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## **Affordable Residential Communities Inc.**

**7887 E. Belleview Ave., Suite 200  
Englewood, Colorado 80111  
(303) 383-7500**

To Our Stockholders:

We cordially invite you to attend, either in person or by proxy, a special meeting of stockholders of Affordable Residential Communities Inc., a Maryland corporation, which will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., local Denver, Colorado time, at the Wyndham Hotel Denver Tech Center, 7675 E. Union Avenue, Denver, CO 80237, and any adjournments or postponements thereof. The purposes of the special meeting are to:

- (1) consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the issuance and sale to Gerald J. Ford, ARC Diamond, LP and Hunter's Glen/Ford, Ltd. of our common stock under the Investment Agreement by and among ARC, Gerald J. Ford, ARC Diamond, LP and Hunter's Glen/Ford, Ltd. at a price per share of \$8.00;
- (2) consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the issuance and sale to Flexpoint Fund, L.P. of 2,087,683 shares of our common stock under the Stock Purchase Agreement by and between ARC and Flexpoint Fund, L.P. at a price per share of \$9.58, subject to certain anti-dilution provisions;
- (3) consider and vote upon a proposal to amend our charter to restrict certain acquisitions of our securities in order to preserve the benefit of our net operating losses for tax purposes and to delete certain provisions of our charter which are no longer applicable to us as a result of the revocation of our status as a real estate investment trust;
- (4) consider and vote upon a proposal to approve any motion to adjourn or postpone the special meeting to a later date to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to approve the foregoing proposals; and
- (5) consider and transact any other business as may properly come before the special meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof.

On October 6, 2006, we and our subsidiary ARC Insurance Holdings Inc. signed an agreement to acquire NLASCO, Inc., for consideration consisting of \$105,750,000 in cash and 1,218,880 shares of our common stock. We will raise a portion of the cash consideration for the NLASCO acquisition by offering our stockholders the opportunity to purchase additional shares of our common stock pursuant to a rights offering in which each stockholder will receive, at no charge, one non-transferable subscription right for each share of common stock owned as of December 19, 2006. Each subscription right will entitle its holder to purchase 0.242 shares of our common stock for \$8.00 per share, for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$80 million.

In addition, on October 13, 2006, we entered into the Investment Agreement with Gerald J. Ford, one of our directors and the beneficial owner of approximately 17.6% of our common stock, ARC Diamond, LP, an affiliate of Mr. Ford, and Hunter's Glen/Ford, Ltd., also an affiliate of Mr. Ford, pursuant to which Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond, LP, who are currently ARC stockholders, have agreed not to exercise their subscription rights to purchase approximately 1,760,000 shares of our common stock that they will receive in the rights offering. Instead, Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond, LP have agreed to purchase the number of shares of our common stock that they otherwise would have been entitled to subscribe for in the rights offering in a private placement directly from us at the same price per share as in the rights offering. Pursuant to the Investment Agreement, Hunter's Glen/Ford, Ltd. has agreed to backstop the rights offering, meaning it has agreed to purchase all

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shares of common stock that remain unsubscribed for in the rights offering, other than shares which are covered by rights distributed to Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond, LP, at the same price per share as in the rights offering. As a result, if you vote to approve the issuance and sale of shares of our

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common stock under the Investment Agreement, you are voting to approve the sale of up to 10,000,000 shares of our common stock to Mr. Ford, ARC Diamond, LP and Hunter's Glen/Ford, Ltd. at a price of \$8.00 per share.

On October 6, 2006, we entered into the Stock Purchase Agreement, which we refer to as the Flexpoint Agreement, with Flexpoint Fund, L.P., who is managed by Flexpoint Partners, LLC. Under the terms of that agreement, Flexpoint Fund, L.P. has agreed to purchase 2,087,683 shares of our common stock for \$9.58 per share, subject to certain anti-dilution provisions, for aggregate proceeds of approximately \$20.0 million. The per share purchase price of \$9.58 is based on the volume-weighted average sale price of ARC shares for the period September 21, 2006 to October 4, 2006, the ten day period immediately preceding our board of directors meeting on October 5, 2006, at which the Flexpoint Agreement was ratified and approved. Flexpoint Fund, L.P.'s commitment is conditioned upon the closing of our transaction with NLASCO, stockholder approval of the Flexpoint Agreement and certain other conditions. Flexpoint Partners, LLC assisted the Company in the sourcing, due diligence and negotiation of the NLASCO acquisition and the stock purchase agreement with NLASCO on a non-compensated basis. Gerald J. Ford is a limited partner of Flexpoint Fund, L.P.

On October 13, 2006, our board adopted and declared advisable an amendment to our charter relating to certain net operating loss carryforwards which are available to us to offset our future taxable income. To attempt to ensure preservation of the net operating losses in accordance with U.S. Federal income tax law, the proposed charter amendment will generally prohibit any direct or indirect sale, transfer, assignment, conveyance, pledge or other disposition of shares of stock of the Company or warrants, rights or options to purchase stock of the Company or any other interests that would be treated as stock of the Company under the income tax regulations promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, if as a result of such sale, transfer, assignment, conveyance, pledge or other disposition any person or group would beneficially own five percent or more of the market value of the total outstanding shares of common stock of the Company or the percentage of common stock of the Company owned by a five percent or greater stockholder would be increased.

Our board of directors recommends that you vote "FOR" each of the proposals set forth above.

If you have any questions prior to the special meeting or need further assistance, please contact Innisfree M&A Incorporated toll-free at 1-888-750-5834 (stockholders) or 212-750-5833 (banks and brokers).

**Your vote is important. Please read the Proxy Statement and the voting instructions on the enclosed proxy card. Then, whether or not you plan to attend the special meeting in person, and no matter how many shares of voting securities you own, please sign, date and promptly return the enclosed proxy card in the enclosed envelope, which requires no additional postage if mailed in the United States.**

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

Very truly yours,

December 19, 2006

Larry D. Willard  
Chairman of the Board  
and Chief Executive Officer

NEITHER THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF, OR PASSED UPON THE FAIRNESS OR MERITS OF, THE TRANSACTIONS DESCRIBED IN THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY STATEMENT OR THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY STATEMENT. ANY CONTRARY REPRESENTATION IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY STATEMENT IS NOT AN OFFER TO SELL OR A SOLICITATION OF ANY OFFER TO BUY SHARES OF OUR COMMON STOCK OR ANY OTHER SECURITIES, INCLUDING THE SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS OR ANY SHARES OF COMMON STOCK ISSUABLE UPON EXERCISE OF THE SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS. OFFERS AND SALES OF THE SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS OR THE SHARES OF COMMON STOCK ISSUABLE UPON EXERCISE OF THE SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS WILL BE MADE ONLY BY MEANS OF A PROSPECTUS AND ON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH IN THE PROSPECTUS.

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The accompanying Proxy Statement is dated December 19, 2006 and is first being mailed to the Company's stockholders on or about December 22, 2006.

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## **Affordable Residential Communities Inc.**

**7887 E. Belleview Ave., Suite 200  
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### **Notice of Special Meeting of Stockholders To Be Held On January 23, 2007**

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**To Our Stockholders:**

**WHAT:** Special Meeting of Stockholders

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 23, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., local Denver, Colorado time

**WHERE:** The Wyndham Hotel Denver Tech Center  
7675 E. Union Avenue  
Denver, CO 80237

**WHY:** At this meeting, you will be asked to:

- (1) consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the issuance and sale to Gerald J. Ford, ARC Diamond, LP and Hunter's Glen/Ford, Ltd. of our common stock under the Investment Agreement by and among Gerald J. Ford, ARC Diamond, LP and Hunter's Glen/Ford, Ltd., all at a price per share of \$8.00;
- (2) consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the issuance and sale to Flexpoint Fund, L.P. of 2,087,683 shares of our common stock under the Stock Purchase Agreement by and between ARC and Flexpoint Fund, L.P. at a price per share of \$9.58, subject to certain anti-dilution provisions;
- (3) consider and vote upon a proposal to amend our charter to restrict certain acquisitions of our securities in order to preserve the benefit of our net operating losses for tax purposes and to delete certain provisions which are no longer applicable to us as a result of the revocation of our status as a real estate investment trust;
- (4) consider and vote upon a proposal to approve any motion to adjourn or postpone the special meeting to a later date to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the special meeting to approve the foregoing proposals; and
- (5) consider and transact any other business as may properly come before the Special Meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof.

Only common stockholders and holders of our special voting stock, which is paired with limited partnership units of our operating partnership, of record at the close of business on December 18, 2006

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will receive notice of, and be eligible to vote at, the special meeting. The foregoing items of business are more fully described in the Proxy Statement accompanying this notice.

**Your vote is important. Please read the Proxy Statement and the voting instructions on the enclosed proxy card. Then, whether or not you plan to attend the Special Meeting in person, and no matter how many shares of voting securities you own, please vote by telephone, by Internet, or by signing, dating and promptly returning the enclosed proxy card in the envelope provided, which requires no additional postage if mailed in the United States.**

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Scott L. Gesell  
Executive Vice President, General Counsel  
and Corporate Secretary

December 19, 2006  
Englewood, Colorado

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**PROXY STATEMENT**

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**FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
To Be Held on January 23, 2007**

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**INFORMATION CONCERNING SOLICITATION AND VOTING**

**WHY DID YOU SEND ME THIS PROXY STATEMENT?**

The board of directors of Affordable Residential Communities Inc., a Maryland corporation, which we refer to as ARC or the Company, seeks your proxy for use in voting at the special meeting of stockholders on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, or the Special Meeting. The Special Meeting will be held at the Wyndham Hotel Denver Tech Center, 7675 E. Union Avenue, Denver, CO 80237, on Tuesday, January 23, 2007, beginning at 9:00 a.m., local Denver, Colorado time. We intend to begin mailing this Proxy Statement, the attached notice of Special Meeting and the accompanying proxy card on or about December 22, 2006, to all holders of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and special voting stock, par value \$0.01 per share, which together we refer to as our voting securities, entitled to vote at the Special Meeting.

**ON WHAT AM I VOTING?**

At the Special Meeting, stockholders will be asked to:

- (1) consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the issuance and sale to Gerald J. Ford, ARC Diamond, LP, or ARC Diamond, and Hunter's Glen/Ford, Ltd., or Hunter's Glen/Ford, of our common stock under the Investment Agreement by and among the Company, Gerald J. Ford, ARC Diamond and Hunter's Glen/Ford, which we refer to as the Investment Agreement, at a price per share of \$8.00;
- (2) consider and vote upon a proposal to approve the issuance and sale to Flexpoint Fund, L.P., which we refer to as Flexpoint, of 2,087,683 shares of our common stock under the Stock Purchase Agreement by and between ARC and Flexpoint, which we refer to as the Flexpoint Agreement, at a price per share of \$9.58, subject to certain anti-dilution provisions;
- (3) consider and vote upon a proposal to amend our charter to restrict certain acquisitions of our securities in order to preserve the benefit of our net operating losses, or NOLs, for tax purposes and to delete certain provisions which are no longer applicable to us as a result of the revocation of our status as a real estate investment trust, which we refer to as a REIT;
- (4) consider and vote upon a proposal to approve any motion to adjourn or postpone the special meeting to a later date to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the Special Meeting to approve the foregoing proposals; and
- (5) consider and transact any other business as may properly come before the Special Meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof.

**WHO CAN VOTE AT THIS MEETING?**

Only holders of record of our voting securities at the close of business on December 18, 2006, the record date, will receive notice of, and be entitled to vote at, the Special Meeting. At the close of business on December 18, 2006, 41,346,287 shares of our common stock and 2,804,644 shares of our special voting stock were outstanding and entitled to vote. Our common stock and our special voting stock are the only securities entitled to vote at the Special Meeting. In deciding all matters, a holder of common stock on the record date will be entitled to cast one vote for each share of common stock registered in that holder's name and a holder of our special voting stock on the record date will be entitled to cast 0.519 of a vote for each share of our special voting stock registered in that holder's name, on each matter to be voted upon at the Special Meeting.

*Stockholder of Record: Shares Registered in Your Name.*

If, on December 18, 2006, your shares of common stock were registered directly in your name with ARC's transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, or, in the case of special voting stock, with us, then you are a stockholder of record. As a stockholder of record, you may vote in person at the Special Meeting or vote by proxy.

*Beneficial Owner: Shares Registered in the Name of a Broker, Bank or Nominee.*

If, on December 18, 2006, your shares of common stock were held in an account at a bank, brokerage firm, or other agent or nominee, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name" and these proxy materials are being forwarded to you by that organization. The organization holding your account is considered the stockholder of record for purposes of voting at the Special Meeting. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your bank, broker or other agent or nominee on how to vote the shares in your account. You are also invited to attend the Special Meeting. However, since you are not the stockholder of record, you may not vote your shares in person at the meeting unless you request and obtain a valid proxy from your bank, broker or other agent or nominee.

**WHAT CONSTITUTES A QUORUM?**

The presence in person or by proxy of holders entitled to cast a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at the Special Meeting on any matter will constitute a quorum. Abstentions and broker non-votes (votes that are not cast by a broker on a non-routine matter because it has not received instructions from the beneficial owner), if any, will be counted as shares present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum.

**WHAT ARE THE VOTING RIGHTS OF THE HOLDERS OF OUR VOTING SECURITIES?**

In deciding all matters, a holder of common stock on the record date will be entitled to cast one vote for each share of common stock registered in that holder's name, on each matter to be voted upon at the Special Meeting.

In deciding all matters, a holder of our special voting stock on the record date will be entitled to cast 0.519 of a vote for each share of special voting stock registered in that holder's name, on each matter to be voted upon at the Special Meeting.

Holders of shares of our common stock and our special voting stock vote collectively as one class on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders of the Company.

**WHAT VOTE IS REQUIRED TO APPROVE EACH PROPOSAL?**

*Investment Agreement*

So long as a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of votes cast by the holders of our voting securities is required to approve the issuance and sale of shares of our common stock under the Investment Agreement, as more fully described elsewhere in this Proxy Statement.

*Flexpoint Agreement*

So long as a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of votes cast by the holders of our voting securities is required to approve the issuance and sale of shares of our common stock under the Flexpoint Agreement, as more fully described elsewhere in the Proxy Statement.

*Charter Amendment*

The affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by the holders of our voting securities on the matter is required to approve the amendment to the Company's charter, as more fully described elsewhere in this Proxy Statement.

*Adjournment/Postponement*

So long as a quorum is present, the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes cast is required to approve the adjournment or postponement proposal, as more fully described elsewhere in this Proxy Statement.

A properly executed proxy marked "abstain" with respect to a proposal will not be voted, although it will be counted for purposes of determining a quorum. Accordingly, abstentions will have the effect of a "Against" vote on the charter amendment proposal but will have no effect on the vote on the Investment Agreement, Flexpoint Agreement or any adjournment or postponement proposal. Failure to vote will also have the same effect as an "Against" vote on the charter amendment proposal, but will have no effect on the Investment Agreement, the Flexpoint Agreement or any adjournment or postponement proposal, except to the extent that it reduces the likelihood of a quorum being present.

Generally, the affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast is required for the approval of any other matters that may properly come before the Special Meeting. As of this date, the Company knows of no other business to be presented for stockholder action at this meeting.

**WHO CONDUCTS THE PROXY SOLICITATION?**

ARC's board of directors is soliciting the proxies and ARC will bear the entire cost of this solicitation, including the preparation, assembly, printing and mailing of this Proxy Statement and any additional materials furnished to our stockholders. Copies of solicitation materials will be furnished to banks, brokerage houses, other agents and nominees holding shares of common stock in their names that are beneficially owned by others so that they may forward these solicitation materials to these beneficial owners. In addition, if asked, we will reimburse these persons for their reasonable expenses in forwarding the solicitation materials to the beneficial owners. ARC has requested banks, brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to forward all solicitation materials to the beneficial owners of the shares of common stock they hold of record. ARC has also made arrangements with Innisfree M&A Incorporated to assist our board in soliciting proxies and has agreed to pay them a fee for these services, which it reasonably estimates to be approximately \$20,000, plus reasonable expenses.

**HOW DO I VOTE IF I ATTEND THE SPECIAL MEETING?**

If you are a stockholder of record, you can attend the Special Meeting and vote in person the shares of voting securities you hold directly in your name. If you choose to do that, please bring the enclosed proxy card or proof of identification. If you want to vote in person at our Special Meeting and you hold our common stock through a bank, broker or other agent or nominee, you must obtain a power of attorney or other proxy authority from that organization and bring it to the Special Meeting. Follow the instructions from your bank, broker or other agent or nominee included with these proxy materials, or contact your bank, broker or other agent or nominee to request a power of attorney or other proxy authority. If you vote in person at the Special Meeting, you will revoke any prior proxy you or your bank, broker or other agent or nominee may have submitted with respect to the shares of voting securities you own of record or beneficially.

**HOW DO I VOTE IF I DO NOT ATTEND THE SPECIAL MEETING?**

If you hold your shares in your name, you may submit a proxy by telephone, via the Internet or by mail.

*Submitting a Proxy by Telephone:* You can submit a proxy for your shares by telephone until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on January 22, 2007 by calling the toll-free telephone number on the enclosed proxy card. Telephone proxy submission is available 24 hours a day. Easy-to-follow voice prompts allow you to submit a proxy for your shares and confirm that your instructions have been properly recorded. Our telephone proxy submission procedures are designed to authenticate stockholders by using individual control numbers.

*Submitting a Proxy via the Internet:* You can submit a proxy via the Internet until 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on January 22, 2007 by accessing the web site listed on your proxy card and following the instructions you will find on the web site. Internet proxy submission is available 24 hours a day. As with telephone proxy submission, you will be given the opportunity to confirm that your instructions have been properly recorded.

*Submitting a Proxy by Mail:* If you choose to submit a proxy by mail, simply mark the enclosed proxy card, date and sign it, and return it in the postage paid envelope provided.

By casting your vote in any of the three ways listed above, you are authorizing the individuals listed on the proxy to vote your shares in accordance with your instructions.

If your shares are held in the name of a bank, broker or other nominee, you will receive instructions from the holder of record that you must follow for your shares to be voted. Please follow their instructions carefully.

**WHAT IF I DO NOT SPECIFY HOW MY SHARES ARE TO BE VOTED ON THE PROXY CARD?**

If you return the proxy card and the proxy card does not specify how your shares of voting securities are to be voted, all of your shares represented by the proxy card will be voted "FOR" the approval of Proposal 1, "FOR" the approval of Proposal 2, "FOR" the approval of Proposal 3 and "FOR" the approval of Proposal 4.

If any other matter is properly presented at the meeting, the individuals named on your proxy card will vote your shares of voting securities in their discretion.

**HAS THE ARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MADE A RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE MATTERS TO BE ACTED UPON AT THE SPECIAL MEETING?**

The ARC board of directors has unanimously (with the abstention of directors Ford, Webb and Staff with respect to Proposals 1 and 2) recommended that you vote "FOR" each of the following proposals:

- (1) the issuance and sale to Gerald J. Ford, ARC Diamond and Hunter's Glen/Ford of our common stock under the Investment Agreement at a price per share of \$8.00;
- (2) the issuance and sale to Flexpoint of 2,087,683 shares of our common stock under the Flexpoint Agreement at a price per share of \$9.58, subject to certain anti-dilution provisions;
- (3) the amendment to our charter to restrict certain acquisitions of our securities in order to preserve the benefit of our NOLs for tax purposes and to delete certain provisions which are no longer applicable to us as a result of the revocation of our status as a REIT; and

- (4) the approval of any motion to adjourn or postpone the Special Meeting to a later date to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the Special Meeting to approve the foregoing proposals.

**CAN I CHANGE MY VOTE?**

You may revoke your proxy by doing any of the following:

- (1) Send a written notice of revocation to our Corporate Secretary, dated later than the proxy you want to revoke, but before the vote is taken at the Special Meeting;
- (2) Properly execute and deliver a later dated proxy before the vote is taken at the Special Meeting;
- (3) Properly submit a proxy on a later date by telephone or via the Internet (only your last telephone or Internet proxy will be counted) before 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on January 22, 2007; or
- (4) Vote in person at the Special Meeting (your attendance at the Special Meeting, in and of itself, will not revoke the earlier proxy).

Any written notice of revocation, or later dated proxy, should be delivered to:

**Affordable Residential Communities Inc.**  
**7887 E. Belleview Ave., Suite 200**  
**Englewood, CO 80111**  
**Attention: Scott L. Gesell, Corporate Secretary**

**IF MY SHARES ARE HELD IN A BROKERAGE ACCOUNT, WILL MY BROKER VOTE MY SHARES FOR ME?**

Your broker, bank or other nominee will be permitted to vote your shares for you only if you instruct them how to vote. Therefore, it is important that you promptly follow the directions provided by your broker, bank or other nominee as to how to instruct them to vote your shares if you do not instruct your broker, bank or other nominee how to vote your shares. If you do not instruct your broker, bank or other nominee how to vote your shares that they hold, those shares will not be voted and the effect will be the same as a vote against the approval of the charter amendment, but it will not affect the vote with respect to the Investment Agreement, the Flexpoint Agreement or the proposal to adjourn or postpone the Special Meeting, except to the extent that it reduces the likelihood of a quorum being present.

**WHO CAN I CALL WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SPECIAL MEETING?**

For more information, you should contact our proxy solicitor, Innisfree M&A Incorporated, toll-free at 1-888-750-5834 (banks and brokers may call collect at 212-750-5833).

**YOUR VOTE AT THIS SPECIAL MEETING IS IMPORTANT, NO MATTER HOW MANY OR HOW FEW SHARES OF VOTING SECURITIES YOU OWN. PLEASE SIGN AND DATE THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD AND RETURN IT PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED POSTAGE-PAID ENVELOPE.**

## SUMMARY

*This summary highlights selected information also contained elsewhere in this Proxy Statement related to the matters you are being asked to vote upon and may not contain all of the information important to you. You should read this entire document and the other documents to which this Proxy Statement refers you to fully understand the matters you are being asked to vote upon. Each item in this summary refers to the page where that subject is hereinafter discussed in more detail. Except as otherwise noted, references in this Proxy Statement to "ARC," the "Company," "we," "us," and "our" refer to the business of Affordable Residential Communities Inc. and its subsidiaries, and references in this Proxy Statement to "NLASCO" refer to the business of NLASCO, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries and its controlled affiliates.*

### Information about ARC and NLASCO

#### **Affordable Residential Communities Inc. (Page 39)**

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ARC is a Maryland corporation that is engaged in the acquisition, renovation, repositioning and operation of primarily all-age manufactured home communities, the retail sale and financing of manufactured homes, the rental of manufactured homes and other related businesses including acting as agent in the sale of homeowners' insurance and related products, primarily to residents or prospective residents in our communities. We were organized in July 1998 and operate primarily through Affordable Residential Communities LP, which we refer to as the Operating Partnership or OP, and its subsidiaries, of which we are the sole general partner and owned 96.5% as of September 30, 2006. On February 18, 2004, we completed our initial public offering, or IPO. Through the years ended December 31, 2005, we were organized as a fully integrated, self-administered and self-managed equity REIT for U.S. Federal income tax purposes. In March 2006, our board of directors decided to revoke our election as a REIT for U.S. Federal income tax purposes beginning for the year ending December 31, 2006.

#### **NLASCO, Inc. (Page 40)**

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NLASCO is a Delaware corporation that specializes in providing fire and homeowners insurance to low value dwellings and manufactured homes primarily in Texas and other areas of the south, southeastern and southwestern United States. NLASCO operates two insurance subsidiaries, National Lloyds Insurance Company, which we refer to as NLIC, and American Summit Insurance Company, which we refer to as ASIC. NLIC is rated "A" (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company, and ASIC is rated "B++" (Very Good) by A.M. Best. NLIC, chartered in 1948 and licensed in 18 states, is an insurance company on the Lloyd's plan domiciled in Texas. NLIC underwrites fire and limited homeowner's insurance through approximately 4,800 independent agents. Through approximately 1,800 independent agents and selected managing general agents, which we refer to as MGAs, ASIC offers homeowners and property and casualty insurance primarily to manufactured home owners. NLASCO's policies are typically written for actual cash value of up to \$250,000 in the low value dwelling market and replacement cost of up to \$125,000 in the manufactured home market. Liability on a homeowners policy typically provides coverage up to \$100,000 with a maximum of \$300,000 issued by a few select agents. The vast majority of NLASCO's property policies currently exclude coverage for water and mold and provide actual cash value payments as opposed to replacement costs. NLASCO has an experienced management team, a high quality agency force and an established track record of growth and underwriting profitability.



**The NLASCO Acquisition (Page 40)**

ARC and ARC Insurance Holdings Inc., a subsidiary of ARC, which we refer to as Buyer, on the one hand, and C. Clifton Robinson, C.C. Robinson Property Company, Ltd. and The Robinson Charitable Remainder Unitrust, which we refer to as the Sellers, on the other hand, have entered into the Stock Purchase Agreement dated as of October 6, 2006, which we refer to as the NLASCO Agreement. Subject to the terms and conditions of the NLASCO Agreement, at the closing we will purchase from Sellers all of the outstanding shares of capital stock of NLASCO in exchange for cash in the amount of \$105,750,000 and 1,218,880 shares of our common stock, which shares will be issued to Mr. Robinson and will be placed into escrow pursuant to an escrow agreement. We refer to this transaction as the NLASCO acquisition. The purchase price will be subject to adjustments based on (1) the GAAP stockholders' equity of NLASCO as of the closing date as finally determined by the parties and (2) the amount of actual losses as of the 36-month anniversary of the closing date for claims arising out of events or circumstances that occurred or existed on or prior to the closing date, compared to the reserves for losses as reflected on the closing balance sheet for both reported claims and for incurred but not reported claims.

Prior to the closing, and subject to any necessary regulatory approvals or third party consents, Sellers will cause NLASCO to make a dividend or distribution to Sellers in an aggregate amount equal to the excess of (1) the estimated stockholders' equity over (2) \$71,009,382. At closing, NLASCO will repay approximately \$5.6 million aggregate principal amount of outstanding debt.

The NLASCO Agreement includes customary representations, warranties and covenants, as well as indemnification and termination provisions. At the closing, the parties will also enter into several ancillary agreements, including a noncompetition agreement, a registration rights agreement, an escrow agreement, a release, employment agreements and a share lock-up agreement. The NLASCO Agreement and the ancillary agreements are described below in "Information About the NLASCO Acquisition and NLASCO The NLASCO Agreement and Related Agreements."

Additional information regarding the NLASCO Agreement is set forth below in this Proxy Statement.

**Opinion of Sandler O'Neill & Partners, L.P. (Page 44)**

In connection with the NLASCO acquisition, Sandler O'Neill & Partners, L.P., or Sandler O'Neill, delivered its opinion to the ARC board that the purchase price to be paid by ARC in the NLASCO acquisition was fair to ARC from a financial point of view.

The full text of Sandler O'Neill's opinion is attached as *Appendix B* to this Proxy Statement. The opinion outlines the procedures followed, assumptions made, matters considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken by Sandler O'Neill in rendering its opinion in connection with the NLASCO acquisition. The description of the opinion set forth in this Proxy Statement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the opinion.

**The Rights Offering (Page 111)**

We will raise a portion of the cash consideration for the acquisition of NLASCO by offering our stockholders the opportunity to purchase additional shares of our common stock pursuant to a rights offering in which each stockholder will receive, at no charge, one non-transferable subscription right for each share of common stock owned as of December 19, 2006. Each subscription right will entitle its holder to purchase 0.242 shares of our common stock for \$8.00 per share, for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$80 million. The rights offering is conditioned upon the receipt of stockholder approval for the issuance and sale of our common stock under the Investment Agreement, but is not

conditioned upon the completion of the NLASCO acquisition or the issuance and sale of our common stock under the Flexpoint Agreement.

You are not being asked in this Proxy Statement to exercise your subscription rights in the rights offering. A vote in favor of the transactions contemplated by the Investment Agreement will not obligate any stockholder to purchase shares of common stock in the rights offering.

Additional information regarding the rights offering is set forth below in the Proxy Statement.

#### **The Investment Agreement (Page 116)**

On October 13, 2006, ARC, Mr. Ford, ARC Diamond and Hunter's Glen/Ford entered into the Investment Agreement pursuant to which:

Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond agreed to purchase in a private placement the full number of shares of our common stock that they would otherwise have been entitled to subscribe for in the rights offering at the same subscription per share;

Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond agreed not to exercise their rights in the rights offering;

Hunter's Glen/Ford agreed to backstop the rights offering by purchasing in a private placement all of the shares of our common stock that are not otherwise subscribed for in the rights offering by stockholders other than Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond at the same subscription price per share as in the rights offering.

The issuance and sale of our common stock under the Investment Agreement is conditioned on the completion of the rights offering.

Additional information regarding the Investment Agreement is set forth below in this Proxy Statement.

#### **The Flexpoint Agreement (Page 119)**

On October 6, 2006, ARC and Flexpoint, who is managed by Flexpoint Partners, LLC, entered into the Flexpoint Agreement. Flexpoint Partners, LLC, or Flexpoint Partners, is an equity investment firm based in Chicago, Illinois that focuses on the financial services and healthcare industries. Donald Edwards, the Managing Principal of Flexpoint Partners, is the former Chief Executive Officer of First Acceptance Corporation, a non-standard auto insurance company, and is experienced in insurance company operations and related matters. Under the terms of the Flexpoint Agreement, Flexpoint has agreed to purchase 2,087,683 shares of our common stock for \$9.58 per share, subject to certain anti-dilution provisions, for aggregate proceeds of approximately \$20 million, as more fully described in this Proxy Statement. The per share purchase price of \$9.58 is based on the volume-weighted average sale price of ARC shares for the period September 21, 2006 to October 4, 2006, the ten day period immediately preceding our board of directors meeting on October 5, 2006. Flexpoint's commitment to this purchase is conditioned upon the closing of the NLASCO acquisition and stockholder approval, as well as certain other conditions set forth in the Flexpoint Agreement. The Company will also reimburse Flexpoint Partners for its costs and expenses associated with the due diligence and negotiation of the NLASCO Agreement. Flexpoint Partners assisted the Company in the sourcing, due diligence and negotiation of the NLASCO acquisition and the NLASCO Agreement on a non-compensated basis. Gerald J. Ford, who is one of our directors and the beneficial owner of 17.6% of our common stock and who has entered into the Investment Agreement, is a limited partner of Flexpoint Fund, L.P., having committed \$50 million of total committed funding of \$225 million. As a limited partner of Flexpoint, Mr. Ford is *pari passu* with all other limited partners of Flexpoint and has no financial interest in, or management authority of, Flexpoint Partners, the entity that manages Flexpoint. Upon the closing under the Flexpoint Agreement, Flexpoint will have the right to appoint an observer to

ARC's board of directors. It is anticipated that Flexpoint Partners will continue to assist the Company in the future regarding the Company's insurance-related operations.

Additional information regarding the Flexpoint Agreement is set forth hereinafter in this Proxy Statement.

**Charter Amendment (Page 121)**

On October 13, 2006, our board adopted and declared advisable an amendment to our charter relating to certain NOLs which are available to us to offset our future taxable income. To attempt to ensure preservation of the NOLs in accordance with U.S. Federal income tax law, the proposed charter amendment will generally prohibit any direct or indirect sale, transfer, assignment, conveyance, pledge or other disposition of shares of stock of the Company or warrants, rights or options to purchase stock of the Company or any other interests that would be treated as stock of the Company under the income tax regulations promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, if as a result of such sale, transfer, assignment, conveyance, pledge or other disposition any person or group would beneficially own five percent or more of the market value of the total outstanding shares of common stock of the Company or the percentage of common stock of the Company owned by a five percent or greater stockholder would be increased.

Any attempted transfer in violation of the foregoing restrictions will be null and void unless the transferor or transferee obtains the written approval of the Company's board of directors. The restrictions will not apply to an attempted transfer of the Company's common stock by Gerald J. Ford or his affiliates or associates unless such transfer would result in Gerald J. Ford and his affiliates and associates becoming the beneficial owner of more than 21% (subject to prospective or retroactive approval by the board) of the shares of common stock then outstanding. Our board intends to grant a waiver of this restriction to allow Mr. Ford and his affiliates and associates to acquire shares of our common stock under the Investment Agreement.

Additional information regarding the charter amendment is set forth hereinafter in this Proxy Statement.

## SUMMARY HISTORICAL AND PRO FORMA FINANCIAL DATA

The following tables present summary historical financial information for ARC and NLASCO and pro forma combined financial information. The historical and pro forma results presented are not necessarily indicative of future results.

Our pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheet reflects adjustments to our historical financial data to give effect to (i) the NLASCO acquisition, (ii) the issuance of our common stock under the Flexpoint Agreement and (iii) the completion of our concurrent rights offering and the issuance of our common stock under the Investment Agreement and the resulting use of proceeds, as if each had occurred on September 30, 2006. Pro forma results incorporate only continuing operations.

Our pro forma condensed consolidated statements of operations reflect adjustments to our historical financial data to give effect to the (i) NLASCO acquisition, (ii) the issuance of our common stock under the Flexpoint Agreement and (iii) the completion of our concurrent rights offering and the issuance of our common stock under the Investment Agreement and the resulting use of proceeds, as if each had occurred on January 1, 2005.

The summary historical and pro forma financial data set forth below should be read in conjunction with the information contained in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes for each of ARC and NLASCO appearing elsewhere in this Proxy Statement or incorporated by reference.

**AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DATA**  
(in thousands)

	Pro Forma Nine Months Ended Sept. 30, 2006	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Pro Forma Year Ended Dec. 31, 2005	Year Ended December 31,		
	(unaudited)	2006	2005	(unaudited)	2005	2004	2003
<b>Revenue</b>							
Rental income	\$ 155,154	\$ 155,154	\$ 141,970	\$ 191,558	\$ 191,558	\$ 171,557	\$ 116,629
Net premiums earned	95,948			107,752			
Sales of manufactured homes	7,582	7,582	34,599	39,331	39,331	14,224	21,965
Utility and other income	24,274	19,457	16,470	26,083	22,256	17,682	14,081
Net investment income	5,732			6,022			
Net consumer finance interest income	982	982					
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>289,672</b>	<b>183,175</b>	<b>193,039</b>	<b>370,746</b>	<b>253,145</b>	<b>203,463</b>	<b>152,675</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Property operations	51,601	51,601	56,957	76,000	76,000	67,950	40,516
Real estate taxes	14,984	14,984	11,975	16,361	16,361	15,127	9,485
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	44,394			48,569			
Cost of manufactured homes sold	6,376	6,376	32,173	37,105	37,105	17,301	18,623
Retail home sales, finance and insurance	7,050	7,050	14,241	18,072	18,072	8,187	7,208
Property management	4,727	4,727	7,541	9,781	9,781	7,127	5,527
General and administrative	49,284	14,386	19,217	70,415	27,634	29,372	17,001
Initial public offering related costs						4,417	
Early termination of debt	556	556				16,685	
Depreciation and amortization	65,988	64,559	54,696	79,765	77,859	61,086	39,857
Real estate and retail home asset impairment			23,158	21,822	21,822	3,358	1,385
Goodwill impairment			74,793	78,783	78,783	863	
Loss on sale of airplane	541	541					
Net consumer finance interest expense			669	525	525	1,319	
Interest expense	61,682	58,345	52,319	72,161	72,569	58,357	58,726

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	Pro Forma Nine Months Ended Sept. 30, 2006	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005	Pro Forma Year Ended Dec. 31, 2005			
Total expenses	307,183	223,123	347,739	529,359	436,511	291,149
						198,328
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Interest income	(1,126)	(1,126)	(1,384)	(2,267)	(2,267)	(1,611)	(1,434)
Loss before allocation to minority interest and provision for income taxes	(16,385)	(38,824)	(153,316)	(156,346)	(181,099)	(86,075)	(44,219)
Provision for income taxes	(7,031)			(8,227)			
Loss before allocation to minority interest	(23,416)	(38,824)	(153,316)	(164,573)	(181,099)	(86,075)	(44,219)
Minority interest	45	744	6,278	3,795	7,313	5,557	6,110
Loss from continuing operations	(23,371)	(38,080)	(147,038)	(160,778)	(173,786)	(80,518)	(38,109)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations		2,552	(5,820)		(10,485)	3,078	948
Gain (loss) on sale of discontinued operations		31,130	(678)		(678)	(8,549)	3,333
Income tax expense on discontinued operations		(239)					
Minority interest in discontinued operations		(1,175)	276		476	296	(592)
Net loss	(23,371)	(5,812)	(153,260)	(160,778)	(184,473)	(85,693)	(34,420)
Preferred stock dividend	(7,734)	(7,734)	(7,734)	(10,312)	(10,312)	(8,966)	
Net loss attributable to common stockholders	\$ (31,105)	\$ (13,546)	\$ (160,994)	\$ (171,090)	\$ (194,785)	\$ (94,659)	\$ (34,420)
Loss per share from continuing operations							
Basic loss per share	\$ (0.57)	\$ (1.11)	\$ (3.79)	\$ (3.15)	\$ (4.50)	\$ (2.36)	\$ (2.25)
Diluted loss per share	\$ (0.57)	\$ (1.11)	\$ (3.79)	\$ (3.15)	\$ (4.50)	\$ (2.36)	\$ (2.25)
Income (loss) per share from discontinued operations							
Basic income (loss) per share	\$ 0.78	\$ (0.15)		\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.13)	\$ 0.22	
Diluted income (loss) per share	\$ 0.78	\$ (0.15)		\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.13)	\$ 0.22	
Loss per share attributable to common stockholders							
Basic loss per share	\$ (0.57)	\$ (0.33)	\$ (3.94)	\$ (3.15)	\$ (4.76)	\$ (2.49)	\$ (2.03)
Diluted loss per share	\$ (0.57)	\$ (0.33)	\$ (3.94)	\$ (3.15)	\$ (4.76)	\$ (2.49)	\$ (2.03)
Weighted average share/unit information:							
Common shares outstanding	54,639	41,263	40,875	54,272	40,896	37,967	16,973
Common shares issuable upon exchange of OP units and PPU's outstanding	3,367	3,367	4,607	4,492	4,492	3,387	2,726
Diluted shares outstanding	58,006	44,630	45,482	58,764	45,388	41,354	19,699

**AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DATA**  
(in thousands)

December 31,

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	Pro Forma September 30, 2006	September 30, 2006	December 31,		
			2005	2004	2003
(unaudited)					
Rental and other property, net	\$ 1,403,804	\$ 1,403,471	\$ 1,454,689	\$ 1,408,328	\$ 797,817
Cash and cash equivalents	51,864	31,109	27,926	32,859	22,605
Loan reserves and restricted cash	41,688	41,688	42,110	38,340	50,098
Total assets	1,804,227	1,561,483	1,728,481	1,813,002	1,125,833
Notes payable	1,104,459	1,053,959	1,146,931	947,478	739,572
Total liabilities	1,231,487	1,099,562	1,252,484	1,097,296	817,849
Stockholders' equity	543,190	433,217	444,095	659,047	265,345

**NLASCO, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DATA**  
(in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Year Ended December 31,		
	2006	2005	2005	2004	2003
	(unaudited)		(unaudited)		
<b>Revenue</b>					
Net premiums earned	\$ 95,948	\$ 79,777	\$ 107,752	\$ 92,289	\$ 88,686
Net investment income	5,987	4,422	6,362	4,367	3,296
Other income	4,817	2,867	3,827	3,102	4,052
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>106,752</b>	<b>87,066</b>	<b>117,941</b>	<b>99,758</b>	<b>96,034</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	44,394	39,044	48,569	42,998	46,462
Policy acquisition and other underwriting expenses	38,541	36,638	42,781	31,677	30,631
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>82,935</b>	<b>75,682</b>	<b>91,350</b>	<b>74,675</b>	<b>77,093</b>
<b>Income before income taxes</b>	<b>23,817</b>	<b>11,384</b>	<b>26,591</b>	<b>25,083</b>	<b>18,941</b>
<b>Provision for income taxes</b>					
Current	7,031	3,386	8,227	10,317	6,608
Deferred	1,156	473	987	(1,118)	(175)
<b>Total income taxes</b>	<b>8,187</b>	<b>3,859</b>	<b>9,214</b>	<b>9,199</b>	<b>6,433</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 15,630</b>	<b>\$ 7,525</b>	<b>\$ 17,377</b>	<b>\$ 15,884</b>	<b>\$ 12,508</b>
Loss and loss adjustment expense ratio (GAAP)	46.3%	48.9%	45.1%	46.6%	52.4%
Underwriting expense ratio (GAAP)	31.4%	38.6%	32.4%	28.6%	29.3%
Combined ratio (GAAP)	77.7%	87.5%	77.5%	75.2%	81.7%

Loss and loss adjustment expense ratio (GAAP) is the ratio (expressed as a percentage) of losses and loss adjustment expenses to net premiums earned. This is a basic measurement of underwriting profitability.

The underwriting expense ratio (GAAP) is the ratio (expressed as a percentage) of policy acquisition and other underwriting expenses, as adjusted, to net earned premiums. This is a measurement of management's relative efficiency in administering its operations. We adjust policy acquisition and other underwriting expenses by (a) other revenue that represents fee income and (b) interest expense included in underwriting expenses.

The combined ratio (GAAP) is the sum of the loss ratio and the expense ratio. If the combined ratio is at or above 100%, an insurance company generally cannot be profitable without sufficient investment income.

**NLASCO, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DATA**  
(in thousands)

September 30, 2006	December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003



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	December 31,			
	(unaudited)			(unaudited)
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Investments	134,530	134,178	121,432	102,621
Cash and cash equivalents	43,202	29,068	17,961	7,338
Total assets	244,246	253,017	222,493	192,028
Loss and loss adjustment expenses	22,308	41,379	24,648	17,061
Unearned premiums	71,175	70,661	70,377	65,904
Notes payable	56,374	56,382	59,333	52,029
Total liabilities	158,206	182,007	167,439	153,012
Stockholders' equity	86,040	71,010	55,054	39,016

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## RISK FACTORS

*Before you vote to approve any of the matters set forth in this Proxy Statement, you should carefully consider the risks described below in addition to other information contained in or incorporated by reference into this Proxy Statement, including the section entitled "Forward-Looking Statements." Additional risks not presently known to us or which we consider immaterial based on information currently available to us may also materially adversely affect us and/or NLASCO itself.*

### **Risks Related to the NLASCO Acquisition**

*Our management has limited prior experience operating an insurance company like NLASCO and therefore may have difficulty in successfully and profitably operating NLASCO or complying with regulatory requirements applicable to insurance companies.*

Our management has limited experience operating an insurance company like NLASCO or complying with regulatory requirements applicable to insurance companies like NLASCO. Operating an insurance company is complex. The insurance industry is highly competitive and has historically been characterized by periods of significant price competition, alternating with periods of greater pricing discipline during which competitors focus on other factors. In addition, insurance companies are subject to comprehensive regulation and supervision in those states in which they write insurance policies and in which they are domiciled. Significant changes in the political and regulatory climate could result in changes in these laws and regulations and could make it more expensive or less profitable for us to manage an insurance company. Because we could encounter difficulties in operating an insurance company and complying with regulatory requirements applicable to insurance companies, you should be especially cautious in drawing conclusions about the ability of our management team to execute its business strategies as they relate to this acquisition.

*We may fail to realize many of the anticipated potential benefits of the NLASCO acquisition.*

We will not receive any anticipated benefits of the NLASCO acquisition if it does not close, and achieving the anticipated benefits of the acquisition will depend in part upon whether we can integrate NLASCO's operations into our own in an efficient and effective manner. We may not be able to accomplish this integration process smoothly or successfully. The necessity of coordinating geographically separated organizations and addressing possible differences in corporate cultures and management philosophies may increase the difficulties of integration. The integration of certain operations following the acquisition will require the dedication of significant management resources, which may temporarily distract management's attention from day-to-day business. Employee uncertainty and/or lack of management focus during the integration process may also disrupt our business and NLASCO's business. Any inability of our management to integrate successfully NLASCO's operations into our own could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of our operations. We may not be able to achieve the anticipated cross-selling opportunities, the development and marketing of more comprehensive insurance product offerings, cost savings, revenue growth or the consistent use of our best practices. A failure of our due diligence process to identify significant issues with respect to product quality and development, information technology, and legal and financial contingencies or other liabilities could lead to unanticipated complications. Such complications could result in significant losses since the acquisition is structured as a stock purchase in which we will assume substantially all of the liabilities of NLASCO. An inability to realize the full extent of, or any of, the anticipated benefits of the acquisition, as well as any delays encountered in the integration and transition process, could have an adverse effect upon our revenues, level of expenses and operating results, which may affect the value of our common stock after the closing of the acquisition.

*Our ability to use net operating loss carryovers to reduce future tax payments may be limited.*

Our net operating loss and other carryovers ("NOLs") may be limited if the Company undergoes an ownership change. Generally, an ownership change occurs if certain persons or groups increase their aggregate ownership in the Company by more than 50 percentage points looking back over the prior three-year period. If an ownership change occurs, our ability to use our NOLs to reduce income taxes is limited to an annual amount ("Section 382 limitation") equal to the fair market value of our common stock immediately prior to the ownership change multiplied by the long term tax-exempt interest rate, which is published monthly by the Internal Revenue Service, or IRS. In the event of an ownership change, NOLs that exceed the Section 382 limitation in any year will continue to be allowed as carryforwards for the remainder of the carryforward period and such excess NOLs can be used to offset taxable income for years within the carryforward period subject to the Section 382 limitation in each year. Whether or not an ownership change occurs, the carryforward period for NOLs is either 15 or 20 years from the year in which the losses giving rise to the NOLs were incurred. If the carryforward period for any NOL were to expire before that NOL had been fully utilized, the unused portion of that NOL would be lost. Our use of new NOLs arising after the date of an ownership change would not be affected by the Section 382 limitation (unless there were another ownership change after those new NOLs arose).

Based on our knowledge of shareholder ownership of ARC, we do not believe that an ownership change has occurred since our IPO that would limit our post-IPO NOLs. Accordingly we believe that there is no annual limitation under Section 382 of the Code imposed on our use of post-IPO NOLs to reduce future taxable income. Our pre-IPO NOLs are subject to an annual limitation of approximately \$17 million annually. This annual limitation may cause \$12 million of our pre-IPO NOLs not to be used before the pre-IPO NOLs expire. In addition, we believe that the consummation of the rights offering and/or the acquisition will not result in an ownership change.

Nevertheless, if (i) Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond purchase the shares of our common stock under the Investment Agreement, (ii) no stockholders exercise their subscription rights and Hunter's Glen/Ford backstops the rights offering in full, (iii) the transactions contemplated by the NLASCO Agreement are consummated and (iv) the transactions contemplated by the Flexpoint Agreement are consummated, there is an increased likelihood that we will experience an ownership change in the future. In that case, Mr. Ford's beneficial ownership interest in our common stock will increase to approximately 31.6% from approximately 17.6%, and the ownership interest of the remaining current common stockholders, who currently own in the aggregate approximately 82.4% of our common stock, will decrease to approximately 62.3%. As a result, there would be a substantial increase in the aggregate ownership of the Company of 43.7 percentage points looking back over the prior three year period. While this is below the 50 percentage points threshold required by Section 382 of the Code in order for the Company to experience an ownership change, the consummation of the transactions described above would increase the likelihood of an ownership change in the future. As of December 31, 2006, we estimate that we will have \$194 million of post-IPO NOLs. If an ownership change were to occur, such post-IPO NOLs would be subject to an annual limitation of \$19 million based upon a fair market value of \$454 million of our common stock and using the long term tax-exempt interest rate of 4.22% in effect for December 2006.

The determination of whether an ownership change has occurred or will occur as a result of such transactions is complicated and may also depend on other changes in percentage stock ownership among stockholders not related to the transactions described above. Therefore, no assurance can be provided as to whether an ownership change has occurred or will occur in whole or in part as a result of such transactions. We have not obtained, and currently do not plan to obtain, an IRS ruling or opinion of counsel regarding our conclusions as to whether the pre-IPO NOLs or post-IPO NOLs are subject to any such limitations. In addition, limitations imposed by Section 382 may prevent us from issuing additional common stock to raise capital or to acquire businesses or properties. To the extent

not prohibited by our certificate of incorporation, we may decide in the future that it is necessary or in our interest to take certain actions that could result in an ownership change.

In order to avoid an ownership change and preserve the benefits of the Company's NOLs, on July 11, 2006, the Company entered into a Stockholder Rights Plan, or Rights Plan, which will be exercisable if a person or group acquires beneficial ownership of 5% or more of our common stock or commences a tender or exchange offer upon consummation of which such person or group would beneficially own 5% or more of our common stock.

At the Special Meeting, the Company's stockholders will vote on whether to approve an amendment to the Company's charter to restrict certain acquisitions of the Company's securities in order to preserve the benefit of the Company's NOLs. The Company's board of directors intends to terminate the Rights Plan if the charter amendment is approved. If any of our stockholders increase their beneficial ownership percentage in our common stock through future acquisitions, there is an increased possibility that the provisions under the Rights Plan or the charter amendment, as applicable, may be triggered.

***We must obtain governmental and other regulatory consents to complete the acquisition, which, if delayed, not granted or granted with unacceptable conditions, may jeopardize or postpone the completion of the acquisition, result in additional expenditures of money and resources and/or reduce the anticipated benefits of the acquisition.***

We must obtain certain approvals and consents in a timely manner from Federal and state regulatory agencies prior to the completion of the acquisition. If we do not receive these approvals, or do not receive them on a timely basis or on terms that satisfy the conditions set forth in the NLASCO Agreement, then we will not be obligated to complete the acquisition. The governmental agencies from which we will seek these approvals have broad discretion in administering the governing regulations. As a condition to approval of the acquisition, agencies may impose requirements, limitations or costs that could negatively affect the way that we conduct business after the acquisition. These requirements, limitations or costs could jeopardize or delay the completion of the acquisition. If we agree to any material requirements, limitations or costs in order to obtain any approvals required to complete the acquisition, these requirements, limitations or additional costs could adversely affect our ability to integrate NLASCO's operations into our own and reduce the anticipated benefits of the acquisition. This could result in a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations, or cause us to be unable to complete the acquisition.

***NLASCO must obtain certain third party consents in order for us to be able to maintain certain loans and reinsurance contracts following the closing.***

Certain of the existing loan agreements and reinsurance contracts that NLASCO currently has in place, and which we want to keep in place as part of this transaction, require the consent of the lender or reinsurer in the event of a change of control of NLASCO. This transaction will result in a change of control, and NLASCO will need to obtain consents in order to maintain these agreements and contracts. If NLASCO does not receive these consents, then we will not be obligated to complete the NLASCO acquisition.

***The integration of NLASCO's information systems into our own may be more costly than we anticipate, may not be completed on time or the integrated systems may not function properly.***

Our success after the acquisition will depend in part on our ability to efficiently integrate NLASCO's information systems with our information systems. Our business and NLASCO's business depend upon numerous information systems for operational and financial information. We may not be able to integrate NLASCO's systems into our own or implement new information systems that can

integrate successfully the disparate operational and financial information systems. Furthermore, we may experience unanticipated delays, complications and expenses in implementing, integrating and operating our systems. In addition, the integration of information systems may require modifications, improvements or replacements that may require substantial expenditures and may require interruptions in operations during the integration period. Integration of these systems is further subject to the availability of information technology and skilled personnel to assist us in creating and integrating the systems. If the integration takes longer or is more expensive than anticipated, or if we fail to successfully complete the integration or if the integrated information systems fail to perform as expected, our operations may be disrupted and we may not comply with the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or SOX. This may increase our costs, reduce our revenue and/or harm our business.

***If we acquire NLASCO, we may need to incur significant costs to ensure that NLASCO is in compliance with SOX, which may increase the time and costs of completing the acquisition and, even after making such expenditures, we may not be able to achieve compliance.***

NLASCO is not currently required to be in compliance with the provisions of SOX regarding the adequacy of its internal controls. Since ARC affiliated entities are required to comply with SOX, we could incur substantial costs and use a substantial amount of our management's time to develop the internal controls of NLASCO to achieve compliance with SOX. The incurrence of substantial costs to achieve compliance could adversely affect our financial condition. If we fail to implement, achieve or maintain an effective system of internal controls or to prevent fraud, such failures would require additional disclosures in certain of our filings and we could suffer losses and could be subject to costly litigation. In addition, if we would be required to make additional disclosures in our SEC filings, investors could lose confidence in our reported financial information, and our image and operating results could be harmed, which could have a negative effect on the trading price of our common stock.

***If the acquisition's benefits do not meet the expectations of our stockholders or financial or industry analysts, the market price of our common stock may decline.***

The market price of our common stock may decline as a result of the acquisition if:

we do not achieve the perceived benefits of the acquisition as rapidly as, or to the extent anticipated by, our stockholders or financial or industry analysts; or

the effect of the acquisition on our financial results is not consistent with the expectations of our stockholders or financial or industry analysts.

Accordingly, our stockholders may experience a loss as a result of a decrease in the price of our common stock.

***We may experience difficulties in retaining NLASCO's current employees after the acquisition and during integration which could cause us to fail to realize the anticipated potential benefits of the acquisition.***

Our success in integrating the NLASCO acquisition will depend in part upon our ability to retain the key employees of NLASCO. Competition for qualified personnel can be very intense. In addition, key employees may depart because of issues relating to the uncertainty or difficulty of integration or a desire not to remain with us or NLASCO after integration. Accordingly, we may not be able to retain key employees to the same extent that we and/or NLASCO have been able to do so in the past.

*We may experience difficulties in retaining NLASCO's current agents after the acquisition which could cause us to fail to realize the anticipated potential benefits of the acquisition.*

Our success in integrating the NLASCO acquisition also will depend in part on our ability to retain NLASCO's current agents who write business with NLIC and ASIC. Our inability to retain these agents could have an adverse impact on our business.

*Under the NLASCO Agreement, we are required to indemnify the Sellers against certain matters.*

Under the NLASCO Agreement, we have agreed, subject to certain minimum and maximum thresholds and other limitations, to indemnify the Sellers against any breach of any representation, warranty or covenant made in connection with the acquisition. These indemnification obligations generally survive closing of the acquisition. Any indemnity payment that we may be required to make to the Sellers could harm our financial results and/or adversely affect our business.

#### **Risks Related to NLASCO's Business and NLASCO's Industry**

*The occurrence of severe catastrophic events may have a material adverse effect on NLASCO, particularly because NLASCO conducts business in a concentrated geographic area.*

NLASCO expects to have large aggregate exposures to natural and man-made disasters, such as hurricanes, hail, tornados, windstorms, floods, wildfires and acts of terrorism. NLASCO expects that its loss experience generally will include infrequent events of great severity. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which occurred on August 29 and September 24, 2005, respectively, are such examples. The risks associated with natural and man-made disasters are inherently unpredictable, and it is difficult to predict the timing of these events with statistical certainty or estimate the amount of loss any given occurrence will generate. Although NLASCO may attempt to exclude certain losses such as terrorism and other similar risks from some coverages NLASCO writes, it may not be successful in doing so. The extent of losses from a catastrophe is a function of both the total amount of policyholder exposure in the geographic area affected by the event and the severity of the event. The occurrence of losses from catastrophic events may have a material adverse effect on NLASCO's ability to write new business and on its financial condition and results of operations. Increases in the values and geographic concentrations of policyholder property and the effects of inflation have resulted in increased severity of industry losses in recent years, and NLASCO expects that these factors will increase the severity of losses in the future. Factors that may influence NLASCO's exposure to losses from these types of events in addition to the routine adjustment of losses include: exhaustion of reinsurance coverage; increases in reinsurance rates; unanticipated litigation expenses; unrecoverability of ceded losses; impact on independent agent operations and future premium income in areas affected by catastrophic events; unanticipated expansion of policy coverage or reduction of premium due to regulatory, legislative and/or judicial action following a catastrophic event; and unanticipated demand surge related to other recent catastrophic events, among others.

NLASCO writes insurance primarily in the states of Texas, Arizona, Tennessee, Oklahoma and Louisiana. In 2005, premiums written in Texas accounted for 70% of direct written premiums. As a result, a single catastrophe, destructive weather pattern, wildfire, terrorist attack, regulatory development or other condition or general economic trend affecting this region or significant portions of this region could adversely affect NLASCO's financial condition and results of operations more significantly than other insurance companies that conduct business across a broader geographic area. Although NLASCO purchases catastrophe reinsurance to limit its exposure to these types of catastrophes, in the event of one or more major catastrophes resulting in losses to it in excess of \$150 million, NLASCO's losses would exceed the limits of its reinsurance coverage.

***NLASCO is exposed to claims related to severe weather and the occurrence of severe weather may result in an increase in claims frequency and exposure amount and could materially adversely affect its financial condition.***

NLASCO is subject to claims arising out of severe weather, such as hurricanes, tornados, rainstorms, snowstorms, hailstorms, windstorms and ice storms that may have a significant effect on its financial condition and results of operations. The majority of its business is written in Texas, Arizona and Oklahoma, which have been experiencing extreme drought conditions, making the risk of loss from wildfires more prevalent. The incidence and severity of weather conditions are inherently unpredictable. Some forecasters predict that the world is currently in a cycle of more numerous and more severe hurricanes.

NLASCO's insured risks generally exhibit higher losses in the second and third quarters of the year due to a seasonal concentration of weather-related events in its primary geographic markets. Although weather-related losses (including hail, high winds, tornadoes and hurricanes) can occur in any calendar quarter, the second quarter historically has experienced the highest frequency of losses associated with these events. For example, for the last five years, the contribution of weather-related catastrophes to the consolidated second quarter net loss ratio was on average approximately four points greater than the average contribution of such catastrophes in the other three quarters. Hurricanes are more likely to occur in the third quarter.

From 2001 through 2005, NLASCO's average annual net catastrophe losses after reinsurance recoveries were \$5.0 million, with an average of two catastrophic events in excess of \$1.0 million in losses per year. During this period, the year least impacted by catastrophes (2001) experienced no catastrophic events while the year most impacted (2005) experienced \$12.5 million in such losses with two events exceeding \$1.0 million. Before reinsurance recoveries, NLASCO incurred \$116.5 million (including loss adjustment expenses) in catastrophe related losses in 2005, primarily related to hurricane losses from Katrina and Rita. However, NLASCO's net loss after reinsurance for the two hurricanes was \$12.5 million. NLASCO incurred \$5.9 million (including loss adjustment expenses) in catastrophe related losses for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. For the nine months ended September 30, 2006, NLASCO's net catastrophe loss experience was \$4.5 million after reinsurance. In addition, NLASCO is exposed to an increase in claims frequency and exposure amount under the homeowners and dwelling fire insurance it writes because property damage may result from severe weather conditions.

***Due to the inherent inability to accurately predict the severity and frequency of catastrophe losses, higher than expected catastrophe losses could materially adversely affect NLASCO's financial condition.***

NLASCO utilizes catastrophe modeling to assess its probable maximum insurance losses from hurricane and other wind/hail perils and to structure its catastrophe reinsurance program to minimize its exposure to high severity/high frequency types of losses. Hurricane Katrina highlighted the challenges inherent in predicting the impact of catastrophic events, such as a severe hurricane. The catastrophe models generally failed to adequately project the financial impact of Hurricane Katrina. This experience highlights the limitations inherent in the use of modeling as a means of risk assessment/abatement. If the exposure amount and frequency of catastrophe losses are higher than predicted under NLASCO's modeling, NLASCO's financial condition may be materially adversely affected.

***If NLASCO cannot price its business accurately, its profitability and the profitability of its insurance companies could be materially adversely affected.***

NLASCO's results of operations and financial condition depend on its ability to underwrite and set premium rates accurately for a wide variety of risks. Adequate rates are necessary to generate

premiums sufficient to pay losses, loss adjustment expenses and underwriting expenses and to earn a profit. To price its products accurately, NLASCO must (1) collect and properly analyze a substantial amount of data, (2) develop, test and apply appropriate pricing techniques, (3) closely monitor and recognize changes in trends in a timely manner and (4) project both severity and frequency of losses with reasonable accuracy. NLASCO's ability to undertake these efforts successfully and price its products accurately is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, some of which are outside its control, including:

the availability of sufficient reliable data and NLASCO's ability to properly analyze available data;

changes in applicable legal liability standards and in the civil litigation system generally;

NLASCO's selection and application of appropriate pricing techniques;

NLASCO's ability to obtain regulatory approval, where necessary;

the uncertainties that inherently characterize estimates and assumptions; and

NLASCO's ability to obtain adequate premium rates to offset higher reinsurance costs.

Consequently, NLASCO could underprice risks, which would adversely affect its profit margins, or it could overprice risks, which could reduce its competitiveness and sales volume. In either case, its profitability and the profitability of its insurance companies could be materially adversely affected.

***If NLASCO's actual losses and loss adjustment expenses exceed its loss and expense estimates, its financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.***

NLASCO's financial condition and results of operations depend upon its ability to assess accurately the potential losses associated with the risks that it insures. NLASCO establishes reserve liabilities to cover the payment of all losses and loss adjustment expenses incurred under the policies that it writes. Such liability estimates include case estimates, which are established for specific claims that have been reported to NLASCO, and liabilities for claims that have been incurred but not reported, or IBNR. Loss adjustment expenses represent expenses incurred to investigate and settle claims. To the extent that losses and loss adjustment expenses exceed estimates, NLIC and ASIC will be required to increase their reserve liabilities and reduce their income before income taxes in the period in which the deficiency is identified. In addition, increasing reserves causes a reduction in policyholders' surplus and could cause a downgrading of the ratings of NLIC and ASIC. This in turn could hurt the ability to sell insurance policies.

The liability estimation process for NLASCO's casualty insurance coverage possesses characteristics that make case and IBNR reserving inherently less susceptible to accurate actuarial estimation than is the case with property coverages. Unlike property losses, casualty losses are claims made by third parties of which the policyholder may not be aware and therefore may be reported a significant time after the occurrence, sometimes years later. As casualty claims most often involve claims of bodily injury, assessment of the proper case estimates is a far more subjective process than claims involving property damage. In addition, in determining the case estimate for a casualty claim, information develops slowly over the life of the claim and can subject the case estimation to substantial modification well after the claim was first reported. Numerous factors impact the casualty case reserving process, such as venue, the amount of monetary damage, legislative activity, the permanence of the injury and the age of the claimant.

The effects of inflation could cause the severity of claims from catastrophes or other events to rise in the future. Increases in the values and geographic concentrations of policyholder property and the effects of inflation have resulted in increased severity of industry losses in recent years, and NLASCO expects that these factors will increase the severity of losses in the future. As NLASCO observed in



2005, the severity of some catastrophic weather events, including the scope and extent of damage and the inability to gain access to damaged properties, and the ensuing shortages of labor and materials and resulting demand surge, provide additional challenges to estimating ultimate losses. NLASCO's liabilities for losses and loss adjustment expenses include assumptions about future payments for settlement of claims and claims handling expenses, such as medical treatments and litigation costs. To the extent inflation causes these costs to increase above liabilities established for these costs, NLASCO expects to be required to increase its liabilities with a corresponding reduction in its net income in the period in which the deficiency is identified.

Estimating an appropriate level of liabilities for losses and loss adjustment expenses is an inherently uncertain process. Accordingly, actual loss and loss adjustment expenses paid will likely deviate, perhaps substantially, from the liability estimates reflected in NLASCO's consolidated and combined financial statements. Claims could exceed NLASCO's estimate for liabilities for losses and loss adjustment expenses, which could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition and results of operations.

***If NLASCO cannot obtain adequate reinsurance protection for the risks it underwrites, NLASCO may be exposed to greater losses from these risks or may reduce the amount of business it underwrites, which may materially adversely affect its financial condition and results of operations.***

NLASCO uses reinsurance to protect itself from certain risks and to share certain risks it underwrites. During 2005, NLASCO's personal lines ceded 21% of its direct premiums written (primarily through excess of loss, quota share and catastrophe reinsurance treaties) and its commercial lines ceded 4% of its direct premiums written (primarily through excess of loss and catastrophe reinsurance treaties). The total cost of reinsurance inclusive of per risk excess and catastrophe has increased 73.3% in 2006. This includes additional catastrophe limits purchased. Reinsurance cost will likely increase for 2007, in part due to the frequency and severity of hurricanes and/or the lack of capacity in the reinsurance market.

From time to time, market conditions have limited, and in some cases have prevented, insurers from obtaining the types and amounts of reinsurance that they have considered adequate for their business needs. Accordingly, NLASCO may not be able to obtain desired amounts of reinsurance. Even if NLASCO is able to obtain adequate reinsurance, it may not be able to obtain it from entities with satisfactory creditworthiness or negotiate terms that it deems appropriate or acceptable. Although the cost of reinsurance is, in some cases, reflected in NLASCO's premium rates, NLASCO may have guaranteed certain premium rates to its policyholders. Under these circumstances, if the cost of reinsurance were to increase with respect to policies for which NLASCO guaranteed the rates, NLASCO would be adversely affected. In addition, if NLASCO cannot obtain adequate reinsurance protection for the risks it underwrites, it may be exposed to greater losses from these risks or it may be forced to reduce the amount of business that it underwrites for such risks, which will reduce NLASCO's revenue and may have a material adverse effect on its results of operations and financial condition.

***NLASCO could face unanticipated losses from war, terrorism and political unrest, and these or other unanticipated losses could have a material adverse effect on NLASCO's financial condition and results of operations.***

Although NLASCO believes that it does not have exposure to the events of September 11, 2001 because it did not have insurance in-force at that time with respect to exposure to such events, NLASCO has exposure to unexpected losses resulting from future man-made catastrophic events, such as acts of terrorism and political instability. These risks are inherently unpredictable. It is difficult to predict the timing of such events with statistical certainty or to estimate the amount of loss that any given occurrence will generate. In certain instances, NLASCO specifically insures risks resulting from

acts of terrorism. Even in cases where NLASCO attempts to exclude losses from terrorism and certain other similar risks from some coverages it writes, NLASCO may not be successful in doing so. Irrespective of the clarity and inclusiveness of policy language, a court or arbitration panel may limit enforceability of policy language or otherwise issue a ruling adverse to NLASCO. Accordingly, while NLASCO believes its reinsurance programs, together with the coverage provided under the Terrorism Act and the Terrorism Extension Act, are sufficient to reasonably limit its net losses relating to potential future terrorist attacks, its reserves may not be adequate to cover losses when they materialize. Under the Terrorism Act, after an act of terrorism is certified by the Secretary of the Treasury, NLASCO may be entitled to be reimbursed by the Federal Government for a percentage of subject losses, after an insurer deductible and subject to an annual cap. The Terrorism Act covers an insurance company's operations for up to 90% of its losses for 2005 and 2006 and for up to 85% of its losses for 2007, in each case subject to certain mandatory deductibles. The deductible is calculated by applying the deductible percentage to the insurer's direct earned premiums for covered lines from the calendar year immediately preceding the applicable year. Although the Terrorism Act and the Terrorism Extension Act provide benefits in the event of certain acts of terrorism, such acts may not be extended beyond 2007 or their benefits may be reduced. It is not possible to eliminate completely NLASCO's exposure to unforecasted or unpredictable events, and to the extent that losses from such risks occur, NLASCO's financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

***If NLASCO's reinsurers do not pay losses in a timely fashion, or at all, NLASCO may incur substantial losses that could materially adversely affect its financial condition and results of operations.***

As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, NLASCO had \$36.2 million and \$33.7 million, respectively, in reinsurance recoverables, including ceded paid loss recoverables, ceded losses and loss adjustment expense recoverables and ceded unearned premiums. At September 30, 2006, NLASCO had \$10.0 million in reinsurance recoverables, including ceded paid loss recoverables, ceded losses and loss adjustment expense recoverables and ceded unearned premiums. NLASCO expects to continue to purchase substantial reinsurance coverage in the foreseeable future. Since NLASCO remains primarily liable to its policyholders for the payment of their claims, regardless of the reinsurance it has purchased relating to those claims, in the event that one of its reinsurers becomes insolvent or otherwise refuses to reimburse NLASCO for losses paid, or delays in reimbursing NLASCO for losses paid, its liability for these claims could materially and adversely affect its financial condition and results of operations. As an example, if one of NLASCO's catastrophe reinsurers experienced financial difficulties following one of the major hurricanes in 2005 and had been unable to meet its obligations to NLASCO, NLASCO could have experienced difficulty meeting its obligations to its policyholders.

***NLASCO relies on independent insurance agents to distribute its products, and if the agents do not promote NLASCO's products successfully, NLASCO's results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected.***

NLASCO's business depends in large part on the efforts of independent insurance agents to market its insurance products and on its ability to offer insurance products and services that meet the requirements of the customers. While NLASCO strives to offer products its agents require, NLASCO competes for business with other carriers based on the scope of coverage provided in its products, services, commissions and rates. NLASCO's competitors may offer coverage that is more attractive to particular customers than they offer for a specific product, may price their insurance products more aggressively, may offer higher agent commissions and may devote additional resources to improve their services. Accordingly, NLASCO's agents may find it easier to promote the programs of NLASCO's competitors rather than NLASCO's. If NLASCO's agents fail or choose not to market its insurance products successfully, its growth may be limited and its financial condition and results of operations may be adversely affected. Additionally, rather than utilizing an independent agent to buy their insurance, consumers may elect to deal with direct-writers or mass marketers who utilize the Internet to

advertise and/or underwrite their business. Industry developments that centralize and commoditize insurance products could be detrimental to NLASCO's agency distribution model of doing business.

