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U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-2

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

(Check appropriate box or boxes)

Pre-Effective Amendment No.

Post-Effective Amendment No. 1

GSV CAPITAL CORP.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in charter)

2965 Woodside Road
Woodside, CA 94062

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including Area Code: (650) 206-2965

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Chief Executive Officer
GSV Capital Corp.
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Woodside, CA 94062

(Name and address of agent for service)

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Approximate date of proposed public offering: From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If any securities being registered on this form will be offered on a delayed or continuous basis in reliance on Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered in connection with a dividend reinvestment plan, check the following box. x

It is proposed that this filing will become effective (check appropriate box):

o when declared effective pursuant to section 8(c).

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Title of Securities Being Registered	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price ⁽¹⁾	Amount of Registration Fee ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share ⁽²⁾		
Total	\$ 250,000,000 ⁽³⁾	\$ 28,650

(1) Estimated pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933 solely for the purpose of determining the registration fee. The proposed maximum offering price per security will be determined from time to time, by the Registrant in connection with the sale by the Registrant of the securities registered under this Registration Statement.

(2) Subject to Note 3 below, there is being registered hereunder an indeterminate number of shares of common stock, as may be sold from time to time.

(3) In no event will the aggregate offering price of all securities issued from time to time pursuant to this Registration Statement exceed \$250,000,000.

(4) Previously paid.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-180416) is being filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), solely for the purpose of adding exhibits to such Registration Statement. Accordingly, this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 consists only of a facing page, this explanatory note, and Part C of the Registration Statement on Form N-2. This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 does not change the form of prospectus relating to the Registration Statement on Form N-2 previously filed with the SEC. As permitted by Rule 462(d), this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 shall become effective upon filing with the SEC.

PART C — OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 25. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

1. Financial Statements

The following financial statements of GSV Capital Corp. (the “Registrant” or the “Company”) are included in Part A “Information Required to be in the Prospectus” of the Registration Statement.

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a.2	Articles of Amendment**
b.	Bylaws*
d.1	Form of Common Stock Certificate****
e.	Dividend Reinvestment Plan*
g.	Form of Investment Advisory Agreement by and between Registrant and GSV Asset Management, LLC*
h.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement*****
h.2	Underwriting Agreement dated May 11, 2012
j.	Form of Custodian Agreement***
k.1	Form of Administration Agreement by and between Registrant and GSV Capital Service Company, LLC*
k.2	Form of Indemnification Agreement by and between Registrant and each of its directors*
k.3	Form of Trademark License Agreement by and between the Registrant and GSV Asset Management, LLC**
l.1	Opinion of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP*****
l.2	Opinion of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP
n.1	Consent of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP (Incorporated by reference to exhibit l.1 hereto)
n.2	Consent of Grant Thornton LLP*****
r.	Code of Ethics*
99.2	Form of Prospectus Supplement For Common Stock Offerings.*****

- * Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-171578), filed on March 30, 2011, and incorporated by reference herein.
- ** Previously filed in connection with the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 814-00852), filed on June 1, 2011, and incorporated by reference herein.
- *** Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-171578), filed on April 15, 2011, and incorporated by reference herein.
- **** Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-175655) filed on September 20, 2011, and incorporated by reference herein.
- ***** Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-178932) filed on February 9, 2012, and incorporated by reference herein.
- ***** Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-180416) filed on May 7, 2012, and incorporated by reference herein.
- ***** Previously filed in connection with Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-180416) filed on May 10, 2012, and incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 26. MARKETING ARRANGEMENTS

The information contained under the heading "Underwriting" on this Registration Statement is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 27. OTHER EXPENSES OF ISSUANCE AND DISTRIBUTION

SEC registration fee	\$ 28,650
FINRA filing fee	\$ 25,500
NASDAQ Capital Market	\$ 75,000
Printing and postage	\$ 60,000
Legal fees and expenses	\$ 400,000
Accounting fees and expenses	\$ 255,000
Sales and Marketing	\$ 30,000
Total	\$ 874,150

Note: All listed amounts are estimates.

ITEM 28. PERSONS CONTROLLED BY OR UNDER COMMON CONTROL

See "Management," "Certain Relationships and Transactions" and "Control Persons and Principal Stockholders" in the Prospectus contained herein.

ITEM 29. NUMBER OF HOLDERS OF SECURITIES

The following table sets forth the number of record holders of the Registrant's common stock at May 4, 2012:

Title of Class	Number of Record Holders
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	113

ITEM 30. INDEMNIFICATION

Directors and Officers

Reference is made to Section 2-418 of the Maryland General Corporation Law, Article VII of the Registrant's charter and Article XI of the Registrant's Amended and Restated Bylaws.

Maryland law permits a Maryland corporation to include in its charter a provision limiting the liability of its directors and officers to the corporation and its stockholders for money damages except for liability resulting from (a) actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services or (b) active and deliberate dishonesty established by a final judgment as being material to the cause of action. The Registrant's charter contains such a provision which eliminates directors' and officers' liability to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law, subject to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act").

The Registrant's charter authorizes the Registrant, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while serving as the Registrant's director or officer and at the Registrant's request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee, from and against any claim or liability to which that person may become subject or which that person may incur by reason of his or her service in any such capacity and to pay or reimburse their reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding. The Registrant's bylaws obligate the Registrant, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law and subject to the requirements of the 1940 Act, to indemnify any present or former director or officer or any individual who, while serving as the Registrant's director or officer and at the Registrant's request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise as a director, officer, partner or trustee and who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity from and against any claim or liability to which that person may become subject or which that person may incur by reason of his or her service in any such capacity and to pay or reimburse his or her reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding. The charter and bylaws also permit the Registrant to indemnify and advance expenses to any person who served a predecessor of the Registrant in any of the capacities described above and any of the Registrant's employees or agents or any employees or agents of the Registrant's predecessor. In accordance with the 1940 Act, the Registrant will not indemnify any person for any liability to which such person would be subject by reason of such person's willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of the duties involved in the conduct of his or her office.

Maryland law requires a corporation (unless its charter provides otherwise, which the Registrant's charter does not) to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of his or her service in that capacity. Maryland law permits a corporation to indemnify its present and former directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that (a) the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and (1) was committed in bad faith or (2) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty, (b) the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services or (c) in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful. However, under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that a personal benefit was improperly received unless, in either case, a court orders indemnification, and then only for expenses. In addition, Maryland law permits a corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer in advance of final disposition of a proceeding upon the corporation's receipt of (a) a written affirmation by the director or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation and (b) a written undertaking by him or her or on his or her behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that the standard of conduct was not met.

Adviser and Administrator

The Investment Advisory Agreement provides that, absent willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of its duties and obligations, GSV Asset Management, LLC (the “investment adviser”) and its officers, managers, agents, employees, controlling persons, members and any other person or entity affiliated with it are entitled to indemnification from the Registrant for any damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys’ fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of the investment adviser’s services under the Investment Advisory Agreement or otherwise as an investment adviser of the Registrant.

The Administration Agreement provides that, absent willful misfeasance, bad faith or gross negligence in the performance of its duties or by reason of the reckless disregard of its duties and obligations, GSV Capital Service Company, LLC and its officers, managers, agents, employees, controlling persons, members and any other person or entity affiliated with it are entitled to indemnification from the Registrant for any damages, liabilities, costs and expenses (including reasonable attorneys’ fees and amounts reasonably paid in settlement) arising from the rendering of GSV Capital Service Company, LLC’s services under the Administration Agreement or otherwise as administrator for the Registrant.

The law also provides for comparable indemnification for corporate officers and agents. Insofar as indemnification for liability arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”) may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The Registrant has entered into indemnification agreements with its directors. The indemnification agreements are intended to provide the Registrant’s directors the maximum indemnification permitted under Maryland law and the 1940 Act. Each indemnification agreement provides that the Registrant shall indemnify the director who is a party to the agreement (an “Indemnitee”), including the advancement of legal expenses, if, by reason of his or her corporate status, the Indemnitee is, or is threatened to be, made a party to or a witness in any threatened, pending, or completed proceeding, other than a proceeding by or in the right of the Registrant.

ITEM 31. BUSINESS AND OTHER CONNECTIONS OF INVESTMENT ADVISER

A description of any other business, profession, vocation, or employment of a substantial nature in which the investment adviser, and each managing director, director or executive officer of the investment adviser, is or has been during the past two fiscal years, engaged in for his or her own account or in the capacity of director, officer, employee, partner or trustee, is set forth in Part A of this Registration Statement in the sections entitled “Management — Board of Directors,” “Investment Advisory Agreement” and “Portfolio Management — Investment Personnel.” Additional information regarding the investment adviser and its officers and directors will be set forth in its Form ADV, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC File No. 801-71749), under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 32. LOCATION OF ACCOUNTS AND RECORDS

All accounts, books, and other documents required to be maintained by Section 31(a) of the 1940 Act, and the rules thereunder are maintained at the offices of:

- (1) the Registrant, GSV Capital Corp., 2965 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062;
- (2) the Transfer Agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, 59 Maiden Lane, New York, NY 10038;
- (3) the Custodian, U.S. Bank National Association, One Federal Street, Boston, MA, 02110; and
- (4) the investment adviser, GSV Asset Management, LLC, 2965 Woodside Road, Woodside, CA 94062.

ITEM 33. MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Not applicable.

ITEM 34. UNDERTAKINGS

(1) Registrant undertakes to suspend the offering of the shares of common stock covered hereby until it amends its prospectus contained herein if (a) subsequent to the effective date of this Registration Statement, its net asset value per share of common stock declines more than 10% from its net asset value per share of common stock as of the effective date of this Registration Statement, or (b) its net asset value per share of common stock increases to an amount greater than its net proceeds as stated in the prospectus contained herein.

(2) Not applicable.

(3) Not applicable.

(4) Registrant undertakes:

(a) to file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement; and

(iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

(b) that, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of those securities at the time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof;

(c) to remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering;

(d) that, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser, if the Registrant is subject to Rule 430C [17 CFR 230.430C]: Each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 497(b), (c), (d) or (e) under the Securities Act of 1933 [17 CFR 230.497(b), (c), (d) or (e)] as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A under the Securities Act of 1933 [17 CFR 230.430A], shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. *Provided, however*, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale

prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use; and

(e) that for the purpose of determining liability of the Registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of securities, the undersigned Registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned Registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to the purchaser:

(i) any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned Registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 497 under the Securities Act of 1933 [17 CFR 230.497];

(ii) the portion of any advertisement pursuant to Rule 482 under the Securities Act of 1933 [17 CFR 230.482] relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant; and

(iii) any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned Registrant to the purchaser.

