onondaga County Supreme Court granted plaintiffs motion for summary judgment on the issue of an alleged violation of WCL §50(3-a)(7)(b) and further invalidated all of the Board's assessments levied on the Riccelli Plaintiffs. Moreover, as a result of a decision rendered on April 30, 2015, which consolidated Riccelli and the Board's collection action involving TIWCT, all assessments in TIWCT have been invalidated by implication. On July 7, 2015, the Board moved to renew its cross motion for summary judgment based upon clarifying legislation with respect to WCL §50(3-a)(7)(b) that was enacted on July 2, 2015. By decision rendered on March 31, 2016, Onondaga County Supreme Court denied the Board's motion to renew and the Board has appealed. The TIWCT collection activity will continue to be negatively affected in the interim, and there is the possibility that the Board's collection activity in other insolvent GSITs could also be negatively affected.

of the GSITs deficit. Upon completion of its repayment obligations, such settling member is provided a full and complete release from its liability associated with participation in the GSIT. To date, the Board has issued final settlement offers in twenty-two GSITs and has entered into settlements with approximately two thousand two hundred members.

To date, the approximate cash and contracted recoveries from members of insolvent GSITs are as follows:

HITNY: HCP: NYMIT: HCF: PATH: TIWCT: MSIT: ELITE: WRWCT: ASR: BUILDERS: TRADE: REMTNY: PETNY: RWWCT: SELECTIVE NYSCT: PREFERRED: LTC MCDONALDS OHI:	\$157,826,000 \$80,042,000 \$7,852,000 \$20,196,000 \$20,196,000 \$21,807,000 \$24,147,000 \$24,147,000 \$24,147,000 \$24,938,000 \$1,964,000 \$7,690,000 \$2,652,000 \$4,910,000 \$5,584,000 \$3,900,000 \$2,033,000 \$8,122,000 \$1,776,000 \$4,257,000
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CRISP:	\$ 25,856,000
ALP Subtotal:	\$472,524,000
EST TEAM	\$ 26,657,000 \$ 5,253,000
Subtotal Grand Total	\$ 31,910,000 \$504,434,000

Finally, to date, the Board has commenced collection actions against the members of insolvent GSITs who have refused the Board's settlement offers. A summary of the collection actions is as follows:

	GSIT(S)	CAPTION	Number of Defendants	Damages Sought	Status
1	HITNY	WCB v. A.A.A. Ambulette Service, Inc. et al. WCB v. Any Time Home Care Inc. et al. WCB v. New Sans Souci Nursing Home, LLC, et al.	203	\$134,800,000	Judgments have been entered in the first and second HITNY actions against the defaulting defendants. WCB has recently moved for summary judgment on liability in the first action, and the WCB received a favorable ruling on a motion to dismiss in the second action. WCB continues to pursue settlement with all defendants, including in the third action. The WCB has engaged in some discovery with the litigating defendants.
2	WRWCT	WCB v. 1&3 On Fifth Corp. et al. WCB v. 208 Braco Food Corp. et al.	375	\$33,800,000	Motions for default judgment have been granted in both actions and judgments have been entered against the defaulting defendants. The WCB's motion seeking partial summary judgment on the issue of liability against the non-settling defendants in the first action was granted. That decision has been appealed. The WCB also issued a revised settlement offer to all defendants in both actions and has finalized some settlements.
3	TRADE	WCB v. A&L Sheet Metal Fabrications Corp., et al. WCB v. Armstrong Brands, Inc. et al.	85	\$17,900,000	Motions for default judgment have been granted in both actions and judgments have been entered against the defaulting defendants. The WCB has engaged in some discovery with the litigating defendants.
4	REAL ESTATE	WCB v. 10 Ellicott Square et al.	257	\$3,800,000	Motion for default judgment has been granted in the first action and judgments have been entered against the defaulting defendants. All defendants in the second