***Because NLASCO relies on managing general agents, referred to as MGAs, to underwrite some of its products and to administer claims, such managing general agents could expose NLASCO to liability or allocate business away from NLASCO, which could cause NLASCO's financial condition and results of operations to be adversely affected.***

NLASCO has developed programs with MGAs, whereby the MGA will, within the guidelines NLASCO establishes, underwrite insurance policies on NLASCO's insurance subsidiaries' behalf with oversight by NLASCO. An MGA is a person, firm or corporation that has supervisory responsibility for the local agency and field operations of an insurer in the state where it is organized or that is authorized by an insurer to accept or process on the insurer's behalf insurance policies produced and sold by other agents. While NLASCO exercises care in the selection of its MGA relationships and regularly audits the performance of its MGAs, NLASCO is at risk for their conduct as a result of the authority it has delegated to them. If one of NLASCO's MGAs binds NLASCO's insurance subsidiaries to policies that expose it to unexpected losses or fails to appropriately report claims, NLASCO's financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected. For example, if a terminated MGA fails to continue to appropriately report claims during the runoff period, then liabilities for losses and loss adjusted expenses could be deficient, which would impact NLASCO's results of operations in future periods. Furthermore, subject to contractual limitations, MGAs have the ability to change carriers or increase or decrease the allocation to a particular carrier. An MGA might choose to change carriers or allocations for reasons such as pricing, service, conditions in the reinsurance market or a change in ownership of an MGA.

***NLASCO's success depends in substantial part upon its key employees who have knowledge and experience in its target markets and lines of business.***

In order to execute its business strategy successfully, NLASCO must attract and retain qualified executive officers, experienced underwriting and claims personnel and other skilled employees who are knowledgeable about its business. NLASCO relies substantially upon the services of its executive management team and the skilled underwriting, actuarial and claims management teams they supervise. While we anticipate that we will retain all of the key personnel in these areas, if NLASCO were to lose the services of certain members of its management team, its business could be adversely affected. ARC does not currently have any employment agreements with its employees, but upon consummation of the NLASCO acquisition, NLASCO will have employment agreements with Clifton Robinson, Gordon Robinson and Gregory Vanek. However, Clifton Robinson and Gordon Robinson will serve NLASCO in a reduced capacity following the acquisition, serving more in an advisory role as opposed to being in charge of day-to-day operations, and Gregory Vanek will assume additional responsibilities with respect to the operations of NLASCO. NLASCO does not currently maintain key man life insurance policies for any of its employees or employment agreements with any of its other employees.

***NLASCO's future growth depends on its ability to hire additional underwriting and marketing personnel.***

NLASCO's future growth will require it to hire additional underwriting and marketing talent as it expands its product offerings. NLASCO's underwriters manage and review all aspects of its commercial and personal insurance lines and personally underwrite all of its commercial lines policies, all of its personal lines policies that do not satisfy its established underwriting guidelines and a random sampling of those personal lines policies that otherwise do satisfy its established underwriting guidelines. As the underwriting function in many larger carriers becomes increasingly automated, there are fewer skilled underwriters of the type NLASCO requires. As a result, NLASCO may have difficulty finding talented replacements for members of its current underwriting team or additional underwriters that will enable

its business to grow. If NLASCO is unable to find talented underwriters to meet the growing demand for its products, its business could be adversely affected.

***A decline in NLIC's and/or ASIC's financial strength ratings by A.M. Best could cause either of their sales or earnings, or both, to decrease.***

Ratings have become an increasingly important factor in establishing the competitive position of insurance companies. A.M. Best maintains a letter scale rating system ranging from "A++ (Superior)" to "F (In Liquidation)" to rate the financial strength of insurance enterprises. NLIC has been rated "A (Excellent)" by A.M. Best, which is the third highest of fifteen rating levels. ASIC has been rated "B++ (Very Good)" by A.M. Best, which is the fifth highest.

Each of NLIC's and ASIC's financial strength ratings is subject to periodic review by, and may remain the same, be revised downward, upward or revoked at the sole discretion of, A.M. Best. A decline in either NLIC's or ASIC's rating or an announced negative outlook on the rating can cause concern about their viability among agents, brokers and policyholders, resulting in a movement of business away from NLASCO and its insurance company subsidiaries to more highly-rated carriers. In addition, the errors and omissions insurance coverage of many of NLASCO's independent agents does not provide coverage if the covered agents sell policies from insurers with an A.M. Best financial strength rating of "B+ (Very Good)" or below. As a result, the loss of NLIC's or ASIC's A.M. Best financial strength rating, or a reduction to "B+ (Very Good)" or worse, may adversely impact NLASCO's ability to retain or expand its policyholder base. Periodically, A.M. Best changes its rating methodology and practices. Such changes could result in a reduction of NLIC's or ASIC's A.M. Best rating.

***If we acquire NLASCO, our financial condition could have an adverse impact on NLIC's and ASIC's financial strength ratings.***

If we acquire NLASCO, our financial condition could have an adverse impact on NLIC's and ASIC's financial strength ratings by A.M. Best. A.M. Best evaluates a wholly-owned insurance subsidiary in a manner similar to that used with a commercial insurance company, but with consideration given to the financial risk of the parent. A.M. Best applies a risk-evaluation process to the parent and its relationship to the wholly-owned insurance subsidiary. A.M. Best focuses on balance sheet strength (including capital adequacy and loss and loss expense reserve adequacy), operating performance and business profile. As such, any deficiencies in our financial condition could have an adverse impact on NLIC's and ASIC's A.M. Best ratings. Any downgrade of these ratings could cause brokers, agents, retail brokers or insureds with whom NLIC and ASIC work to choose other, more highly rated competitors, thus adversely affecting their and our business and results of operations.

***A decline in NLASCO's ratings coupled with a change of control could result in a default under one of its debt agreements.***

NLASCO has entered into an indenture under which an aggregate of \$20 million in notes are outstanding, which provides that (i) if a person or group becomes the beneficial owner directly or indirectly of 50% or more of its equity securities and (ii) if NLASCO's ratings are downgraded by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act), then each holder of the notes governed by such indenture has the right to require that NLASCO purchase such holder's notes in whole or in part at a price equal to 107.5% of the outstanding principal amount prior to March 10, 2010, or 100.0% thereafter. A change of control under the indenture will occur as a result of an acquisition of NLASCO by ARC. As a result, if a downgrading occurs following the acquisition, then each holder of notes under the indenture would have the right to require NLASCO to repurchase its notes. This required repayment risk could

cause liquidity issues to both NLASCO and ARC, could impair NLASCO's ability to obtain additional financing and would likely increase the cost of any financing that it does obtain.

***The failure of any of the loss limitation methods NLASCO employs could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition and results of operations.***

At the present time, NLASCO employs a variety of endorsements to its policies that limits its exposure to known risks, such as exclusions for mold losses and water damage. NLASCO's policies are also not designed to provide coverage for claims related to exposure to potentially harmful products or substances including, but not limited to, lead paint and silica. NLASCO's homeowners policies, other than policies specifically written for flood coverage, specifically exclude coverage for losses caused by flood, but generally provide coverage for damage caused by wind. In addition, NLASCO's policies contain conditions requiring the prompt reporting of claims and its right to decline coverage due to late claim reporting. NLASCO's policies also include limitations restricting the period during which a policyholder may bring a breach of contract or other claim against it, which in many cases is shorter than the applicable statutory limitations for such claims. It is possible that a court or regulatory authority could nullify or void an exclusion or legislation could be enacted modifying or barring the use of endorsements and limitations in a way that would adversely affect NLASCO's loss experience, which could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition and results of operations.

***The effects of emerging claim and coverage issues on NLASCO's business are uncertain.***

As industry practices and legal, judicial, social and other environmental conditions change, unexpected and unintended issues related to claims and coverage may emerge. These issues may adversely affect NLASCO's business by either extending coverage beyond its underwriting intent or by increasing the number or size of claims. In some instances, these changes may not become apparent until long after NLASCO has issued insurance policies that are affected by the changes. As a result, the full extent of liability under NLASCO's insurance policies may not be known until after a contract is issued.

An example of the potential threats to NLASCO's business and that of the insurance industry as a whole are legal and regulatory actions that have emerged from the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Legal actions have been filed against other insurers in Mississippi and Louisiana seeking to extend coverage under homeowners policies to include rising water from the hurricane storm surge. Many cases on this issue remain pending and, in the event legal or regulatory mandates override the industry standard flood exclusion clauses in homeowners policies, NLASCO could experience a material adverse effect on its financial condition and results of operations. Changes in other legal theories of liability under NLASCO's insurance policies or the failure of any loss limitation it applies could also adversely impact NLASCO's financial condition and results of operations.

***Because NLASCO's main source of premiums written is in Texas, unfavorable changes in the economic and/or regulatory environment in that state may have a material adverse effect on its financial condition and results of operations.***

Texas accounted for approximately 70% of NLASCO's direct premiums written in 2005 and 71% for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. The loss of a significant amount of NLASCO's premiums written in Texas, whether due to an economic downturn, competitive changes, regulatory or legislative developments or other reasons, could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition and results of operations.

*If NLASCO is unsuccessful in competing against other competitors in the insurance industry, its financial condition and results of operations could be adversely affected.*

The insurance industry is highly competitive and has historically been characterized by periods of significant price competition, alternating with periods of greater pricing discipline during which competitors focus on other factors. In the current market environment, competition in NLASCO's industry is based primarily on the following:

products offered;

service;

experience;

the strength of agent and policyholder relationships;

reputation;

speed and accuracy of claims payment;

perceived financial strength;

ratings;

scope of business;

commissions paid; and

policy and contract terms and conditions.

NLASCO competes with many other insurers, including large national companies who have greater financial, marketing and management resources than NLASCO. Many of these competitors also have better ratings and market recognition than NLASCO. NLASCO seeks to distinguish itself from its competitors by providing a broad product line and targeting those market segments that provide the best opportunity to earn an underwriting profit.

NLASCO also faces competition from entities that self-insure, primarily in the commercial insurance market. From time to time, established and potential customers may examine the benefits and risks of self-insurance and other alternatives to traditional insurance.

In addition, a number of new, proposed or potential industry developments could also increase competition in NLASCO's industry. These developments include, but are not necessarily limited to, changes in practices and other effects caused by the Internet (including direct marketing campaigns by NLASCO's competitors in established and new geographic markets), which have led to greater competition in the insurance business and increased expectations for customer service. These developments could prevent NLASCO from expanding its book of business.

NLASCO also faces competition from new entrants into the insurance market. New entrants do not have historic claims or losses to address and therefore may be able to price policies on a basis that is not favorable to NLASCO. New competition could reduce the demand for NLASCO's insurance products, which could have a material adverse effect on its financial condition and results of operations.

*NLASCO's investment performance may suffer as a result of adverse capital market developments or other factors, which may affect its financial results and ability to conduct business.*

NLASCO invests the premiums it receives from policyholders until they are needed to pay policyholder claims or other expenses. As of September 30, 2006, NLASCO's invested assets consisted of \$116.6 million in fixed maturity securities, \$11.2 million in equity securities and \$5.9 million in real estate loans. As of December 31, 2005 and 2004, NLASCO's invested assets consisted of \$114.5 million

and \$109.2 million in fixed maturity securities, \$12.6 million and \$11.5 million in equity securities and \$6.6 million and \$0.6 million in real estate loans, respectively. For the nine months ended September 30, 2006, NLASCO had \$6.0 million of net investment income representing 5.6% of NLASCO's total revenues and 25.1% of its income before taxes. For the year ended December 31, 2005, NLASCO had \$6.4 million of net investment income representing 5.4% of its total revenues and 23.9% of its income before taxes. For the year ended December 31, 2004, NLASCO had \$4.4 million of net investment income representing 4.3% of its total revenues and 17.4% of its income before taxes. Although NLASCO's investment policies stress diversification of risks, conservation of principal and liquidity, its investments are subject to a variety of investment risks, including those relating to general economic conditions, market volatility, interest rate fluctuations, liquidity risk and credit and default risk. In particular, the volatility of NLASCO's claims may force it to liquidate securities, which may cause it to incur capital losses. If NLASCO's investment portfolio is not appropriately matched with its insurance liabilities, it may be forced to liquidate investments prior to maturity at a significant loss to cover these liabilities. Investment losses could significantly decrease its asset base and statutory surplus, thereby adversely affecting its ability to conduct business and potentially its A.M. Best financial strength rating. Further, developments in the world's financial and capital markets, including but not limited to Federal and state legislation related to terrorism insurance and reinsurance, such as the extension of or replacement for the Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act of 2005, could adversely affect the performance of NLASCO's investments. Additionally, inflation could increase beyond NLASCO's ability to earn investment income to keep pace.

***NLASCO's investment results may be adversely affected by interest rate changes.***

NLASCO's operating results are affected, in part, by the performance of its investment portfolio. NLASCO's investment portfolio contains instruments, such as bonds, that may be adversely affected by increases in interest rates. Because bond trading prices decrease as interest rates rise, a significant increase in interest rates could have a material adverse effect on NLASCO's financial condition and results of operations. On the other hand, decreases in interest rates could have an adverse effect on NLASCO's investment income and results of operations. For example, if interest rates decline, investment of new premiums received and funds reinvested will earn less. Interest rates are highly sensitive to many factors, including governmental monetary policies, domestic and international economic and political conditions and other factors beyond NLASCO's control.

As of September 30, 2006, mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities constituted 10.7% of NLASCO's cash and invested assets. As with other fixed-income investments, the fair market value of these securities fluctuates depending on market and other general economic conditions and the interest rate environment. Changes in interest rates can expose NLASCO to prepayment risks on these investments. When interest rates fall, mortgage-backed securities typically are prepaid more quickly and the holder must reinvest the proceeds at lower interest rates. NLASCO's mortgage-backed securities currently consist of securities with features that reduce the risk of prepayment, but NLASCO can make no assurance that it will invest in other mortgage-backed securities that contain this protection. In periods of increasing interest rates, mortgage-backed securities typically are prepaid more slowly, which may require NLASCO to receive interest payments that are below the then prevailing interest rates for longer time periods than expected.

***The debt agreements of NLASCO and its controlled affiliates contain financial covenants and impose restrictions on its business.***

NLASCO's loan agreement governing its note due April 2007, with an outstanding principal balance of approximately \$3 million, contains restrictions on its ability to, among other things:

create liens;



sell assets;

incur additional indebtedness;

declare or pay dividends;

consolidate or merge;

engage in certain businesses;

make certain loans, advances or investments;

compensate its owners and executives; and

enter into transactions with affiliates.

In addition, this loan agreement provides that an event of default will occur if C. Clifton Robinson or his affiliates fail to own 50% of the issued and outstanding stock of NLASCO. A change of control under the loan agreement will occur as a result of an acquisition of NLASCO by ARC. The loan agreement also requires that NLASCO meet certain financial tests and maintain certain financial ratios, including a minimum capital percentage ratio and minimum consolidated capital. The indebtedness under this loan agreement is guaranteed by C. Clifton Robinson, C.C. Robinson Property Company, Ltd. and C.C. Robinson Property Company II, Ltd. These restrictions may discourage the acquisition, and may delay, deter or prevent a change in control of NLASCO, unless consent of necessary parties is obtained under the terms of these debt agreements.

NLASCO's indenture governing its LIBOR plus 3.40% notes due 2035 contains restrictions on its ability to, among other things, declare and pay dividends and merge or consolidate. In addition, this indenture contains a change of control provision, which provides that (i) if a person or group becomes the beneficial owner directly or indirectly of 50% or more of NLASCO's equity securities and (ii) if NLASCO's ratings are downgraded by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (as defined in Exchange Act), then each holder of the notes governed by such indenture has the right to require that NLASCO purchase such holder's notes in whole or in part at a price equal to 107.5% of the outstanding principal amount at any time prior to March 10, 2010, and at 100% of the outstanding principal amount thereafter.

NLIC's surplus indentures governing its LIBOR plus 4.10% notes due 2033 and ASIC's surplus indenture governing its LIBOR plus 4.05% notes due 2034 contain restrictions on dividends and mergers and consolidations. In addition, NLASCO has other credit arrangements with its affiliates and other third parties.

NLASCO's ability to comply with these covenants may be affected by events beyond its control, including prevailing economic, financial and industry conditions. The breach of any of these restrictions could result in a default under the loan agreements or indentures governing the notes or under its other debt agreements. An event of default under its debt agreements would permit some of its lenders to declare all amounts borrowed from them to be due and payable, together with accrued and unpaid interest. If NLASCO were unable to repay debt to its secured lenders, these lenders could proceed against the collateral securing that debt. In addition, acceleration of its other indebtedness may cause NLASCO to be unable to make interest payments on the notes. NLASCO will seek to obtain waivers of these covenants, if necessary or appropriate, for the debt it intends to keep on its books as a condition precedent to the closing of its acquisition by ARC, but there can be no assurances that NLASCO's lenders will grant any such waiver requested. If such waivers are not granted, NLASCO may need to pay off the debt and seek new financing. There can be no assurances that new financing will be available or, if available, will be on terms as favorable or acceptable to NLASCO.

Other agreements that NLASCO or its insurance company subsidiaries may enter into in the future may contain covenants imposing significant restrictions on their businesses that are similar to, or

in addition to, the covenants under their existing agreements. These restrictions may affect NLASCO's ability to operate its business and may limit its ability to take advantage of potential business opportunities as they arise.

*The regulatory system under which NLIC and ASIC operate, and potential changes to that system, could have a material adverse effect on their respective business activities.*

NLIC and ASIC are subject to comprehensive regulation and supervision in those states in which they are domiciled and write insurance policies. Though NLIC and ASIC currently write most of their policies in Texas, Arizona, Tennessee, Oklahoma and Louisiana, NLIC is licensed in 18 states and ASIC is licensed in 27 states. Laws and regulations pertaining to NLIC and ASIC are generally administered by state insurance departments and relate to, among other things:

standards of solvency, including risk-based capital measurements;

restrictions on the nature, quality and concentration of investments;

required methods of accounting;

rate and policy form regulation and other market conduct; and

potential assessments for the provision of funds necessary for covered claims under certain policies provided by impaired, insolvent or failed insurance companies.

These state insurance departments also conduct periodic examinations of insurance companies and require the filing of annual and other reports relating to financial condition, holding company issues and other matters. Current or future regulatory requirements may adversely affect or inhibit each of the insurance company's ability to achieve some or all of its business objectives.

NLIC and ASIC may not be able to obtain or maintain necessary licenses, permits, authorizations or accreditations in states where they are currently licensed or in new states they intend to enter, or they may be able to do so only at a significant cost. In addition, they may not be able to comply fully with, or obtain appropriate exemptions from, the wide variety of laws and regulations applicable to insurance companies and insurance holding companies, which could result in restrictions on their operating flexibility and could subject them to fines and other sanctions that may have a material adverse effect on their business.

Significant changes in the political and regulatory climate could result in changes in applicable laws and regulations and could make it more expensive and/or less profitable to manage their business. In recent years, the U.S. insurance regulatory framework has come under increased Federal scrutiny, and some state legislators have considered or enacted laws that may alter or increase state regulation of insurance and reinsurance companies and holding companies. Moreover, the NAIC and state insurance regulators regularly reexamine existing laws and regulations and develop new laws. Changes in laws and regulations or their interpretation could have a material adverse effect on the insurance companies' financial condition and results of operations.

The activities of the insurance companies' MGAs are subject to licensing requirements and regulation under the laws of the states in which they operate. The insurance companies' MGAs' businesses depend on the validity of, and continued good standing under, the licenses and approvals pursuant to which they operate, as well as compliance with pertinent laws and regulations.

Company licensing laws and regulations vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. In all jurisdictions, the applicable company licensing laws and regulations are subject to amendment or interpretation by regulatory authorities. Generally these authorities are vested with relatively broad discretion to grant, renew and revoke licenses and approvals for various reasons, including the violation of law and conviction of crimes. Other sanctions may include the suspension of individual employees, limitations

on engaging in a particular business for specified periods of time, revocation of licenses, censures, redress to policyholders and fines. Although NLASCO and its insurance subsidiaries endeavor to follow practices based on good faith interpretations of laws and regulations, or those generally followed by the industry, these practices may prove to be different from those that the regulatory authorities require.

*If the states in which NLIC and ASIC write insurance drastically increase the assessments that insurance companies are required to pay, their and NLASCO's financial condition and results of operations will suffer.*

NLIC and ASIC are subject to a variety of taxes, fines, levies, license fees, tariffs and other assessments that may, from time to time, be material. These assessments are made by the states in which NLIC and ASIC operate and include participation in residual market or involuntary risk plans in various states that provide insurance coverage to individuals or entities that otherwise are unable to purchase such coverage from private insurers. Due to this participation, NLIC and ASIC may be exposed to material losses. They are also subject to assessments in the states in which they write insurance for various purposes, including the provision of funds necessary to fund the operations of various insurance guaranty associations, which pay covered claims under certain policies issued by impaired, insolvent or failed insurance companies. These assessments are generally set based on an insurer's percentage of the total premiums written in the relevant state within a particular line of business for the relevant time period. From 1999 to 2004, NLASCO's other assessments in any year did not exceed \$1.0 million. For the year ended December 31, 2004, NLASCO paid no other assessments. For the year ended December 31, 2005, NLASCO's other assessments were \$10.4 million with \$4.4 million paid in 2005 and \$6.0 million paid in 2006, principally related to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas (see next paragraph), and additional or emergency hurricane-related assessments could follow. For the nine months ended September 30, 2006, NLASCO paid an assessment of \$0.4 million to cover the claims of an impaired insurer in Texas. As NLIC's and ASIC's total premiums written grow, NLASCO's share of any assessments may increase. However, NLASCO cannot predict with certainty the amount of future assessments, because such assessments depend on factors outside NLASCO's control, such as the insolvencies of other insurance companies, the market shares of other insurance companies writing in a particular state and the degree to which other companies write in coastal areas. Generally, in most states, NLIC and ASIC can take a credit against their premium taxes for these assessments over a stipulated number of years.

NLASCO is subject to assessments from the Georgia Underwriting Association, Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation or LCPIC, Mississippi Windstorm Underwriting Association, or MWUA, the Texas FAIR Plan Association and the Texas Windstorm Insurance Association, or TWIA. LCPIC, MWUA and TWIA have estimated plan losses due to losses incurred from the hurricanes that struck Louisiana and Texas in the third quarter of 2005, and are thereby able to levy regular and emergency assessments to participating companies and policyholders, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2005, NLASCO's insurance company subsidiaries were assessed \$10.4 million based on estimated losses and NLASCO's market shares in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. Additional assessments may follow. NLASCO does not expect such assessments to have a net financial statement impact as all such assessments are recoverable (subject to treaty limits) under its reinsurance treaties. Further, NLASCO may be able to recoup a regular assessment through a surcharge to policyholders. Such recoupments will be refunded to reinsurers as the related premiums are written and collected. NLASCO is required to collect emergency assessments directly from residential property policyholders and remit them to LCPIC as they are collected.

NLASCO continues to monitor developments with respect to various state facilities such as the Georgia Underwriting Association, LCPIC, MWUA, the Texas FAIR Plan Association and the TWIA. The ultimate impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on these facilities is currently uncertain, but could result in the facilities recognizing a financial deficit different than the level currently estimated. They may, in turn, have the ability to assess participating insurers when financial deficits occur. However,

NLASCO will not incur any net expense or loss from any such assessments due to reinsurance recoveries.

***NLASCO may be subject to high retaliatory taxes in several states as a result of its multistate operations, which could have a material adverse impact on its financial condition and results of operations.***

Nearly all states impose a retaliatory tax on insurers operating in their state that are domiciled in another state. Retaliatory taxes are based on the principle that if the aggregate taxes, fees and obligations imposed by an insurer's domiciliary state are greater than the aggregate taxes, fees and obligations imposed by the taxing state, then the difference is payable to the taxing state as a retaliatory tax. For example, the State of Texas imposes various premium-based taxes that, in the aggregate, total approximately 2.0% of gross written premiums in Texas. The State of Illinois imposes various premium-based taxes that, in the aggregate, total approximately 0.5% of gross written premiums in Illinois. The Illinois retaliatory tax provisions would require a Texas-domiciled insurer operating in Illinois to pay the 0.5% aggregate Illinois taxes plus a 1.5% incremental amount representing the difference between the Texas effective rate and the Illinois effective rate. Thus, a Texas-domiciled insurer would pay a 2.0% effective tax in Illinois while an Illinois-domiciled insurer would only pay a 0.5% effective tax. Insurance companies with multistate operations, like NLASCO, may find themselves subject to high retaliatory taxes in several states, which could have a material adverse impact on NLASCO's financial condition and results of operations.

***NLASCO's ability to meet ongoing cash requirements and pay dividends may be limited by its holding company structure and regulatory constraints.***

NLASCO operates as a holding company. Dividends and other permitted payments from its operating subsidiaries are expected to be its primary source of funds to meet ongoing cash requirements, including any future debt service payments and other expenses, and to pay dividends, if any, to its stockholders. NLIC and ASIC are subject to significant regulatory restrictions and limitations under debt agreements limiting their ability to declare and pay dividends, which could in turn limit NLASCO's ability to meet its ongoing cash requirements, including any future debt service payments and other expenses, or to pay dividends.

***Current legal and regulatory activities, investigations, litigation proceedings or other activities relating to the insurance industry, including investigations into contingent commission arrangements and insurance quotes regarding NLIC and ASIC, could affect NLASCO's business, financial condition and results of operations.***

Recently, the insurance industry has experienced substantial share price volatility as a result of current litigation, investigations and regulatory activity by various insurance, governmental and enforcement authorities concerning certain practices within the insurance industry. These practices include the payment of contingent commissions by insurance companies to insurance brokers and agents and the extent to which such compensation has been disclosed and the solicitation and provision of fictitious, inflated or mischaracterized quotes for insurance coverages. NLASCO paid less than 3.1% of its 2005 gross written premiums to its independent agents pursuant to contingent commission contracts.

NLASCO is unable to predict the potential effects, if any, that these investigations may have upon these arrangements in particular or upon the insurance markets and industry business practices in general or what, if any, changes may be made to laws and regulations regarding the industry and financial reporting. Any of the foregoing could materially and adversely affect its business, financial condition and results of operations.

***NLIC and ASIC are subject to periodic financial and market conduct examinations by state insurance departments. If these examinations identify significant findings or recommend significant changes to its operations, either insurance company could lose its licenses and/or its financial condition and results of operations could be affected.***

The insurance departments in every state in which NLASCO's insurance companies do business may conduct on-site visits and examinations of its insurance companies at any time and generally for any purpose, including review of NLASCO's insurance companies' financial condition, market conduct and relationships and transactions with affiliates. In addition, the Texas Department of Insurance will conduct comprehensive examinations of NLASCO's insurance companies every three to five years. NLIC's last regulatory exam was a full scope financial examination by the Texas Department of Insurance covering the period from January 1, 1997 through December 31, 2001, including material transactions and/or events occurring after December 31, 2001. ASIC's last regulatory exam was a full scope financial examination by the Texas Department of Insurance covering the period from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2003, including certain material transactions and/or events occurring after December 31, 2003. Neither examination resulted in any significant regulatory compliance issues being raised by the Texas Department of Insurance.

The March 26, 2002 Market Conduct Examination Report for ASIC issued by Arizona's Department of Insurance contained a recommendation that the Arizona Director of Insurance determine if cause existed to take disciplinary action against ASIC for various apparent law violations cited in the report. Subsequent to the issuance of the report, ASIC entered into a voluntary Consent Order with the Arizona Department of Insurance pursuant to which ASIC agreed to undertake various remedial actions in respect of the apparent law violations cited in the report. ASIC made reports to the Arizona Department required by the Consent Order, and the Arizona Department of Insurance has advised that, while compliance with the Consent Order is subject to further verification upon future examination, the Arizona Department of Insurance is satisfied that ASIC has completed the remedial requirements of the Consent Order. While there were no material adverse findings or recommended changes to NLASCO's or its insurance company subsidiaries' operations identified in the recently completed financial examinations conducted by the departments of insurance of other states, there can be no assurance that there will not be adverse findings or recommended changes identified by these or other state insurance departments in the future. In addition, significant adverse findings could lead to a revocation of NLASCO's or its insurance company subsidiaries' licenses. Any adverse findings or recommended changes resulting from such financial examinations, or from any future examinations, could have a material adverse effect on NLASCO's or its insurance company subsidiaries' financial condition and results of operation.

***NLASCO relies on its information technology and telecommunications systems, and the failure or disruption of these systems could disrupt its operations and adversely affect its results of operations.***

NLASCO's business is highly dependent upon the successful and uninterrupted functioning of its information technology and telecommunications systems. NLASCO relies on these systems to process new and renewal business, issue policies, provide customer service, make claims payments and facilitate collections and cancellations, as well as to perform actuarial and other analytical functions necessary for pricing and product development. NLASCO's systems could fail of their own accord or could be disrupted by factors such as natural disasters, power disruptions or surges, failure of third party systems or support, computer hackers, terrorist attacks or other factors beyond its control. Failure or disruption of these systems, or the back-up systems, for any reason could disrupt its operations and adversely affect its results of operations.

***Failures in NLASCO's electronic underwriting system could adversely affect its financial condition and results of operations.***

NLASCO's Internet-based Policy Agency Claim System, or PACS, was primarily developed in-house. PACS is fully integrated and is able to process quotes, policy issuance, billings, payments and claims. The system is designed for ease of use by agents and employees. PACS is an integral part of NLASCO's success, and the growth of its business is highly dependent upon it. Almost all applications are submitted online. Problems or errors of which NLASCO is not currently aware may have occurred in connection with the installation, upgrading or maintenance of this system or any of its other systems or may result from a major physical disaster or other calamity that causes damage to NLASCO's systems generally. A loss of PACS or any of NLASCO's other systems for a sustained period of time could have an adverse impact on its financial condition and results of operations.

***Failure to develop an adequate knowledge transfer or a succession plan for NLASCO's information technology personnel could adversely affect its financial condition and results of operations.***

The success of PACS and NLASCO's other systems depend heavily on the incumbent information technology team that developed the system. A loss of key members of this team without adequate knowledge transfer or a succession plan could disrupt NLASCO's operations and adversely affect its results of operations.

***Claims by third parties that NLASCO infringes their proprietary technology could adversely affect NLASCO's financial condition and results of operations.***

If NLASCO discovers that any of its products or technology that it licenses from third parties violate third party proprietary rights, NLASCO may not be able to reengineer its products or obtain a license on commercially reasonable terms to continue using the products or technology without substantial reengineering, or to otherwise modify programs. In addition, product and technology development is inherently uncertain in a rapidly evolving technology environment in which there may be numerous patent applications pending for similar technologies, many of which are confidential when filed. In addition, much of the software used by NLASCO may be used subject to a licensing agreement, and NLASCO's failure to comply with the terms for usage under any such licensing agreement could subject it to claims which could adversely impact its business. Although NLASCO sometimes may be indemnified by third parties against claims that licensed third party technology infringes proprietary rights of others, this indemnity may be limited, unavailable or, where the third party lacks sufficient assets or insurance, ineffective. NLASCO currently does not have liability insurance to protect against the risk that its technology or future licensed third party technology infringes the proprietary rights of others. Any claim of infringement, even if invalid, could cause NLASCO to incur substantial costs defending against the claim and could distract its management from the business. Furthermore, a party making such a claim could secure a judgment that requires NLASCO to pay substantial damages. A judgment could also include an injunction or other court order that could prevent NLASCO from using the products and technologies. Any of these events could have a material adverse effect on NLASCO's business, operating results and financial condition.

***Acquisitions could result in operating difficulties, dilution and other harmful consequences.***

From time to time, NLASCO may engage in discussions regarding potential acquisitions, including potential acquisitions that could be material to its financial condition and results of operations. NLASCO may acquire whole businesses or books of business that fit its underwriting competencies from insurance companies, MGAs and other agents. In addition, NLASCO may expand its business, product offerings and policyholder base by acquiring businesses in areas in which NLASCO has limited operating experience. The process of integrating an acquired company or book of business, including,

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without limitation, with respect to the recent acquisition of assets of Longhorn General Agency, Inc., may create unforeseen operating difficulties and expenditures. In particular:

NLASCO has achieved its prior success by applying a disciplined approach to underwriting and pricing in select markets that are not well served by its competitors. NLASCO may not be able to successfully implement its underwriting, claims management, pricing and product strategies in companies or books of business it acquires;

NLASCO may not be able to retain the agents associated with acquired businesses and as a result fail to realize the anticipated potential benefits of the acquisition;

NLASCO could be required to implement or remediate controls, procedures and policies for an acquired privately-held company that prior to acquisition may not have been required;

An acquisition could present cultural challenges associated with integrating employees from the acquired company into the organization, which could result in a loss of employees from the businesses NLASCO acquires and other adverse consequences;

NLASCO's management may have to divert its time and energy from operating the business to integration challenges;

NLASCO could have no prior experience operating the type of business that it acquires, which could create difficulties and result in NLASCO failing to realize many of the anticipated potential benefits of the acquisition; and

An acquisition could dilute NLASCO's book value per share or after-tax return on average equity.

The anticipated benefits of any acquisition may not materialize. Future acquisitions could result in the incurrence of debt or an assumption of inadequate liabilities for losses and loss adjusted expenses or claims management structures, any of which could harm NLASCO's financial condition. Future acquisitions may require NLASCO to obtain additional equity or debt financing, which may not be available on favorable terms or at all.

### ***Applicable insurance laws may make it difficult to effect a change of control of NLASCO.***

NLIC and ASIC are domiciled in Texas. Before a person can acquire control of an insurance company domiciled in Texas, prior written approval must be obtained from the Texas Department of Insurance. Acquisition of control would be presumed on the acquisition, directly or indirectly, of 10% or more of NLASCO's outstanding voting stock, unless the regulators determine otherwise. Prior to granting approval of an application to acquire control of a domestic insurer, the Texas Department of Insurance will consider factors such as:

the financial strength of the acquirer;

the integrity and management experience of the acquirer's board of directors and executive officers;

the acquirer's plans for the management of the insurer;

the acquirer's plans to declare dividends, sell assets or incur debt;

the acquirer's plans for the future operations of the domestic insurer;

the impact of the acquisition on continued licensure of the domestic insurer;

the impact on the interests of Texas policyholders; and

any anti-competitive results that may arise from the consummation of the acquisition of control.