(f) To file a post-effective amendment to the registration statement, and to suspend any offers or sales pursuant the registration statement until such post-effective amendment has been declared effective under the 1933 Act, in the event the shares of Registrant are trading below its net asset value and either (i) Registrant receives, or has been advised by its independent registered accounting firm that it will receive, an audit report reflecting substantial doubt regarding the Registrant's ability to continue as a going concern or (ii) Registrant has concluded that a material adverse change has occurred in its financial position or results of operations that has caused the financial statements and other disclosures on the basis of which the offering would be made to be materially misleading.

(5) Not applicable.

(6) Not applicable.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to this Registration Statement on Form N-2 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Woodside, in the State of California, on the 11th day of May, 2012.

GSV CAPITAL CORP.

By: /s/ Michael T. Moe

Michael T. Moe
President, Chief Executive Officer and
Chairman of the Board of Directors

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to this Registration Statement on Form N-2 has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant, and in the capacities indicated, on the 11th day of May, 2012.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
<u>/s/ Michael T. Moe</u>	President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board of Directors (Principal Executive Officer)
<u>Michael T. Moe</u>	Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, Treasurer and Corporate Secretary (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
<u>/s/ Stephen D. Bard</u>	
<u>Stephen D. Bard</u>	Director
<u>*</u>	
<u>Mark D. Klein</u>	Director
<u>*</u>	
<u>Leonard A. Potter</u>	Director
<u>*</u>	
<u>Mark W. Flynn</u>	Director
<u>*</u>	
<u>R. David Spreng</u>	

* Signed by Michael T. Moe pursuant to a power of attorney filed with this Registration Statement on March 28, 2012.

6,000,000 Shares

GSV CAPITAL CORP.

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per Share

UNDERWRITING AGREEMENT

May 11, 2012

Citigroup Global Markets Inc.
As Representative of the several
Underwriters named in Schedule I attached hereto,
388 Greenwich Street
New York, New York 10013

Ladies and Gentlemen:

GSV Capital Corp., a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland (the “**Fund**”), is a non-diversified closed-end management investment company that has elected to be treated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the “**Investment Company Act**”). The Fund proposes to issue and sell to the several Underwriters named in Schedule I hereto (the “**Underwriters**”) 6,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the “**Firm Shares**”). The Fund also proposes to sell to the several Underwriters not more than an additional 900,000 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share (the “**Additional Shares**”) if and to the extent that Citigroup Global Markets Inc., as the representative of the Underwriters named in Schedule I attached hereto (the “**Representative**”), shall have determined to exercise, on behalf of the Underwriters, the right to purchase such shares granted to the Underwriters in Section 3 hereof. The Firm Shares and the Additional Shares are hereinafter collectively referred to as the “**Shares**.” The common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Fund is hereinafter referred to as the “**Common Stock**.”

GSV Asset Management, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “**Investment Adviser**”), acts as the Fund’s investment adviser pursuant to an Investment Advisory Agreement, dated April 11, 2011, between the Investment Adviser and the Fund (the “**Investment Advisory Agreement**”). GSV Capital Service Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the “**Administrator**”), acts as the Fund’s administrator pursuant to an Administration Agreement, dated April 11, 2011, between the Administrator and the Fund (the “**Administration Agreement**”, and together with the Investment Advisory Agreement, the “**Fund Agreements**”).

The Investment Company Act and the Securities Act of 1933 Act, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”) are hereinafter referred to collectively as the “**Acts**,” and the rules and regulations of the Commission under the Acts and under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”) are hereinafter referred to collectively as the “**Rules and Regulations**.”

The Fund filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Commission**”) a notification of intention to elect to be regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act on Form N-6F (File No. 814-00852) (the “**Notification of Intent**”) on January 7, 2011, and a notification of election to be regulated as a business development company under the Investment Company Act on Form N-54A (File No. 814-00852) (the “**Notification of Election**”) on March 27, 2011.

In addition, the Fund has prepared and filed a registration statement on Form N-2 (File No. 333-180416), which registers the offer and sale of shares of the Fund's common stock to be issued from time to time by the Fund, including the Shares. Such registration statement as amended, including the exhibits and schedules thereto, at the time it became effective on May 10, 2012, including any information deemed to be part of the registration statement as of its effective date pursuant to Rule 430C under the Securities Act, and, in the event any post-effective amendment thereto or any registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act (a "**Rule 462(b) Registration Statement**") becomes effective prior to the Closing Date (as defined below) (and, if any Additional Shares are purchased, at the Option Closing Date (as defined below)), such registration statement as so amended or such Rule 462(b) Registration Statement, as the case may be, is hereinafter referred to as the "**Registration Statement.**"

The prospectus included in the Registration Statement at the time it became effective is hereinafter referred to as the "**Base Prospectus.**" The Base Prospectus, as supplemented by the preliminary prospectus supplement, dated May 10, 2012 (the "**Preliminary Prospectus Supplement**"), that was used prior to the execution and delivery of this Agreement and filed pursuant to Rule 497 ("**Rule 497**") of the Rules and Regulations relating to the Shares is hereinafter referred to as the "**Preliminary Prospectus.**"

The Fund will file with the Commission in accordance with Rule 497 under the Securities Act, a final prospectus supplement containing the pricing and related information permitted to be omitted from the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement (the "**Prospectus Supplement**") supplementing the Base Prospectus in connection with the offer and sale of the Shares. The Base Prospectus, as supplemented by the Prospectus Supplement, is hereinafter referred to as the "**Prospectus,**" except that if any revised prospectus or prospectus supplement shall be provided to the Underwriters by the Fund for use in connection with the sale of the Shares which differs from the Prospectus, the term "Prospectus" shall also refer to such revised prospectus or prospectus supplement, as the case may be, from and after the time it is first provided to the Underwriters for such use.

All references in this underwriting agreement (this "**Agreement**") to the Registration Statement, the Rule 462(b) Registration Statement, a Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus, or any amendments or supplements to any of the foregoing shall be deemed to include any copy thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to its Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval System ("**EDGAR**") system.

For purposes of this Agreement, “**Omitting Prospectus**” means any written advertisement used with the written consent of the Fund in the public offering of the Shares and filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 482 of the Rules and Regulations (“**Rule 482**”). “**Time of Sale Prospectus**” means, as of the Applicable Time (as defined below), the Base Prospectus, as supplemented by the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement, together with the information set forth on Schedule II hereto (which information the Underwriters have informed the Fund is being conveyed orally by the Underwriters to prospective purchasers at or prior to the Underwriters’ confirmation of sales of the Shares in the offering). As used herein, the terms “Registration Statement,” “Base Prospectus,” “Preliminary Prospectus Supplement,” “Preliminary Prospectus,” “Time of Sale Prospectus,” “Prospectus Supplement” and “Prospectus” shall include the documents, if any, incorporated by reference therein.

“**Applicable Time**” means 9:40 A.M. (Eastern Time) on May 11, 2012 or such other time as agreed by the Fund and the Representative.

1. Representations and Warranties.

Representations and Warranties of the Fund. The Fund represents and warrants to each of the Underwriters as of the date hereof, the Applicable Time and the Closing Date as follows:

(a) The Registration Statement has been filed with, and declared effective by, the Commission; no notice of objection of the Commission to the use of such Registration Statement or any post-effective amendment thereto has been received by the Fund; no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement is in effect, and no proceedings for such purpose are pending before or, to the knowledge of the Fund, threatened by the Commission. The Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus delivered to the Underwriters for use in connection with this offering was identical in all material respects to the electronically transmitted copies thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T. If a Rule 462(b) Registration Statement is required in connection with the offering and sale of the Shares, the Fund has complied or will comply with the requirements of Rule 111 of the Rules and Regulations relating to the payment of filing fees thereof. At the time of filing the Registration Statement, any 462(b) Registration Statement and any post-effective amendments thereto, and at the date hereof, the Fund was not and is not an “ineligible issuer,” as defined in Rule 405 of the Rules and Regulations. The Registration Statement, as of the time it became effective and as of the Applicable Time, meets the requirements set forth in Rule 415(a)(1)(x) under the Securities Act.

(b) At the respective times the Registration Statement, any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement and any post-effective amendment thereto became effective and at the Closing Date (and, if any Additional Shares are purchased, at the Option Closing Date), the Registration Statement, any post-effective amendment thereto, and any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement complied and will comply in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Rules and Regulations and did not and will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. Neither the Prospectus nor any amendment or supplement thereto, as of the respective dates thereof and at the Closing Date (and, if any Additional Shares are purchased, at the Option Closing Date), contained or will contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or will omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The Time of Sale Prospectus, at the Applicable Time, did not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The representations and warranties in this paragraph do not apply to statements in or omissions from the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus made solely in reliance upon and in conformity with the Underwriter Information.

(c) The Notification of Intent was filed with the Commission on January 7, 2011 under the Investment Company Act and the Notification of Election was filed with the Commission on April 27, 2011 under the Investment Company Act.

(d) The Fund has been duly incorporated and is validly existing in good standing as a corporation under the laws of the State of Maryland. The Fund has full power and authority to own its property and to conduct its business as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and enter into this Agreement and the other Fund Agreements and is in good standing and is duly qualified to transact business in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or its ownership or leasing of property requires such qualification, except where the failure to be so qualified or be in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the condition, financial or otherwise, or on the earnings, business or operations of the Fund (a “**Fund Material Adverse Effect**”). The Fund has no subsidiaries, as such term is defined under Rule 405 of the Securities Act, other than such subsidiaries that are “portfolio companies” for the purposes of Item 6.a of Part A of Form N-2.

(e) The Fund has duly elected to be treated by the Commission under the Investment Company Act as a “business development company” (the “**BDC Election**”) and the Fund has not filed with the Commission any notice of withdrawal of the BDC Election pursuant to Section 54(c) of the Investment Company Act, and no order of suspension or revocation of such BDC Election has been issued or proceedings therefor initiated or, to the knowledge of the Fund, threatened by the Commission.