		WCB v. Cavco Services, Inc. et al.			action have settled. The WCB has engaged in some discovery with the litigating defendants. The WCB anticipates that the Court will issue a scheduling order in the first action.
5	RETAIL	WCB v. 524 Cayuga St. Food Stores, Inc. et al.	56	\$4,800,000	Motion for default judgment has been granted and judgments have been entered against the defaulting defendants. The WCB has engaged in some discovery with the litigating defendants. Pending confirmation, it appears that all remaining viable defendants have settled.
6	NYSCT	WCB v. Chestnut Hill Cemetery Association, et al.	30	\$2,137,000	The WCB has settled with all of the defendants that it deems viable.
7	TIWCT	WCB v. A. Morrison Trucking, Inc.	625	\$68,108,000	Motion for default judgment has been filed and is currently pending with the Court. The member action has also been consolidated with the Riccelli Article 78 matter and venue has been transferred to Onondaga County.
8	BUILDER S	WCB v. Battista Construction, Inc. et al.	213	\$11,979,000	Motion for default judgment has been granted and judgments have been entered against the defaulting defendants. The WCB has engaged in some discovery with the litigating defendants.
9	PREFERR ED	WCB v. Advanced Turnkey Systems, Inc.	125	\$9,946,000	Motion for default judgment has been granted and judgments have been entered against the defaulting defendants. All defendants have either settled or defaulted.
10	HCPSIT	WCB v. A&T Healthcare, Inc. WCB v. Barksdale Management Corp. et al.	70	\$132,500,000	Motion for default judgment has been granted in both the actions and judgments have been entered against the defaulting defendants. The WCB has engaged in some discovery with the litigating defendants.

11	ELITE	WCB v. 21 <sup>st</sup> Century Construction Corp. et al.	2322	\$57,634,038	Motion for default judgment has been granted and judgments have been entered against the defaulting defendants. The WCB has engaged in some discovery with the litigating defendants. The WCB and the litigating defendants are under a scheduling order. The WCB also continues to pursue settlement with members.
12	NYMIT	WCB v. Ace Canvas & Tent Corp. et al.	14	\$5,406,008.47	The WCB was successful in its motion for summary judgment on liability and all remaining litigating defendants have settled. The WCB anticipates that the Court will issue a scheduling order.
13	ASR	WCB v. 10473 Enterprises, Inc. WCB v. Brian Horn's Auto Repair, Inc. et al.	314	\$3,835,536.00	Motions for default judgment have been granted in the both actions and judgments have been entered against the defaulting defendants. The WCB has engaged in some discovery against the litigating defendants.
14	OHI	WCB v. A.S. Crisafulli Plumbing and Heating, Inc. WCB v. Crown A/C Heat & Power Corp.	57	\$6,298,812	A motion for default judgment was made in the first action and is currently pending with the Court. All defendants in the second action have either appeared or settled.
15	PATH	WCB v. Baden Street Settlement of Rochester, Inc. et al. WCB v. Armstrong Senior Living LLC	21	\$6,210,662	WCB has substituted as counsel of record in the first action. All defendants in the second action have either appeared or settled. The WCB has engaged in some discovery with the litigating defendants.
16	CRISP	WCB v. A Program Planned for Life Enrichment Housing Corp., et al. WCB v. Mary Alfano, et al.	221	\$56,140,985	WCB has recently begun two actions against the non-settling defendants. The WCB will make a motion for default judgment against any defaulting defendant(s) at the appropriate time and will otherwise prosecute the litigation against the appearing defendants.

17	EST	WCB v. 1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Ambulette Service, LLC, et al. WCB v. Able Medical	449 4	\$46,933,450	WCB has recently begun two actions against the non-settling defendants. The WCB will make a motion for default judgment against any defaulting defendant(s) at the appropriate time and
		Transportation, Inc., et al.			will otherwise prosecute the litigation against the appearing defendants
18	SELECTIV E	WCB v. 158 King Street Associates, LLC, et al. WCB v. American Bulb Corporation, et al.	77	\$9,059,442	WCB has begun two actions against the non-settling defendants. The WCB will make a motion for default judgment against any defaulting defendant(s) at the appropriate time and will otherwise prosecute the litigation against the
					appearing defendants.

# THIRD PARTY ACTIONS

Upon the Board's assumption of the assets and liabilities of a GSIT, the Board commissions a forensic accounting of the GSIT. In connection therewith a performance and operational report is generated which identifies the causes, if any, that contributed to the insolvency of the GSIT. In the event the performance and operational report identifies actionable conduct, the Board will commence a civil action to recoup damages against such parties. Any funds received from such actions will be used to extinguish the liabilities of the respective GSIT. To date the Board has commenced twelve such actions. The affected GSIT, the defendants, damages sought, recoveries obtained to date and status is reflected in the chart below.

	GSIT(S)	DEFENDANTS	DAMAGES SOUGHT	STATUS
1	HCF	Group Administrator (Hamilton Wharton Group and Walter Taylor)	\$33 Million	Discovery. Action has been consolidated with the HCF action referenced immediately below.
2	HCF	Accountant (Berenson and Co, James McGarrity, and Lorette Belgrier), Attorney (Steven Glaser) and Trustees	\$33 Million	Action has been consolidated with the HCF action referenced immediately above. Settlement with Belgrier finalized pending court approval. Settlement in principle reached with Attorney defendant and majority of Trustees.