These laws may discourage potential acquisition proposals and may delay, deter or prevent a change of control of NLASCO, including transactions that some or all of our stockholders might consider desirable.

**Risks Related to the Rights Offering, the Investment Agreement and the Flexpoint Agreement**

*The subscription price determined for the rights offering may not be indicative of the fair value of our common stock.*

The subscription price for our common stock in the rights offering was set by our board of directors. In determining the subscription price, our board of directors considered a number of factors, including: our need for capital to complete the NLASCO acquisition; our business prospects; the need to offer shares of common stock at a price that would be attractive to our stockholders relative to the current trading price of our common stock; the historic and current market price of our common stock; general conditions in the securities market and any difficulty in market conditions prevailing for the raising of equity capital; the likely cost of capital from other sources; historic and current trading prices for our common stock; our operating history; and the liquidity of our common stock. In conjunction with its review of these factors, our board of directors also reviewed analyses of prior rights offerings by other public companies, including the range of discounts to market value represented by the subscription prices in those rights offerings. The subscription price will not necessarily bear any relationship to the book value of our assets, net worth, past operations, cash flows, losses, financial condition or any other established criteria for fair value. You should not consider the subscription price as an indication of the fair value of our common stock. After the date of this Proxy Statement, our common stock may trade at prices above or below the subscription price.

*Stockholders who do not exercise their subscription rights will experience a dilution of their relative ownership interests.*

The rights offering is designed to enable us to raise capital while allowing all stockholders on the record date for the rights offering to maintain their relative proportionate voting and economic interests in the Company, before giving effect to the NLASCO acquisition and the Flexpoint transaction. Gerald J. Ford, director and beneficial owner of approximately 17.6% of our outstanding common stock, and ARC Diamond, one of Mr. Ford's affiliates, have agreed to purchase the shares of our common stock that they would otherwise have been entitled to receive pursuant to the subscription privilege in the rights offering in a private placement directly from us and not to exercise the subscription rights to purchase approximately 1,760,000 shares of our common stock that they receive in the rights offering. In addition, Hunter's Glen/Ford has agreed to backstop the rights offering, meaning that it will purchase any shares of common stock that remain unsold in the rights offering, other than shares issuable under the subscription rights of Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond, at \$8.00, the subscription price per share for the rights offering. To the extent that a stockholder does not exercise its rights and shares of common stock are purchased by other stockholders in the rights offering, such non-participating stockholders' proportionate voting interest will be reduced, and the percentage that such stockholders' original shares of common stock represent of our expanded equity after the rights offering will be diluted, before giving effect to the NLASCO acquisition or the Flexpoint Agreement. If Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond purchase the shares of our common stock under the Investment Agreement, no stockholders exercise their subscription rights and Hunter's Glen/Ford backstops the rights offering in full and the transactions under the NLASCO Agreement and the Flexpoint Agreement are completed, then Gerald J. Ford's beneficial ownership interest in our common stock will increase to approximately 31.6% from approximately 17.6%, and the ownership interest of the remaining current common stockholders, who currently own in the aggregate approximately 82.4% of our common stock, will decrease to approximately 62.3%. In the event that Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond purchase the shares of our common stock under the Investment Agreement, no stockholders

exercise their subscription rights and Hunter's Glen/Ford backstops the rights offering in full but the transactions under the NLASCO Agreement and the Flexpoint Agreement are not completed, then Gerald J. Ford's beneficial ownership interest in our common stock will increase to approximately 33.6%, and the remaining current stockholders' ownership interest will decrease to approximately 66.4%. In addition, after giving effect to the issuance and sale of our common stock in the rights offering and under the Investment Agreement, the holders of our special voting stock will experience dilution in their voting power.

***The issuance and sale of our common stock pursuant to the Flexpoint Agreement and the NLASCO Agreement will result in the dilution of the relative ownership interests of our other stockholders.***

Pursuant to the Flexpoint Agreement, Flexpoint has agreed to purchase 2,087,683 shares of our common stock for \$9.58 per share, subject to certain anti-dilution provisions. In addition, we will issue approximately 1,218,880 shares of our common stock to C. Clifton Robinson pursuant to the NLASCO Agreement upon the closing of the NLASCO acquisition. After giving effect to the issuance and sale of our common stock in the rights offering (and assuming pro rata exercise of our stockholders in the rights offering) and under the Investment Agreement and the issuance and sale of shares of our common stock under the Flexpoint Agreement and the NLASCO Agreement, Flexpoint will beneficially own approximately 3.9% of our outstanding common stock and Mr. Robinson will beneficially own approximately 2.2% of our outstanding common stock. As a result, the ownership interest of our other common stockholders, other than Mr. Ford and his affiliates, who currently own in the aggregate approximately 82.4% of our common stock, will decrease to approximately 77.4%. In addition, the holders of our special voting stock will experience dilution in their voting power as a result of the the issuance and sale of our common stock under the NLASCO Agreement and the Flexpoint Agreement.

***If we are unable to obtain the approval of our stockholders for the Investment Agreement or the Flexpoint Agreement, we will be required to obtain alternative sources of financing for our acquisition of NLASCO, and if we cannot obtain alternate financing, we could be unable to close the NLASCO acquisition or be in breach of the NLASCO Agreement.***

The Investment Agreement will ensure that ARC receives the full proceeds contemplated by the rights offering. If the Investment Agreement is not approved, we do not plan to complete the rights offering. A purpose of the rights offering is to raise capital to fund a portion of the purchase price of NLASCO, and it is intended that the issuance and sale of our common stock pursuant to the Flexpoint Agreement will fund an additional portion of the purchase price of NLASCO. Under the terms of the NLASCO Agreement, our obligation to consummate the NLASCO acquisition is not conditioned on the completion of the rights offering or the issuance and sale of shares of our common stock under the Investment Agreement or the Flexpoint Agreement or on our ability to obtain alternative financing. If the NLASCO acquisition is not consummated and it is determined, pursuant to the terms of the NLASCO Agreement, that we did not use our "reasonable best efforts" to obtain sufficient financing to consummate the NLASCO acquisition, then we will have breached the NLASCO Agreement and may be required to pay damages, up to specified maximum amounts, to the Sellers. In addition, we will have diverted significant financial and management resources in an effort to complete the NLASCO acquisition, for which we will have received little or no benefit. We are required to use our reasonable best efforts to obtain sufficient financing in order to avoid a breach of the NLASCO Agreement and, if the Investment Agreement or the Flexpoint Agreement is not approved, we will have to seek alternative sources of financing. Alternative sources of financing may not be available at all or may be available only on unfavorable terms and the process of seeking alternative sources of financing could divert the attention of our management from our day-to-day business operations. If we are determined to have breached the NLASCO Agreement, our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

***If Gerald J. Ford significantly increases his beneficial ownership percentage in the Company as a result of the rights offering, such increase could impact our board's determination that he is "independent".***

In accordance with the definitional criteria of SOX and the rules and regulations of the New York Stock Exchange, which we refer to as the NYSE, a majority of our directors on our nine-director board are deemed to be independent. Failure to maintain an independent board of directors could result in the delisting of our common stock from the NYSE, which could result in there being no public market for shares of our common stock. In as much as Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond have agreed to purchase shares of our common stock under the Investment Agreement and Hunter's Glen/Ford has agreed to backstop the rights offering (meaning that it would purchase any shares of common stock that remain unsold in the rights offering at the same subscription price per share), Mr. Ford may significantly increase his beneficial ownership in the Company. A significant increase in Mr. Ford's beneficial ownership could impact our board's determination as to whether he is an independent director. In addition, Mr. Ford's affiliation with other independent directors Carl B. Webb and James R. "Randy" Staff could impact our board's determination that they are independent. If our board determines that Messrs. Ford, Webb and Staff are not independent, then we would have to increase the number of independent directors on our board in order to remain compliant with NYSE listing requirements, or we would not meet the same and could be subject to delisting. Recruiting independent directors could require the dedication of significant management resources, which may temporarily distract management's attention from our day-to-day business. In addition, adding directors to our board would make it more difficult and more expensive for us to maintain director and officer liability insurance, and we may be required to accept reduced coverage or incur substantially higher costs to maintain coverage. If we are unable to maintain adequate director and officer insurance, our ability to recruit and retain qualified officers and directors, especially those directors who may be deemed independent for purposes of the rules and regulations of the SOX and the NYSE, will be significantly curtailed.

### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Proxy Statement and the documents incorporated by reference herein include "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Exchange Act by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this Proxy Statement that address results or developments that ARC and/or NLASCO expects or anticipates will or may occur in the future, where statements are preceded by, followed by or include the words "believes," "expects," "may," "will," "would," "could," "should," "seeks," "approximately," "intends," "plans," "projects," "estimates" or "anticipates" or the negative of these words and phrases or similar words or phrases, including such things as our business strategy, our ability to obtain future financing arrangements, estimates relating to our future distributions, our understanding of our competition, market trends, projected capital expenditures, the impact of technology on our products, operations and business are forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements are based on our beliefs, assumptions and expectations of our and/or NLASCO'S future performance taking into account all information currently available to us. These beliefs, assumptions and expectations are subject to risks and uncertainties and can change as a result of many possible events or factors, not all of which are known to us. If a change occurs, our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations may vary materially from those expressed in our forward-looking statements. These risks, along with the risks disclosed in the section of this Proxy Statement entitled "Risk Factors" beginning on page 13 and the following factors, could cause actual results to vary from our forward-looking statements:

failure to complete or timely complete the NLASCO acquisition;

failure of ARC to realize the benefits of the NLASCO acquisition or to complete it on favorable financing terms;

failure to adequately diligence the acquisition transaction;

failure of NLASCO's insurance subsidiaries to maintain their respective A.M. Best ratings;

failure to maintain NLASCO employees;

failure to maintain NLASCO's current agents;

lack of demand for insurance products;

cost or availability of adequate reinsurance;

changes in key management;

failure of NLASCO's reinsurers to pay obligations under reinsurance contracts;

failure of NLASCO to maintain sufficient reserves for losses on insurance policies;

failure of NLASCO to maintain appropriate insurance licenses;

competition confronting ARC from other forms of single or multifamily housing;

changes in market rental rates, supply and demand for affordable housing, the cost of acquiring, transporting, setting or selling manufactured homes;

the availability of manufactured homes from manufacturers;

the availability of cash or financing for ARC to acquire additional manufactured homes;

the ability of manufactured home buyers to obtain financing;

our ability to maintain or increase rental rates and maintain or improve occupancy;

the level of repossessions by manufactured home lenders;

the adverse impact of external factors such as changes in interest rates, inflation and consumer confidence;

our ability to identify acquisitions, have funds available for acquisitions, the pace of acquisitions and/or dispositions of communities and new or rental homes;

corporate debt ratings;

demand for home purchases in our communities and demand for financing of such purchases;

demand for rental homes in our communities;

the condition of capital markets;

actual outcome of the resolution of any conflict;

our ability to successfully integrate and operate acquired companies and/or properties;

our decision and ability to sell additional communities and the terms and conditions of any such sales and whether any such sales actually close;

issues arising from our decision not to continue to maintain our status as a REIT;

our ability to use NOL carryforwards to reduce future tax payments;

the impact of the Code and rules on our balance sheet and business operations;

our ability to pay dividends or make other distributions to our stockholders and the Operating Partnership's unitholders;

environmental uncertainties and risks related to natural disasters;

changes in and compliance with real estate permitting, licensing and zoning laws including legislation affecting monthly leases and rent control and increases in property taxes; and

changes in and compliance with licensing requirements regarding the sale of insurance and/or the sale or leasing of manufactured homes.

Consequently, all of the forward-looking statements made in this Proxy Statement are qualified by these cautionary statements and there can be no assurance that the actual results or developments anticipated by the Company and/or NLASCO will be realized, or even substantially realized, and that they will have the expected consequences to or effects on the Company and/or NLASCO and their respective business or operations. Forward-looking statements made in this Proxy Statement speak as of the date hereof. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement in this Proxy Statement.



### INFORMATION ABOUT ARC

ARC is a Maryland corporation that is engaged in the acquisition, renovation, repositioning and operation of primarily all-age manufactured home communities, the retail sale and financing of manufactured homes, the rental of manufactured homes and other related businesses including acting as agent in the sale of homeowners' insurance and related products, primarily to residents or prospective residents in ARC communities. ARC was organized in July 1998 and operates primarily through the Operating Partnership and its subsidiaries, of which ARC is the sole general partner and owned 96.5% as of September 30, 2006. Through the years ended December 31, 2005, ARC was organized as a fully integrated, self-administered and self-managed REIT for U.S. Federal income tax purposes. In March 2006, ARC's board of directors decided to revoke the Company's election as a REIT for U.S. Federal income tax purposes beginning for the year ending December 31, 2006.

As of September 30, 2006, ARC owned and operated 276 communities (excluding one community classified as discontinued operations) consisting of 57,375 homesites in 24 states with occupancy of 83.3%. ARC's five largest markets are: Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas, with 12.5% of total homesites; Atlanta, Georgia, with 8.7% of total homesites; Salt Lake City, Utah, with 6.6% of total homesites; the Front Range of Colorado, with 5.7% of total homesites; and Kansas City-Lawrence-Topeka, with 4.2% of total homesites. ARC also conducts a retail home sales business.

ARC's common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "ARC". ARC's Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "ARC-PA". ARC has no public trading history prior to February 12, 2004.

ARC's principal executive, corporate and property management offices are located at 7887 E. Belleview Avenue, Suite 200, Englewood, Colorado 80111, and ARC's telephone number is (303) 383-7500. ARC's Internet address is [www.aboutarc.com](http://www.aboutarc.com). The information contained on ARC's website is not part of this Proxy Statement.

For more information on ARC, please see "Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference" in this Proxy Statement.



## INFORMATION ABOUT THE NLASCO ACQUISITION AND NLASCO

*The following description of the acquisition of NLASCO, including the summary of the certain terms and provisions of the NLASCO Agreement, which is incorporated herein by reference, and the opinion we received from Sandler O'Neill, is qualified in its entirety by reference to the more detailed Appendices to this Proxy Statement. We urge you to read all of the Appendices to this Proxy Statement in their entirety.*

### Transaction Structure

Subject to the terms and conditions of the NLASCO Agreement, at the closing we will purchase from Sellers all of the outstanding shares of capital stock of NLASCO in exchange for cash in the amount of \$105,750,000 and 1,218,880 shares of our common stock, which shares will be issued to C. Clifton Robinson and placed in escrow pursuant to an escrow agreement described below. The purchase price will be subject to adjustments based on (1) the GAAP stockholders' equity of NLASCO as of the closing date as finally determined by the parties and (2) the amount of actual losses as of the 36-month anniversary of the closing date for claims arising out of events or circumstances that occurred or existed on or prior to the closing date, compared to the reserves for losses as reflected on the closing balance sheet for both reported claims and for incurred but not reported claims.

Prior to the closing, and subject to any necessary regulatory approvals or third party consents, Sellers will cause NLASCO to make a dividend or distribution to Sellers in an aggregate amount equal to the excess of (1) the estimated stockholders' equity over (2) \$71,009,382. In addition, NLASCO will repay approximately \$5.6 million aggregate principal amount of outstanding debt.

The NLASCO Agreement includes customary representations, warranties and covenants, as well as indemnification and termination provisions. At the closing, the parties will also enter into several ancillary agreements, including a noncompetition agreement, a registration rights agreement, an escrow agreement, a release, employment agreements and a share lock-up agreement. The NLASCO Agreement and the ancillary agreements are described below in " The NLASCO Agreement and Related Agreements."

### Background to the NLASCO Acquisition

As part of the ongoing evaluation of our business, we consider a variety of strategic alternatives. In that regard, representatives of the Company from time to time have discussed potential business acquisitions with representatives of various companies in complementary industries that might serve to expand our business, improve our competitive position and enhance stockholder value.

During late 2005, NLASCO's board of directors explored and evaluated potential strategic alternatives available to NLASCO. As part of this process, NLASCO engaged Banc of America Securities LLC, which we refer to as BAS, as its exclusive financial advisor in connection with the potential sale of NLASCO. During 2006, a number of parties were contacted to determine if they had a potential interest in pursuing a transaction with NLASCO. During the course of this process, parties that had expressed interest in a potential transaction with NLASCO and executed a confidentiality agreement with NLASCO were given access to an electronic data room where due diligence materials were made available and provided an opportunity to meet with senior management of NLASCO to answer questions.

In March 2006, Hunter's Glen/Ford, a private investment firm led by Gerald J. Ford, and Flexpoint Partners were independently contacted regarding a proposed purchase of NLASCO. Mr. Ford reviewed the investment opportunity and discussed with Flexpoint Partners whether Flexpoint Partners might be interested in pursuing the acquisition.

On April 6, 2006, Flexpoint Partners executed a confidentiality agreement with respect to NLASCO information and, on April 7, 2006, Flexpoint Partners began its due diligence.

In March and April 2006, representatives of Hunter's Glen/Ford and Flexpoint Partners reviewed the potential acquisition of NLASCO and determined to submit a joint indication of interest. At the time, Hunter's Glen/Ford and Flexpoint Partners had not determined which entity would serve as a potential buyer of NLASCO.

On April 17, 2006, representatives from Flexpoint Partners and BAS had a conference call to discuss the process and procedures for submitting an indication of interest.

On April 20, 2006, Hunter's Glen/Ford and Flexpoint Partners jointly submitted an indication of interest regarding the purchase of NLASCO.

Following the submission of the indication of interest by Hunter's Glen/Ford and Flexpoint Partners, representatives of the two investment firms had discussions with BAS regarding the proposed acquisition terms.

In May and June 2006, Hunter's Glen/Ford and Flexpoint Partners conducted further due diligence and performed internal analyses regarding the potential acquisition. In addition, representatives of these investment firms had several discussions about which entity would serve as an appropriate acquisition vehicle. In early June 2006, Hunter's Glen/Ford and Flexpoint Partners determined that an acquisition of NLASCO by ARC may be a beneficial transaction for the Company, and approached ARC regarding ARC's interest in pursuing the acquisition of NLASCO.

On June 8, 2006, at a meeting of ARC's board of directors, Gerald J. Ford informed ARC's board that there were a couple of potential acquisitions that were being reviewed that may benefit the Company, although nothing specific was mentioned about NLASCO.

On June 9, 2006, Clifton Robinson met with Gerald J. Ford to discuss the possible purchase of NLASCO. Mr. Ford indicated that the proposed acquisition would allow NLASCO to continue with its current business strategy and allow the business to be conducted in Waco, Texas.

On or about June 14, 2006, Gerald J. Ford informed Larry Willard, our chairman and chief executive officer, that Flexpoint Partners and Hunter's Glen/Ford had been looking at the possibility of acquiring NLASCO and stated that this could be a potential acquisition opportunity for ARC. Subsequently, ARC determined to look at the potential acquisition opportunity, and Flexpoint Partners and Hunter's Glen/Ford continued to assist ARC in the evaluation of the NLASCO acquisition.

Beginning in June 2006, ARC considered various ways to finance a possible acquisition of NLASCO. After extensively considering a number of possible financing alternatives, ARC decided to partially fund a possible acquisition of NLASCO by conducting a rights offering to its current stockholders. In connection therewith, ARC and Hunter's Glen/Ford discussed from time to time Hunter's Glen/Ford's acquiring our common stock in a private placement. After extensive discussions between the parties, on October 13, 2006, ARC and Hunter's Glen/Ford entered into the Investment Agreement, providing for the terms of Hunter's Glen/Ford's acquiring our common stock in the private placement. From time to time, ARC and Flexpoint had discussions regarding Flexpoint making an investment in ARC to help finance the NLASCO acquisition. After extensive discussions between the parties, on October 6, 2006, ARC and Flexpoint entered into the Flexpoint Agreement, providing for the terms of the Flexpoint's purchase of our common stock.

During June 2006, Flexpoint Partners, Hunter's Glen/Ford, ARC and BAS had several conversations regarding the proposed pricing and structure of the acquisition. BAS indicated that the NLASCO owners wanted to dividend or distribute out all earnings after 2005 and prior to the closing of any acquisition.

In June 2006, ARC retained Haynes and Boone, LLP, or Haynes and Boone, to represent ARC in the proposed acquisition of NLASCO. In June 2006, ARC asked Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, or Skadden, its regular counsel, to represent it in other corporate and securities matters in connection with the proposed acquisition, including the rights offering.

On June 22, 2006, in compliance with the June 22 bid submission deadline outlined by BAS, ARC submitted a final bid for the purchase of NLASCO. Following a review of all alternative offers and based on its determination that the proposal by ARC represented the superior proposal in terms consistent with NLASCO's strategic objectives, NLASCO chose to negotiate a definitive agreement with respect to an acquisition of NLASCO by ARC.

On June 28, 2006, BAS contacted representatives from Hunter's Glen/Ford and Flexpoint Partners to determine if we would be willing to increase the consideration payable for NLASCO. After several conversations among representatives of ARC, Hunter's Glen/Ford and Flexpoint Partners, ARC determined to increase its bid and communicated this increase to BAS. BAS informed ARC that NLASCO was willing to proceed with negotiations with ARC.

During July and August 2006, we, together with our advisors, conducted due diligence on NLASCO while negotiating the terms of the NLASCO Agreement.

At a meeting of our board of directors on July 27, 2006, a representative of Hunter's Glen/Ford and a representative of Flexpoint Partners, made a presentation regarding the status of the proposed acquisition and financing for the acquisition, including the use of a rights offering to raise cash for the acquisition. The board of directors discussed, among other things, ARC's strategic plans to expand its business and that NLASCO's business would be complementary to ARC's business. In addition, Mr. Ford raised to the board the possibility of Flexpoint Partners making an investment in ARC to support the contemplated acquisition. The board was advised that ARC had retained Haynes and Boone to represent it in the proposed acquisition and Skadden to represent it in its securities filings in connection with the proposed acquisition. In addition, the chairman of our audit committee approved the terms and fees of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP's engagement in connection with the acquisition, and the full audit committee ratified this approval.

Over the course of July and August 2006, we engaged various professional advisors in connection with the proposed acquisition, including PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Tillinghast, an actuarial firm, and insurance regulatory counsel.

On August 8, 2006, NLASCO executed a confidentiality agreement pursuant to which NLASCO agreed to keep certain information provided by ARC to NLASCO confidential and NLASCO agreed to certain customary standstill provisions with respect to ARC's common stock.

On August 16, 2006, representatives of the Company, Hunter's Glen/Ford and Flexpoint Partners traveled to Waco, Texas to conduct onsite due diligence of NLASCO.

On August 30, 2006, ARC retained Sandler O'Neill to render a fairness opinion with respect to the consideration to be paid in the NLASCO acquisition.

During August and September 2006, the parties continued to negotiate the terms of the NLASCO Agreement and ancillary agreements. There were several conference calls between the parties to negotiate the terms of these agreements.

On September 15, 2006, ARC Insurance Holdings Inc. was incorporated as a subsidiary of ARC to enter into the NLASCO Agreement.

Over the course of September 2006, the legal representatives of ARC and NLASCO had several telephone calls to work on resolving open issues relating to the NLASCO Agreement. Additionally, during that same time period, representatives of ARC negotiated the terms of the Flexpoint Agreement with Flexpoint and Flexpoint Partners and also negotiated the terms of the Investment Agreement with Mr. Ford, ARC Diamond and Hunter's Glen/Ford.

On September 20, 2006, the board of the Company was briefed on the status of the transaction with NLASCO.

On October 5, 2006, the board of directors of ARC met to review the proposed acquisition of NLASCO, as well as the terms of the NLASCO Agreement and related ancillary agreements and the Flexpoint Agreement. In addition, Sandler O'Neill provided an oral fairness opinion, subsequently confirmed in writing, to our board in connection with the consideration paid by ARC in the NLASCO acquisition. The board was apprised of Mr. Ford's interests in Flexpoint. The board met by telephonic conference call on October 6, 2006 and reviewed the terms of the NLASCO Agreement and the Flexpoint Agreement and following that review, approved the NLASCO Agreement, related ancillary agreements and the Flexpoint Agreement with directors Gerald J. Ford, Carl B. Webb and J. Randy Staff abstaining from the vote on the Flexpoint Agreement.

On October 6, 2006, ARC publicly announced the NLASCO acquisition, the Flexpoint Agreement and the proposed rights offering through two press releases.

On October 10, 2006, ARC filed an 8-K regarding the proposed transaction and the Flexpoint Agreement.

On October 13, 2006, our board met to review the Investment Agreement, and after this review, our board approved the Investment Agreement, with directors Ford, Staff and Webb abstaining. On October 16, 2006, ARC filed an 8-K regarding the Investment Agreement.

#### **Reasons for the Proposed Acquisition; Recommendation by the ARC Board of Directors**

In approving the acquisition of NLASCO, our board of directors considered a number of factors concerning the benefits of the NLASCO acquisition. Without giving any relative or specific weight to the factors, our board considered, among others the following factors:

the information presented to our board by our management concerning the industry, business, operations, earnings and growth potential of NLASCO;

the financial terms of the transaction, including the relationship of the value of the consideration payable in the transaction to the net income and cash flow of NLASCO;

the attractiveness of the NLASCO franchise, NLASCO's management team, the position of NLASCO within its industry and the historical profitability of NLASCO;

the similar management philosophies of ARC and NLASCO, focusing on profitability rather than growth;

because both NLASCO and ARC do business in the manufactured home industry, with similarities in customer base, the possibility of selling NLASCO's insurance products to existing and future ARC customers;

the potential opportunity to utilize the NOLs currently held by ARC if NLASCO continues to operate on a profitable basis;

the potential that NLASCO's consistent operating performance could provide ARC with significant earnings;

the potential opportunity to integrate ARC's current consumer insurance business into NLASCO's operations and achieve additional economies and efficiencies;

the potential to grow NLASCO's business by providing a financial platform and stable cash flows for the business;

ARC's intent to maintain NLASCO's current operating strategy and capitalization;

the additional opportunities for NLASCO to assist or otherwise provide ARC with alternatives or solutions relating to ARC's other insurance needs; and

the opinion of Sandler O'Neill with respect to the consideration paid by ARC in the NLASCO acquisition.

Our board of directors also considered the following negative factors in connection with the acquisition. Without giving any relative or specific weight to the factors, our board considered, among others, the following:

the risks associated with the insurance industry and NLASCO's business;

our lack of experience in operating an insurance company like NLASCO;

the fact that the NLASCO Agreement does not contain a financing condition in favor of ARC; and

the fact that we would be required to obtain stockholder approval of certain matters in connection with the financing for the NLASCO acquisition, and that stockholder approval may not be obtained.

The foregoing discussion is not intended to be exhaustive, but includes the material reasons our board of directors considered with respect to the acquisition. Our board of directors believes that the terms of the NLASCO acquisition and the NLASCO Agreement are in the best interests of ARC.

#### Opinion of ARC's Financial Advisor

*Opinion of Sandler O'Neill & Partners, L.P.* By letter dated August 30, 2006, ARC retained Sandler O'Neill to provide a fairness opinion in connection with a possible business combination with NLASCO. Sandler O'Neill is a nationally recognized investment banking firm whose principal business specialty is financial institutions. In the ordinary course of its investment banking business, Sandler O'Neill is regularly engaged in the valuation of financial institutions and their securities in connection with mergers and acquisitions and other corporate transactions.

Sandler O'Neill provided a fairness opinion to ARC in connection with the proposed NLASCO acquisition. At the October 5, 2006 meeting at which ARC's board considered and approved the NLASCO Agreement, subject to satisfactory resolution of certain outstanding issues, Sandler O'Neill delivered to the board its oral opinion, that, as of such date, the purchase price was fair to ARC from a financial point of view.

**The full text of Sandler O'Neill's opinion is attached as Appendix B to this Proxy Statement. The opinion outlines the procedures followed, assumptions made, matters considered and qualifications and limitations on the review undertaken by Sandler O'Neill in rendering its opinion in connection with the NLASCO acquisition. The description of the opinion set forth below is qualified in its entirety by reference to the opinion.**

**Sandler O'Neill's opinion speaks only as of the date of the opinion. The opinion was directed to the ARC board in connection with the NLASCO acquisition and is directed only to the fairness of the purchase price to ARC from a financial point of view. It does not address the underlying business decision of ARC to engage in the transaction, the relative merits of the transaction as compared to any other alternative business strategies that may exist for ARC, the methods of financing used by ARC, including the rights offering, or the effect of any other transaction in which ARC might engage or any other aspect of the transaction and is not a recommendation to any ARC stockholder as to how such stockholder should vote with respect to the rights offering.**

In connection with rendering its October 6, 2006 opinion, Sandler O'Neill reviewed and considered, among other things:

- (1) the NLASCO Agreement;
- (2) certain publicly available financial statements and other historical financial information of ARC that Sandler O'Neill deemed relevant;

- (3) certain audited and unaudited historical financial statements and other historical financial information of NLASCO and those subsidiaries of NLASCO involved in the transaction as provided to Sandler O'Neill by senior management of NLASCO;
- (4) earnings estimates for ARC for the years ending December 31, 2006 through 2011 as provided by, and reviewed with, senior management of ARC;
- (5) financial projections for NLASCO and those subsidiaries of NLASCO involved in the transaction for the years ending December 31, 2006 through 2011 as provided by and reviewed with senior management of ARC and NLASCO;
- (6) the pro forma financial impact of the NLASCO acquisition on ARC, based on assumptions relating to transaction expenses, purchase accounting adjustments and cost savings determined by the senior management of ARC;
- (7) the publicly reported historical price and trading activity for ARC's common stock, including a comparison of certain financial and stock market information for ARC and similar publicly available information for certain other companies the securities of which are publicly traded;
- (8) the financial terms of certain recent business combinations in the insurance industry, to the extent publicly available;
- (9) the current market environment generally and that of the insurance industry in particular; and
- (10) such other information, financial studies, analyses and investigations and financial, economic and market criteria as Sandler O'Neill considered relevant.

Sandler O'Neill also discussed with certain members of senior management of ARC, the business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects of ARC and held similar discussions with certain members of senior management of NLASCO regarding the business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects of NLASCO.

In performing its reviews and analyses and in rendering its opinion, Sandler O'Neill relied upon the accuracy and completeness of all the financial and other information that was available to them from public sources, that was provided to Sandler O'Neill by ARC or NLASCO or their respective representatives or that was otherwise reviewed by Sandler O'Neill and have assumed such accuracy and completeness for purposes of rendering this opinion. Sandler O'Neill further relied on the assurances of the management of each of ARC and NLASCO that they are not aware of any facts or circumstances that would make any of such information inaccurate or misleading. Sandler O'Neill has not been asked to undertake, and has not undertaken, an independent verification of any of such information and Sandler O'Neill does not assume any responsibility or liability for the accuracy or completeness thereof. Sandler O'Neill did not make an independent evaluation or appraisal of the specific assets, the collateral securing the assets or the liabilities (contingent or otherwise) of ARC or NLASCO or any of their subsidiaries, or the collectibility of any such assets, nor has Sandler O'Neill been furnished with any such evaluations or appraisals. Furthermore, Sandler O'Neill made no appraisal or evaluation of NLASCO's reserves.

The budgets and estimates for growth used and relied upon by Sandler O'Neill in its analyses for ARC were provided by ARC senior management who confirmed to Sandler O'Neill that those budgets and estimates reflected the best currently available estimates and judgments of the future financial performance of ARC. With respect to the financial projections for NLASCO, with ARC's consent, Sandler O'Neill used and relied on those financial projections provided by the senior management of ARC, as adjusted by and discussed with NLASCO's senior management, who confirmed those financial projections reflected the best currently available estimates and judgments of the future financial performance of NLASCO by ARC's senior management. All projections of transaction costs, purchase accounting adjustments and expected cost savings related to the NLASCO acquisition were provided by or reviewed with senior management of ARC and such management confirmed to Sandler O'Neill that

those projections reflected their best currently available estimates and judgments. Sandler O'Neill assumed that the financial performances reflected in all estimates and projections used by Sandler O'Neill in its analyses would be achieved. Sandler O'Neill expressed no opinion as to such budgets, estimates or projections or the assumptions on which they were based. Sandler O'Neill also assumed that there has been no material change in the assets, financial condition, results of operations, business or prospects of ARC or NLASCO since the date of the last financial statements made available to them and that ARC and NLASCO will remain as going concerns for all periods relevant to the analyses.

Sandler O'Neill further assumed that ARC and NLASCO will remain as going concerns for all periods relevant to our analyses, that all of the representations and warranties contained in the NLASCO Agreement and all related agreements are true and correct, that each party to the agreements will perform all of the covenants required to be performed by such party under the agreements and that ARC will be able finance the NLASCO acquisition as planned. Additionally, Sandler O'Neill expresses no opinion as to any proposed financing related to the NLASCO acquisition. Finally, with ARC's consent, Sandler O'Neill relied upon the advice received from ARC's legal, accounting and tax advisors as to all legal, accounting and tax matters relating to the NLASCO Agreement and the other transactions contemplated by the NLASCO Agreement.

Sandler O'Neill's opinion is necessarily based on financial, economic, market and other conditions as in effect on, and the information made available to us as of, the date of its opinion. Events occurring after the date of its opinion could materially affect its opinion. Sandler O'Neill has not undertaken to update, revise, reaffirm or withdraw its' opinion or otherwise comment upon events occurring after the date of its opinion. Sandler O'Neill is expressing no opinion herein as to what the value of ARC's common stock will be when issued to NLASCO's stockholders pursuant to the NLASCO Agreement or the prices at which ARC's common stock may trade at any time. Sandler O'Neill will receive a fee for rendering its opinion and ARC has agreed to indemnify Sandler O'Neill against certain liabilities arising out of its engagement.

In rendering its October 6, 2006 opinion, Sandler O'Neill performed a variety of financial analyses. The following is a summary of the material analyses performed by Sandler O'Neill, but is not a complete description of all the analyses underlying Sandler O'Neill's opinion. The summary includes information presented in tabular format. **In order to fully understand the financial analyses, these tables must be read together with the accompanying text. The tables alone do not constitute a complete description of the financial analyses.** The preparation of a fairness opinion is a complex process involving subjective judgments as to the most appropriate and relevant methods of financial analysis and the application of those methods to the particular circumstances. The process, therefore, is not necessarily susceptible to a partial analysis or summary description and Sandler O'Neill believes that its analyses must be considered as a whole and that selecting portions of the factors and analyses to be considered without considering all factors and analyses, or attempting to ascribe relative weights to some or all such factors and analyses, could create an incomplete view of the evaluation process underlying its opinion. Also, no company included in Sandler O'Neill's comparative analyses described below is identical to NLASCO and no transaction is identical to the transactions described in this Proxy Statement. Accordingly, an analysis of comparable companies or transactions involves complex considerations and judgments concerning differences in financial and operating characteristics of the companies and other factors that could affect the public trading values or transaction values, as the case may be, of NLASCO and the companies to which it is being compared.