(f) The Fund is, and at all times through the completion of the transactions contemplated hereby will be, in compliance in all material respects with the applicable terms and conditions of the Act, the Investment Company Act, the Exchange Act and the Rules and Regulations. No person is serving or acting as an officer or director of, or investment adviser to, the Fund except in accordance with the provisions of the Investment Company Act and the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the “**Advisers Act**”). Except as otherwise disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, to the knowledge of the Fund, based on information provided to the Fund by directors of the Fund, no director of the Fund is an “interested person” of the Fund or an “affiliated person” of any Underwriter (each as defined in the Investment Company Act).

(g) The Fund intends to direct the investment of the proceeds of the offering described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and Prospectus in such a manner as to comply with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (“**Subchapter M of the Code**” and the “**Code**,” respectively).

(h) The Fund has filed all federal, state, local and foreign tax returns required to be filed through the date of this Agreement or has requested extensions thereof (except where the failure to file would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Fund Material Adverse Effect) and has paid all taxes required to be paid (except for cases in which the failure to file or pay would not have a Fund Material Adverse Effect, or, except as currently being contested in good faith and for which reserves required by U.S. GAAP have been created in the financial statements of the Fund), and no tax deficiency has been determined adversely to the Fund which is reasonably expected to have (nor does the Fund have any notice or knowledge of any tax deficiency which could reasonably be expected to be determined adversely to the Fund and which could reasonably be expected to have) a Fund Material Adverse Effect.

(i) Each of this Agreement and the Fund Agreements has been duly authorized by the Fund. Each Fund Agreement complies with all applicable provisions of the Acts, the Advisers Act and the applicable Rules and Regulations. The Fund has adopted a Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the “**Plan**”). Each Fund Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by the Fund and represents a valid and binding agreement of the Fund, enforceable against the Fund in accordance with its terms, except (a) as rights to indemnity and contribution may be limited by federal or state securities laws or principles of public policy and subject to the qualification that the enforceability of the Fund’s obligations thereunder may be limited by bankruptcy, fraudulent conveyance, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, and other laws relating to or affecting creditors’ rights generally and by general equitable principles whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law, and (b) in the case of the Investment Advisory Agreement, with respect to termination under the Investment Company Act or the reasonableness or fairness of compensation payable thereunder.

(j) None of (1) the execution and delivery by the Fund of, and the performance by the Fund of its obligations under, this Agreement and each Fund Agreement, or (2) the issue and sale by the Fund of the Shares as contemplated by this Agreement conflicts with or will conflict with, result in, or constitute a violation, breach of, default under, (x) the articles of incorporation of the Fund, as amended to date (the “**Charter**”) or the bylaws of the Fund, as amended to date (the “**Bylaws**”) (y) any agreement, indenture, note, bond, license, lease or other instrument or obligation binding upon the Fund, or (z) any law, rule or regulation applicable to the Fund or any judgment, order or decree of any governmental body, agency or court having jurisdiction over the Fund, whether foreign or domestic; except, with respect to clauses (y) or (z), where such conflict, violation, breach or default would not, individually or in the aggregate, have (i) a Fund Material Adverse Effect or (ii) a material adverse effect on the Fund’s power or ability to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(k) No consent, approval, authorization, order or permit of, license from, or qualification with, any governmental body, agency or authority, self-regulatory organization or court or other tribunal, whether foreign or domestic, is required to be obtained by the Fund prior to the Closing Date for the performance by the Fund of its obligations under this Agreement or the Fund Agreements, except for (A) such as have been obtained and as may be required by (i) the Acts, the Advisers Act, the Exchange Act, or the applicable Rules and Regulations, (ii) the rules and regulations of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“**FINRA**”) or the Nasdaq Stock Market (“**Nasdaq**”), (iii) by the securities or “blue sky laws” of the various states and foreign jurisdictions in connection with the offer and sale of the Shares and (B) where the failure to obtain any of the foregoing would not, individually or in the aggregate, have (i) a Fund Material Adverse Effect or (ii) a material adverse effect on the Fund’s power or ability to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(l) The authorized, issued and outstanding capital stock of the Fund conforms in all material respects to the description thereof under the heading “Description of Securities” in each of the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, and this Agreement, the Charter, the Bylaws, the Fund Agreements and the Plan conform in all material respects to the descriptions thereof contained in each of the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus.

(m) This Agreement, the Charter and the Bylaws, the Fund Agreements and the Plan comply with all applicable provisions of the Acts and the applicable Rules and Regulations, and all approvals of such documents required under the Investment Company Act by the Fund's shareholders and Board of Directors have been obtained and are in full force and effect.

(n) The Fund Agreements are in full force and effect and neither the Fund nor, to the knowledge of the Fund, any other party to any such agreement is in default thereunder, and no event has occurred which with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both would constitute a default by the Fund thereunder. The Fund is not currently in breach of, or in default under, any other written agreement or instrument to which it or its property is bound or affected, except for such breaches and defaults as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have (i) a Fund Material Adverse Effect or (ii) a material adverse effect on the Fund's power or ability to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(o) All shares of Common Stock outstanding prior to the issuance of the Firm Shares have been duly authorized and are validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable and have been sold in compliance with all applicable laws. None of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of the Fund was issued in violation of the preemptive or other similar rights of any securityholder of the Fund. Other than as contemplated in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, no options, warrants or other rights to purchase, agreements or other obligations to issue, or rights to convert any obligations into or exchange any securities for, shares of capital stock of or ownership interests in the Fund are outstanding.

(p) The Shares have been duly authorized and, when issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable, and the issuance of the Shares will not be subject to any preemptive or similar rights. The Common Stock (including the Shares) conform to the description thereof under the heading "Description of Securities" contained in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus and such description conforms in all material respects to the rights set forth in the instruments defining the same.

(q) The Shares have been approved for listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market, subject to official notice of issuance. The Fund is not presently in violation of the Nasdaq Listing Rules, as set forth in Rules 5000-5999 of the Nasdaq Stock Market Rules, except for such violations as would not, individually or in the aggregate, have (i) a Fund Material Adverse Effect or (ii) a material adverse effect on the Fund's power or ability to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(r) Each Omitting Prospectus (i) complies in all material respects with the requirements of Rule 482, (ii) does not contain an untrue statement of a material fact and (iii) complied and will comply in all material respects with the Acts, the Rules and Regulations and the rules and regulations of the FINRA. Except for the Omitting Prospectuses identified on Schedule III hereto, the Fund has not prepared, used or referred to and will not, without your prior consent, prepare, use or refer to any Omitting Prospectus.

(s) There has not occurred any material adverse change, or any development reasonably likely to involve a prospective material adverse change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business or operations of the Fund from that set forth in the Time of Sale Prospectus, taken as a whole, and there have been no transactions entered into by the Fund which are material to the Fund other than those in the ordinary course of its business or as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus.

(t) There are no legal or governmental proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of the Fund, threatened to which the Fund is a party or to which any of the properties of the Fund is subject (i) other than proceedings accurately described in all material respects in the Time of Sale Prospectus and proceedings that would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on the Fund, or on the power or ability of the Fund to perform its obligations under this Agreement or to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Time of Sale Prospectus or (ii) that are required to be described in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus and are not so described.

(u) The statements in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus under the headings "Summary – Operating and Regulatory Structure", "Investment Advisory Agreement", "Administration Agreement", "Regulation as a Business Development Company", "Dividend Reinvestment Plan", "Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations" and "Description of Securities" are accurate and fair summaries of the legal matters, agreements, documents and proceedings discussed therein.

(v) The Fund has all necessary consents, authorizations, approvals, orders (including exemptive orders), licenses, certificates, permits, qualifications and registrations of and from, and has made all declarations and filings with, all governmental authorities, self-regulatory organizations and courts and other tribunals, whether foreign or domestic, to own and use its assets and to conduct its business in the manner described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, except where the failure to obtain or file the foregoing would not, individually or in the aggregate, have in a Fund Material Adverse Effect.

(w) Each of the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus, as of the respective dates thereof, and the Time of Sale Prospectus, as of the Applicable Time, complied in all material respects with the Securities Act and the applicable Rules and Regulations.

(x) When the Notification of Election and any amendment or supplement thereto were filed with the Commission, it (i) contained all statements required to be stated therein in accordance with, and complied in all material respects with the requirements of, the Investment Company Act and the Investment Company Act Rules and Regulations, as applicable to business development companies, and (ii) did not include any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. The Fund has duly elected to be treated by the Commission under the Investment Company Act as a “business development company” (the “**BDC Election**”) and the Fund has not filed with the Commission any notice of withdrawal of the BDC Election pursuant to Section 54(c) of the Investment Company Act. The BDC Election is effective, and no order of suspension or revocation of such election has been issued or proceedings therefor initiated or, to the Fund’s knowledge, threatened by the Commission.

(y) Except as otherwise contemplated in the Time of Sale Prospects and the Prospectus, the financial statements included in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, together with the related notes thereto (collectively, the “**Fund Financial Statements**”), present fairly the financial condition of the Fund as of the date indicated and said Fund Financial Statements comply as to form with the requirements of Regulation S-X under the Securities Act and have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (“**GAAP**”). The supporting schedules to such Fund Financial Statements, if any, present fairly in accordance with GAAP the information required to be stated therein. Grant Thornton LLP, whose report appears in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus and who have certified the Fund Financial Statements and supporting schedules, if any, included in the Registration Statement, is an independent registered public accounting firm as required by the Acts and the applicable Rules and Regulations.

(z) There are no material restrictions, limitations or regulations with respect to the ability of the Fund to invest its assets as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, other than as described therein.

(aa) Neither the Fund nor any of its agents or representatives (other than the Underwriters in their capacity as such) has prepared, made, used, authorized, approved or referred to any written communication that constitutes an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy the Shares other than (i) the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus, and any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing, and (ii) the Omitting Prospectuses, if any, identified on Schedule III hereto. All other promotional material (including “road show slides” or “road show scripts”) prepared, expressly approved or used by the Fund, the Investment Adviser or the Administrator for use in connection with the offering and sale of the Shares (“**Road Show Material**”) is not inconsistent with the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, and when taken together with the Time of Sale Prospectus, at the Applicable Time, did not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted or omits to state a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

(bb) There are no contracts, agreements or understandings between the Fund and any person granting such person the right to require the Fund to file a registration statement under the Securities Act with respect to any securities of the Fund or to require the Fund to include such securities with the Shares registered pursuant to the Registration Statement.