				Action severed as against McGarrity as deceased. Discovery ongoing with remaining non-settling defendants.
3	HITNY, ELITE,WRWCT, TIWCT, TRADE, CEMETERIES, PETNY, REMTNY	Actuary (SGRisk, LLC) and Accountant (UHY, LLP)	\$557 Million	Settlement in principle reached with actuary, pending Court approval; WCB was permitted to file and serve an Amended Complaint; Suit continues against Trust Accountant; Action is consolidated with item seven (7)below.
4	RETAIL, NYMIT, and PATH	Group Administrator and affiliates (Consolidated Risk Services, Inc. et al); Trust Broker (Hickey Finn & Co); Actuary (Regnier Consulting Group); Trustees	\$42 Million	Settlement reached with one trustee, subject to Court approval; settlement negotiations ongoing with remaining trustees; Discovery ongoing with remaining defendants.
5	MSIT	Group Administrator and affiliates(New York Compensation Managers, Inc. et al); Trustees	\$21 Million	Settlement reached with all operative defendants has been approved by the Court.
6	HCP	Group Administrator and affiliates (Program Risk Management et al) Actuary (SGRisk); Accountants (DeChants Fugelin and Johnson); Trustees	\$188 Million	Settlement reached with Actuary and Accountants, subject to Court approval; Appellate practice and discovery ongoing.
7	HITNY, ELITE,WRWCT, TIWCT, TRADE, CEMETERIES, PETNY, REMTNY	Group Administrator and affiliates (Compensation Risk Managers, LLC, et al); (Matter has been coordinated with other suits against Compensation Risk Managers, LLC arising out of its management of GSITs)	\$472 Million	Settlement reached with individual defendants affiliated with bankrupt administrator (and its affiliates) for subject trusts, pending Court approval; WCB secured bankruptcy distribution from bankrupt administrator (and its affiliates); Action remains against defendant trustees.
8	BUILDERS	Group Administrator (Marsh U.S.A., Inc.); Trustees	\$20 Million	WCB has reached a settlement in principal with all remaining defendants, subject to Court approval.
9	ASR	Group Administrator and affiliates(New York Compensation Managers, Inc. et al.) and Trustees	Approximately \$4 million	Settlement in principal reached with all defendants, subject to Court approval.

10	ОНІ	Group Administrator (Cody Management, Inc.), Accountant (Fuller & LaFliura); Trustees	Approximately \$8 million	Discovery and appellate practice ongoing.
11	CRISP	Group Administrator and affiliates (Program Risk Management et al) Third Party Administrator and affiliates (PMA Management Corp et al RM),Trust Marketing Agent and affiliates (MP Agency et al), Actuary (SGRisk); Accountant and affiliates (DeChants, Fugelin and Johnson et al); Auditors and affiliates (Towers Watson Risk Consulting et al) Trustees	Approximately \$60 million	Settlement in principle with Trust Marketing Agent, subject to Court approval; WCB in negotiations with trustees; Discovery and appellate practice ongoing.
12	TEAM	Group Administrator (Program Risk Management, Inc.) and affiliates (PRM Claims Services) and officers, Accountants (Regnier Consulting Group, Inc., Dorfman- Robbie Certified Public Accountants, P.C. and Bonadio & Co. LLP); Trustees	Approximately \$32 million	Discovery and appellate practice ongoing.

#### <u>ALPs</u>

Part R of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2010 allows self-insurers to transfer future and contingent claim liabilities by executing an assumption of workers' compensation liability insurance policy (ALP). As of December 1, 2013 (prior to the implementation of the bonding program provided for by the Business Relief Act) the Board effectuated an ALP for PATH, NYMIT, HCF and TIWCT, thereby effectively capping all claims liabilities. In addition, ALPs have been executed by five inactive self-insurers.

As alluded to above, Legislation passed as part of the 2013-14 New York State Executive Budget (the Business Relief Act) established a \$900 million bonding program to assist in the resolution of insolvent group self-insured trusts liabilities. The bill created statutory authority to issue bonds backed by assessments levied pursuant to the WCL to provide financing for the purchase of ALPs for unmet self-insurance obligations including the claims liabilities of the insolvent GSITs being administered by the Board. This bonding ability has three significant, and very positive, effects on the Board's intended course of conduct with respect to the settlements with members of insolvent GSITs. First, this bonding, and more specifically the concomitant ability of the Board itself to procure an ALP, allows the Board to eliminate the risk of future adverse development of the underlying workers' compensation claims liability. Accordingly, the Board will no longer employ the "Tender Offer" model which required a minimum member