In performing its analyses, Sandler O'Neill also made numerous assumptions with respect to industry performance, business and economic conditions and various other matters, many of which cannot be predicted and are beyond the control of ARC, NLASCO and Sandler O'Neill. The analysis performed by Sandler O'Neill is not necessarily indicative of actual values or future results, both of which may be significantly more or less favorable than suggested by such analyses. Sandler O'Neill



prepared its analyses solely for purposes of rendering its opinion and provided such analyses to ARC board at the board's October 5, 2006 meeting. Estimates on the values of each company do not purport to be appraisals or necessarily reflect the prices at such companies or their securities may actually be sold. Such estimates are inherently subject to uncertainty and actual values may be materially different. Accordingly, Sandler O'Neill's analyses do not necessarily reflect the value of ARC's common stock or NLASCO's common stock or the prices at which ARC's or NLASCO's common stock may be sold at any time. The analysis of Sandler O'Neill and its opinion were among a number of factors taken into consideration by ARC's board in making its determination to adopt the NLASCO Agreement and the analyses described below should not be viewed as determinative of the decision of ARC's board or management with respect to the fairness of the NLASCO acquisition.

In arriving at its opinion, Sandler O'Neill did not attribute any particular weight to any analysis or factor that it considered. Rather, Sandler O'Neill made qualitative judgments as to the significance and relevance of each analysis and factor. The financial analyses summarized below include information presented in tabular format. Sandler O'Neill did not form an opinion as to whether any individual analysis or factor (positive or negative) considered in isolation supported or failed to support their respective opinions; rather Sandler O'Neill made its determination as to the fairness of the purchase price on the basis of their experience and professional judgment after considering the results of all its analyses taken as a whole. Accordingly, Sandler O'Neill believes that the analysis and the summary of the analysis must be considered as a whole and that selecting portions of the analysis and factors or focusing on the information presented below in tabular format, without considering all analyses and factors or the full narrative description of the financial analyses, including methodologies and assumptions underlying the analyses, could create a misleading or incomplete view of the process underlying its analyses and opinions. The tables alone do not constitute complete descriptions of the financial analyses presented in such tables.

**Summary of Proposal.** Sandler O'Neill reviewed the financial terms of the proposed transaction. Sandler O'Neill calculated an aggregate transaction value of \$117.5 million. Based upon financial information for NLASCO as or for the twelve month period ended June 30, 2006, Sandler O'Neill calculated the following transaction ratios:

**Transaction Ratios**

Transaction Value/Last Twelve Months' Net Operating Income	7.8x
Transaction Value/Shareholders' Equity	1.7x
Transaction Value/2006 Projected Net Operating Income(1)	6.8x
Transaction Value/2007 Projected Net Operating Income(1)	8.7x

(1) Based on projections provided by ARC management for NLASCO. Net operating income based on net income after interest expense and income taxes less net realized capital gains.

**Comparable Company Analysis.** Sandler O'Neill used publicly available information to perform a comparison of selected financial and market trading information for NLASCO.

Sandler O'Neill also used publicly available information to compare selected financial and market trading information for a group of insurance companies selected by Sandler O'Neill. The NLASCO

peer group consisted of the following publicly-traded personal line insurance companies and non-standard auto insurance companies with market capitalizations less than \$1 billion.

**Personal Line Insurance Companies**

**Non-Standard Auto Insurance Companies**

21st Century Holding Company  
 Donegal Group Inc.  
 Horace Mann Educators Corporation  
 Midland Company  
 National Atlantic Holdings Corporation  
 Safety Insurance Group, Inc.

Affirmative Insurance Holdings, Inc.  
 Bristol West Holdings, Inc.  
 Direct General Corporation  
 First Acceptance Corporation  
 Infinity Property and Casualty Corporation

The analysis compared publicly available financial information for NLASCO and the high, low, mean, and median financial and market trading data for the NLASCO peer group as of and for the twelve months ended June 30, 2006. The table below sets forth the data for the mean and median data for the NLASCO peer group as of and for the twelve months ended June 30, 2006, with pricing data as of October 4, 2006.

**Comparable Group Analysis**

	<b>Comparable Group Mean Result</b>	<b>Comparable Group Median Result</b>
Price/Last Twelve Months' Net Operating Income	12.4x	11.3x
Price/Estimated 2006 EPS(1)	10.9x	10.3x
Price/Estimated 2007 EPS(1)	10.1x	10.1x
Price/Book Value per Share	1.5x	1.4x
Debt/Total Capital	16.0%	13.2%

(1) Based on Thomson FirstCall estimates.

**Discounted Dividend Stream and Terminal Value Analysis.** Sandler O'Neill performed two sets of analyses that estimated the future stream of after-tax dividend flows of NLASCO through December 31, 2010 under various circumstances. In the first analysis, or Base Case, Sandler O'Neill assumed NLASCO performed in accordance with the 2006 - 2010 net income projection provided by management based on NLASCO's historical gross losses over the last 18 months. In the second analysis, or Down Case, Sandler O'Neill assumed NLASCO performed in accordance with the Base Case but increased gross historical loss ratios from the Base Case by 6% for each NLASCO product line. In both cases to approximate the terminal value of NLASCO's common stock at December 31, 2010, Sandler O'Neill applied price to last twelve months earnings multiples of 10.0x to 14.0x and multiples of book value ranging from 100% to 175%. The dividend income streams and terminal values were then discounted to present values using different discount rates ranging from 10.5% to 12.5% chosen to reflect different assumptions regarding required rates of return of holders or prospective buyers of NLASCO common stock.

As illustrated in the following tables, the Base Case indicated an imputed range of aggregate values for NLASCO's common stock of \$119.3 million to \$180.2 million when applying the price/earnings multiples to the matched budget and \$89.2 million to \$165.5 million when applying multiples of book value to the matched budget.

**Earnings Multiples**

Discount Rate	10.0x	11.0x	12.0x	13.0x	14.0x
10.5%	\$ 128.7	\$ 141.6	\$ 154.4	\$ 167.3	\$ 180.2
11.0%	126.3	138.9	151.5	164.1	176.8
11.5%	123.9	136.3	148.6	161.0	173.4
12.0%	121.5	133.7	145.8	158.0	170.2
12.5%	119.3	131.2	143.1	155.0	167.0

**Tangible Book Value Multiples**

Discount Rate	100%	125%	150%	175%
10.5%	\$ 94.6	\$ 118.2	\$ 141.9	\$ 165.5
11.0%	93.2	116.5	139.8	163.1
11.5%	91.9	114.8	137.8	160.8
12.0%	90.5	113.2	135.8	158.4
12.5%	89.2	111.6	133.9	156.2

As illustrated in the following tables, the Down Case indicated an imputed range of aggregate values for NLASCO's common stock of \$70.9 million to \$107.1 million when applying the price to earnings multiples to the down case budget and \$72.9 million to \$135.2 million when applying multiples of book value to the down case budget.

**Earnings Multiples**

Discount Rate	10.0x	11.0x	12.0x	13.0x	14.0x
10.5%	\$ 76.5	\$ 84.1	\$ 91.8	\$ 99.4	\$ 107.1
11.0%	75.0	82.5	90.0	97.5	105.0
11.5%	73.6	81.0	88.3	95.7	103.0
12.0%	72.2	79.4	86.7	93.9	101.1
12.5%	70.9	78.0	85.0	92.1	99.2

**Tangible Book Value Multiples**

Discount Rate	100%	125%	150%	175%
10.5%	\$ 77.3	\$ 96.6	\$ 115.9	\$ 135.2
11.0%	76.1	95.2	114.2	133.2
11.5%	75.0	93.8	112.5	131.3
12.0%	73.9	92.4	110.9	129.4
12.5%	72.9	91.1	109.3	127.6

In connection with its analyses, Sandler O'Neill considered and discussed with the ARC board how the present value analyses would be affected by changes in the underlying assumptions, including variations with respect to net income. Sandler O'Neill noted that the discounted dividend stream and terminal value analysis is a widely used valuation methodology, but the results of such methodology are highly dependent upon the numerous assumptions that must be made, and the results thereof are not necessarily indicative of actual values or future results.

**Analysis of Selected Merger Transactions.** Sandler O'Neill reviewed 12 merger transactions announced from January 1, 2001 through October 4, 2006 involving specialty insurance companies in the United States with announced transaction values greater than \$50.0 million and transaction values less than \$500.0 million. Sandler O'Neill reviewed the following multiples: transaction price to last twelve months' net operating income and transaction price to book value. As illustrated in the following table, Sandler O'Neill compared the proposed merger multiples to the mean and median multiples of comparable transactions.

**Comparable Transaction Multiples**

	<b>Mean Group Multiple</b>	<b>Median Group Multiple</b>
Transaction Value/LTM Net Operating Income	17.7x	13.3x
Transaction Value/Book Value	1.2x	1.2x

**Miscellaneous.** Sandler O'Neill has provided certain other investment banking services to ARC in the past and has received compensation for such services.

Sandler O'Neill will receive a fee of \$350,000 for rendering its opinion and ARC has agreed to indemnify Sandler O'Neill against certain liabilities arising out of its engagement.

In the ordinary course of their respective broker and dealer businesses, Sandler O'Neill may purchase securities from and sell securities to ARC and NLASCO and their affiliates. Sandler O'Neill may also actively trade the debt and/or equity securities of ARC or its affiliates for their own accounts and for the accounts of their customers and, accordingly, may at any time hold a long or short position in such securities.

**Accounting Treatment**

This acquisition will be accounted for in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141, *Business Combinations*, or SFAS No. 141. In accordance with SFAS No. 141, ARC will use the purchase method to account for the acquisition of NLASCO. The aggregate purchase price of the businesses and assets of NLASCO will be allocated to tangible assets, intangible assets, goodwill and liabilities based on their respective fair values. We have made certain assumptions in this regard that may or may not prove to be correct. The final allocation of the purchase price could differ materially from the preliminary allocation depicted herein. See "Unaudited Pro Forma Combined Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements" in this Proxy Statement.

**Federal or State Regulatory Filings or Approvals Required in Connection with the Acquisition**

Various aspects of the transaction contemplated in the NLASCO Agreement are subject to the review and approval of the Texas Department of Insurance, or TDI. The TDI must approve the transfer of NLASCO to us because such transfer occasions a transfer of control of NLIC, ASIC and NALICO General Agency, Inc. Gerald J. Ford, ARC Diamond, LP, Hunter's Glen/Ford, Ltd., ARC and ARC Insurance Holdings Inc. have filed with the TDI an Acquisition Statement on Form A for the purpose of obtaining the approval of the transfer of control of NLIC and ASIC. It is expected that the processing of this filing will be completed in approximately sixty (60) days after the TDI deems the filing complete. Gerald J. Ford, ARC Diamond, LP, Hunter's Glen/Ford, Ltd., ARC, ARC Insurance Holdings Inc. and NALICO General Agency, Inc. have also made a separate pre-acquisition filing with the TDI on Form LHL238 regarding the transfer of control of NALICO General Agency, Inc., an insurance agency licensed by the TDI. It is expected that the processing of this filing will be completed before or simultaneously with the processing of the Acquisition Statement on Form A. If required, NLIC and ASIC will file with the TDI extraordinary dividend requests on Form D for the purpose of obtaining approval of dividend amounts necessary to enable NLASCO to make the pre-closing dividend payment associated with that transaction. It is expected that the processing of these filings, if made, would also be completed before or simultaneously with the processing of the Acquisition Statement on Form A. After the consummation of the NLASCO acquisition, appropriate filings will be made with the Company Licensing Section of the TDI to reflect any new management personnel for NLIC and ASIC.

### **Interests of Certain Persons in the NLASCO Acquisition**

We have agreed to take such action as is necessary to appoint C. Clifton Robinson, one of the Sellers, to our board of directors following the consummation of the NLASCO acquisition. ARC currently has a vacancy on its board and the board has the authority to fill any vacancy through the next annual stockholders meeting. C. Clifton Robinson, in his individual capacity and through entities he controls, will receive all of the consideration payable to Sellers under the NLASCO Agreement. The shares of our common stock to be issued under the NLASCO Agreement will be subject to a share lock-up agreement and will be placed in escrow pursuant to an escrow agreement. Each of these agreements is further described in " The NLASCO Agreement and the Related Agreements." We have agreed to register the resale of the shares of our common stock issued to Mr. Robinson pursuant to a registration rights agreement described below under " The NLASCO Agreement and Related Agreements Registration Rights Agreement."

In addition, in connection with the consummation of the acquisition of NLASCO, NLASCO will enter into employment agreements with each of C. Clifton Robinson, to serve as Chairman of NLASCO, Gordon Robinson, to serve as Senior Advisor of NLASCO, and Gregory Vanek, to serve as Chief Executive Officer of NLASCO. For further description of the employment agreements, please see " The NLASCO Agreement and the Related Agreements Employment Agreements."

NLIC and ASIC are each lessees under two lease agreements. The lessors under each of NLIC's leases are related parties. The lessor under one of ASIC's leases is a related party. These lease agreements will be amended but will continue after the closing. For further description of the lease agreements, please see " Certain Relationships and Related Transactions Leases."

In addition, it is contemplated that C. Clifton Robinson and his affiliates that are guarantors of NLASCO's debt owed to Central National Bank will be released from the guaranties upon the closing of the NLASCO acquisition.

### **The NLASCO Agreement and Related Agreements**

The following summary describes material provisions of the NLASCO Agreement. This summary is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the NLASCO Agreement, which is attached to this Proxy Statement as *Appendix A* and incorporated into this Proxy Statement by reference. We urge you to read carefully the NLASCO Agreement in its entirety because this summary may not contain all the information about the NLASCO Agreement that is important to you.

The NLASCO Agreement has been included to provide you with information regarding its terms. It is not intended to provide any other factual information about ARC. Such information can be found elsewhere in this document and in the other public filings we make with the SEC, which are available, without charge, at <http://www.sec.gov>.

The representations and warranties described below and included in the NLASCO Agreement were made by us to Sellers and by Sellers and NLASCO to us. These representations and warranties were made as of specific dates and are in some cases subject to important qualifications, limitations and supplemental information agreed to by the parties in connection with negotiating the terms of the NLASCO Agreement. In addition, the representations and warranties may have been included in the NLASCO Agreement for the purpose of allocating risk between us and Sellers rather than to establish matters as facts. The NLASCO Agreement is described herein, and included as *Appendix A* hereto, only to provide you with information regarding its terms and conditions, and not to provide any other factual information regarding us, NLASCO or our or NLASCO's business. Accordingly, the representations and warranties and other provisions of the NLASCO Agreement should not be read

alone, and you should read the information provided elsewhere in this document and the documents incorporated by reference into this document for information regarding us and our business.

### **Purchase of NLASCO Shares**

ARC, Buyer and Sellers have entered into the NLASCO Agreement dated October 6, 2006 with respect to Buyer's purchase of all outstanding shares of capital stock of NLASCO and the acquisition of control of NLIC and ASIC. Subject to the terms and conditions of the NLASCO Agreement, at the closing Buyer will purchase from Sellers all of the outstanding shares of capital stock of NLASCO in exchange for cash in the amount of \$105,750,000 and 1,218,880 shares of our common stock, which shares will be issued to C. Clifton Robinson and placed in escrow pursuant to an escrow agreement described below. The purchase price will be subject to adjustments based on (1) the GAAP stockholders' equity of NLASCO as of the closing date as finally determined by the parties and (2) the amount of actual losses on NLASCO's insurance policies as of the 36-month anniversary of the closing date for claims arising out of events or circumstances that occurred or existed on or prior to the closing date, compared to the reserves for losses as reflected on the closing balance sheet for both reported claims and for incurred but not reported claims.

Prior to the closing, and subject to any necessary regulatory approvals or third party consents, Sellers will cause NLASCO to make a dividend or distribution to Sellers in an aggregate amount equal to the excess of (1) the estimated stockholders' equity over (2) \$71,009,382. At closing, NLASCO will repay approximately \$5.6 million aggregate principal amount of outstanding debt.

### **Closing under the NLASCO Agreement**

The closing under the NLASCO Agreement will take place on the last day of a calendar month in which all conditions to the obligations of the parties to consummate the transactions contemplated by the NLASCO Agreement are satisfied or waived by the appropriate party or such other appropriate date as the parties may mutually determine. Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of these conditions, we currently anticipate that the closing will occur on the last day of the calendar month in which the rights offering is completed. If we have not completed the rights offering but we are using our reasonable best efforts to obtain financing for the NLASCO acquisition, then we will not be forced to close the NLASCO acquisition, but after March 31, 2007, the Sellers may elect to terminate the NLASCO Agreement.

### **Representations and Warranties**

Sellers made the following representations and warranties with respect to Sellers relating to, among other things:

due organization, good standing and qualification;

authority for transaction;

absence of conflicts;

brokers' fees;

ownership of NLASCO shares;

various investment representations, including an acknowledgement that the shares of our common stock issued pursuant to the NLASCO Agreement will be restricted securities bearing a restrictive legend; and

accredited investor status.

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Sellers made a number of representations and warranties in the NLASCO Agreement with respect to NLASCO and its subsidiaries, relating to, among other things:

due organization, good standing and qualification;

capitalization;

absence of conflicts;

brokers' fees;

title to tangible assets;

investments;

ownership of subsidiaries;

financial statements; regulatory statements;

no material adverse changes;

undisclosed liabilities;

reserves;

ratings;

compliance with law;

tax matters;

real property and other tangible assets;

proprietary assets, including software;

contracts;

reinsurance contracts;

powers of attorney;

litigation;

insurance;

employee benefits;

environmental matters;

affiliated transactions;

certain business practices;

actuarial reports;

regulatory filings;

insurance markets;

producer relationships;

insurance practices; and

full disclosure.



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ARC and Buyer made a number of representations and warranties in the NLASCO Agreement relating to, among other things;

due organization and good standing;

corporate authority;

absence of conflicts;

brokers' fees;

investment intent; and

financial statements and SEC filings.

### **Pre-Closing Covenants**

Pending the closing under the NLASCO Agreement, each of the parties to the NLASCO Agreement agreed to use its reasonable best efforts to take all actions to consummate the purchase and sale of the NLASCO stock pursuant to the NLASCO Agreement, including the satisfaction, but not waiver, of the conditions to closing in the NLASCO Agreement. In addition, Sellers agreed to, and to cause NLASCO and its subsidiaries to, cooperate with us in our financing efforts for the acquisition. Each of the parties agreed to use their reasonable best efforts to obtain any governmental approvals necessary for the acquisition and to cooperate in obtaining any required governmental approvals.

Sellers agreed that prior to the closing, subject to certain exceptions for actions taken in the ordinary course of business, consistent with past practice or below certain dollar thresholds or as specified in the NLASCO Agreement or with ARC's written consent, Sellers will, and will cause NLASCO and its subsidiaries to, comply with specific restrictions relating to, among others:

the maintenance and preservation of assets and properties;

the preservation of the business and organization of NLASCO;

the incurrence of certain capital expenditures;

the incurrence of debt;

the amendment of the governing documents of NLASCO or any of its subsidiaries;

the declaration or payment of dividends or distributions;

the issuance of stock or convertible securities;

the taking of certain actions relating to stock option plans;

the reorganization of any labor union or the entry into any collective bargaining agreement;

the formation of any subsidiary or the acquisition of any equity interest in other persons;

the adoption or amendment of employee benefit plans;

the hiring or termination of employees;

a change in accounting methods;

the making of material tax elections;

the commencement or settlement of legal proceedings; and

the agreement or entry into a contract to do any of the foregoing.

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In addition, NLASCO agreed to certain other customary covenants, including covenants:

to maintain its books and records in the usual manner;

to comply in all material respects with all applicable laws;

to provide notices to third parties and obtain third party consents for the acquisition;

to provide us full access at reasonable times to NLASCO's premises, properties, personnel, books records, contracts and documents or pertaining to NLASCO; provided, that we do not have access to information that may not be provided to us under applicable laws and regulations;

to maintain confidentiality of information relating to ARC pursuant to a confidentiality agreement;

not to solicit proposals or offers from other persons relating to the acquisition of all or substantially all of the capital stock or assets of NLASCO; and

to take such actions as are necessary to cause a change of control of NLIC to occur on the closing date.

Before the closing, NLASCO will exercise complete control and supervision over its operations, consistent with the terms of the NLASCO Agreement.

### **Material Adverse Effect**

Pursuant to the NLASCO Agreement, a material adverse effect with respect to NLASCO or the Sellers, or Material Adverse Effect, means the occurrence before closing of any effect, change, event, claim, circumstance or matter that is, or could reasonably be expected to be or to become, materially adverse to (1) the business, condition, assets, capitalization, intellectual property, liabilities (contingent or otherwise), results of operations or financial performance of NLASCO and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole; provided, however, without limiting the foregoing, the occurrence before closing of any single event, or any series of related events, or set of related circumstances, that could reasonably be expected to cause a loss or diminution in value of NLASCO or any of its subsidiaries of at least \$5,875,000 shall be deemed to be a Material Adverse Effect, (2) the ability of Sellers to consummate timely the transactions contemplated by the NLASCO Agreement, or (3) the ability of Sellers, NLASCO or its subsidiaries to perform their respective obligations under the stock purchase agreement.

However, an adverse change, event, development or effect arising from or relating to any of the following, in each case, to the extent that such change, event, development or effect does not have a disproportionate effect on NLASCO or any of its subsidiaries, in and of itself, shall not be deemed a Material Adverse Effect and shall not be taken into account when determining whether there has been a Material Adverse Effect:

general business or economic conditions;

national or international political or social conditions;

financial, banking or securities markets, including any disruption thereof and any decline in the price of any security or any market index;

changes in GAAP or regulatory accounting principles including SAP;

changes in laws, rules, regulations, orders or other binding directives issued by any governmental entity; or

the taking of any action contemplated by the NLASCO Agreement, including the public announcement of the transaction contemplated by the NLASCO Agreement.

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In addition, an adverse change in or effect on the business of NLASCO and its subsidiaries shall not be deemed a Material Adverse Effect if such adverse change or effect is cured, to the reasonable satisfaction of Buyer, by NLASCO before the earlier of (1) three days prior to the closing date and (2) the date on which the NLASCO Agreement is terminated pursuant to the termination provisions of the NLASCO Agreement.

### Conditions to Closing

The NLASCO Agreement includes several conditions to closing. ARC's and Buyer's obligation to close is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the following conditions, among others:

the representations and warranties of Sellers are true and correct in all material respects on the closing date, except to the extent that such representations and warranties are qualified by materiality, such representations and warranties are true and correct in all respects on the closing date;

Sellers have complied with all of their covenants under the NLASCO Agreement;

there is not pending or threatened any legal proceeding in which a governmental authority is or has threatened to become a party, and none of the parties to the NLASCO Agreement has received a notice from a governmental authority indicating there is a reasonable likelihood of commencing any legal proceeding or taking certain other actions relating to the acquisition;

there is not pending any legal proceeding that would reasonably likely result in a Material Adverse Effect or a material adverse effect on Buyer;

NLIC and ASIC have maintained their A.M. Best ratings and A.M. Best has not communicated to NLASCO that there is a reasonable possibility that A.M. Best would downgrade or consider any downgrade of the ratings of NLIC or ASIC;

the net written premiums divided by the policyholders' statutory surplus of NLIC and ASIC as determined by NLASCO in good faith in accordance with statutory accounting principles does not exceed 1.75 as of the last business day of the month preceding the month in which the closing occurs;

both the aggregate number of producers and the aggregate number of policies for insurance in force as of the last business day of the month preceding the month in which the closing occurs as determined by NLASCO in good faith have not declined by more than 5% since August 31, 2006;

the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, has expired or been terminated and the parties have obtained all governmental approvals and other third party consents necessary to complete the acquisition;

no Material Adverse Effect has occurred and there exists no fact, development or state of circumstances that individually or in the aggregate would be reasonably likely to result in a Material Adverse Effect or a material adverse effect on Buyer;

Sellers have delivered the following agreements, duly executed by Sellers: a noncompetition agreement, a release, a registration rights agreement, a share lock-up agreement, an escrow agreement, the termination of a joint personnel agreement and the termination of a tax sharing agreement and Sellers shall have caused each of C. Clifton Robinson, Gordon Robinson and Gregory Vanek to deliver duly executed employment agreements;

since June 30, 2006, no reinsurance contract to which NLIC or ASIC is a party has been cancelled, commuted or non-renewed by a reinsurer, nor has there been any notice regarding such an action, nor has, to the knowledge of Sellers, any such cancellation, commutation or



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non-renewal been threatened or contemplated, except where (1) renewals or replacements of the reinsurance contracts are not more than 120% of the cost of the reinsurance contract in place on the date of the stock purchase agreement, (2) the limits of the renewed or replaced reinsurance contracts are no less favorable to the NLIC or ASIC than the reinsurance contract in place on the date of the stock purchase agreement, (3) the renewed or replaced reinsurance contracts are with a reinsurer with an A.M. Best rating no less than A-, and (4) the retention levels of the renewed or replaced reinsurance contract, after taking into account reasonable increases in retention levels that may be agreed to by NLIC or ASIC in exchange for reductions in the cost of reinsurance, are reasonably comparable to the retention levels on the renewed or replaced reinsurance contract;

NLASCO has stockholders' equity of at least \$71,039,000 as of the day prior to the closing date;

each of the underwriters of NLIC designated by Buyer has resigned and withdrawn as underwriters of NLIC and have signed any documentation requested by Buyer to designate successor underwriters of NLIC;

Sellers have delivered the resignations requested by Buyer with respect to the officers and directors of NLASCO and its subsidiaries;

Sellers and Buyer have entered into mutually acceptable amendments to certain lease agreements;

NLIC and ASIC were eligible, as of the date of the NLASCO Agreement, for the small company exemption in Article 5.13-2C of the Texas Insurance Code in effect on the closing date;

Sellers have delivered to Buyer a certificate to the effect that each of the conditions set forth above have been satisfied;

Sellers have delivered a duly adopted resolution of the board of directors of NLASCO dated at least one business day before the closing terminating the NLASCO 401(k) Plan as in effect immediately prior to the closing date in accordance with the terms of the plan documents for such plan; and

Sellers and Buyer have set forth, in a writing signed by Sellers and Buyer, the methodology the parties will follow in determining the Reserve Deficiency or Excess Reserve (each, as defined in the NLASCO Agreement), as applicable.

Sellers' obligation to close is subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the following conditions, among others:

the representations and warranties of ARC and Buyer are true and correct in all material respects on the closing date, except to the extent that such representations and warranties are qualified by materiality, such representations and warranties are true and correct in all respects on the closing date;

Buyer has complied with all of its covenants under the NLASCO Agreement;

there is no injunction, judgment, order, decree, ruling or charge in effect preventing consummation of any of the transactions contemplated by the NLASCO Agreement;

Buyer has delivered a certificate to Sellers to the effect that each of the conditions above is satisfied in all respect and the purchase price;

the waiting period under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976, as amended, has expired or been terminated and the parties have obtained all governmental approvals and other third party consents necessary to complete the acquisition;





ARC has delivered a duly executed registration rights agreement;

on the closing date, ARC has delivered the 1,218,880 shares of our common stock in partial payment of the purchase price and the shares shall be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and the shares are free of liens other than those under the securities laws and the escrow agreement;

since the date of the NLASCO Agreement, no material adverse effect with respect to ARC has occurred and there exists no fact, development or state of circumstances that, individually or in the aggregate, would be reasonably likely to result in a material adverse effect with respect to ARC; and

Buyer and Sellers have set forth, in a writing signed by buyer and Sellers, in the methodology the parties will follow in determining the Reserve Deficiency or Excess Reserve, as applicable.

### **Indemnification**

Sellers, on the one hand, and ARC and Buyer, on the other hand, have agreed to indemnify the other in connection with certain losses arising in connection with the NLASCO Agreement. The representations and warranties of each party generally survive until the 36-month anniversary of the closing date except that certain representations and warranties will survive until the applicable statute of limitations.

Seller will indemnify the Buyer indemnitees for losses arising out of:

a breach of a representation or warranty of Sellers, except that losses from most of the representations and warranties are not indemnifiable except to the extent that the losses from such breach or series of related events exceed \$20,000 and then only if the recoverable losses exceed \$3 million in the aggregate;

a breach of a covenant of Sellers;

a violation of law in connection with the pre-closing distribution to Sellers;

certain matters relating to intellectual property rights; and

certain legal proceedings pending at the date of the closing.

Sellers' indemnity obligations for breaches of representations and warranties are limited to \$23.5 million except that liability for breaches of certain representations and warranties is not limited.

ARC and Buyer will indemnify Sellers for losses arising out of a breach of a representation, warranty or covenant in the stock purchase agreement to the extent that such losses exceed \$3 million.

### **Termination**

The NLASCO Agreement may be terminated:

by the mutual written consent of the parties;

ARC or Buyer may terminate the NLASCO Agreement within 30 business days of receiving notice from Sellers of an update to the disclosure schedule to the NLASCO Agreement if the development updated could reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect;

ARC or Buyer may terminate the NLASCO Agreement if (1) any of Sellers' representations and warranties shall have been materially inaccurate as of the date of the NLASCO Agreement or have become materially inaccurate as of any subsequent date or if any of Sellers' covenants have been breached in any material respect subject to a cure period or (2) if the closing has not occurred on or before March 31, 2007 by reason of the failure of a condition precedent unless

the failure results from ARC or Buyer breaching any representation, warranty or covenant or if Buyer has been unable to obtain financing on terms acceptable to Buyer and the failure is not due to a Material Adverse Change of Sellers' failure to timely provide or certify to the information provided by NLASCO for ARC's securities filings in connection with the acquisition; and

Sellers may terminate the NLASCO Agreement (1) if ARC's or Buyer's representations and warranties were materially inaccurate as of the date of the NLASCO Agreement or have become materially inaccurate as of any subsequent date or if any of ARC's or Buyer's covenants have been breached in any material respect subject to a cure period or (2) if the closing has not occurred on or before March 31, 2007 by reason of the failure of any condition precedent unless the failure results primarily from any Seller breach and except that Buyer may rescind any termination by Sellers by reason of the failure of the condition precedent resulting from a Material Adverse Effect if Buyer elects to pay the entire purchase price in cash.

### **Expenses**

Each of ARC, Buyer, Sellers, NLASCO and NLASCO's subsidiaries will bear its own costs and expenses in connection with the NLASCO Agreement and the transactions contemplated therein except that (1) all expenses, whether billed or unbilled, of NLASCO or any NLASCO subsidiary on or before the closing date must be properly recorded as liabilities of NLASCO as of the closing date, (2) Buyer will pay all regulatory filing fees in connection with the NLASCO Agreement and (3) Buyer will reimburse to Sellers any fees and expenses related to ARC's financing of the acquisition that are incurred after the date of the NLASCO Agreement, payable to a third-party accounting firm and incurred in connection with any audit of NLASCO's financial statements for the years ended prior to December 31, 2005. Buyer will pay all transfer, documentary, sales, use, stamp, registration and other such taxes and will file all necessary tax returns. All sales, use, transfer, documentary and other similar taxes will be borne 50% by Sellers and 50% by Buyer.

### **Escrow Agreement**

At the closing ARC, Buyer and Sellers will enter into an escrow agreement with an independent escrow agent regarding the establishment and maintenance of an escrow account to secure certain obligations of Sellers under the NLASCO Agreement. Under the terms of the NLASCO Agreement, the parties will deposit the 1,218,880 shares of our common stock issued to C. Clifton Robinson in an escrow account at closing. Any claims by us under the NLASCO Agreement must be submitted to Sellers and the escrow agent pursuant to customary procedures specified in the escrow agreement.

The escrow agreement will terminate 20 months after the closing date. The termination of the escrow agreement will not limit Sellers' indemnification obligations under the NLASCO Agreement, which are described in the section of this proxy statement entitled " The NLASCO Agreement and Related Agreements-Indemnification."

### **Registration Rights Agreement**

At the closing, ARC, Buyer and C. Clifton Robinson will enter into a registration rights agreement pursuant to which we have agreed to prepare and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, within 20 months after the closing date a registration statement with respect to the resale of 1,218,880 shares of common stock issued pursuant to the NLASCO Agreement. The registration rights agreement will include customary covenants and indemnification provisions.

## **Employment Agreements**

At the closing, NLASCO will enter into employment agreements with C. Clifton Robinson, the current chairman and chief executive officer of NLASCO, Gordon Robinson, the current vice chairman and deputy executive officer of NLASCO, and Gregory Vanek, the current president and chief operating officer of NLASCO. C. Clifton Robinson's employment agreement will provide that he will serve as chairman of NLASCO and will be paid \$100,000 a year. Gordon Robinson's employment agreement will provide that he will serve as a senior advisor to NLASCO and will be paid \$100,000 a year. Both C. Clifton Robinson's and Gordon Robinson's employment agreements will be for a one-year term with automatic one-year extensions by agreement of the parties. Gregory Vanek's employment agreement will provide that he will serve as chief executive officer of NLASCO and will be paid a salary of \$225,000 per year. Gregory Vanek's employment agreement is for a three-year term with automatic one-year extensions by agreement of the parties. Each of the employment agreements will also include noncompetition and non-solicitation provisions similar to that in the noncompetition agreement but with a term until two years after the termination of employment.

## **Noncompetition Agreement**

At the closing, ARC, Buyer and Sellers will enter into a noncompetition agreement pursuant to which Sellers will agree not to, directly or indirectly, engage or invest in, own, manage, operate, finance, control, or participate in the ownership, management, operation, financing, or control of, be employed by, lend such Sellers' credit to, or render services to any business whose products, services or activities compete with those of NLASCO or any of its subsidiaries within certain states. The noncompetition agreement also includes customary non-solicitation provisions. The term of the noncompetition agreement is five years.

## **Release**

At the closing, Sellers will execute a release pursuant to which Sellers will release NLASCO and its subsidiaries from certain potential liabilities arising before or contemporaneously with the closing date that Sellers or any of their affiliates may have against NLASCO or any of its subsidiaries.

## **Share Lock-up Agreement**

At the closing, C. Clifton Robinson will execute a share lock-up agreement pursuant to which he will agree not to offer, sell, contract to sell, hypothecate, pledge, sell or grant any option, right or warrant to purchase, or otherwise dispose of, or contract to dispose of, our common stock until 20 months after the closing date.

## **Business of NLASCO**

### **Company Overview**

NLASCO is an insurance holding company that operates through its subsidiaries and controlled affiliates, who are controlled through various management agreements. NLASCO's two insurance subsidiaries are NLIC and ASIC. NLIC is rated "A" (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company, and ASIC is rated "B++" (Very Good) by A.M. Best. NLASCO has an experienced management team, a high quality agency force and an established track record of growth and underwriting profitability.