(cc) The expense summary information set forth in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus in the “Fees and Expenses” Table has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of Form N-2 and any fee projections or estimates, if applicable, are reasonably based and comply in all material respects with the requirements of Form N-2.

(dd) Subsequent to the respective dates as of which information is given in each of the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, (i) the Fund has not incurred any material liability or obligation, direct or contingent, nor entered into any material transaction; (ii) the Fund has not purchased any of its outstanding capital stock, nor declared, paid or otherwise made any dividend or distribution of any kind on its capital stock, other than ordinary and customary dividends; and (iii) there has not been any material change in the capital stock, short-term debt or long-term debt of the Fund, except in each case as contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, respectively.

(ee) The Fund owns or possesses, or can acquire on reasonable terms, all material patents, patent rights, licenses, inventions, copyrights, know-how (including trade secrets and other unpatented and/or unpatentable proprietary or confidential information, systems or procedures), trademarks, service marks and trade names currently employed by them in connection with the business now operated by it, and the Fund has not received any notice of infringement of or conflict with asserted rights of others with respect to any of the foregoing which, singly or in the aggregate, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would have a material adverse effect on the Fund.

(ff) The Fund maintains a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations and with the applicable requirements of the Acts; (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain asset accountability and compliance with the books and records requirements under the Acts; (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization; and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. Since the date of the Fund's most recent audited financial statements included in the Prospectus, there has been (i) no material weakness in the Fund's internal control over financial reporting (whether or not remediated) and (ii) no change in the Fund's internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Fund's internal control over financial reporting.

(gg) The Fund maintains "disclosure controls and procedures" (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Rules and Regulations); such disclosure controls and procedures are effective; and the Fund is not aware of any material weakness in such controls and procedures.

(hh) Neither the Fund nor, to the knowledge of the Fund, any employee nor agent of the Fund has made any payment of funds of the Fund or received or retained any funds, which payment, receipt or retention is of a character to be disclosed in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus.

(ii) Any statistical and market-related data included in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus are based on or derived from sources that the Fund believes to be reliable and accurate.

(jj) The Fund has obtained for the benefit of the Underwriters the agreement (a “**Lock-Up Agreement**”), in the form requested by the Representative, from each of the Fund’s officers and directors.

(kk) There are no contracts or documents which are required to be described in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus (or the documents incorporated by reference therein) or to be filed as exhibits thereto by the Securities Act or by the Rules and Regulations which have not been so described and filed as required.

(ll) The operations of the Fund are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements and the money laundering statutes and the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the “**Money Laundering Laws**”) and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Fund with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Fund, threatened.

(mm) Neither the Fund, the Adviser nor the Administrator nor, to the knowledge of the Fund, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Fund, the Adviser or the Administrator is aware of or has taken any action, directly or indirectly, that would result in a violation by such persons of the Foreign Corruption Practices Act of 1977, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder (“**FCPA**”), including, without limitation, making use of the mails or any means or instrumentality of interstate commerce corruptly in furtherance of an offer, payment, promise to pay or authorization of the payment of any money, or other property, gift, promise to give, or authorization of the giving of anything of value to any “foreign official” (as such term is defined in FCPA) or any foreign political party or official thereof or any candidate for foreign political office, in contravention of the FCPA and the Fund, the Adviser or the Administrator, and to the knowledge of the Fund, the Adviser or the Administrator, its affiliates have conducted their businesses in compliance with the FCPA and have instituted and maintain policies and procedures designed to ensure, and which are reasonably expected to continue to ensure, continued compliance therewith.

(nn) Neither the Fund, the Adviser or the Administrator nor, to the knowledge of the Fund, any director, officer, agent, employee or affiliate of the Fund, the Adviser or the Administrator is currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Treasury Department (“**OFAC**”) and neither the Fund, the Adviser or the Administrator will directly or indirectly use the proceeds of the offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other person or entity, for the purpose of financing the activities of any person currently subject to any U.S. sanctions administered by OFAC.

(oo) The Fund is insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as are prudent and customary in the businesses in which it is engaged; all policies of insurance insuring the Fund or its business, assets, employees, officers and directors, including the Fund's directors and officers errors and omissions insurance policy and its fidelity bond required by Rule 17g-1 of the Rules and Regulations, are in full force and effect the Fund is in compliance with the terms of such policies and fidelity bond in all material respects; and there are no claims by the Fund under any such policies or fidelity bond as to which any insurance company is denying liability or defending under a reservation of rights clause; the Fund has not been refused any insurance coverage sought or applied for; and the Fund has no reason to believe that it will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage and fidelity bond as and then such coverage and fidelity bond expires or to obtain similar coverage and fidelity bond from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business at a cost that would not result in a Fund Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus (exclusive of any supplement thereto).

(pp) Except as set forth in or contemplated in the Preliminary Prospectus and the Prospectus, the Fund (i) does not have any material lending or other relationship with any bank or lending affiliate of the Representative (the description of such arrangements and outstanding indebtedness thereunder is true, accurate and complete in all respects) and (ii) does not intend to use any of the proceeds from the sale of the Shares hereunder to repay any outstanding debt owed to any affiliate of the Representative.

(qq) There are no business relationships or related-party transactions involving the Fund or any other person required to be described in the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus which have not been described as required, it being understood and agreed that the Fund, the Investment Adviser and the Administrator make no representation or warranty with respect to such relationships involving any Underwriter or any affiliate and any other person that have not been disclosed to the Fund by the relevant Underwriter in connection with this offering.

(rr) None of the Fund, the Investment Adviser, the Administrator nor any of their affiliates has taken, directly or indirectly, any action which constitutes or is designed to cause or result in, or which could reasonably be expected to constitute, cause or result in, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares.

(ss) The Fund owns, leases or has rights to use all such properties as are necessary to the conduct of its operations as presently conducted.

(tt) No director or officer of the Fund or Investment Adviser is subject to any non-competition agreement or non-solicitation agreement with any employer or prior employer which could materially affect his ability to be and act in his respective capacity of the Fund or Investment Adviser or have a material adverse effect on the Fund.

(uu) The Fund has not been advised that it is not conducting its business in compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations of the jurisdictions in which it is conducting business, except where failure to be so in compliance would not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Fund Material Adverse Effect.

Any certificate signed by or on behalf of the Fund and delivered to the Representative or counsel for the Underwriters in connection with the offering of the Shares shall be deemed to a representation and warranty by the Fund as to the matters covered therein to each Underwriter.

2. *Representations and Warranties of the Investment Adviser and the Administrator.* The Investment Adviser and the Administrator represent and warrant to and agree with each of the Underwriters as of the date hereof as follows:

(a) Each of the Investment Adviser and the Administrator has been duly formed and is validly existing as a limited liability company in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with the corporate power and authority to own its property and to conduct its business as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and enter into this Agreement and the other Fund Agreements to which the Investment Adviser or the Administrator is a party, as the case may be, and is duly qualified to transact business and is in good standing in each jurisdiction in which the conduct of its business or its ownership or leasing of property requires such qualification, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified or be in good standing would not have a material adverse effect on the condition, financial or otherwise, or on the earnings, business or operations of the Investment Adviser or the Administrator, as the case may be (an “**Adviser/Administrator Material Adverse Effect**”). Each of the Investment Adviser and Administrator has no subsidiaries.

(b) The Investment Adviser is duly registered as an investment adviser under the Advisers Act, and is not prohibited by the Advisers Act or the Investment Company Act from acting under the Investment Advisory Agreement as an investment adviser to the Fund as contemplated by the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, and no order of suspension or revocation of such registration has been issued or proceedings therefor initiated or, to the knowledge of the Investment Adviser, threatened by the Commission.

(c) Each of this Agreement and the Fund Agreements to which the Investment Adviser or the Administrator is a party, as the case may be, has been duly authorized by the Investment Adviser and/or the Administrator, as applicable. Each Fund Agreement to which the Investment Adviser or the Administrator is a party, complies with the applicable provisions of the Acts, the Advisers Act and the applicable Rules and Regulations. Each Fund Agreement to which the Investment Adviser or the Administrator is a party has been duly executed and delivered by the Investment Adviser or the Administrator, as applicable and represents a valid and binding agreement of the Investment Adviser or the Administrator, as applicable, enforceable against the Investment Adviser or the Administrator, as applicable, in accordance with its terms, except (a) as rights to indemnity and contribution may be limited by federal or state securities laws or principles of public policy and subject to the qualification that the enforceability of the Investment Adviser's or the Administrator's obligations thereunder, as applicable, may be limited by bankruptcy, fraudulent conveyance, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, and other laws relating to or affecting creditors' rights generally and by general equitable principles whether enforcement is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law, and (b) in the case of the Investment Advisory Agreement, with respect to termination under the Investment Company Act or the reasonableness or fairness of compensation payable thereunder.

(d) The execution and delivery by the Investment Adviser and/or the Administrator, as applicable, of, and the performance by the Investment Adviser and/or the Administrator, as applicable, of its obligations under, this Agreement and each Fund Agreement to which the Investment Adviser or the Administrator is a party, respectively, does not conflict with or will conflict with, result in, or constitute a violation, breach of, default under, (x) the limited liability company operating agreement of the Investment Adviser and/or the Administrator, as applicable (y) any agreement, indenture, note, bond, license, lease or other instrument or obligation binding upon the Investment Adviser and/or the Administrator, as applicable, or (z) any law, rule or regulation applicable to the Investment Adviser and/or the Administrator, as applicable, or any judgment, order or decree of any governmental body, agency or court having jurisdiction over the Investment Adviser and/or the Administrator, whether foreign or domestic; except, with respect to clauses (y) or (z), where such conflict, violation, breach or default would not, individually or in the aggregate, have (i) an Adviser/Administrator Material Adverse Effect or (ii) a material adverse effect on the power or ability of the Investment Adviser or Administrator to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(e) No consent, approval, authorization, order or permit of, license from, or qualification or registration with any governmental body, agency or authority, self-regulatory organization or court or other tribunal, whether foreign or domestic, is required to be obtained by the Investment Adviser and/or the Administrator, as applicable, prior to the Closing Date for the performance by the Investment Adviser and/or the Administrator, as applicable, of its obligations under this Agreement or any Fund Agreement to which it is a party, except for (A) such as have been obtained and as may be required by (i) the Acts, the Advisers Act, the Exchange Act, or the applicable Rules and Regulations, (ii) the rules and regulations of the FINRA or Nasdaq, (iii) by the securities or "blue sky laws" of the various states and foreign jurisdictions in connection with the offer and sale of the Shares or (B) such as which the failure to obtain would not, individually or in the aggregate, have Adviser/Administrator Material Adverse Effect or (ii) material adverse effect on the power or ability of the Investment Adviser or Administrator to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

(f) There are no legal or governmental proceedings pending or, to the knowledge of the Investment Adviser and the Administrator, threatened to which the Investment Adviser and/or the Administrator is a party or to which any of the properties of the Investment Adviser and/or the Administrator is subject (i) other than proceedings accurately described in all material respects in the Time of Sale Prospectus and proceedings that would not have a material adverse effect on the Investment Adviser and/or the Administrator, as applicable, or on the power or ability of the Investment Adviser and/or the Administrator, as applicable, to perform its obligations under this Agreement or to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Time of Sale Prospectus or (ii) that are required to be described in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus and are not so described.

