

Message from Delaware Investments on Regulatory Matters

Delaware Asset Advisers (DAA) has received a notice from the staff (the Staff) of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) of a potential proceeding relating to alleged violations of federal securities laws in connection with DAA's role as collateral manager for certain collateralized debt obligations (CDOs). This type of notice from the Staff, often referred to as a "Wells notice," is neither a formal allegation nor a finding of wrongdoing. It provides the recipient the opportunity to provide its perspective and to address the issues raised by the Staff before any recommendation is made to the Commission on whether to commence an enforcement proceeding. In connection with any potential proceeding, the Staff may recommend that the Commission seek civil money penalties, disgorgement of fees and other equitable relief. Delaware Investments takes its responsibilities very seriously and has been cooperating with the Commission in responding to this matter and will continue to do so in order to achieve a satisfactory resolution as soon as possible. Delaware Investments does not expect that this matter will adversely affect Delaware Investments' ability to service its clients. An individual in DAA's structured credit investment area has also received a Wells notice from the Staff in connection with his work on the above-referenced CDOs.