NLASCO specializes in providing fire and homeowners insurance for low value dwellings and manufactured homes, primarily in Texas and other areas of the south, southeastern and southwestern United States. NLASCO targets underserved markets that require underwriting expertise that many larger carriers have been unwilling to develop given the relatively small volume of premiums produced by local agents. Within these markets, NLASCO capitalizes on its superior local knowledge to identify

profitable underwriting opportunities. NLASCO believes that it distinguishes itself from competitors by delivering products that are not provided by many larger carriers, providing a high level of customer service and responding quickly to the needs of its agents and policyholders. NLASCO applies a high level of selectivity in the risks it underwrites and uses a risk-adjusted return approach to capital allocation, which NLASCO believes allows it to consistently generate underwriting profits.

NLASCO's policies are typically written for actual cash value of up to \$250,000 in the low value dwelling market and replacement cost of up to \$125,000 in the manufactured home market. Liability on a homeowner's policy typically provides coverage up to \$100,000 with a maximum of \$300,000 issued by a few select agents. NLASCO has also capitalized on its local market knowledge and distribution presence by introducing complementary products such as small commercial property and liability, builders risk, vacancy and a "Write Your Own" flood coverage program. These complementary products accounted for 7% of 2005 direct premiums written and are a potential source of growth.

NLASCO currently distributes its products through approximately 6,600 independent agents in 23 states, including approximately 3,300 in Texas, and a small portion of its business through 12 MGAs. NLASCO built its agency force by providing a consistent market in its core products for over 40 years while offering competitive commissions and profit sharing and effectively employing technology to enhance customer service. Distribution is diversified with the top 10 agents accounting for only 11% of direct premiums written in 2005. As of September 30, 2006, the average tenure of the top 25 agencies was over 8 years.

NLASCO applies its regional expertise, underwriting discipline and a risk-adjusted, return-on-equity based approach to capital allocation to offer primarily short-tail insurance products in its target markets. NLASCO's underwriting process involves securing an adequate level of underwriting information from its independent agents, identifying and evaluating risk exposures and then pricing the risks it chooses to accept.

NLASCO employs a disciplined underwriting approach that incorporates the continuously refined segmentation of its target markets to permit it to tailor its policies to individual risks and adopt pricing structures that will be supported in the applicable market. NLASCO utilizes underwriting principles and processes that reflect the knowledge and experience it has acquired during its 40-year history of underwriting risks. NLASCO also draws on the input and expertise of its skilled underwriters, management and consulting actuaries to underwrite its personal and commercial policies. NLASCO believes that this comprehensive process capitalizes on its knowledge and expertise and results in better underwriting decisions.

### **Company History**

NLIC traces its origin back to 1948, when the original Lloyds company was licensed in San Antonio, Texas. In 1964, Clifton Robinson, Mike Lanham and several other passive investors purchased NLIC, which at the time had no substantial operations, and moved the headquarters to Waco, Texas. Insurance agents by trade, Messrs. Robinson and Lanham saw local residents frustrated by the inability to insure their low value rental property and used NLIC to address this niche. NLIC wrote its first property policy in October 1964. As the business grew over the next four decades, Mr. Robinson acquired the equity of other investors to become the sole owner of the company in 1986.

In 1999, GuideOne Mutual Insurance Company, or GuideOne, approached Mr. Robinson with an offer to purchase NLIC. The sale of NLIC to GuideOne was closed on December 31, 1999. In 2000, Mr. Robinson repurchased NLIC and acquired ASIC as well, both from GuideOne. The Robinsons formed NLASCO to effect the acquisition of the companies which closed on December 31, 2000. James Murphy, the former owner of ASIC, was a 25% partner in NLASCO. In 2001, Mr. Murphy sold his share of NLASCO to the Robinson family, which continues to own 100% of NLASCO.

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NLASCO was incorporated in Delaware in 2000. Financial information for periods prior to January 1, 2005 is unaudited and reported on a historical GAAP basis of accounting. NLASCO occasionally refers to audited statutory financial information that has been prepared in accordance with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Accounting Practices and Procedure Manual, or Manual. All domestic U.S. insurance companies are required to prepare audited statutory-based financial statements in accordance with the Manual.

### Industry Overview

The property and casualty insurance industry provides protection from pre-specified loss events, such as damage to property or liability claims by third parties. Property and casualty insurance can be broadly classified into personal lines, in which insurance is provided to individuals, and commercial lines, in which insurance is provided to business enterprises. In the U.S., personal and commercial insurance products are written in admitted and non-admitted markets, also known as the excess and surplus lines market. NLASCO provides insurance products in the personal market and the commercial line market.

In the admitted market, insurance rates and forms are generally highly regulated and coverages tend to be standardized. Within the admitted market, NLASCO focuses on underserved segments that do not fit into the standard underwriting criteria of national insurance companies due to factors such as type of business, location and the amount of premium per policy. These segments tend to have limited competition. Therefore, NLASCO believes it has greater flexibility in pricing and product design relative to most admitted market risks.

The non-admitted market focuses on harder-to-place risks that admitted insurers typically do not write. In this market, risks are underwritten with more flexible policy forms and rates, resulting in more restrictive and expensive coverages. NLASCO writes in this market in its dwelling fire business in Louisiana.

The property and casualty industry historically has been subject to cyclical fluctuations in pricing and availability of insurance coverage. "Soft" markets are often characterized by excess underwriting capital and involve intense price competition, expanded policy terms and conditions, erosion of underwriting discipline and poor operating performance. These market conditions usually lead to a period of diminished underwriting capacity after insurance companies exit unprofitable lines and exhibit greater underwriting discipline, increase premium rates and implement more restrictive policy terms and conditions. This latter market condition is called a "hard" market. The insurance market may not always be hard or soft; rather, it could be hard for one line of business and soft for another. The market at the start of 2006 might be characterized as soft for property risks in NLASCO's operating area, however, in coastal areas, due to the recent hurricane activity, the market is considered hard.

Beginning in 2001, the insurance market in Texas was disrupted by losses related to property mold claims. At that time, many national insurance carriers elected to reduce their personal property insurance business in Texas, thereby reducing competition in many of NLASCO's target markets, particularly in rural markets. Furthermore, poor underwriting results, low interest rates and weak investment returns over the past several years caused many carriers to become more risk averse in their underwriting strategy. These factors resulted in higher premium rates, more selectivity in risks insured and a reduction in coverages offered. As a result, the Texas insurance market experienced increased premium rates and policy terms and conditions became more stringent for personal property insurance and other business lines. In 2003, in response to this rapid increase in the cost of personal property insurance following the mold crisis, the TDI issued an order requiring insurance company groups in Texas to lower their homeowner's rates by an industry average of 12.5%. In connection therewith, TDI ordered a 16.5% rate reduction for NLASCO's homeowner's business and a reduction of 26.5% for dwelling fire and allied lines. The impact of that rate action was fully absorbed in 2003 and 2004. As a

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result of the Texas mold crisis, NLIC direct premiums written grew at a compound annual growth rate of 60.2% from 2000 to 2003.

The property insurance market was significantly impacted by major hurricanes in 2005 and 2004. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita significantly impacted NLASCO's operating area in 2005. The Florida hurricanes in 2005 and 2004 indirectly impacted NLASCO's operations by causing an overall surge in demand for claims products and services and increasing reinsurance rates for catastrophe and other coverages. The insurance industry recorded the highest level of hurricane losses ever in 2005, breaking the previous record set in 2004. To date, insurers and reinsurers have been able to absorb these losses by charging higher rates and raising additional capital.

### Product Lines

#### Personal and Commercial Lines

The NLASCO companies specialize in writing fire and homeowners insurance coverage for low value dwellings and manufactured homes. The vast majority of NLASCO's property coverage is written on policies which provide actual cash value payments as opposed to replacement cost. Under actual cash value policies, the insured is entitled to receive only the cost of replacing or repairing damaged or destroyed property with comparable new property less depreciation. Additionally, most of NLASCO's property policies exclude coverage for water and mold damage.

The average annual premium per policy issued by NLIC and ASIC is \$480 and \$312, respectively. NLIC primarily focuses on the low value dwelling, limited homeowners markets, preferred small commercial risks and ASIC primarily focuses on the mobile home market.

Throughout the years, NLASCO has capitalized on its strong distribution relationships and shifts in market conditions to introduce complementary products. These products include vacancy, builders risk and a "Write Your Own" flood coverage program. In addition, NLASCO introduced a preferred commercial property and liability product in 1992 to take advantage of opportunities presented by its agency network. Finally, NLASCO acquired a small book of profitable sports liability business that it has maintained and expanded through introduction to select distribution partners.

NLASCO's business is conducted with two product lines, its personal lines and its commercial lines. Set forth below is certain financial data broken down by line of business:

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006	Year Ended December 31,		
		2005	2004	2003
(in millions)				
<b>Direct Premiums Written</b>				
Personal lines	\$ 104.4	\$ 141.2	\$ 139.2	\$ 138.8
Commercial lines	4.6	5.3	6.5	6.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 109.0</b>	<b>\$ 146.5</b>	<b>\$ 145.7</b>	<b>\$ 144.8</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>				
Personal lines	\$ 22.8	\$ 25.6	\$ 24.0	\$ 18.1
Commercial lines	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 23.8</b>	<b>\$ 26.6</b>	<b>\$ 25.1</b>	<b>\$ 18.9</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>				
Personal lines	\$ 233.9	\$ 243.7	\$ 212.5	\$ 184.0
Commercial lines	10.3	9.3	10.0	8.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 244.2</b>	<b>\$ 253.0</b>	<b>\$ 222.5</b>	<b>\$ 192.0</b>





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The following table sets forth the direct premiums written by line of business:

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006		Year Ended December 31,					
			2005		2004		2003	
	Dollar Value	%	Dollar Value	%	Dollar Value	%	Dollar Value	%
(Dollars in millions)								
<b>Personal lines</b>								
Homeowners	\$ 49.1	45.1%	\$ 68.8	47.0%	\$ 72.0	49.4%	\$ 71.1	49.1%
Dwelling fire	38.2	35.0%	48.4	33.0%	44.4	30.5%	44.4	30.7%
Mobile homes	12.8	11.7%	18.2	12.4%	18.8	12.9%	19.9	13.7%
Flood	3.4	3.1%	3.9	2.6%	3.3	2.3%	2.8	1.9%
Vacant	0.5	0.5%	0.6	0.4%	0.2	0.1%	0.1	0.1%
<b>Commercial lines</b>								
Commercial	3.2	2.9%	4.2	2.9%	4.7	3.2%	4.4	3.0%
Builder's risk/builder's risk renovation	1.4	1.3%	1.7	1.2%	1.8	1.2%	1.6	1.1%
Sports liability	0.4	0.4%	0.4	0.3%	0.4	0.3%	0.4	0.3%
Other		0.0%	0.3	0.2%	0.1	0.1%	0.1	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 109.0</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 146.5</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 145.7</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 144.8</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Personal Lines**

**Homeowner's.** Homeowner's policies accounted for direct premiums written of \$49.1 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006, \$68.8 million in the year ended December 31, 2005 and \$72.0 million in the year ended December 31, 2004. NLASCO's homeowner's policies offer coverage on owner-occupied dwellings and personal property, including liability and theft. On the homeowner's policy, an insured may purchase up to \$100,000 of liability insurance for the property, although the average liability coverage is approximately \$50,000. Expanded policy coverage, which is offered only on a limited basis through preferred agents, includes replacement cost and accidental water discharge. For both NLIC and ASIC, the average value of an insured's property is approximately \$70,000 and policy limits are set at \$250,000 for the dwelling, and personal property limits are set at 40% of the dwelling value.

**Dwelling Fire.** Dwelling fire policies accounted for direct premiums written of \$38.2 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006, \$48.4 million in the year ended December 31, 2005 and \$44.4 million in the year ended December 31, 2004. The policies generally cover fire, lightning, internal explosion, damage from smoke, storm, aircraft and vehicles, riot and civil commotion and exclude glass coverage. All policies are sold on an actual cash value basis. The dwelling fire program is designed for owners, tenants, secondary or seasonal occupants of homes that may be considered low in value, generally less than \$250,000. Underwriting is based on prior loss history and condition and value of the home. Separate liability coverage may be added to the policy on either an owner or tenant occupied basis if the dwelling is greater than \$25,000 in value. Extended coverage, including vandalism, freezing of pipes, accidental discharge of water, renters' belongings and replacement cost is available on a limited basis through preferred agents. Recent product enhancements include a liability endorsement for owners of rental property. At NLIC, the average value of an insured property is approximately \$40,000 and policy limits are set at \$250,000 for the dwelling and \$80,000 for personal property. At ASIC, the average property value is approximately \$50,000 while policy limits are set at \$250,000 for the dwelling and \$100,000 for personal property.

*Manufactured Home ASIC.* Manufactured home policies accounted for direct premiums written of \$10.8 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006, \$15.7 million in the year ended December 31, 2005 and \$16.6 million in the year ended December 31, 2004. ASIC provides coverage to a wider array of manufactured homes than NLIC, targeting both older and newer homes. Comprehensive mobile home policies are written for actual cash value and include contents, adjacent structures, theft and liability. ASIC also offers extended coverage options which include replacement cost liability coverage. The average property policy size is approximately \$30,000 and policy limits are generally set at \$125,000. The average liability policy limit is approximately \$100,000, with a maximum of \$300,000.

*Manufactured Home NLIC.* NLIC wrote direct premiums written for manufactured home coverage of \$2.0 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006, \$2.5 million in the year ended December 31, 2005 and \$2.2 million in the year ended December 31, 2004. Fire and extended coverage through NLIC is provided on a named peril basis for older manufactured homes which typically have a value of \$50,000 or less and are often second or vacation homes. The average policy size is approximately \$20,000 and policy limits are set at \$75,000. Liability coverage up to \$100,000 is available on certain manufactured homeowners policies.

*Flood.* NLASCO wrote direct flood premiums, primarily through *FloodConnect*, its comprehensive flood insurance processing system, of \$3.4 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006, \$3.9 million in the year ended December 31, 2005, and \$3.3 million in the year ended December 31, 2004. NLIC and ASIC provide flood coverage as general agents through the National Flood Insurance Program, or NFIP. This program is designed to provide an insurance alternative to disaster assistance to reduce the escalating costs of repairing damage to buildings and their contents caused by floods. Flood coverage requires a 30 day waiting period before coverage begins, unless it is for a loan closing or a mortgage requirement. NLASCO acts only in an agent capacity for the NFIP, and as a result, does not retain any of the underwriting risk associated with this product. Policy limits at both NLIC and ASIC are \$250,000 for dwellings and \$100,000 for personal property for homeowners policies and \$500,000 for buildings and \$500,000 for contents for commercial policies.

*Vacant.* Vacant risk, introduced in 2004, accounted for direct premiums written of \$0.5 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006, \$0.6 million in the year ended December 31, 2005 and \$0.2 million in the year ended December 31, 2004. This policy is targeted at homeowners who have vacated a residence, usually due to a move, and have not yet sold the original residence. To avoid moral hazard risk, vacant homes are insured for up to 75% of their market value on three month policies which may only be up to a maximum of 12 months. The average policy size is approximately \$50,000 and policy limits are set at \$200,000.

#### ***Commercial Lines***

*Commercial.* Commercial monoline and package policies, which were introduced in 1992 and are underwritten only by NLIC, accounted for direct premiums written of \$3.2 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006, \$4.2 million in the year ended December 31, 2005 and \$4.7 million in the year ended December 31, 2004. Commercial policies are available for higher end "Main Street" storefront businesses such as attorney and medical offices and gift stores. NLASCO has not written higher risk policies, such as those for contractors, fast food businesses or garages. Policy limits are set at \$500,000 for property and \$1.0 million for liability.

*Builders Risk / Builders Risk Renovation.* The builders risk program generated direct premiums written of \$1.4 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006, \$1.7 million in the year ended December 31, 2005 and \$1.8 million in the year ended December 31, 2004. Builders risk is an actual cash value policy which is written for a three, six or twelve month period on a fire and extended coverage basis. Builders risk is written only on new construction residential and commercial properties

and all policies exclude theft, liability and vandalism, which eliminates the labor intensive process of monitoring numerous small claims and potential fraud. Builders risk renovation coverage is identical to builders risk coverage with the exception of structures covered, residential homes or commercial buildings being renovated or remodeled. The average policy sizes at NLIC and ASIC are approximately \$120,000 and \$220,000, respectively. Policy limits are set at \$500,000.

*Sports Liability.* The sports liability product accounted for direct premiums written of \$0.4 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006, \$0.4 million in the year ended December 31, 2005 and \$0.4 million in the year ended December 31, 2004. Coverage includes little leagues, sports camps and other youth outings. While accident and health coverage is included, in most cases it is secondary coverage which is used only after the primary carrier is utilized. Additionally, all of the policies written include a sexual misconduct exclusion. Coverage for this product is currently limited to Arizona and Ohio and policy limits are set at \$1.0 million for liability.

*Other.* NLASCO provides inland marine coverage on a limited basis and only when accompanied by other supporting business. Inland marine coverage is written on scheduled items only and does not cover leased equipment or theft. Travel trailer coverage is written on a comprehensive form to include the travel trailer and personal effects. Additionally, ASIC writes a comprehensive personal effects policy for tenant occupied mobile homes on an actual cash value basis.

### Geographic Markets

The following table sets forth the percentage of NLASCO's total gross written premiums by state for the periods shown:

	Gross Written Premiums			
	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006	Year Ended December 31,		
		2005	2004	2003
	(Dollars in millions)			
Texas Flood	\$ 3.2	\$ 3.2	\$ 2.8	\$ 2.4
Texas North	18.8	26.2	24.5	24.3
Texas South	26.4	35.6	37.6	41.3
Texas Central	6.6	8.9	8.6	9.3
Texas West	8.4	10.6	9.8	8.5
Texas Panhandle	5.6	7.1	6.7	6.4
Texas East	8.7	11.2	11.0	11.5
<b>Texas Total</b>	<b>77.7</b>	<b>102.8</b>	<b>101.0</b>	<b>103.7</b>
Arizona	10.7	15.3	16.0	17.0
Tennessee	7.6	10.8	11.9	9.9
Oklahoma	4.5	5.6	5.4	8.1
Mississippi	1.8	4.4	4.8	1.3
Nevada	1.2	1.7	1.5	1.4
Louisiana South	0.5	0.7	0.5	0.4
Louisiana North	1.9	1.6	1.1	0.8
<b>Louisiana Total</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>1.2</b>
All other states	3.1	3.6	3.5	2.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 109.0</b>	<b>\$ 146.5</b>	<b>\$ 145.7</b>	<b>\$ 144.8</b>



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NLASCO underwrites insurance coverage primarily in Texas and also in other states in the south and southwest regions. In 2003, NLASCO withdrew from the Florida market due to management's belief that the Florida market presented a higher than average underwriting risk. In 2003 and 2004, NLASCO also terminated several of its less profitable general agency relationships in Colorado, Oklahoma and Mississippi. In 2005, NLASCO withdrew from the Mississippi market to mitigate its catastrophe exposure in that geographic area.

### Distribution

NLASCO distributes its insurance products through a broad network of approximately 6,600 independent agents in 23 states and currently 12 MGAs. NLASCO has a preference for doing business with agents that desire a long-term relationship that will result in mutual profitability and value for both parties. NLASCO believes that "relationship" agents are more oriented to the long-term and desire a meaningful relationship with their customers and the insurers they represent. NLASCO's top 10 agents accounted for only 11% of direct premiums written in 2005 and 10% of direct premiums written in 2004, and as of September 30, 2006, the average tenure of the top 25 agencies was over 8 years.

### Independent Agents

The 2005 direct premiums written by NLASCO's top 10 agents are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Agent	Tenure (years)	DPW(1)	Percentage of Total DPW
Agent 1	3	\$ 4,416(2)	3.0%
Agent 2	13	2,271	1.6%
Agent 3	7	1,773	1.2%
Agent 4	16	1,517	1.0%
Agent 5	1	1,142	0.8%
Agent 6	2	1,003	0.7%
Agent 7	4	924	0.6%
Agent 8	3	906	0.6%
Agent 9	17	851	0.6%
Agent 10	10	812	0.6%
Top 10		15,615	10.7%
Top 20		21,646	14.8%
Top 50		32,199	22.0%

Note: Represents active agents as of February 15, 2006.

- (1) Direct premiums written.
- (2) Represents an agent in Mississippi that was cancelled shortly after February 15, 2006.

ASIC's decision to withdraw from the Mississippi market in 2005 led to the termination of its producing agent accounting for approximately 18.6% of direct premiums written. However, ASIC's second largest producer, which accounted for 9.6% of 2005 premiums, has been producing business for ASIC since 1992.

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The production among NLASCO's independent agents in the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and in the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 based on direct premiums written by tenure with NLASCO was as follows:

Percentage of DPW(1)				
Tenure	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006	Year Ended December 31, 2005	Year Ended December 31, 2004	Year Ended December 31, 2003
0-5 Years	46%	43%	47%	48%
6-10 Years	21%	23%	24%	23%
11-15 Years	13%	13%	13%	13%
16-20 Years	13%	14%	11%	10%
Over 20 Years	7%	7%	5%	6%

(1) Direct premiums written.

As of September 30, 2006, NLASCO agents had an average tenure of seven years and over one third of the agents had been at NLASCO for two or more years. A competitive commission and profit sharing structure, which rewards producers for generating profitable business, has been central to NLASCO's distribution strategy.

NLASCO's independent agents are authorized to bind NLASCO to policies that meet specified underwriting guidelines. Agents must submit for NLASCO's approval any policies that do not meet these guidelines before NLASCO may be bound by them.

NLASCO's relationships with its producers is managed by a 21-person marketing, sales and support team. When appointing agents, NLASCO evaluates both historical performance and carrier relationships. Each agent is individually appointed and must go through a separate approval process to market NLASCO's personal and commercial products. NLASCO manages its distribution force by measuring producer performance regularly. For example, NLASCO management reviews producer premium and loss results in addition to adherence to underwriting and processing guidelines on a quarterly basis. Some agents are reviewed more frequently based on a number of factors considered by management. Agents with unsatisfactory results are issued warning letters, placed on probation and/or visited by marketing representatives before being cancelled. Management believes the strict monitoring of its producers has allowed it to maintain a productive, compliant and profitable distribution force.

### ***Managing General Agents***

In addition to using independent agents, NLASCO distributes personal lines policies through contractual programs established with unaffiliated MGAs. NLASCO requires MGAs to underwrite NLASCO's insurance policies according to NLASCO's underwriting guidelines. The MGAs underwrite the business with oversight from NLASCO. MGAs are prohibited from issuing their own policies. NLASCO conducts periodic audits to assess compliance with underwriting guidelines and the limits in the agency agreements. In 2005, NLASCO's business with the MGAs contributed \$8.6 million in direct premiums written.

In October 2006, NLASCO acquired substantially all of the assets of Longhorn General Agency, Inc., or Longhorn General Agency, for approximately \$4 million with an additional earnout potential of up to \$1.5 million over the next two years. Longhorn General Agency is a specialty managing general agency focused on offering property and casualty insurance products to manufactured housing, homeowners and dwelling risks throughout Texas.

### **Underwriting and Pricing**

NLASCO applies its regional expertise, underwriting discipline and a risk-adjusted, return-on-equity based approach to capital allocation to offer primarily short-tail insurance products in



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its target markets. NLASCO's underwriting process involves securing an adequate level of underwriting information from its independent agents, identifying and evaluating risk exposures and then pricing the risks it chooses to accept.

NLASCO employs a disciplined underwriting approach that incorporates the continuously refined segmentation of its target markets to permit it to tailor its policies to individual risks and adopt pricing structures that will be supported in the applicable market. NLASCO utilizes underwriting principles and processes that reflect the knowledge and experience it has acquired during its 40-year history of underwriting risks. NLASCO also draws on the input and expertise of its skilled underwriters, management and consulting actuaries to underwrite its personal and commercial policies. NLASCO believes that this comprehensive process capitalizes on its knowledge and expertise and results in better underwriting decisions.

NLASCO's underwriting process has resulted in loss ratios below 55% on a consistent basis (2005 - 45%; 2004 - 47%; 2003 - 52%; 2002 - 53%; 2001 - 58%). NLASCO's loss ratio includes 4.1 percentage points due to net catastrophe losses in 2004 and 11.6 percentage points in 2005 attributable to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Underwriting begins with the selection of agencies that understand NLASCO's approach and have a desire to build a long-term relationship with NLASCO. Agents submit applications through NLASCO's online Policy Agency Claims System, or P.A.C.S. which automatically verifies that the required information has been provided and that the risk is consistent with established guidelines. Senior underwriters review all applications that do not adhere to established guidelines and other applications that warrant more careful review based on location, agent or other factors. Finally, almost all properties to be insured are inspected before an application receives final approval.

NLASCO conducts an extensive due diligence review of prospective agents. Consistent with industry practice, NLASCO grants its agents binding authority based on detailed guidelines developed by senior management. Binding authority is given to agents for pre-approved limits which cover NLASCO's standard business. Exceptions must be reviewed by the underwriter and manager of underwriting prior to submission. The level of review depends upon the class of business and relationship with the submitting agent.

Technical systems and applications support the underwriters and facilitate an efficient underwriting process and high productivity levels. The application process begins with the agent and the insured. Almost all applications are submitted online and receive a unique identification number upon submission. Once the completed application is submitted, the policy is bound, pending review for final approval and payment of premium.

If the agent has underwritten and submitted the account according to the specified guidelines, NLASCO processes the application as complete. If the guidelines have not been followed, the application may be cancelled by NLASCO or updated and re-submitted by the agents for further underwriting review. NLASCO, however, is at risk between submission and approval or declination of the application. The online process minimizes the potential for human error and allows NLASCO's underwriters to quickly identify any potential exceptions.

An inspection is the final step of the underwriting process. NLASCO inspects almost all new insured property within 20 to 30 days of receiving an application from the agent. The inspections are carried out by independent contractors, typically retired fireman or former claims adjusters, who are required to provide photographs of each insured property. NLASCO reserves the right to cancel any new business which does not meet NLASCO's stated underwriting guidelines.

As of September 30, 2006, NLASCO employed seven personal lines underwriters and four commercial lines underwriters along with a commercial lines manager. As of September 30, 2006, these



underwriters had an average tenure of 14 years with NLASCO and an average of 18 years of industry experience.

Pricing levels are established by NLASCO's senior management with the assistance of a consulting actuary. Pricing balances NLASCO's return requirements along with the legal/regulatory environment in each particular geographic region. Management reviews pricing on a quarterly basis to monitor any emerging issues, such as the mold crisis which hit Texas in 2003. NLASCO's statistical database allows this analysis to be performed on a specific coverage or geographic territory.

### Catastrophe Exposure

NLASCO maintains a comprehensive risk management strategy which includes actively monitoring its catastrophe prone territories by zip code to ensure a diversified book of risks. NLASCO's catastrophe exposure primarily results from property policies in Cameron, Harris, Jefferson and Nueces Counties in Texas, which include the densely populated Houston metropolitan area and the cities extending from the northern tip to the southern point on the Texas Gulf Coast. All of this territory is exposed to potential wind storm activity from the Gulf of Mexico. NLASCO is also exposed to hail and other catastrophic events in the Texas panhandle and the plains states. The coastal area represents 15% of Texas state-wide premiums; however, only 8% of these coastal policies include full wind coverage. The panhandle represents 8% of Texas state-wide premiums. Over the years, NLASCO has adjusted its business based on its perceived risk of catastrophe losses. For example, in 2005 ASIC withdrew from the Mississippi market to mitigate its catastrophe exposure in that area.

### Historical Catastrophe Losses

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006	Year Ended December 31,				
		2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
(in millions)						
Gross loss and loss adjustment expense	\$ 5.9	\$ 116.5	\$ 4.1	\$ 15.1	\$ 1.3	\$
Recovery received from reinsurers	(1.9)	(110.7)	(0.3)	(9.1)	(0.3)	
Reinstatement costs	0.5	6.7		1.4	0.1	
Total net catastrophe loss	\$ 4.5	\$ 12.5	\$ 3.8	\$ 7.4	\$ 1.1	\$

### Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 and Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act of 2005

On November 26, 2002, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2002 was enacted into Federal law and established the Terrorism Risk Insurance Program, or the Program, a temporary Federal program in the Department of the Treasury, that provided for a system of shared public and private compensation for insured losses resulting from acts of terrorism or war committed by or on behalf of a foreign interest. The Program was scheduled to terminate on December 31, 2005. On December 22, 2005, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act of 2005 was enacted into Federal law, reauthorizing the Program through December 31, 2007, while reducing the Federal role under the Program. In order for a loss to be covered under the Program certain aggregate industry loss minimums that vary by Program year of amounts \$100 million or less must be satisfied. Further, the loss must be the result of an event that is certified as an act of terrorism by the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of State and Attorney General. The original Program excluded from participation certain of the following types of insurance: Federal crop insurance, private mortgage insurance, financial guaranty insurance, medical malpractice insurance, health or life insurance, flood insurance, and reinsurance. The 2005 Act exempted from coverage certain additional types of insurance, including commercial automobile, professional liability (other than directors and officers'), surety, burglary and theft, and farm-owners multi-peril. In the case of a war declared by Congress, only workers' compensation losses are covered

by the Program. The Program generally requires that all commercial property casualty insurers licensed in the United States participate in the Program. Under the Program, a participating insurer is entitled to be reimbursed by the Federal government for a percentage of subject losses, after an insurer deductible, subject to an annual cap. The Federal reimbursement percentage remains at 90% for 2006, but decreases to 85% in 2007. In each case, the deductible is calculated by applying the deductible percentage to the insurer's direct earned premiums for covered lines from the calendar year immediately preceding the applicable year. The deductible under the Program was 7% for 2003, 10% for 2004, 15% for 2005, 17.5% for 2006 and will be 20% for 2007. NLASCO's estimated deductible under the Program is \$26.0 million for 2006. The annual cap limits the amount of aggregate subject losses for all participating insurers to \$100 billion. Once subject losses have reached the \$100 billion aggregate during a program year, there is no additional reimbursement from the U.S. Treasury and an insurer that has met its deductible for the program year is not liable for any losses (or portion thereof) that exceed the \$100 billion cap. NLASCO had no terrorism-related losses in 2005, 2004 or 2003.

### **Reinsurance**

NLASCO purchases reinsurance to reduce its exposure to liability on individual risks and claims and to protect against catastrophe losses. NLASCO's management believes that less volatile, yet reasonable, returns are in the long-term interest of NLASCO, and as a result maintains a conservative reinsurance program. NLASCO generated direct premiums written totaling \$146.5 million in 2005 and paid approximately \$5.7 million in catastrophe reinsurance premiums prior to any reinstatement premiums.

Reinsurance involves an insurance company transferring, or ceding, a portion of its risk to another insurer, the reinsurer. The reinsurer assumes the exposure in return for a portion of the premium. The ceding of risk to a reinsurer does not legally discharge the primary insurer from its liability for the full amount of the policies on which it obtains reinsurance. The primary insurer remains liable for the entire loss if the reinsurer fails to meet its obligations under the reinsurance agreement, and, as a result, the primary insurer is exposed to the risk of non-payment by its reinsurers.

NLASCO's financial stability is substantially protected from catastrophic events through several excess of loss reinsurance contracts that combine to provide a mix of coverage against various types and combinations of catastrophe losses. As noted in Risk Factors, NLASCO is exposed to catastrophic losses that could exceed the limits of reinsurance and negatively impact its financial position and results of operations. NLASCO purchases reinsurance for a modeled exposure for a one-in 500 year event. In 2005, NLASCO's reinsurance program effectively reduced its combined pre-tax retention of net losses related to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to approximately \$5 million. The hurricanes in Louisiana, Texas and Florida over the past two years highlighted the vulnerability of many insurers to catastrophe losses without adequate reinsurance.

In formulating its reinsurance programs, NLASCO is selective in its choice of reinsurers and considers numerous factors, the most important of which are the financial stability of the reinsurer, its history of responding to claims and its overall reputation. In an effort to minimize exposure to the insolvency of reinsurers, NLASCO evaluates the acceptability and monitors the financial condition of each reinsurer continuously throughout the year. NLASCO enters into reinsurance agreements only with reinsurers that have an A.M. Best financial strength rating of "A- (Excellent)" (fourth highest of 15 categories) or better. If a reinsurer rating subsequently drops below "A- (Excellent)," NLASCO can cancel or replace the reinsurer. As of December 31, 2005, 100% of NLASCO's paid loss recoverables were from reinsurers rated "A- (Excellent)" or better by A.M. Best. To further minimize exposure to reinsurer insolvency, NLASCO spreads reinsurance treaties among many reinsurers. NLASCO reviews retention levels each year to maintain a balance between the growth in surplus and the cost of reinsurance. NLASCO's losses from unrecoverable reinsurance in 2005 and 2004 were nominal.

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NLASCO's ten largest net receivable balances from reinsurers as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005 were as follows:

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006

	A.M. Best Financial Strength Rating	Ceded Premiums	Balances Due from Reinsurance Companies	Prepaid Reinsurance Premiums	Net Receivable Balance(1)
(in millions)					
Federal Emergency Management Agency	N/A	\$ 3.4	\$ 0.5	\$ 2.5	\$ 3.0
Swiss Re Underwriters	A+		0.5		0.5
Harco National	A-	0.6	0.8		0.8
Liberty Syndicates	A	1.1	0.5	0.2	0.7
R&V Versicherung	A	0.8	0.3	0.1	0.4
Hannover Re	A	0.5	0.7		0.7
Endurance Specialty Insurance	A	0.7	0.4	0.1	0.5
Lloyds AML 2001	A	0.6	0.3	0.1	0.4
Lloyds GSC 958	A	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.3
Lloyds LIB 4472	A	0.4	0.3		0.3

Year Ended December 31, 2005

	A.M. Best Financial Strength Rating	Ceded Premiums	Balances Due from Reinsurance Companies	Prepaid Reinsurance Premiums	Net Receivable Balance(1)
(in millions)					
General Reinsurance Corporation	A++	\$ 27.6	\$ 17.0	\$ 11.1	\$ 14.6
Lloyds LIB 4472	A	2.6	4.9		4.8
Federal Emergency Management Agency	N/A	3.9	2.6	2.0	2.6
Hannover Re	A	0.7	1.3		1.3
Lloyds AML 2001	A	0.8	1.2		1.2
Lloyds SVB 2147	A	0.6	0.7		0.7
Lloyds BRT 2987	A	0.3	0.5		0.5
Lloyds GSC 958	A	0.5	0.5		0.5
Sirus International	A	0.2	0.5		0.5
Lloyds HYL 2121	A	0.4	0.5		0.5

(1)

The net receivable balance includes balances from reinsurance companies, contingent commissions, prepaid reinsurance premiums and ceded contingent commissions, less balances due to reinsurance companies.