(g) There are no contracts or documents which are required to be described in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus (or the documents incorporated by reference therein) or to be filed as exhibits thereto by the Securities Act or by the Rules and Regulations which have not been so described and filed as required.

(h) Each of the Investment Adviser and the Administrator has all necessary consents, authorizations, approvals, orders (including exemptive orders), licenses, certificates, permits, qualifications and registrations of and from, and has made all declarations and filings with, all governmental authorities, self-regulatory organizations and courts and other tribunals, whether foreign or domestic, to own and use its assets and to conduct its business in the manner described in the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, except to the extent that the failure to obtain or file the foregoing would not result in an Adviser/Administrator Material Adverse Effect.

(i) Each of the Investment Adviser and Administrator has the financial resources available to it necessary for the performance of its services and obligations as contemplated in the Time of Sale Prospectus and by this Agreement and each Fund Agreement to which it is a party.

(j) The Investment Advisory Agreement is in full force and effect and neither the Investment Adviser nor, to the knowledge of the Investment Adviser, any other party to the Investment Advisory Agreement is in default thereunder, and, no event has occurred which with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both would constitute a default by the Investment Adviser under such document.

(k) All information furnished by the Investment Adviser for use in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and Prospectus, including, without limitation, the description of the Investment Adviser (the “**Investment Adviser Information**”) does not, and on the Closing Date will not, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact necessary to make such information not misleading (in the case of the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, in light of the circumstances under which such information is provided).

(l) There has not occurred any material adverse change, or any development reasonably likely to involve a prospective material adverse change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business or operations of the Investment Adviser from that set forth in the Time of Sale Prospectus, taken as a whole, and there have been no transactions entered into by the Investment Adviser which are material to the Investment Adviser other than those in the ordinary course of its business or as described in the Time of Sale Prospectus.

(m) Neither the Investment Adviser nor the Administrator, nor any of their affiliates, has taken, directly or indirectly, any action which constitutes or is designed to cause or result in, or which could reasonably be expected to constitute, cause or result in, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security to facilitate the sale or resale of the Shares.

(n) The operations of the Investment Adviser and the Administrator are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable Money Laundering Laws and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or governmental agency, authority or body or any arbitrator involving the Investment Adviser or the Administrator with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the knowledge of the Investment Adviser or the Administrator, threatened.

(o) The Investment Adviser maintains a system of internal controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions effectuated by it under the Investment Advisory Agreement are executed in accordance with its management's general or specific authorization and (ii) access to the Fund's assets is permitted only in accordance with its management's general or specific authorization.

(p) The Administrator maintains a system of internal accounting controls sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions for which it has bookkeeping and record keeping responsibility for under the Administration Agreement are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of the Fund's financial statements in conformity with GAAP and to maintain accountability for the Fund's assets and (ii) the recorded accountability for such assets if compared with existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences.

Any certificate signed by or on behalf of the Investment Adviser or the Administrator and delivered to the Representative or counsel for the Underwriters in connection with the offering of the Shares shall be deemed to a representation and warranty by the Investment Adviser or the Administrator, as applicable, as to the matters covered therein to each Underwriter.

3. *Agreements to Sell and Purchase.* The Fund hereby agrees to sell to the several Underwriters, and each Underwriter, upon the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained, but subject to the conditions hereinafter stated, agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase from the Fund the respective numbers of Firm Shares set forth in Schedule I hereto opposite its name at \$15.275 a share (the "**Purchase Price**").

On the basis of the representations and warranties contained in this Agreement, and subject to its terms and conditions, the Fund agrees to sell to the Underwriters the Additional Shares and the Underwriters shall have the right to purchase, severally and not jointly, up to 900,000 Additional Shares at the Purchase Price. The Representative may exercise this right on behalf of the Underwriters in whole or from time to time in part by giving written notice to the Fund not later than thirty (30) days after the date of this Agreement. Any exercise notice shall specify the number of Additional Shares to be purchased by the Underwriters and the date on which such shares are to be purchased. Each purchase date must be at least one business day after the written notice is given and may not be earlier than the closing date for the Firm Shares not later than ten business days after the date of such notice. Additional Shares may be purchased as provided in Section 5 hereof solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments made in connection with the offering of the Firm Shares. On each Option Closing Date, if any, that Additional Shares are to be purchased, each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to purchase the number of Additional Shares (subject to such adjustments to eliminate fractional shares as the Representative may determine) that bears the same proportion to the total number of Additional Shares to be purchased on such Option Closing Date as the number of Firm Shares set forth in Schedule I hereto opposite the name of such Underwriter bears to the total number of Firm Shares.

The Fund hereby agrees that, without the prior written consent of the Representative on behalf of the Underwriters, it will not, during the period ending 45 days after the date of the Prospectus Supplement, (1) offer, pledge, sell, contract to sell, sell any option or contract to purchase, purchase any option or contract to sell, grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, lend, or otherwise transfer or dispose of, directly or indirectly, any Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock or (2) enter into any swap or other arrangement that transfers to another, in whole or in part, any of the economic consequences of ownership of the Common Stock, whether any such transaction described in clause (1) or (2) above is to be settled by delivery of Common Stock or such other securities, in cash or otherwise or (3) file any registration statement with the Commission relating to the offering of any Common Stock or any securities convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for Common Stock. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if (1) during the last 17 days of the 45-day restricted period, the Fund issues an earnings release or material news or a material event relating to the Fund occurs; or (2) prior to the expiration of the 45-day restricted period, the Fund announces that it will release earnings results during the 16-day period following the last day of the 45-day restricted period, then in each case the restrictions imposed by this Agreement shall continue to apply until the expiration of the 18-day period beginning on the date of the release of the earnings results or the occurrence of material news or a material event relating to the Fund, as the case may be, unless the Representative waives, in writing, such extension. The agreements contained in this paragraph shall not apply to the Shares to be sold hereunder or any Common Stock issued pursuant to the Plan.

4. *Terms of Public Offering.* The Fund and the Investment Adviser each understands that the Underwriters propose to make a public offering of their respective portions of the Shares as soon as the Representative deems advisable after this Agreement has been executed and delivered. The Fund and the Investment Adviser each further understands that the Shares are to be offered to the public initially at \$16.25 a share (the “**Public Offering Price**”), and to certain dealers selected by the Representative at a price that represents a concession not in excess of \$0.5850 a share under the Public Offering Price.

5. *Payment and Delivery.* Payment for the Firm Shares shall be made to the Fund in Federal or other funds immediately available to a bank account designated by the Fund against delivery of such Firm Shares for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters at 10:00 A.M. (New York City time), on May 16, 2012 or at such other time on the same or such other date, not later than 10 business days after the Closing Date, as shall be designated in writing by the Representative. The time and date of such payment are herein referred to as the “**Closing Date.**”

Payment for any Additional Shares shall be made to the Fund in Federal or other funds immediately available to a bank account designated by the Fund against delivery of such Additional Shares for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters at 10:00 A.M. (New York City time), on the date specified in the corresponding notice described in Section 3 or at such other time on the same or on such other date, in any event not later than June 15, 2012, as shall be designated in writing by the Representative. The time and date of any such payment for Additional Shares are herein referred to as the “**Option Closing Date.**”

The Firm Shares and Additional Shares shall be registered in such names and in such denominations as you shall request in writing not later than one full business day prior to the Closing Date or the applicable Option Closing Date, as the case may be. The Firm Shares and Additional Shares shall be delivered to you through the facilities of DTC on the Closing Date or an Option Closing Date, as the case may be, for the respective accounts of the several Underwriters, with any transfer taxes payable in connection with the transfer of the Shares to the Underwriters duly paid, against payment of the Purchase Price therefor.

6. *Conditions to the Underwriters’ Obligations.* The obligation of the Fund to sell, and the several obligations of the Underwriters to purchase, the Shares are subject to the condition that the Registration Statement, including any Rule 462(b) Registration Statement, has become effective, and at the Closing Date, no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement shall have been issued under the Securities Act and no proceedings with respect thereto shall have been initiated or, to the Fund’s knowledge, threatened by the Commission, and any request on the part of the Commission for additional information shall have been complied with to the reasonable satisfaction of counsel to the Underwriters.

The several obligations of the Underwriters to purchase the Shares are also subject to the accuracy of the representations and warranties on the part of the Fund, the Investment Adviser and the Administrator contained herein, the accuracy of the statements of the Fund, the Investment Adviser and the Administrator made in any certificates pursuant to the provisions hereof and to the following further conditions:

- (a) The Prospectus shall have been filed with the Commission in accordance with Rule 497.

(b) Subsequent to the execution and delivery of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date, there shall not have occurred any change, or any development involving a prospective change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the earnings, business or operations of the Fund, the Investment Adviser or the Administrator, from that set forth in the Time of Sale Prospectus that, in the Representative's reasonable judgment, is material and adverse and that makes it, in the Representative's reasonable judgment, impracticable to market the Shares on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Time of Sale Prospectus.