participation level (equated to the cost of the ALP and certain other ancillary costs) before the settlement became binding on both the Board and the settling members. Rather, the Board's ability to itself purchase an ALP policy for an insolvent GSIT will permit the Board to enter into a settlement with any member that is so desirous, regardless of any other member's decision to settle. Each member that executes a settlement agreement will be provided with a full and final release from the Board upon receipt of the member's final payment(s). With the bonding in place, the Board is in position to procure multiple ALP quotes since it will be able to fund the ALP directly through the bonding process, rather than relying on the receipt of payments from the members of insolvent GSITs. Second, the Board will reduce each settling member's amount owed, by a pro rata share of estimated recoveries from the Board's third party litigation referenced above, thereby reducing the amount on money sought from settling members. Third, as a result of the extended period in which to repay the bonds, the Board is now able to provide extended repayment terms of up to ten years and very favorable interest rates. Bonds were issued in December 2013, and ALPs for the following trusts have been executed:

Healthcare Industry Trust of New York (HITNY) Health Care Providers Self Insurance Trust (HCP) Elite Contractors of New York (ELITE) Manufacturing Self-Insurance Trust (MSIT) Wholesale and Retail WC Trust of New York (WRWCT) Auto Service and Repair Self Insurance Trust (AUTO) Mercantile Self-Insurance Trust (MERC) Builders Self Insurance Trust (BUILDERS) Trade Industry WC Trust for Manufacturers (TRADE) Real Estate Management Trust of New York (REMTNY) Public Entity Trust of New York (PETNY) Retail and Wholesale industry WC Self Insurance Trust (RWWCT) Selective Safety Trust (SELECTIVE) New York State Cemeteries Trust (NYSCT) Long Term Care Risk Management Group (LTC) Preferred Manufacturers Insurance Trust (PREFERRED) Community Residence Insurance Savings Plan SI Trust (CRISP) OHI Workers' Compensation Trust (OHI) New York McDonalds Operators' Workers' Compensation Trust (MCDONALDS)

Additionally, the Board has issued competitive procurements for three other GSITs. The Board anticipates additional ALPs will be effectuated throughout the course of 2017.

#### IV. Status of Individual Self-Insured Employers Requisite Security Deposit Posted

Currently the NYS Workers' Compensation Board has 829active individual (large corporate) self-insured employers. This number consists of 121 parent companies (accounts) and 708 subsidiary companies which are self-insured on a consolidated basis.

A listing of the 121 self-insured accounts is attached herein:

Self-Insured Employers ABA Transportation Holding Co. Inc. ABF Freight System, Inc. Arnot Ogden Medical Center Ascension Health Alliance Aspire of Western New York, Inc. **Ball Corporation** BJ's Wholesale Club. Inc. Bon Secours Health System, Inc. Briggs & Stratton Power Products Group, LLC **Brookdale Hospital Medical Center Brooklyn Bureau of Community Service** Bush Industries. Inc. Carillon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, LLC Cayuga Medical Center at Ithaca, Inc. **CBS** Corporation CH Energy Group, Inc. Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital Medical Center Child and Family Services of Erie County, Inc. Columbia University in the City of New York, Trustees of Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc. **Cornell University Costco Wholesale Corporation** Crouse Health Hospital, Inc. Cummins Inc. Delhaize America. LLC DePaul Group, Inc. Dolgencorp of New York, Inc. E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Company Eastman Kodak Company (NJ)

Entergy Nuclear Operations, Inc. **Erie County Medical Center Corporation** Family Dollar, Inc. Federal Express Corporation FedEx Freight, Inc. FedEx Ground Package System, Inc. Finger Lakes Regional Health System, Inc. Ford Motor Company Fulton Boiler Works. Inc. Fulton Group N.A., Inc. General Motors, LLC Gleason Works. The **Golub Corporation** Harden Furniture, Inc. Highland Hospital of Rochester Hillside Family of Agencies International Paper Company Kistner Concrete Products Inc. Klein Cutlery, LLC Krasdale Foods, Inc. L Brands. Inc. L. & J.G. Stickley, Inc. Leprino Foods Company Lifetime HealthCare. Inc. Lowe's Home Centers, LLC Macy's, Inc. Marriott International. Inc. McWane Inc. dba Kennedy Valve Co Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center Metropolitan Museum of Art Mid-Hudson Valley Staffco, LLC National Fuel Gas Company National Grid USA New Era Cap Co., Inc. New York Black Car Operators Injury Comp. Fund Inc. New York University (2015) Nordstrom, Inc. NYSARC, Inc. Chautauqua County Chapter dba The Resource Center NYU Hospitals Center

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