As of September 30, 2006, NLIC had reinsurance for up to \$150 million of losses per event in excess of a \$4 million retention by NLIC. This reinsurance is comprised of four layers of protection: \$10 million in losses in excess of a \$4 million retention by NLIC; \$11 million in excess of a \$14 million loss; \$25 million in excess of a \$25 million loss; \$40 million in excess of a \$50 million loss; and \$60 million in excess of \$90 million loss. NLIC retains no participation in any of the layers, other than the first \$4 million retention. The projected premiums on these treaties are \$12.0 million in 2006 compared to \$5.7 million for the catastrophe reinsurance treaty in 2005. As of September 30, 2006, ASIC had reinsurance for up to \$150 million of losses per event in excess of a \$1 million retention by ASIC. This reinsurance is comprised of five layers of protection: \$3 million in excess of a \$1 million loss; \$10 million in excess of a \$4 million loss; \$11 million in excess of a \$14 million loss; \$25 million in excess of a \$25 million loss; \$40 million in excess of a \$50 million loss; and \$60 million in excess of \$90 million loss.



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Set forth below is a summary of NLASCO's current reinsurance program as of September 30, 2006:

*NLIC Reinsurance Program*

<b>Program</b>	<b>Reinsurers</b>	<b>Renewal Date</b>
\$10 million excess of \$4 million	Liberty Syndicates, Various Lloyds Syndicates, R&V Verischerung	1/1/07
\$11 million excess of \$14 million	Liberty Syndicates, Various Lloyds Syndicates, R&V Verischerung	1/1/07
\$25 million excess of \$25 million	Endurance Reinsurance Company, Hannover Re, Liberty Syndicates, Various Lloyds Syndicates	1/1/07
\$40 million excess of \$50 million	Endurance Reinsurance Company, Hannover Re, Liberty Syndicates, Various Lloyds Syndicates	5/1/07
\$60 million excess of \$90 million	Ace Tempest Re, American Re, Arch Re, Ariel Re, Axa Re, China Re, Flagstone Re Ltd., Various Lloyds Syndicates, QBE Re, Shelter Mutual Insurance Co., Transatlantic Reinsurance Company, Endurance Specialty Insurance Company, Platinum Underwriters Reinsurance, Inc., Axis Specialty, Ltd.	7/1/07

*ASIC Reinsurance Program*

<b>Program</b>	<b>Reinsurers</b>	<b>Renewal Date</b>
\$3 million excess of \$1 million	Arch Reinsurance, Liberty Syndicates, Various Lloyds Syndicates, R&V Versicherung	1/1/07
\$10 million excess of \$4 million	Hannover Re, Liberty Syndicates, Various Lloyds Syndicates, Platinum Reinsurance Company, R&V Versicherung	1/1/07
\$11 million excess of \$14 million	Liberty Syndicates, Various Lloyds Syndicates, R&V Verischerung	1/1/07
\$25 million excess of \$25 million	Endurance Reinsurance Company, Hannover Re, Liberty Syndicates, Various Lloyds Syndicates	1/1/07
\$40 million excess of \$50 million	Endurance Reinsurance Company, Hannover Re, Various Lloyds Syndicates	5/1/07
\$60 million excess of \$90 million	Ace Tempest Re, American Re, Arch Re, Ariel Re, Axa Re, China Re, Flagstone Re Ltd., Various Lloyds Syndicates, QBE Re, Shelter Mutual Insurance Co., Transatlantic Reinsurance Company, Endurance Specialty Insurance Company, Platinum Underwriters Reinsurance, Inc., Axis Specialty, Ltd.	7/1/07

In addition to the catastrophic reinsurance noted above, both NLIC and ASIC participate in an \$850,000 excess of loss program with Hannover Re and Harco.

To help offset the impact of higher reinsurance costs, NLASCO is in the process of filing rate increases on its primary insurance policies. A rate increase on Texas homeowners and dwelling fire

policies was filed and implemented in November 2006. A rate increase on Louisiana policies was filed and implemented in August 2006. The size of rate increases varies by geographic region based upon actuarially justified costs and wind-related exposures. The Texas rate increases are subject to Article 5.13-2C small company exemption from rate filing and approval requirements. The Louisiana rates for NLIC were approved and are being implemented and ASIC's homeowner rate increase is not subject to regulatory approval due to the non-admitted status of the company in Louisiana.

### **Claims Management and Administration**

NLASCO manages claims on the policies underwritten through its independent agent network. NLASCO believes that effective claims management is critical to its success and that its claims management process is cost effective, delivers the appropriate level of claims service and produces superior claims results. The claims management philosophy emphasizes fast, fair and courteous claims handling while maintaining the accuracy and sufficiency of any payments NLASCO is contractually obligated to pay. NLASCO focuses on controlling claims by thoroughly investigating them, accelerating communication to policyholders and claimants and compressing the cycle time of claim resolution to control both loss cost and claim handling cost.

NLASCO's claims staff was tested in a significant way following the two major hurricanes in the third quarter of 2005. More than 9,000 claims were reported for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. NLASCO's claims people responded in a timely manner to meet NLASCO's obligations to its policyholders and quickly settle claims. NLASCO believes that it has already closed almost all of reported Katrina and Rita claims.

The claims department reviews, supervises and handles claims arising under NLASCO's insurance policies. As of September 30, 2006, the claims department employed 13 people. In addition, NLASCO's service center has the capability to handle new claims submissions if necessitated by claim volume. NLASCO trains its claims employees to handle claims according to its customer-focused claims management processes and procedures. NLASCO conducts continuing education for its claims staff in the areas of best practices, fraud awareness, legislative changes and litigation management. NLASCO uses its own field adjusters, as well as independent claims adjusters, after major catastrophic events or to adjust a claim in a remote location. Management regularly monitors claim performance through a weekly review of open and aged claim reports.

### **Technology and Systems**

NLASCO utilizes technology as a competitive strength with its independent agents, to realize operating efficiencies, improve customer service and ensure attractive underwriting results. Specifically, NLASCO has developed an automated system that marshals policy and claims data to support the underwriting and pricing function and enables its network of independent agents to underwrite personal lines policies on its behalf. NLASCO refers to this system as the P.A.C.S. The P.A.C.S. has allowed NLASCO to strategically reduce its workforce approximately 20% since 2004.

Through NLASCO's Internet-based system, NLASCO's agents are able to seamlessly submit an application for underwriting approval and a rate quote and bind and issue a policy for personal lines policies. The P.A.C.S. stores electronic images of all documents associated with each account and, throughout the life of that account, distributes all relevant data regarding that policyholder and its claims and loss history to underwriting, actuarial, claims and billing departments to supplement their knowledge base and enable them to carry out their respective functions. The underwriting and actuarial departments use that information to refine underwriting guidelines for the personal lines using the segmented underwriting philosophy.

**Liabilities for Unpaid Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses**

NLASCO's liabilities for losses and loss adjustment expenses include liabilities for reported losses, liabilities for incurred but not reported, or IBNR, losses and liabilities for loss adjustment expenses, or LAE, less a reduction for reinsurance recoverables related to those liabilities. The amount of liabilities for reported claims is based primarily on a claim-by-claim evaluation of coverage, liability, injury severity or scope of property damage, and any other information considered relevant to estimating exposure presented by the claim. The amounts of liabilities for IBNR losses and LAE are estimated on the basis of historical trends adjusted for changes in loss costs, underwriting standards, policy provisions, product mix and other factors. Estimating the liability for unpaid losses and LAE is inherently judgmental and is influenced by factors that are subject to significant variation. Liabilities for LAE are intended to cover the ultimate cost of settling claims, including investigation and defense of lawsuits resulting from such claims. Reinsurance recoverables offset NLASCO's gross liabilities based upon the contractual terms of its reinsurance agreements.

Significant periods of time can elapse between the occurrence of an insured loss, the reporting of the loss to the insurer and the insurer's payment of that loss. NLASCO's liabilities for unpaid losses represent the best estimate at a given point in time of what it expects to pay claimants, based on facts, circumstances and historical trends then known. During the loss settlement period, additional facts regarding individual claims may become known, and consequently it often becomes necessary to refine and adjust the estimates of liability.

The table below presents one-year development information on changes in the liability for losses and LAE and a reconciliation of liabilities on a direct premiums written and net premiums written basis for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003 (in thousands):

	<b>Loss and Loss Adjustment Expenses Activity Through Period Ended</b>			
	<b>September 30, 2006</b>	<b>December 31,</b>		
		<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 41,379	\$ 24,648	\$ 19,839	\$ 15,034
Less ceded losses and loss adjustment expenses	(17,433)	(5,962)	(7,561)	(5,838)
<b>Net balance at beginning of year</b>	<b>23,946</b>	<b>18,686</b>	<b>12,278</b>	<b>9,196</b>
Claims incurred during the period related to:				
Current periods	47,476	55,407	47,503	44,972
Prior periods	(3,082)	(6,838)	(4,505)	1,490
<b>Total claims incurred</b>	<b>44,394</b>	<b>48,569</b>	<b>42,998</b>	<b>46,462</b>
Claims paid during the period related to:				
Current periods	37,559	38,822	33,395	36,634
Prior periods	11,094	4,487	3,195	6,746
<b>Total claims paid</b>	<b>48,653</b>	<b>43,309</b>	<b>36,590</b>	<b>43,380</b>
Net balance at end of period	19,687	23,946	18,686	12,278
Plus reinsurance recoverables	2,621	17,433	5,962	7,561
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	<b>\$ 22,308</b>	<b>\$ 41,379</b>	<b>\$ 24,648</b>	<b>\$ 19,839</b>

NLASCO's claims reserving practices are designed to set liabilities for losses and LAE that in the aggregate are adequate to pay all claims at their ultimate loss cost net of anticipated salvage and subrogation. Thus, NLASCO's estimates are not discounted for inflation or other factors.

*Loss development*

NLASCO estimates the aggregate amount of losses and LAE ultimately required to settle all claims for a given period, or estimated ultimate incurred losses. The following tables present the development of estimated liability for losses and LAE, net of reinsurance, for the years 1996 through 2005, of NLIC and ASIC. The tables present accident or policy year development data. The first line of the table shows, for the years indicated, net liability, including IBNR, as originally estimated. For example, as of December 31, 1998, NLIC estimated that \$12.8 million would be a sufficient net liability to settle all claims retained by it not already settled that had occurred prior to December 31, 1998, whether reported or unreported. The next section of the table sets forth the re-estimates in later years of incurred losses, including payments, for the years indicated. For example, as indicated in that section of the table, the original net liability of \$12.8 million was re-estimated to be \$12.5 million at December 31, 2005. The decrease from the original estimate is caused by a combination of factors, including: (1) claims being settled for amounts different than originally estimated; (2) the net liability being increased or decreased for claims remaining open as more information becomes known about those individual claims; and (3) more or fewer claims being reported after December 31, 1998 than had occurred prior to that date. The next section of the table shows, by year, the cumulative amounts of losses and LAE paid as of the end of each succeeding year. For example, with respect to the liability for net losses and LAE of \$12.8 million as of December 31, 1998, by the end of 2005 (seven years later), \$12.5 million had actually been paid in settlement of the claims.

The "net cumulative redundancy (deficiency)" represents, as of December 31, 2005, the difference between the latest re-estimated liability and the net liability as originally estimated for losses and LAE retained by us. A redundancy means the original estimate was higher than the current estimate; a deficiency means that the original estimate was lower than the current estimate. For example, as of December 31, 2005 and based upon updated information, NLIC re-estimated that the net liability which was established as of December 31, 1998 was \$372,000 redundant.



**National Lloyds Insurance Company**  
**Analysis of Loss Reserve Development**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

Year Ended December 31,

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Original Reserve*	7,934	8,243	12,832	13,600	12,926	12,231	18,141	35,061	33,951	41,282
1 year later	7,883	7,775	12,471	13,685	13,381	12,077	17,852	32,887	28,106	
2 years later	7,855	7,595	12,478	13,665	13,208	12,871	17,281	32,559		
3 years later	7,732	7,601	12,557	13,669	13,840	12,822	17,357			
4 years later	7,730	7,592	12,550	13,667	14,021	12,671				
5 years later	7,732	7,593	12,460	13,654	14,016					
6 years later	7,728	7,683	12,462	13,637						
7 years later	7,728	7,683	12,460							
8 years later	7,728	7,683								
9 years later	7,823									
Net cumulative redundancy (deficiency)	111	560	372	(37)	(1,090)	(440)	784	2,502	5,845	
Cumulative amount of net liability paid as of:										
1 year later	7,584	7,471	12,538	13,519	12,894	11,333	16,836	30,867	24,747	
2 years later	7,698	7,548	12,434	13,626	13,049	12,310	17,160	30,818		
3 years later	7,724	7,591	12,516	13,649	13,194	12,612	17,209			
4 years later	7,728	7,592	12,550	13,648	13,211	12,647				
5 years later	7,729	7,593	12,460	13,647	13,192					
6 years later	7,728	7,683	12,460	13,634						
7 years later	7,728	7,683	12,460							
8 years later	7,728	7,683								
9 years later	7,713									

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Including amounts paid in respective year

**American Summit Insurance Company**  
**Analysis of Loss Reserve Development**  
(Dollars in Thousands)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Original Reserve*	4,501	4,828	4,874	1,200		6,621	11,873	6,235	8,297	11,041
1 year later	4,562	5,006	5,375	1,202	(894)	6,928	11,983	5,322	7,388	
2 years later	4,594	4,612	5,374	1,429	(719)	6,742	11,963	5,512		
3 years later	4,494	4,614	5,479	1,581	(671)	6,813	11,554			
4 years later	4,495	4,602	5,441	1,556	(723)	7,106				
5 years later	4,499	4,600	5,442	1,528	(689)					
6 years later	4,524	4,603	5,425	1,536						
7 years later	4,524	4,603	5,429							
8 years later	4,524	4,603								
9 years later	4,524									
Net cumulative redundancy (deficiency)	(23)	225	(555)	(336)	689	(485)	319	723	909	
Cumulative amount of net liability paid as of:										
1 year later	4,277	4,546	5,375	1,048	(1,149)	6,000	10,909	4,987	6,566	
2 years later	4,396	4,612	5,305	1,170	(914)	6,281	11,284	5,612		
3 years later	4,494	4,595	5,389	1,480	(748)	6,450	11,647			
4 years later	4,478	4,599	5,429	1,524	(739)	6,760				
5 years later	4,488	4,598	5,428	1,518	(711)					
6 years later	4,523	4,603	5,425	1,526						
7 years later	4,524	4,603	5,429							
8 years later	4,524	4,603								
9 years later	4,524									

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Including amounts paid in respective year.

Because NLASCO did not own ASIC prior to January 1, 2001, the information in the table above prior to that date with respect to ASIC was developed by a different management group. Since NLASCO's acquisition of ASIC in 2001, NLASCO has modified the development of estimated liability for losses and LAE for ASIC, and the numbers for the years prior to 2001 may not be comparable to 2001 and thereafter.

Current loss reserve development has been positive. In the years 2002, 2003 and 2004 the developed reserve as of December 31, 2005 were \$1.1 million, \$3.2 million and \$6.8 million, respectively, less than the initial carried reserve for each year. For the years 1996 through 2001 the reserves on average were \$0.2 million deficient. Starting in 2002, incurred but not reported loss reserves were strengthened contributing to the positive development in years 2002, 2003 and 2004. This strengthening of reserves was due to increases in direct written premium and increased net written premium from reductions in quota share reinsurance.

### Ratings

Many insurance buyers, agents and brokers use the ratings assigned by A.M. Best and other rating agencies to assist them in assessing the financial strength and overall quality of the companies from which they purchase insurance. A.M. Best assigned NLIC a financial strength rating of "A" (Excellent)

in 2005 and ASIC a rating of "B++" (Very Good) in 2005. An "A" rating is the third highest of 15 rating categories used by A.M. Best, and a "B++" rating is the fifth highest of 15 rating categories. In evaluating a company's financial and operating performance, A.M. Best reviews a company's profitability, leverage and liquidity, as well as its book of business, the adequacy and soundness of its reinsurance, the quality and estimated market value of its assets, the adequacy of its liabilities for losses and LAE, the adequacy of its surplus, its capital structure, the experience and competence of its management and its market presence. This rating is intended to provide an independent opinion of an insurer's ability to meet its obligations to policyholders and is not an evaluation directed at investors. This rating assignment is subject to the ability to meet A.M. Best's expectations as to performance and capitalization on an ongoing basis, including with respect to management of liabilities for losses and LAE, and is subject to revocation or revision at any time at the sole discretion of A.M. Best. NLASCO cannot ensure that NLIC and ASIC will maintain their present ratings. A.M. Best has announced that they have reviewed the terms of our acquisition of NLASCO and do not intend to take action with respect to NLIC or ASIC ratings at this time

### **Investments**

NLASCO's primary investment objectives are to preserve capital and manage for a total rate of return in excess of a specified benchmark portfolio. NLASCO's strategy is to purchase securities in sectors that represent the most attractive relative value. Bonds, cash and short-term investments constituted \$155.6 million, or 95%, of NLASCO's investments at December 31, 2005.

NLASCO has a custodial agreement with A.G. Edwards and Merrill Lynch and investment management agreements with Salomon Smith Barney and Bank of America.

NLASCO's investment guidelines reflect the desire and intent to assure the prudent investment of capital and surplus, keeping in mind the long term nature of some insurance reserves, while recognizing the uncertainty of expected cash flows, the shorter term characteristics of and the desire to supplement insurance underwriting gains and offset losses with portfolio income and realized gains in order to maintain adequate capital and surplus. All investments are made in conformance with all state and Federal laws and regulations applicable to such investments and the company involved. State insurance laws and regulations limit the amount of investments in asset classes below certain "quality" levels. NLASCO maintains a quality structure exceeding the minimum requirements imposed on the portfolio by state insurance laws and regulations known as the Investment of Insurer's Model Act, or NAIC Act.

Liquidity and preservation of policyholder surplus can be limiting factors in achieving a favorable return on invested assets, as sufficient funds need to be maintained to meet ongoing near term financial obligations. Funds not immediately needed to offset withdrawals may need to be invested in short-term securities on a continuous basis. A maturity structure must be maintained to free up cash flow from operations and investment income, as well as to provide a source of liquidity and flexibility to meet changing market, tax and other operating considerations.

Notwithstanding the above, the underlying objective of NLASCO's investment policy is to obtain a favorable total return on invested assets to augment the growth of surplus from operations. As total return comes both from income and capital growth, a portion of the funds are invested in assets other than fixed income securities, including common stocks, growth oriented preferred stocks and common or preferred stock mutual funds. In managing these investment choices, market volatility, and the absolute level of NLASCO's capital and surplus relative both to existing liabilities and the level of premium revenue, as well as to total assets, are the limiting factors that influence the portion of assets invested in other than fixed income investments.

Performance is measured by comparing the total return, for each period, of each major sector of NLASCO's investment portfolio, to an appropriate market index, as well as comparing the total return of NLASCO's investment portfolio to an average of the market indices, weighted by the portfolio's

average exposure to each other particular sector during the day. The assets are managed with the goal of exceeding these market indices, with volatility of return similar to or less than the indices.

In addition to the foregoing guidelines, NLASCO's general philosophy is to limit investments in industries that have experienced historic volatility, such as airlines or telecommunications companies. NLASCO also monitors its investment guidelines to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

NLASCO's investment committee meets regularly to review the portfolio performance and investment markets in general. NLASCO's management generally meets monthly to review the performance of investments and monitor market conditions for investments that would warrant any revision to investment guidelines.

The following table shows the market values of various categories of invested assets, the percentage of the total market value of invested assets represented by each category and the book yield based on market value of each type as of September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 and 2004:

	September 30, 2006		December 31, 2005		December 31, 2004	
	Market Value	Percent of Total	Market Value	Percent of Total	Market Value	Percent of Total
(Dollars in millions)						
U.S. Treasury obligations and direct obligations of U.S. Government agencies and authorities	\$ 49	27.5%	\$ 50	30.7%	\$ 45	32.4%
Obligations of states and political subdivisions	6	3.4%	5	3.1%	6	4.3%
Corporate securities	43	24.2%	42	25.8%	41	29.5%
Mortgage and asset-backed securities	19	10.7%	18	11.0%	17	12.2%
Short-term investments	2	1.1%	13	8.0%	10	7.2%
Common and preferred stocks	11	6.2%	12	7.4%	12	8.6%
Cash and cash equivalents	41	23.0%	14	8.6%	7	5.1%
Other	7	3.9%	9	5.5%	1	0.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 178</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 163</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 139</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### Competition

NLASCO competes with a large number of other companies in its selected lines of business, including major U.S. and non-U.S. insurers, regional companies, mutual companies, specialty insurance companies, underwriting agencies and diversified financial services companies. The personal lines market in Texas is dominated by a few large carriers and their subsidiaries and affiliates, including State Farm, Allstate, Farmers and USAA. According to the Texas Department of Insurance, the top ten insurers writing homeowners insurance accounted for approximately 85% of the market in 2005. NLASCO competes for business on the basis of a number of factors, including price, coverages offered, customer service, relationships with agents (including ease of doing business, service provided and commission rates paid), size and financial strength ratings. In its personal lines business, NLASCO's competitors include Republic Companies Group, Inc., Columbia Lloyds, Foremost, American Modern Home Group and American Reliable. In its commercial lines business, NLASCO's competitors include Travelers, Safeco and Republic.

NLASCO seeks to distinguish itself from its competitors by targeting an underserved market segment that provides NLASCO with the best opportunity to obtain favorable policy terms, conditions and pricing.

## **Regulation**

NLIC and ASIC are subject to regulation and supervision in the states in which they are licensed to do business. This regulation and supervision is vested in state agencies having broad administrative power over the various aspects of the business of NLIC and ASIC.

### *State insurance holding company regulation*

NLASCO controls two operating insurance companies, NLIC and ASIC, and is subject to the insurance holding company laws of Texas, the state in which those insurance companies are domiciled. These laws generally require NLASCO to register with the Texas Insurance Department and periodically to furnish financial and other information about the operations of companies within its holding company structure. Generally under these laws, all transactions between an insurer and an affiliated company in its holding company structure, including sales, loans, reinsurance agreements and service agreements, must be fair and reasonable and, if satisfying a specified threshold amount or of a specified category, require prior notice and approval or non-disapproval by the Texas Insurance Department.

### *Changes of control*

Before a person can acquire control of an insurance company domiciled in Texas, prior written approval must be obtained from the Texas Insurance Department. Prior to granting approval of an application to acquire control of an insurer, the Texas Insurance Department will consider such factors as:

the financial strength of the applicant;

the integrity and management experience of the applicant's board of directors and executive officers;

the acquirer's plans for the management of the domestic insurer;

the acquirer's plans to declare dividends, sell assets or incur debt;

the acquirer's plans for the future operations of the domestic insurer;

the impact of the acquisition on continued licensure of the domestic insurer;

the impact on the interests of Texas policyholders; and

any anti-competitive results that may arise from the consummation of the acquisition of control.

Pursuant to the Texas insurance holding company statutes, "control" means the possession, direct or indirect, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of the company, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract (except a commercial contract for goods or non-management services) or otherwise. Control is presumed to exist if any person directly or indirectly owns, controls or holds with the power to vote 10% or more of the voting securities of the company; however, the state's insurance department, after notice and a hearing, may determine that a person or entity that directly or indirectly owns, controls or holds with the power to vote less than 10% of the voting securities of the company nonetheless "controls" the company. Because a person acquiring 10% or more of NLASCO's common stock would indirectly control the same percentage of the stock of ASIC and two affiliated corporations controlling NLIC, the change of control laws of the State of Texas would apply to such a transaction, of which the proposed acquisition of NLASCO by ARC would be included.



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These laws may discourage potential acquisition proposals and may delay, deter or prevent change of control transactions involving NLASCO's insurance subsidiaries and affiliates, including those that some or all of ARC's stockholders might consider to be desirable.

### *National Association of Insurance Commissioners*

NAIC is a group formed by state insurance commissioners to discuss issues and formulate policy with respect to regulation, reporting and accounting for insurance companies. Although the NAIC has no legislative authority and insurance companies are at all times subject to the laws of their respective domiciliary states and, to a lesser extent, other states in which they conduct business, the NAIC is influential in determining the form in which such laws are enacted. Certain Model Insurance Laws, Regulations and Guidelines, or Model Laws, have been promulgated by the NAIC as a minimum standard by which state regulatory systems and regulations are measured. Adoption of state laws which provide for substantially similar regulations to those described in such Model Laws is a requirement for accreditation by the NAIC.

The NAIC provides authoritative guidance to insurance regulators on current statutory accounting issues by promulgating and updating a codified set of statutory accounting practices in its Accounting Practices and Procedures Manual. The Texas Insurance Department has generally adopted these codified statutory accounting practices.

Texas has also adopted laws substantially similar to the NAIC's "risk based capital," or RBC laws, which require insurers to maintain minimum levels of capital based on their investments and operations. Domestic property and casualty insurers are required to report their RBC based on a formula that attempts to measure statutory capital and surplus needs based on the risks in the insurer's mix of products and investment portfolio. The formula is designed to allow the Texas Insurance Department to identify potential inadequately capitalized companies. Under the formula, a company determines its RBC by taking into account certain risks related to the insurer's assets (including risks related to its investment portfolio and ceded reinsurance) and the insurer's liabilities (including underwriting risks related to the nature and experience of its insurance business). Among other requirements, an insurance company must maintain capital and surplus of at least 200% of the RBC computed by the NAIC's RBC model (known as the "Authorized Control Level" of RBC). At December 31, 2005, NLASCO's capital and surplus levels exceeded the minimum RBC requirements that would trigger regulatory attention. In its 2005 statutory financial statements, both NLIC and ASIC complied with the NAIC's RBC reporting requirements.

The NAIC's Insurance Regulatory Information System, or IRIS, was developed to assist state insurance departments in executing their statutory mandates to oversee the financial condition of insurance companies. IRIS identifies twelve industry ratios and specifies a range of "usual values" for each ratio. Departure from the usual values on four or more of the ratios can lead to inquiries from state insurance commissioners as to certain aspects of an insurer's business. For 2005, all ratios for both NLIC and ASIC were within the usual values.

The NAIC has recently adopted an amendment to its "Model Audit Rule" in response to the passage of SOX. The amendment is effective for financial statements for accounting periods after January 1, 2010. The amendment addresses auditor independence, corporate governance and, most notably, the application of certain provisions of Section 404 of SOX regarding internal control reporting. The rules relating to internal controls apply to insurers with gross direct and assumed written premiums of \$500 million or more, measured at the legal entity level (rather than at the insurance holding company level), and to insurers the domiciliary commissioner selects from among those identified as in hazardous condition, but exempts SOX compliant entities. Neither NLIC nor ASIC currently has direct and assumed written premiums of at least \$500 million, but it is conceivable that this may change in the future.

*Legislative changes*

From time to time, various regulatory and legislative changes have been proposed that would adversely affect the insurance industry. Among the proposals that have been or are being considered are the possible introduction of Federal regulation in addition to, or in lieu of, the current system of state regulation of insurers and proposals in various state legislatures (some of which proposals have been enacted) to conform portions of their insurance laws and regulations to various Model Laws adopted by the NAIC. NLASCO is unable to predict whether any of these laws and regulations will be adopted, the form in which any such laws and regulations would be adopted, or the effect, if any, these developments would have on its financial condition or results of operations.

In 2002, in response to the tightening supply in certain insurance and reinsurance markets resulting from, among other things, the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, or TRIA, was enacted. TRIA was modified and extended by the Terrorism Risk Insurance Extension Act of 2005. These Acts created a Federal Program designed to ensure the availability of commercial insurance coverage for terrorist acts in the United States. This Program helped the commercial property and casualty insurance industry cover claims related to terrorism-related losses and requires such companies to offer coverage for certain acts of terrorism. As a result, NLASCO is prohibited from adding certain terrorism exclusions to the policies written by its insurance company subsidiaries. The 2005 Act extended the Program through 2007, but eliminated commercial auto, farm-owners and certain other commercial coverages from its scope. In addition, the event trigger was increased for 2006 and again for 2007, and industry retentions and deductibles also escalate through 2007. Although NLASCO is protected by federally funded terrorism reinsurance as provided for in the TRIA, there is a substantial deductible that must be met, the payment of which could have an adverse effect on its financial condition and results of operations. NLASCO's deductible for 2006 is \$26.0 million. Potential future changes to the TRIA could also adversely affect NLASCO by causing its reinsurers to increase prices or withdraw from certain markets where terrorism coverage is required.

In 2003, legislation was passed in Texas that has been described as comprehensive insurance reform significantly changing the regulation of homeowners insurance, and, to a lesser extent, automobile insurance. Prior to 2003, certain types of insurers, including insurance companies on the Lloyd's plan, reciprocals, county mutuals and farm mutuals, that wrote such lines of insurance were generally exempt from rate regulation. The 2003 legislation eliminated or severely reduced these exemptions, and imposed a new rate regulation regime for all insurers writing these lines of insurance. This legislation also included limitations on the use of credit scoring and territorial distinctions in underwriting and rating risks. Further, the Texas Commissioner of Insurance has been given broader authority under the law to order refunds to policyholders when rates charged have been excessive or unfairly discriminatory.

*State insurance regulations*

State insurance authorities have broad powers to regulate U.S. insurance companies. The primary purposes of these powers are to promote insurer solvency and to protect individual policyholders. The extent of regulation varies, but generally has its source in statutes that delegate regulatory, supervisory and administrative power to state insurance departments. These powers relate to, among other things, licensing to transact business, accreditation of reinsurers, admittance of assets to statutory surplus, regulating unfair trade and claims practices, establishing actuarial requirements and solvency standards, regulating investments and dividends, and regulating policy forms, related materials and premium rates. State insurance laws and regulations require insurance companies to file financial statements prepared in accordance with statutory accounting principles with insurance departments in each state in which they conduct insurance business, and their operations are subject to examination by those departments.



As part of the broad authority that state insurance commissioners hold, they may impose periodic rules or regulations related to local issues or events. A recent example is the state of Louisiana's prohibition on the cancellation of policies for nonpayment of premium in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Due to the extent of damage and displacement of people, inability of mail to reach policyholders and inaccessibility of entire neighborhoods, the state of Louisiana prohibited insurance companies from canceling policies for a period of time following the storm. NLASCO anticipates that this moratorium on cancellations will have some negative financial impact and accrued this impact in its 2005 financial results, although the ultimate result is not expected to be material.

*Periodic financial and market conduct examinations*

The insurance departments in every state in which NLASCO's insurance companies do business may conduct on-site visits and examinations of its insurance companies at any time to review the insurance companies' financial condition, market conduct and relationships and transactions with affiliates. In addition, the Texas Insurance Department will conduct comprehensive examinations of insurance companies domiciled in Texas every three to five years. Examinations are generally carried out in cooperation with the insurance departments of other licensing states under guidelines promulgated by the NAIC.

The Texas Insurance Department completed its last triennial financial examination of NLIC in 2001 and ASIC in 2003. The state did not make any material adverse findings in its reports of examination.

*State dividend limitations*

The Texas Insurance Department must approve any dividend declared or paid by an insurance company domiciled in the state if the dividend, together with all dividends declared or distributed by that insurance company during the preceding twelve months, exceeds the greater of (1) 10% of its policyholders' surplus as of December 31 of the preceding year or (2) 100% of its net income for the preceding calendar year. The greater number is known as the insurer's extraordinary dividend limit. As of January 1, 2006, the extraordinary dividend limit for NLIC and ASIC, respectively, is \$13.1 million and \$2.3 million. In addition, NLASCO's insurance companies may only pay dividends out of their earned surplus.

*Statutory accounting principles*

Statutory accounting principles, or SAP, is a comprehensive basis of accounting developed to assist insurance regulators in monitoring and regulating the solvency of insurance companies. SAP rules are different from generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, and are intended to reflect a more conservative view of the insurer. SAP is primarily concerned with measuring an insurer's surplus to policyholders. Accordingly, SAP focuses on valuing assets and liabilities of insurers at financial reporting dates in accordance with insurance laws and regulatory provisions applicable in each insurer's domiciliary state.

While GAAP is concerned with a company's solvency, it also stresses other financial measurements, such as income and cash flows. Accordingly, GAAP gives more consideration to appropriate matching of revenues and expenses and accounting for management's stewardship of assets than does SAP. As a direct result, different assets and liabilities and different amounts of assets and liabilities will be reflected in financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP as opposed to SAP.

SAP established by the NAIC and adopted by Texas regulators determines the statutory surplus and statutory net income of the NLASCO insurance companies and thus determines the amount they have available to pay dividends.

### *Guaranty associations*

In Texas, and in all of the jurisdictions in which NLIC and ASIC are or in the future may be licensed to transact business, there is a requirement that property and casualty insurers doing business within the jurisdictions participate in guaranty associations, which are organized to pay limited covered benefits owed pursuant to insurance policies issued by impaired, insolvent or failed insurers. These associations levy assessments, up to prescribed limits, on all member insurers in a particular state on the basis of the proportionate share of the premiums written by member insurers in the lines of business in which the impaired, insolvent or failed insurer was engaged. States generally permit member insurers to recover assessments paid through full or partial premium tax offsets.

Prior to June 30, 2006, no assessments levied against NLASCO's insurance subsidiaries with respect to guaranty associations had been material. In July 2006, NLASCO incurred an assessment of \$0.4 million with respect to guaranty associations. Property and casualty insurance company insolvencies or failures may result in additional guaranty fund assessments at some future date. At this time NLASCO is unable to determine the impact, if any, that such assessments may have on its financial condition or results of operations. NLASCO has established liabilities for guaranty fund assessments with respect to insurers that are currently subject to insolvency proceedings.

### *National Flood Insurance Program*

NLASCO voluntarily participates as a Write Your Own carrier in the National Flood Insurance Program, or NFIP. The NFIP is administered and regulated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. NLASCO operates as a fiscal agent of the Federal government in the selling and administering of the Standard Flood Insurance Policy. This involves the collection of premiums belonging to the Federal government and the paying of covered claims by directly drawing on funds of the United States Treasury. NLASCO receives allowances from NFIP for underwriting administration, claims management, commission and adjuster fees.