(c) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date a certificate, dated the Closing Date and signed by an executive officer of the Fund, to the effect that the representations and warranties of the Fund and contained in this Agreement are true and correct as of the Closing Date and that the Fund has complied with all of the agreements and satisfied all of the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder on or before the Closing Date. The Underwriters shall also have received on the Closing Date a certificate, dated the Closing Date and signed by an executive officer of the Investment Adviser, to the effect that the representations and warranties of the Investment Adviser and contained in this Agreement are true and correct as of the Closing Date and that the Investment Adviser has complied with all of the agreements and satisfied all of the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder on or before the Closing Date. The Underwriters shall also have received on the Closing Date a certificate, dated the Closing Date and signed by an executive officer of the Administrator, to the effect that the representations and warranties of the Administrator and contained in this Agreement are true and correct as of the Closing Date and that the Administrator has complied with all of the agreements and satisfied all of the conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied hereunder on or before the Closing Date.

Each officer signing and delivering such a certificate may rely upon his or her knowledge, after reasonable inquiry, as to proceedings threatened.

(d) Each of the Investment Adviser, the Administrator and the Fund shall have performed all of their respective obligations to be performed hereunder on or prior to the Closing Date.

(e) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date an opinion and negative assurance letter of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP, counsel for the Fund, the Investment Adviser and the Administrator, dated the Closing Date, satisfactory to the Representative and counsel for the Underwriters in form and substance, to the effect set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

(f) The Underwriters shall have received on the Closing Date the favorable opinion of Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP, counsel for the Underwriters, dated the Closing Date, and covering such matters as the Underwriters shall reasonably request.

The opinion of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP described in Section 6(e) above shall be rendered to the Underwriters at the request of the Fund, the Investment Adviser and the Administrator, as applicable, and shall so state therein. Such opinion shall include a statement to the effect that it may be relied upon by counsel for the Underwriters as to the laws of the State of Maryland in any opinion delivered to the Underwriters.

(g) The Underwriters shall have received, on each of the date hereof and the Closing Date, a letter dated the date hereof and the Closing Date, respectively, in form and substance satisfactory to the Underwriters, from Grant Thornton LLP, independent registered public accountants, containing statements and information of the type ordinarily included in accountants' "comfort letters" to underwriters with respect to the financial statements and certain financial information contained in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus and the Prospectus, *provided* that the letter delivered on the Closing Date shall use a "cut-off date" not earlier than the date hereof.

(h) All filings, applications and proceedings taken by the Fund, the Investment Adviser and the Administrator in connection with the registration of the Shares under the Securities Act and the applicable Rules and Regulations shall be satisfactory in form and substance to you and counsel for the Underwriters.

(i) No action, suit, proceeding, inquiry or investigation shall have been instituted or threatened by the Commission which would adversely affect the Fund's standing as a business development company under the Investment Company Act or the standing of the Investment Adviser as a registered investment adviser under the Advisers Act.

(j) The Shares shall have been duly authorized for listing on the Nasdaq Capital Market, subject only to official notice of issuance thereof.

The several obligations of the Underwriters to purchase Additional Shares hereunder are subject to the delivery to you on the applicable Option Closing Date of such documents as you may reasonably request with respect to the good standing of the Fund, the Investment Adviser and the Administrator, the due authorization and issuance of the Additional Shares to be sold on such Option Closing Date and other matters related to the issuance of such Additional Shares, and officers' certificates, opinions of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan L.L.P. to the effect set forth above, and comfort letters of Grant Thornton LLP to the effect set forth above, except that such certificates, opinions and comfort letters shall be dated as of the applicable Option Closing Date and statements and opinions above contemplated to be given as of the Closing Date shall instead be made and given as of such Option Closing Date.

7. *Covenants of the Fund, the Investment Adviser and the Administrator.* In further consideration of the agreements of the Underwriters herein contained, the Fund covenants and agrees, and the Investment Adviser and the Administrator, jointly and severally, covenant and agree with the Underwriters as follows:

(a) To notify the Underwriters as soon as practicable, and confirm such notice in writing, of the happening of any event during the period mentioned in Section 7(h) below which in the judgment of the Fund makes any statement in the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus, any Omitting Prospectus or the Prospectus untrue in any material respect or which requires the making of any change in or addition to the Registration Statement, the Time of Sale Prospectus, any Omitting Prospectus or the Prospectus in order to make the statements therein not misleading in any material respect. If at any time the Commission shall issue any order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, the Fund will use its best efforts to obtain the withdrawal of such order at the earliest possible moment.

(b) To furnish to the Representative in New York City, without charge, prior to 10:00 A.M. (New York City time) on the business day next succeeding the date of this Agreement and during the period mentioned in Section 7(h) below, as many copies of the Preliminary Prospectus, Prospectus and any supplements and amendments thereto or to the Registration Statement as the Representative may reasonably request.

(c) Before amending or supplementing the Registration Statement, the Preliminary Prospectus or the Prospectus, to furnish to the Representative a copy of each such proposed amendment or supplement and not to file any such proposed amendment or supplement to which you reasonably object, and to file with the Commission within the applicable period specified in Rule 497 under the Securities Act any prospectus required to be filed pursuant thereto.

(d) To furnish to the Representative a copy of each proposed Omitting Prospectus to be prepared by or on behalf of, used by, or referred to by the Fund and not to use or refer to any proposed Omitting Prospectus to which the Representative reasonably objects.

(e) If the Time of Sale Prospectus is being used to solicit offers to buy the Shares at a time when the Prospectus is not yet available to prospective purchasers and any event shall occur or condition exist as a result of which it is necessary to amend or supplement the Time of Sale Prospectus in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances, not misleading, or if any event shall occur or condition exist as a result of which the Time of Sale Prospectus materially conflicts with the information contained in the Registration Statement then on file, or if, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters, it is necessary to amend or supplement the Time of Sale Prospectus to comply with applicable law, forthwith to prepare, file with the Commission and furnish, at its own expense, to the Underwriters and to any dealer upon request, either amendments or supplements to the Time of Sale Prospectus so that the statements in the Time of Sale Prospectus as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances when delivered to a prospective purchaser, be misleading or so that the Time of Sale Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, will no longer materially conflict with the Registration Statement, or so that the Time of Sale Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, will comply with applicable law, as applicable.

(f) The Fund will use the net proceeds received by it from the sale of the Shares in the manner specified in the Time of Sale Prospectus.

(g) The Fund and the Investment Adviser will not take any action designed to cause or result in the manipulation of the price of any security of the Fund to facilitate the sale of Shares in violation of the Acts or the Exchange Act and the applicable Rules and Regulations, or the securities or "blue sky" laws of the various states and foreign jurisdictions in connection with the offer and sale of Shares.

(h) If, during such period after the first date of the public offering of the Shares as in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters the Prospectus is required by law to be delivered in connection with sales by an Underwriter or dealer, any event shall occur or condition exist as a result of which it is necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances when the Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, not misleading, or if, in the opinion of counsel for the Underwriters, it is necessary to amend or supplement the Prospectus to comply with applicable law, forthwith to prepare, file with the Commission and furnish, at its own expense, to the Underwriters and to the dealers (whose names and addresses you will furnish to the Fund) to which Shares may have been sold by you on behalf of the Underwriters and to any other dealers upon request, either amendments or supplements to the Prospectus so that the statements in the Prospectus as so amended or supplemented will not, in the light of the circumstances when the Prospectus is delivered to a purchaser, be misleading or so that the Prospectus, as amended or supplemented, will comply with law, as applicable.

(i) To endeavor to qualify the Shares for offer and sale under the securities or “blue sky” laws of such jurisdictions as the Underwriters shall reasonably request.

(j) Whether or not the transactions contemplated in this Agreement are consummated or this Agreement is terminated, to pay or cause to be paid all expenses incident to the performance of the obligations of the Fund and the Investment Adviser under this Agreement, including: (i) the fees, disbursements and expenses of the Fund’s counsel and the Fund’s accountants in connection with the registration and delivery of the Shares under the Securities Act and all other fees or expenses in connection with the preparation and filing of the Notification of Intent, the Notification of Election, the Registration Statement, any preliminary prospectus, the Time of Sale Prospectus, the Prospectus, and any Omitting Prospectus prepared by or on behalf of, used by, or referred to by the Fund and amendments and supplements to any of the foregoing, including all printing costs associated therewith, and the mailing and delivering of copies thereof to the Underwriters and dealers, in the quantities hereinabove specified, (ii) all costs and expenses related to the transfer and delivery of the Shares to the Underwriters, including any transfer or other taxes payable thereon, (iii) the cost of printing or producing any “blue sky” memorandum in connection with the offer and sale of the Shares under state securities laws and all expenses in connection with the qualification of the Shares for offer and sale under state securities laws as provided in Section 7(i) hereof, including filing fees and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel for the Underwriters in connection with such qualification and in connection with the Blue Sky memorandum, (iv) all filing fees and the reasonable fees and disbursements of counsel to the Underwriters incurred in connection with the review and qualification of the offering of the Shares by the FINRA, (v) all costs and expenses incident to listing the Shares on the Nasdaq Capital Market, (vi) the cost of printing certificates representing the Shares, (vii) the costs and charges of any transfer agent, registrar or depository, (viii) the costs and expenses of the Fund relating to investor presentations on any “road show” undertaken in connection with the marketing of the offering of the Shares, including, without limitation, expenses associated with the preparation or dissemination of any electronic road show, expenses associated with production of road show slides and graphics, and the travel and lodging expenses of the representatives and officers of the Fund, (ix) the document production charges and expenses associated with printing this Agreement and (x) all other costs and expenses incident to the performance of the obligations of the Fund hereunder for which provision is not otherwise made in this Section 7(j). It is understood, however, that except as provided in this Section, Section 8 and the last paragraph of Section 10 below, the Underwriters will pay all of their costs and expenses, including fees and disbursements of their counsel, stock transfer taxes payable on resale of any of the Shares by them, the travel and lodging expenses of the representatives of the Underwriters in connection with any road show presentations, and any advertising expenses connected with any offers they may make.

(k) At the Applicable Time, the Fund will obtain for the benefit of the Underwriters, the Lock-Up Agreements.

(l) The Fund will comply with all applicable securities and other applicable laws, rules and regulation, including, without limitation, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and will use reasonable efforts to cause the Fund's directors and officers, in their capabilities, as such, to comply with such laws, rules and regulations, including, without limitation, the provisions of Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

(m) The Fund will use reasonable best efforts to maintain its status as a "business development company" under the 1940 Act, *provided, however*, that the Fund may change the nature of its business so as to cease to be, or withdraw its election to be treated as, a business development company with the approval of its Board of Directors and a vote of shareholders to the extent required by Section 58 of the 1940 Act.

(n) The Fund will use reasonable best efforts to comply with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Code to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Code, with respect to any fiscal year in which the Fund is a business development company.

(o) The Fund, the Adviser and the Administrator will use their reasonable efforts to perform all of the agreements required of them by this Agreement and discharge all conditions of theirs to closing as set forth in this Agreement.

(p) Before using, approving or referring to any Road Show Material, the Fund will furnish to the Representative and counsel to the Underwriters a copy of such material for review and will not make, prepare, use, authorize, approve or refer to any such material to which the Representative reasonably objects.

(q) As soon as practicable, the Fund will make generally available to its security holders and to the Representative an earnings statement or statements of the Fund which will satisfy the provisions of Section 11(a) of the Act and Rule 158 under the Act.

8. *Indemnity and Contribution.* (a) The Fund, the Investment Adviser and the Administrator, jointly and severally, agree to indemnify and hold harmless each Underwriter, each person, if any, who controls any Underwriter within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act and each partner, director, officer, trustee, manager, member and shareholder of any Underwriter within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act (each, an “**Underwriter Indemnified Party**”) from and against any and all losses, claims, damages and liabilities (including, without limitation, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with defending or investigating any such action or claim), caused by, arising out of, related to or based upon (i) any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement or any amendment thereof, any preliminary prospectus, any Omitting Prospectus, any Road Show Material, the Time of Sale Prospectus, or the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, or caused by any omission or alleged omission to state therein a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, except insofar as such losses, claims, damages or liabilities are caused by any such untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission based upon the Underwriter Information, (ii) any action or claim by NEXT Financial Group, Inc. or any affiliate, partner, director, officer, trustee, manager, member or shareholder of NEXT Financial Group, Inc. or (iii) any action or claim by any of Christian Glynn, Perrarus Management Company (“**Perrarus**”), any partner, director, officer, trustee, manager, member or shareholder of Perrarus or by any other organization of which Mr. Glynn or Perrarus is a partner, director, officer, trustee, manager, member or shareholder; provided, however, none of the Fund, the Investment Adviser or the Administrator shall have any obligation to an Underwriter Indemnified Party under this clause (iii) to the extent such losses, claims, damages or liabilities are finally judicially determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have resulted solely from the actions of such Underwriter Indemnified Party.

(b) Each Underwriter agrees, severally and not jointly, to indemnify and hold harmless each of the Fund, the Investment Adviser and the Administrator, and each of their respective partners, directors, trustees, managers, members and shareholders (as the case may be), and each officer of the Fund who signs the Registration Statement and each person, if any, who controls the Fund, the Investment Adviser and/or the Administrator within the meaning of either Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act (each, a “**Fund Indemnified Party**”) to the same extent as the foregoing indemnity from the Fund, the Investment Adviser and the Administrator to such Underwriter, but only with reference to written information relating to the Underwriters furnished to the Fund by the Representative on behalf of any Underwriter expressly for use in the Registration Statement, as originally filed with the Commission, or any amendment thereof, any preliminary prospectus, any Omitting Prospectus, any Road Show Material or the Time of Sale Prospectus (the “**Underwriter Information**”). The Fund, Investment Adviser and Administrator acknowledge that the Underwriter Information consists only of the statements set forth (i) in the last paragraph of the cover page of the Prospectus Supplement regarding delivery of the Securities and (ii) under the heading, “Underwriting” in the Preliminary Prospectus Supplement and Final Prospectus Supplement, (a) the list of Underwriters and their respective participation in the sale of the Securities, (b) the sentences related to concessions and reallowances and (c) the paragraphs related to stabilization, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids.

(c) In case any proceeding (including any governmental investigation) shall be instituted involving any person in respect of which indemnity may be sought pursuant to Section 8(a) or 8(b), such person (the “**indemnified party**”) shall promptly notify the person against whom such indemnity may be sought (the “**indemnifying party**”) in writing and the indemnifying party, upon request of the indemnified party, shall retain counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party to represent the indemnified party and any others the indemnifying party may designate in such proceeding and shall pay the fees and disbursements reasonably incurred of such counsel related to such proceeding. In any such proceeding, any indemnified party shall have the right to retain its own counsel, but the fees and expenses of such counsel shall be at the expense of such indemnified party unless (i) the indemnifying party and the indemnified party shall have mutually agreed to the retention of such counsel, (ii) the use of counsel chosen by the indemnifying party to represent the indemnified party would present such counsel with an actual conflict of interest, or (iii) the named parties to any such proceeding (including any impleaded parties) include both the indemnifying party and the indemnified party and the indemnified party shall have reasonably concluded that there may be legal defenses available to it and/or other indemnified parties which are different from or additional to those available to the indemnifying party. It is understood that the indemnifying party shall not, in respect of the legal expenses of any indemnified party in connection with any proceeding or related proceedings in the same jurisdiction, be liable for (i) the fees and expenses reasonably incurred of more than one separate firm (in addition to any local counsel) for all Underwriter Indemnified Parties, collectively, and (ii) the fees and expenses reasonably incurred of more than one separate firm (in addition to any local counsel) for all Fund Indemnified Parties, collectively. In the case of any such separate firm for the Underwriter Indemnified Parties, such firm shall be designated in writing by the Representative. In the case of any such separate firm for the Fund Indemnified Parties, such firm shall be designated in writing by the Fund. The indemnifying party shall not be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent, but if settled with such consent or if there is a final judgment for the plaintiff, the indemnifying party agrees to indemnify the indemnified party from and against any loss or liability by reason of such settlement or judgment. Notwithstanding the foregoing sentence, if at any time an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for the reasonable fees and expenses of counsel as contemplated by the second and third sentences of this Section 8(c), the indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of any proceeding effected without its written consent if (i) such settlement is entered into more than 30 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (ii) such indemnifying party shall have received notice of the material terms of such settlement at least 30 days prior to such settlement being entered into, and (iii) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed the indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of the indemnified party, effect any settlement of any pending or threatened proceeding in respect of which any indemnified party is or could have been a party and indemnity could have been sought hereunder by such indemnified party, unless such settlement includes an unconditional release of such indemnified party from all liability on claims that are the subject matter of such proceeding.

(d) To the extent the indemnification provided for in Section 8(a) or 8(b) is unavailable to an indemnified party or insufficient in respect of any losses, claims, damages or liabilities referred to therein, then each indemnifying party under such paragraph, in lieu of indemnifying such indemnified party thereunder, shall contribute to the amount paid or payable by such indemnified party as a result of such losses, claims, damages or liabilities (i) in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Fund, the Investment Adviser and/or the Administrator on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand from the offering of the Shares or (ii) if the allocation provided by clause 8(d)(i) above is not permitted by applicable law, in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in clause 8(d)(i) above but also the relative fault of the Fund, the Investment Adviser and/or the Administrator on the one hand and of the Underwriters on the other hand in connection with the statements or omissions that resulted in such losses, claims, damages or liabilities, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations. The relative benefits received by the Fund, the Investment Adviser and/or the Administrator on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand in connection with the offering of the Shares shall be deemed to be in the same respective proportions as the net proceeds from the offering of the Shares (before deducting expenses) received by the Fund and the total underwriting discounts and commissions received by the Underwriters, in each case as set forth in the table on the cover of the Prospectus Supplement, bear to the aggregate Public Offering Price of the Shares. The relative fault of the Fund, the Investment Adviser and/or the Administrator on the one hand and the Underwriters on the other hand shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or the omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Fund, the Investment Adviser or the Administrator or by the Underwriters and the parties' relative intent, knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The Underwriters' respective obligations to contribute pursuant to this Section 8 are several in proportion to the respective number of Shares they have purchased hereunder, and not joint.

(e) The Fund, the Investment Adviser, the Administrator and the Underwriters agree that it would not be just or equitable if contribution pursuant to this Section 8 were determined by *pro rata* allocation (even if the Underwriters were treated as one entity for such purpose) or by any other method of allocation that does not take account of the equitable considerations referred to in Section 8(d). The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the losses, claims, damages and liabilities referred to in Section 8(d) shall be deemed to include, subject to the limitations set forth above, any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 8, no Underwriter shall be required to contribute any amount in excess of the amount by which the total price at which the Shares underwritten by it and distributed to the public were offered to the public exceeds the amount of any damages that such Underwriter has otherwise been required to pay by reason of such untrue or alleged untrue statement or omission or alleged omission. No person guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) shall be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. The remedies provided for in this Section 8 are not exclusive and shall not limit any rights or remedies which may otherwise be available to any indemnified party at law or in equity.

(f) The indemnity and contribution provisions contained in this Section 8 and the representations, warranties and other statements of the Fund, the Investment Adviser and the Administrator contained in this Agreement shall remain operative and in full force and effect regardless of (i) any termination of this Agreement, (ii) any investigation made by or on behalf of any Underwriter Indemnified Party or by or on behalf of any Fund Indemnified Party and (iii) acceptance of and payment for any of the Shares.

(g) No party shall be entitled to indemnification under this Section 8 if such indemnification of such party would violate Section 17(i) of the Investment Company Act.

9. *Termination.* The Underwriters may terminate this Agreement by notice given by the Representative to the Fund, if after the execution and delivery of this Agreement and prior to the Closing Date (i) trading generally shall have been suspended or materially limited on, or by, as the case may be, any of the New York Stock Exchange, the NYSE Amex LLC, the NASDAQ Capital Market, the Chicago Board of Options Exchange, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange or the Chicago Board of Trade, (ii) trading of any securities of the Fund shall have been suspended on any exchange or in any over-the-counter market, (iii) a material disruption in securities settlement, payment or clearance services in the United States shall have occurred, (iv) any moratorium on commercial banking activities shall have been declared by Federal or New York State authorities or (v) there shall have occurred any outbreak or escalation of hostilities, or any change in financial markets or any calamity or crisis that, in the Representative's judgment, is material and adverse and which, singly or together with any other event specified in this clause (v), makes it, in your judgment, impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offer, sale or delivery of the Shares on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Time of Sale Prospectus or the Prospectus.

10. *Effectiveness; Defaulting Underwriters.* This Agreement shall become effective upon the execution and delivery hereof by the parties hereto.

If, on the Closing Date or an Option Closing Date, as the case may be, any one or more of the Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Shares that it has or they have agreed to purchase hereunder on such date, and the aggregate number of Shares which such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed or refused to purchase is not more than one-tenth of the aggregate number of the Shares to be purchased on such date, the other Underwriters shall be obligated severally in the proportions that the number of Firm Shares set forth opposite their respective names in Schedule I bears to the aggregate number of Firm Shares set forth opposite the names of all such non-defaulting Underwriters, or in such other proportions as you may specify, to purchase the Shares which such defaulting Underwriter or Underwriters agreed but failed or refused to purchase on such date; *provided* that in no event shall the number of Shares that any Underwriter has agreed to purchase pursuant to this Agreement be increased pursuant to this Section 10 by an amount in excess of one-ninth of such number of Shares without the written consent of such Underwriter. If, on the Closing Date, any Underwriter or Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Firm Shares and the aggregate number of Firm Shares with respect to which such default occurs is more than one-tenth of the aggregate number of Firm Shares to be purchased on such date, and arrangements satisfactory to the Representative and the Fund for the purchase of such Firm Shares are not made within 36 hours after such default, this Agreement shall terminate without liability on the part of any non-defaulting Underwriter. In any such case either the Representative or the Fund shall have the right to postpone the Closing Date, but in no event for longer than seven days, in order that the required changes, if any, in the Registration Statement, in the Time of Sale Prospectus, in the Prospectus or in any other documents or arrangements may be affected. If, on an Option Closing Date, any Underwriter or Underwriters shall fail or refuse to purchase Additional Shares and the aggregate number of Additional Shares with respect to which such default occurs is more than one-tenth of the aggregate number of Additional Shares to be purchased on such Option Closing Date, the non-defaulting Underwriters shall have the option to (i) terminate their obligation hereunder to purchase the Additional Shares to be sold on such Option Closing Date or (ii) purchase not less than the number of Additional Shares that such non-defaulting Underwriters would have been obligated to purchase in the absence of such default. Any action taken under this paragraph shall not relieve any defaulting Underwriter from liability in respect of any default of such Underwriter under this Agreement.

If this Agreement shall be terminated by the Underwriters because of any failure or refusal on the part of the Fund, the Investment Adviser or the Administrator to comply with the terms or to fulfill any of the conditions of this Agreement, or if for any reason the Fund, the Investment Adviser or the Administrator shall be unable to perform its obligations under this Agreement, the Fund, the Investment Adviser and the Administrator, jointly and severally, will reimburse the Underwriters, severally, for all out-of-pocket accountable expenses (including the reasonable fees and disbursements of their counsel) actually incurred by the Underwriters in connection with this Agreement or the offering contemplated hereunder.

11. *Entire Agreement.* (a) This Agreement supersedes all prior agreements and understandings (whether written or oral) between and among the Fund, the Investment Adviser, the Administrator and the Underwriters, or any of them, with respect to the subject matter hereof.

(b) The Fund, the Investment Adviser and the Administrator acknowledge that in connection with the offering of the Shares: (i) the Underwriters have acted at arms length, are not agents of, and owe no fiduciary duties to, the Fund, the Investment Adviser, the Administrator or any other person, (ii) the Underwriters owe the Fund, the Investment Adviser and the Administrator only those duties and obligations set forth in this Agreement and prior written agreements (to the extent not superseded by this Agreement), if any, and (iii) the Underwriters may have interests that differ from those of the Fund, the Investment Adviser and the Administrator. Each of the Fund, the Investment Adviser and the Administrator agree that it will not claim that the Underwriters owe an agency, fiduciary or similar duty to the Fund, the Investment Adviser or the Administrator in connection with offer or sale of the Shares or the process leading thereto.

12. *Counterparts.* This Agreement may be signed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be an original, with the same effect as if the signatures thereto and hereto were upon the same instrument.

13. *Applicable Law.* This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the State of New York applicable to contracts made and to be performed within the State of New York.

14. *Headings.* The headings of the sections of this Agreement have been inserted for convenience of reference only and shall not be deemed a part of this Agreement.

15. *Notices.* All communications hereunder shall be in writing and effective only upon receipt and (A) if to the Underwriters, shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered, mailed or sent to the Representative at Citigroup Global Markets Inc. General Counsel (fax no.: (212) 816 7912) and confirmed to the General Counsel, Citigroup Global Markets Inc., at 388 Greenwich Street, New York, New York, 10013, Attention: General Counsel; and (B) if to the Fund, the Investment Adviser or the Administrator, shall be sufficient in all respects if delivered, mailed or sent to the Fund, the Investment Adviser or the Administrator, as applicable, at the offices of the Fund at 2965 Woodside Road, Woodside, California, 94062, Attention: Michael T. Moe (facsimile no. (650) 289-9134), with a copy to Sutherland Asbill & Brennan, LLP, 1275 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004, Attention: Steven B. Boehm (facsimile no. (202) 637-3593).

[Signature page follows.]

Very truly yours,

GSV CAPITAL CORP.

By: _____
Name:
Title:

GSV ASSET MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: _____
Name:
Title:

GSV CAPITAL SERVICE COMPANY,
LLC

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Accepted as of the date hereof

Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

Acting on behalf of itself and
the several Underwriters named in
Schedule I hereto

By: _____
Name:
Title:

Signature Page to Underwriting Agreement

SCHEDULE I

Underwriter	Number of Firm Shares To Be Purchased
Citigroup Global Markets Inc.	3,600,000
Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc.	600,000
Lazard Capital Markets LLC	600,000
National Securities Corporation	600,000
Aegis Capital Corporation	270,000
Maxim Group LLC	270,000
China International Capital Corporation Hong Kong Securities Limited	60,000
Total	6,000,000

Pricing Information

GSV Capital Corp. priced its offering of 6,000,000 shares of common stock at a public offering price of \$16.25 per share with a sales load of \$0.9750 per share. The Company will receive net proceeds of approximately \$91,275,000, net of sales load and estimated offering expenses.

Omitting Prospectuses

- 1. Press Release dated May 11, 2012
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EXHIBIT A

OPINION OF COUNSEL TO THE FUND, THE INVESTMENT ADVISER AND THE ADMINISTRATOR

[Attached]

[Letterhead of Sutherland Asbill & Brennan LLP]

May 11, 2012

GSV Capital Corp.
2965 Woodside Road
Woodside, CA 94062

Re: GSV Capital Corp.
Registration Statement on Form N-2

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to GSV Capital Corp., a Maryland corporation (the "**Company**"), in connection with the preparation and filing by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "**Commission**") of a registration statement on Form N-2 on March 28, 2012 (as amended from time to time, the "**Registration Statement**") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "**Securities Act**"), with respect to the offer, issuance and sale from time to time pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of up to \$250,000,000 in aggregate offering amount of shares ("**Shares**") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "**Common Stock**"). The Registration Statement provides that the Shares may be issued from time to time in amounts, at prices, and on terms to be set forth in one or more supplements (each, a "**Prospectus Supplement**") to the final prospectus included in the Registration Statement at the time it becomes effective (the "**Prospectus**").

This opinion letter is rendered in connection with the issuance and sale of up to 6,900,000 Shares, as described in the Prospectus Supplement, dated as of May 10, 2012, filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 497 under the Securities Act. The Shares are being sold by the Company pursuant to an underwriting agreement, dated as of May 11, 2012, by and among the Company, GSV Asset Management, LLC, GSV Capital Service Company, LLC, and Citigroup Global Markets Inc., as representative of the several underwriters named therein (the "**Underwriting Agreement**").

As counsel to the Company, we have participated in the preparation of the Registration Statement and have examined the originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction as being true copies, of such records, documents or other instruments as we in our judgment deem necessary or appropriate for us to render the opinions set forth in this opinion letter including, without limitation, the following:

- (i) The Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Company, as amended by the Articles of Amendment thereto, certified as of a recent date by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of the State of Maryland (the "**Charter**");
- (ii) The Bylaws of the Company, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company (the "**Bylaws**");
- (iii) A Certificate of Good Standing with respect to the Company issued by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of the State of Maryland as of a recent date (the "**Certificate of Good Standing**"); and
- (iv) The resolutions of the board of directors of the Company (the "**Board**") relating to, among other things, (a) the authorization and approval of the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement, and (b) the authorization of the issuance, offer and sale of the Shares pursuant to the Registration Statement, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company (collectively, the "**Resolutions**").

With respect to such examination and our opinion expressed herein, we have assumed, without any independent investigation or verification, (i) the genuineness of all signatures on all documents submitted to us for examination, (ii) the legal capacity of all natural persons, (iii) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, (iv) the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as conformed or reproduced copies and the authenticity of the originals of such copied documents, and (v) that all certificates issued by public officials have been properly issued. We also have assumed without independent investigation or verification the accuracy and completeness of all corporate records made available to us by the Company.

As to certain matters of fact relevant to the opinions in this opinion letter, we have relied upon certificates of public officials (which we have assumed remain accurate as of the date of this opinion), upon certificates and/or representations of officers and employees of the Company, upon such other certificates as we deemed appropriate, and upon such other data as we have deemed to be appropriate under the circumstances. We have not independently established the facts, or in the case of certificates of public officials, the other statements, so relied upon.

The opinions set forth below are limited to the effect of the Maryland General Corporation Law (the "**MGCL**"), as in effect on the date hereof, and we express no opinion as to the applicability or effect of any other laws of such jurisdiction or the laws of any other jurisdictions. Without limiting the preceding sentence, we express no opinion as to any state securities or broker-dealer laws or regulations thereunder relating to the offer, issuance and sale of the Shares pursuant to the Registration Statement.

On the basis of and subject to the foregoing, and in reliance thereon, and subject to the limitations and qualifications set forth in this opinion letter, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized for issuance and, when issued and paid for in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Underwriting Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

The opinion expressed in this opinion letter (i) is strictly limited to the matters stated in this opinion letter, and without limiting the foregoing, no other opinions are to be implied and (ii) is only as of the date of this opinion letter, and we are under no obligation, and do not undertake, to advise the addressee of this opinion letter or any other person or entity either of any change of law or fact that occurs, or of any fact that comes to our attention, after the date of this opinion letter, even though such change or such fact may affect the legal analysis or a legal conclusion in this opinion letter.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. We do not admit by giving this consent that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ SUTHERLAND ASBILL & BRENNAN LLP