### *Participation in involuntary risk plans*

NLASCO's insurance companies are required to participate in residual market or involuntary risk plans in various states where they are licensed that provide insurance to individuals or entities that otherwise would be unable to purchase such coverage from private insurers. If these plans experience losses in excess of their capitalization, they may assess participating insurers for proportionate shares of their financial deficit. These include the Georgia Underwriting Association, Texas FAIR Plan Association, TWIA, the Louisiana Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, or LA Citizens, and the Mississippi Windstorm Underwriting Association. The LA Citizens plan and TWIA recently levied collective assessments totaling \$10.4 million on NLASCO's insurance subsidiaries following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Additional assessments, including emergency assessments, may follow. In some of these instances, NLASCO's insurers should be able to recover these assessments through policyholder surcharges, higher rates or reinsurance. The ultimate impact of the recent hurricanes on the Texas and Louisiana facilities is currently uncertain and future assessments can occur whenever the involuntary facilities experience financial deficits.

### **Employees**

As of October 31, 2006, NLASCO had 131 full-time employees and 11 part-time employees. None of these employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement. At the consummation of the acquisition, NLASCO will have employment agreements with certain of its senior executive officers; otherwise, all employees are at-will employees. NLASCO believes that its employee relations are excellent.

## Litigation

NLASCO and its subsidiaries are party to various legal actions resulting from their operations. These actions generally are routine claims, litigation and administrative proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business, some of which are covered by liability insurance, and none of which is expected to have a material adverse effect on NLASCO's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows taken as a whole.

## NLASCO's Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated historical financial statements and notes of NLASCO appearing elsewhere in this Proxy Statement.

### General Structure of NLASCO

NLASCO is a Delaware corporation that specializes in providing fire and homeowners insurance to low value dwellings and manufactured homes primarily in Texas and other areas of the south, southeastern and southwestern United States. NLASCO operates two insurance subsidiaries, National Lloyds Insurance Company, which we refer to as NLIC, and American Summit Insurance Company, which we refer to as ASIC. NLIC is rated "A" (Excellent) by A.M. Best Company, and ASIC is rated "B++" (Very Good) by A.M. Best. NLIC, chartered in 1948 and licensed in 18 states, is an insurance company on the Lloyd's plan domiciled in Texas. NLIC underwrites fire and limited homeowner's insurance through approximately 4,800 independent agents. Through approximately 1,800 independent agents and selected managing general agents, which we refer to as MGAs, ASIC offers homeowners and property and casualty insurance primarily to manufactured home owners. NLASCO's policies are typically written for actual cash value of up to \$250,000 in the low value dwelling market and replacement cost of up to \$125,000 in the manufactured home market. Liability on a homeowners policy typically provides coverage up to \$100,000 with a maximum of \$300,000 issued by a few select agents. The vast majority of NLASCO's property policies currently exclude coverage for water and mold and provide actual cash value payments as opposed to replacement costs. NLASCO has an experienced management team, a high quality agency force and an established track record of growth and underwriting profitability.

### Overview of Results

For the nine months ended September 30, 2006, net income was \$15.6 million, as compared with \$7.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005. Both NLIC and ASIC eliminated their quota share effective January 1, 2006, resulting in higher net premiums earned in the 2006 period.

For the year ended December 31, 2005, net income was \$17.4 million, as compared to net income of \$15.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2004. Direct premiums written for the year ended December 31, 2005 were \$146.5 million compared to direct premiums written of \$145.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2004. Both NLIC and ASIC decreased the amount of premiums ceded in 2005 in an effort to offset the increased cost of catastrophe reinsurance. Losses and underwriting expenses were higher than in 2004 due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita but were substantially offset by reinsurance coverage.

For the year ended December 31, 2004, net income was \$15.9 million, as compared to net income of \$12.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2003. Direct premiums written for the year ended December 31, 2004, were \$145.7 million compared to direct premiums written of \$144.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2003. In 2004, ASIC reduced the amount of premiums ceded to a reinsurer under an existing quota share agreement from 45% to 35%, driving most of the increase in direct premiums written. Also, 2004 was characterized by minimal storm activity, resulting in reduced loss and loss adjustment expenses as compared with 2003.

### Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

NLASCO has prepared its consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, or GAAP, which require certain estimates and assumptions that affect the recorded amount of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from these estimates. A summary of NLASCO's significant accounting policies has been provided in Note 1 to their consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005. Summarized below are those accounting policies that require the most difficult, subjective or complex judgments and that have the most significant impact on NLASCO's financial condition and results of operations. NLASCO's management evaluates these estimates on an ongoing basis. These estimates are based on information currently available to management and on various other assumptions management believes are reasonable.

**Investment Securities.** Investment securities consist of U. S. Government, mortgage-backed, corporate debt and equity securities. NLASCO classifies its fixed maturities in one of three categories: trading, available-for-sale or held-to-maturity; and its equity securities are classified as trading or available-for-sale. Trading securities are bought and held principally for the purpose of selling them in the near term. Held-to-maturity debt securities are those securities in which NLASCO has the ability and intent to hold the security until maturity. All securities not included in trading or held-to-maturity are classified as available-for-sale.

Trading and available-for-sale securities are recorded at fair value. Held-to-maturity debt securities are recorded at amortized cost, adjusted for the amortization or accretion of premiums or discounts. Unrealized holding gains and losses on trading securities are included in earnings. Unrealized holding gains and losses, net of the related tax effect, on available-for-sale securities are excluded from earnings and are reported as a separate component of other comprehensive income until realized. Realized gains and losses from the sale of trading and available-for-sale securities are determined on a specific-identification basis.

NLASCO regularly reviews its investment securities to assess whether the amortized cost is impaired and if impairment is other than temporary. A decline in the market value of any available-for-sale or held-to-maturity security below cost that is deemed to be other-than-temporary results in a reduction in carrying amount to fair value. The impairment is charged to earnings and a new cost basis for the security is established. To determine whether an impairment is other-than-temporary, NLASCO considers whether it has the ability and intent to hold the investment until a market price recovery and considers whether evidence indicating the cost of the investment is recoverable outweighs evidence to the contrary. Evidence considered in this assessment includes the reasons for the impairment, the severity and duration of the impairment, changes in value subsequent to year-end, and forecasted performance of the investee. Premiums and discounts are amortized or accreted over the life of the related held-to-maturity or available-for-sale security as an adjustment to yield using the effective-interest method. Dividend and interest income are recognized when earned.

**Mortgage Loans on Real Estate.** Mortgage loans on real estate are reported at unpaid principal balances, less an allowance for credit losses, if needed. The allowance for credit losses is NLASCO's best estimate of the amount of probable credit losses in NLASCO's existing notes. The allowance is determined on an individual note basis upon review of any note that has a payment past due for over sixty days. A note is considered impaired pursuant to FASB Statement No. 114, *Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan*. A note is impaired if it is probable that NLASCO will not collect all principal and interest contractually due. The impairment is measured based on the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the note's effective interest rate. NLASCO does not accrue interest when a note is considered impaired. When ultimate collectibility of the principal balance of the impaired note is in doubt, all cash receipts on impaired notes are applied to reduce the principal

amount of such notes until the principal has been recovered and are recognized as interest income thereafter. Impairment losses are charged against the allowance and increases in the allowance are charged to bad debt expense. Notes are written off against the allowance when all possible means of collection have been exhausted and the potential for recovery is considered remote.

**Deferred Policy Acquisition Costs.** Commissions and other costs of acquiring insurance that vary with and are primarily related to the production of new and renewal business are deferred and amortized over the terms of the policies or reinsurance treaties to which they relate. Proceeds from reinsurance transactions that represent recovery of acquisition costs shall reduce applicable unamortized acquisition costs in such a manner that net acquisition costs are capitalized and charged to expense in proportion to net revenue recognized. Future investment income is considered in determining the recoverability of deferred acquisition costs. NLASCO regularly reviews the categories of acquisition costs that are deferred and assesses the recoverability of this asset. A premium deficiency and a corresponding charge to income is recognized if the sum of the expected loss and loss adjustment expenses, unamortized acquisition costs and maintenance costs exceeds related unearned premiums and anticipated investment income.

**Goodwill.** Goodwill represents the excess of the cost over fair value of assets of businesses acquired. Goodwill is tested annually for impairment and is tested more frequently if events and circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. An impairment loss is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount exceeds the asset's fair value. For goodwill, the impairment determination is made at the reporting unit level and consists of two steps. First, NLASCO determines the fair value of a reporting unit and compares it to its carrying amount. Second, if the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss is recognized for any excess of the carrying amount of the reporting unit's goodwill over the implied fair value of that goodwill. The implied fair value of goodwill is determined by allocating the fair value of the reporting unit in a manner similar to a purchase price allocation, in accordance with FASB Statement No. 141, *Business Combinations*. The residual fair value after this allocation is the implied fair value of the reporting unit goodwill.

**Losses and Loss Adjustment Expenses.** The liability for losses and loss adjustment expenses includes an amount determined from loss reports and individual cases and an amount, based on past experience, for losses incurred but not reported. Such liabilities are necessarily based on estimates and, while management believes that the amount is adequate, the ultimate liability may be in excess of or less than the amounts provided. The methods for making such estimates and for establishing the resulting liability are continually reviewed, and any adjustments are reflected in earnings currently. The liability for losses and loss adjustment expenses has not been reduced for reinsurance recoverable.

**Premium Revenue Recognition.** Property and liability premiums are generally recognized as revenue on a pro rata basis over the policy term. The portion of premiums that will be earned in the future are deferred and reported as unearned premiums.

**Reinsurance.** In the normal course of business, NLASCO seeks to reduce the loss that may arise from catastrophes or other events that cause unfavorable underwriting results by reinsuring certain levels of risk in various areas of exposure with other insurance enterprises or reinsurers. Amounts recoverable from reinsurers are estimated in a manner consistent with the reinsured policy.

**Income Taxes.** Income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities of a change in tax rates is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date.

**Derivatives.** NLASCO manages its exposure to interest rate risk through the use of interest rate swaps and caps and recognizes in earnings the ineffective portion of gains or losses associated with these instruments immediately. NLASCO obtains values for the interest rate swaps and caps from financial institutions that market these instruments. Derivative instruments are used for hedging purposes and as such result in no charge or credit to the consolidated statements of operations. Unrealized income related to derivatives is reflected as other comprehensive income.

## **Results of Operations**

### ***Year ended December 31, 2005 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2004***

NLASCO believes that operating conditions in its marketplace continue to be favorable. While there has been moderation in price increases, NLASCO believes that premium levels remain attractive in its chosen markets, allowing it to continue to underwrite business profitably.

#### ***Direct Premiums Written***

Total direct premiums written increased 0.6% to \$146.5 million in 2005. This increase primarily was due to a continued approach of cross selling and new product introduction. In Texas and Arizona, NLASCO's two largest markets, direct premiums remained stable.

#### ***Net Premiums Written***

Net premiums written increased 19.1% to \$117.0 million primarily as the result of decreasing the amount of premiums ceded through their quota share reinsurance program. For NLIC, the ceded premium ratio decreased from 30% in 2004 to 15%. For ASIC, the ceded premium ratio decreased from 35% to 25%. This quota share agreement was subsequently eliminated for 2006 at both NLIC and ASIC. NLASCO anticipates pre-tax savings of approximately \$1.0 million from the cancellation of the quota share agreement, which should help offset the increased cost of catastrophe reinsurance for 2006.

#### ***Net Premiums Earned***

Net premiums earned increased 16.8% to \$107.8 million during 2005. This increase resulted primarily from the reduction of the quota share program noted above.

#### ***Losses and Loss Expense Incurred***

NLASCO's 2005 loss and loss expense ratio decreased by 1.5 percentage points to 45.1%, including the net impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, which had combined gross losses, including loss adjustment expenses, before reinsurance of approximately \$116.5 million. However, due to reinsurance coverage, the net catastrophe losses and loss adjustment expenses for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita were reduced to \$12.5 million.

#### ***Underwriting Expenses***

NLASCO's underwriting expense ratio increased approximately 3.8 percentage points to 32.4% in 2005. This was primarily driven by the return of the ceding commission related to the decrease in the quota share program at NLIC and ASIC and reinstatement premiums. NLASCO also incurred a one-time expense of approximately \$0.4 million associated with closing the ASIC office located in Scottsdale, Arizona. Partially offsetting these increases were efficiencies and pre-tax savings of approximately \$1.5 million associated with the relocation.

***Other Income***

Other income increased 12.3% to \$3.5 million. This improvement was due to an increase in finance and service charges resulting from a rise in the number of policyholders choosing to pay policy premiums on a periodic basis, rather than at the time of the initial billing.

***Net Investment Income***

Net investment income increased 45.7% during 2005 to \$6.4 million. This increase is primarily attributable to a larger invested asset base and an increase in short-term interest rates.

***Year ended December 31, 2004 as compared to the year ended December 31, 2003***

***Direct Premiums Written***

Total direct premiums written increased 0.7% to \$145.7 million in 2004. This increase primarily was due to a continued approach of cross selling and new product introduction. In Texas and Arizona, NLASCO's two largest markets, direct premiums remained stable.

***Net Premiums Written***

Net premiums written increased 4.5% to \$98.3 million primarily as the result of decreasing the amount of premiums ceded by ASIC to a reinsurer under an existing quota share agreement from 45% to 35%.

***Net Premiums Earned***

Net premiums earned increased 4.1% to \$92.3 million during 2004. This increase resulted primarily from the reduction of the quota share agreement noted above.

***Losses and Loss Expense Incurred***

NLASCO's 2004 loss and loss expense ratio decreased by 5.8 percentage points to 46.6% as a result of minimal storm related events in 2004.

***Underwriting Expenses***

NLASCO's underwriting expense ratio decreased approximately 0.7 percentage points to 28.6% in 2004. Although ASIC's quota share was decreased by ten percentage points, operating efficiencies within the underwriting function offset the return of ceding commission.

***Other Income***

Other income increased 14.5% to \$3.1 million. This improvement was due to an increase in finance and service charges resulting from a rise in the number of policyholders choosing to pay policy premiums on a periodic basis, rather than at the time of the initial billing.

***Net Investment Income***

Net investment income increased 32.5% during 2004 to \$4.4 million. This increase is primarily attributable to a larger invested asset base and an increase in short-term interest rates.

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*Three months ended September 30, 2006 as compared to the three months ended September 30, 2005*

### *Direct Premiums Written*

Total direct premiums written decreased 2.3% to \$33.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006, as compared with the same period in 2005. This decrease was due to the withdrawal of American Summit from the Mississippi market. A substantially lower amount of Mississippi premium was offset by the companies' continued approach of cross selling and new product introduction. In Texas and Arizona, NLASCO's two largest markets, direct premiums remained stable.

### *Net Premiums Written*

Net premiums written increased 37.5% to \$31.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006, as compared with the same period in 2005, primarily as a result of eliminating a 15% quota share for NLIC and a 25% quota share for ASIC effective January 1, 2006.

### *Net Premiums Earned*

Net premiums earned increased 35.9% to \$32.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2006, as compared with the same period in 2005. This increase resulted primarily from the reduction of the quota share agreement noted above.

### *Losses and Loss Expense Incurred*

NLASCO's loss and loss expense ratio decreased 28.9 percentage points to 44.2% for the three months ended September 30, 2006, as compared with the same period in 2005. This decrease resulted from very minimal hurricane activity in the third quarter 2006 as compared to the same period in 2005.

### *Underwriting Expenses*

NLASCO's underwriting expense ratio decreased approximately 4.3 percentage points to 34.7% for the three months ended September 30, 2006, as compared with the same period in 2005. This was primarily driven by the closing of the ASIC office located in Scottsdale, Arizona in October 2005.

### *Other Income*

Other income for the three months ended September 30, 2006 of \$0.9 million was comparable to other income earned in the same period of 2005.

### *Net Investment Income*

Net investment income increased 52.6% for the three months ended September 30, 2006, as compared to the same period in 2005, to \$2.2 million. This increase is primarily attributable to a larger invested asset base and an increase in short-term interest rates.

*Nine months ended September 30, 2006 as compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2005*

### *Direct Premiums Written*

Total direct premiums written were \$109.0 million in the first nine months of 2006, representing a slight decrease as compared with the same period in 2005. This decrease was due to the withdrawal of American Summit from the Mississippi market. A substantially lower amount of Mississippi premium was offset by the companies' continued approach of cross selling and new product introduction. In Texas and Arizona, NLASCO's two largest markets, direct premiums remained stable.



***Net Premiums Written***

Net premiums written increased 16.8% to \$107.1 million in the first nine months of 2006, as compared with the same period in 2005, primarily as the result of eliminating a 15% quota share for NLIC and a 25% quota share for ASIC effective January 1, 2006.

***Net Premiums Earned***

Net premiums earned increased 20.3% to \$95.9 million during the first nine months of 2006, as compared with the same period in 2005. This increase resulted primarily from the reduction of the quota share agreement noted above.

***Losses and Loss Expense Incurred***

NLASCO's loss and loss expense ratio decreased 2.6 percentage points to 46.3% in the first nine months of 2006, as compared with the same period in 2005. This decrease was due to a less active hurricane season.

***Underwriting Expenses***

NLASCO's underwriting expense ratio decreased approximately 7.2 percentage points to 31.4% in the first nine months of 2006, as compared with the same period in 2005. This was primarily driven by the closing of the ASIC office located in Scottsdale, Arizona in October 2005.

***Other Income***

Other income for the first nine months of 2006 of \$2.7 million was comparable to the \$2.6 million in other income earned in the same period of 2005. This increase was due to an increase in insurers choosing to pay their premiums on an installment basis.

***Net Investment Income***

Net investment income increased 35.4% during the first nine months of 2006, as compared to the same period in 2005, to \$6.0 million. This increase is primarily attributable to a larger invested asset base and an increase in short-term interest rates.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

NLASCO's liquidity requirements are met primarily by positive cash flow from operations and investment activity. Primary sources of cash from insurance operations are premiums and other considerations, net investment income and investment sales and maturities. Primary uses of cash include payment of benefits, operating expenses and income taxes and purchases of investments.

NLASCO's primary investment objectives are to preserve capital and manage for a total rate of return in excess of a specified benchmark portfolio. NLASCO's strategy is to purchase securities in sectors that represent the most attractive relative value. Bonds, cash and short-term investments constitute \$177.7 million, or 89.9%, of NLASCO's investments at September 30, 2006. Although there is no intent to dispose of investments at this time, NLASCO's bonds are substantially in readily marketable securities. Management believes the overall sources of liquidity are sufficient to satisfy NLASCO's operating requirements.

The NAIC has risk-based capital, which we call RBC, requirements that require insurance companies to calculate and report information under a risk-based formula which measures statutory capital and surplus needs based on a regulatory definition of risk in a company's mix of products and its balance sheet. NLASCO has a RBC amount in excess of the authorized control level RBC, as

defined by the NAIC. Also, the maximum amount of dividends which can be paid by State of Texas insurance companies without prior approval of the Insurance Commissioner is subject to restrictions relating to the greater of 10% of statutory surplus or net income before realized capital gains (losses) of the preceding calendar year.

NLASCO's investment guidelines reflect the desire and intent to assure the prudent investment of capital and surplus, keeping in mind the long term nature of some insurance reserves, but also recognize the uncertainty of expected cash flows, the shorter term characteristics and the desire to supplement insurance underwriting gains and offset losses with portfolio income and realized gains in order to maintain adequate capital and surplus. All investments are made in conformance with all state and Federal laws and regulations applicable to such investments and the company involved. State insurance laws and regulations limit the amount of investments in asset classes below certain "quality" levels. NLASCO maintains a quality structure exceeding the minimum requirements imposed on the portfolio by state insurance laws and regulations, the Investment of Insurer's Model Act, or the NAIC Act.

Liquidity and preservation of policyholder surplus can be limiting factors in achieving a favorable return on invested assets, as sufficient funds need to be maintained to meet ongoing near-term financial obligations. Funds not immediately needed to offset withdrawals may need to be invested in short-term securities on a continuous basis. A maturity structure must be maintained to free up cash flow from operations and investment income, as well as to provide a source of liquidity and flexibility to meet changing market, tax and other operating considerations.

Notwithstanding the above, the underlying objective of NLASCO's investment policy is to obtain a favorable total return on invested assets to augment the growth of surplus from operations. As total return comes both from income and capital growth, a portion of the funds are invested in assets other than fixed income securities, including common stocks, growth oriented preferred stocks and common or preferred stock mutual funds. In managing these investment choices, market volatility, and the absolute level of NLASCO's capital and surplus relative both to existing liabilities and the level of premium revenue, as well as to total assets, are the limiting factors that influence the portion of assets invested in other than fixed income investments.

Performance is measured by comparing the total return, for each period, of each major sector of NLASCO's investment portfolio, to an appropriate market index, as well as comparing the total return of NLASCO's investment portfolio to an average of the market indices, weighted by the portfolio's average exposure to each other particular sector during the day. The assets are to be managed to exceed these market indices, with volatility of return similar to or less than the indices.

In addition to the foregoing guidelines, NLASCO's general philosophy is to limit investments in industries that have experienced historic volatility, such as airlines or telecommunications companies. NLASCO also monitors its investment guidelines to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements.

NLASCO's investment committee meets regularly to review the portfolio performance and investment markets in general. NLASCO's management generally meets monthly to review the performance of investments and monitor market conditions for investments that would warrant any revision to investment guidelines.

## **Cash Flows**

### ***Comparison of the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006 to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005***

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$12.8 million and \$27.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Cash provided by operating activities decreased in the 2006 nine month period, as compared to the same period in 2005, primarily due to a decrease in

the reserve for unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses, partially offset by a decrease in reinsurance receivables.

Net cash provided by investing activities was \$1.4 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2006, as compared with \$12.6 million of net cash used in investing activities for the same period in 2005. The increase in the 2006 nine month period as compared to the same period in 2005 was due primarily to the purchase of a mortgage loan in 2005.

Net cash from financing activities was almost zero for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 while net cash used in financing activities was \$3.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2005. Principal payments of \$3.0 million were made in the first nine months of 2005.

***Comparison of the Year Ended December 31, 2005 to the Year Ended December 31, 2004***

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$29.1 million and \$23.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. Cash provided by operating activities increased in 2005, as compared to 2004, primarily due to an increase in NLASCO's net income complemented by an increase in the reserve for unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$15.0 million and \$19.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2005 and 2004, respectively. The decrease in 2005 as compared to 2004 primarily was due to a \$13.6 million reduction in the purchases in available-for-sale securities, partially offset by an increase in purchases of mortgage loan investments of \$6.1 million.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$3.0 million in 2005 as compared with cash provided by financing activities of \$7.2 million in 2004. The decrease in cash from financing activities in 2005 as compared to 2004 primarily was due to proceeds from notes payable received in 2004 of \$27.8 million, partially offset by principal payments of \$13.2 million on notes payable to related parties, as compared with no notes payable activity in 2005.

***Comparison of the Year Ended December 31, 2004 to the Year Ended December 31, 2003***

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$23.4 million and \$17.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Cash provided by operating activities increased in 2004, as compared to 2003, primarily due to an increase in NLASCO's net income.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$19.9 million and \$39.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. The decrease in 2004 as compared to 2003 primarily was due to a \$9.9 million reduction in the purchases in available-for-sale securities, a \$6.3 million reduction in the purchases of held-to-maturity securities and an increase of \$3.6 million in proceeds from maturities of held-to-maturity securities.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$7.2 million and \$18.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, respectively. Cash provided by financing activities decreased in 2004, as compared to 2003, primarily due to principal payments in 2004 of \$13.2 million on notes payable to related parties, partially offset by an increase of \$7.8 million in proceeds from the issuance of notes payable in 2004.

**Inflation**

Inflation in the U.S. has been relatively low in recent years and did not have a material impact on NLASCO's results of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 or the years ended December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003. Although the impact of inflation has been relatively insignificant in recent years, it remains a factor in the United States economy and may increase the cost of servicing our contracts in the future.

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## Commitments

At September 30, 2006, NLASCO had \$50.8 million of outstanding indebtedness excluding \$5.6 million of related party notes payable with the following repayment obligations (in thousands):

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Thereafter</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Principal</b>							
<b>Fixed rate debt</b>							
\$0.3 million due January 2024	\$ 1	\$ 9	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 11	\$ 233	\$ 274
<b>Variable rate debt</b>							
\$3.0 million due April 2007		3,000					3,000
\$10.0 million due May 2033						10,000	10,000
\$10.0 million due September 2033						10,000	10,000
\$7.5 million due April 2034						7,500	7,500
\$20.0 million due March 2035						20,000	20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1</b>	<b>\$ 3,009</b>	<b>\$ 10</b>	<b>\$ 10</b>	<b>\$ 11</b>	<b>\$ 47,733</b>	<b>\$ 50,774</b>
<b>Interest</b>							
<b>Fixed rate debt</b>							
\$0.3 million due January 2024	\$ 4	\$ 16	\$ 15	\$ 15	\$ 14	\$ 219	\$ 283
<b>Variable rate debt</b>							
\$3.0 million due April 2007	62	83					145
\$10.0 million due May 2033	238	951	951	951	951	21,318	25,360
\$10.0 million due September 2033	239	955	955	955	955	21,726	25,785
\$7.5 million due April 2034	177	710	710	710	710	16,553	19,570
\$20.0 million due March 2035	440	1,758	1,758	1,758	1,758	42,631	50,103
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,160</b>	<b>\$ 4,473</b>	<b>\$ 4,389</b>	<b>\$ 4,389</b>	<b>\$ 4,388</b>	<b>\$ 102,447</b>	<b>\$ 121,246</b>

## Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

NLASCO's future income, cash flows and fair values relevant to financial instruments are dependent upon prevalent market interest rates. Market risk refers to the risk of loss from adverse changes in market prices and interest rates. NLASCO uses some derivative financial instruments to manage, or hedge, interest rate risks related to its borrowings. NLASCO does not use derivatives for trading or speculative purposes and only enters into contracts with major financial institutions based on their credit rating and other factors.

As of September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 NLASCO's total debt outstanding was approximately \$56.4 million, including affiliate notes payable of \$5.6 million, comprised of approximately \$56.1 million, or 99.5%, of indebtedness subject to variable interest rates and \$0.3 million, or 0.5%, of indebtedness at a fixed rate. NLASCO has an interest-rate-related derivative instrument with the affiliated company who is the creditor of the \$5.6 million note payable to affiliate. The note payable to the affiliated company has a variable interest rate which exposes NLASCO to variability in interest payments due to changes in the interest rate. To limit the variability of a portion of its interest payments, NLASCO entered into an interest rate swap agreement to exchange its variable interest rate, pertaining to one-half of the principal amount of the note payable (\$2.8 million as of September 30, 2006), for a fixed rate of 6.98%.

If LIBOR and the prime rate were to increase by one eighth of one percent (0.125%), the increase in interest expense on the variable rate debt would decrease future earnings and cash flows by approximately \$63,125 annually.

Interest risk amounts were determined by considering the impact of hypothetical interest rates on our financial instruments. These analyses do not consider the effect of any change in overall economic activity that could occur in that environment. Further, in the event of a change of that magnitude, we may take actions to further mitigate our exposure to the change. However, due to the uncertainty of the specific actions that would be taken and their possible effects, these analyses assume no changes in our financial structure.

The fair value of NLASCO's debt outstanding as of September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 was approximately \$56.4 million.

#### **Certain Relationships and Related Transactions**

NLIC and Specialty Property, Ltd. entered into a mortgage loan agreement dated September 1, 2005, pursuant to which NLIC loaned Specialty Property, Ltd. \$5.6 million. Specialty Property, Ltd. is a limited partnership controlled by the C. Clifton Robinson Property Company, Ltd. Each of C. Clifton Robinson and C.C.R. Investors, Inc. is a one percent general partner of the C. Clifton Robinson Property Company, Ltd. C.C.R. Investors, Inc. is controlled by The C. Clifton Robinson Intervivos Irrevocable Asset Trust. The promissory note under this loan agreement bears interest at 6.25% and is secured by an office building owned by Specialty Property, Ltd. The unpaid principal balance outstanding as of December 31, 2005 was approximately \$5.5 million. Principal and interest payments are due monthly with a final payment due on September 30, 2010. Principal and interest payments made during fiscal year 2005 totaled \$144,048. We anticipate that Specialty Property, Ltd. will pay off this loan prior to the closing.

NLASCO and Specialty Property, Ltd. entered into a loan agreement dated November 29, 2001 pursuant to which Specialty Property, Ltd. loaned NLASCO \$8.0 million. The outstanding balance at December 31, 2005 was \$5.6 million. The promissory note under this loan agreement bears interest at LIBOR plus 2%. Interest expense for fiscal year 2005 was \$386,701. This note is subordinate to all other debt of NLASCO. The note is secured by NLASCO's deposit accounts in the possession or custody of Specialty Property, Ltd. or its affiliates. The loan matures February 1, 2012. We anticipate that NLASCO will pay off this loan prior to the closing.

NLIC entered into a lease agreement dated February 1, 2002 with Washington Partners, Ltd., which is controlled by The C. Clifton Robinson Intervivos Irrevocable Asset Trust. Gordon Robinson is the trustee of the trust. Monthly lease payments are \$3,500 with fiscal year 2005 lease payments totaling \$40,425. In addition, NLIC paid \$1,579 in pro-rata operating expenses to Washington Partners, Ltd. during fiscal year 2005. The term of the lease is 42 months with two renewal options. The first renewal option is for a six-month term, and the second renewal option is for a one-year term. The lease is currently in its second renewal term and expires January 31, 2007. We anticipate that certain terms of this lease will be amended prior to the closing.

NLIC entered into a lease agreement dated January 1, 2005 with Specialty Property, Ltd. The term of the lease is five years and expires December 31, 2009. Monthly lease payments are \$40,408 with fiscal year 2005 lease payments totaling \$451,854. In addition, NLIC paid \$20,840 in pro-rata operating expenses to Specialty Property, Ltd. during fiscal year 2005. We anticipate that certain terms of this lease will be amended prior to closing

In addition, NLASCO will enter into certain employment agreements prior to closing. See "The NLASCO Agreement and Related Agreements Employment Agreements."

## SELECTED HISTORICAL FINANCIAL DATA

The following tables present selected historical financial information for ARC and NLASCO. The historical results presented are not necessarily indicative of future results and should be read in conjunction with the discussion under the heading "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and the historical consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included elsewhere in this Proxy Statement or incorporated by reference.

**AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DATA**  
(in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Year Ended December 31,				
	2006	2005	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
	(unaudited)						
<b>Revenue</b>							
Rental income	\$ 155,154	\$ 141,970	\$ 191,558	\$ 171,557	\$ 116,629	\$ 85,120	\$ 29,853
Sales of manufactured homes	7,582	34,599	39,331	14,224	21,965	31,942	
Utility and other income	19,457	16,470	22,256	17,682	14,081	10,838	1,831
Net consumer finance interest income	982						
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>183,175</b>	<b>193,039</b>	<b>253,145</b>	<b>203,463</b>	<b>152,675</b>	<b>127,900</b>	<b>31,684</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Property operations	51,601	56,957	76,000	67,950	40,516	30,562	8,701
Real estate taxes	14,984	11,975	16,361	15,127	9,485	6,068	1,868
Cost of manufactured homes sold	6,376	32,173	37,105	17,301	18,623	25,826	
Retail home sales, finance and insurance	7,050	14,241	18,072	8,187	7,208	8,597	
Property management	4,727	7,541	9,781	7,127	5,527	4,105	2,491
General and administrative	14,386	19,217	27,634	29,372	17,001	13,088	9,047
Initial public offering related costs				4,417			
Early termination of debt	556			16,685			
Depreciation and amortization	64,559	54,696	77,859	61,086	39,857	34,531	13,015
Real estate and retail home asset impairment		23,158	21,822	3,358	1,385	13,557	
Goodwill impairment		74,793	78,783	863			
Loss on sale of airplane	541						
Net consumer finance interest expense		669	525	1,319			
Interest expense	58,345	52,319	72,569	58,357	58,726	41,765	12,992
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>223,125</b>	<b>347,739</b>	<b>436,511</b>	<b>291,149</b>	<b>198,328</b>	<b>178,099</b>	<b>48,114</b>

**AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DATA (Continued)**  
(in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Year Ended December 31,				
	2006	2005	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
	(unaudited)						
Interest income	(1,126)	(1,384)	(2,267)	(1,611)	(1,434)	(1,390)	(2,871)
Loss before allocation to minority interest	(38,824)	(153,316)	(181,099)	(86,075)	(44,219)	(48,809)	(13,559)
Minority interest	744	6,278	7,313	5,557	6,110	6,552	13
Loss from continuing operations	(38,080)	(147,038)	(173,786)	(80,518)	(38,109)	(42,257)	(13,546)
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	2,552	(5,820)	(10,485)	3,078	948	1,724	429
Gain (loss) on sale of discontinued operations	31,130	(678)	(678)	(8,549)	3,333		
Income tax expense on discontinued operations	(239)						
Minority interest in discontinued operations	(1,175)	276	476	296	(592)	(301)	
Net income (loss)	(5,812)	(153,260)	(184,473)	(85,693)	(34,420)	(40,834)	(13,117)
Preferred stock dividend	(7,734)	(7,734)	(10,312)	(8,966)			
Net loss attributable to common stockholders	\$ (13,546)	\$ (160,994)	\$ (194,785)	\$ (94,659)	\$ (34,420)	\$ (40,834)	\$ (13,117)
Loss per share from continuing operations							
Basic loss per share	\$ (1.11)	\$ (3.79)	\$ (4.50)	\$ (2.36)	\$ (2.25)	\$ (2.91)	\$ (1.49)
Diluted loss per share	\$ (1.11)	\$ (3.79)	\$ (4.50)	\$ (2.36)	\$ (2.25)	\$ (2.98)	\$ (1.50)
Income (loss) per share from discontinued operations							
Basic income (loss) per share	\$ 0.78	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.13)	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.04
Diluted income (loss) per share	\$ 0.78	\$ (0.15)	\$ (0.26)	\$ (0.13)	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.05
Loss per share attributable to common stockholders							
Basic loss per share	\$ (0.33)	\$ (3.94)	\$ (4.76)	\$ (2.49)	\$ (2.03)	\$ (2.81)	\$ (1.45)
Diluted loss per share	\$ (0.33)	\$ (3.94)	\$ (4.76)	\$ (2.49)	\$ (2.03)	\$ (2.81)	\$ (1.45)
Weighted average share/unit information:							
Common shares outstanding	41,263	40,875	40,896	37,967	16,973	14,535	9,062
Common shares issuable upon exchange of OP units and PPU's outstanding	3,367	4,607	4,492	3,387	2,726	1,818	
Diluted shares outstanding	44,630	45,482	45,388	41,354	19,699	16,353	9,062

**AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DATA**  
(in thousands)

December 31,

	<u>December 31,</u>					
	<u>September 30,</u>					
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
	<u>(unaudited)</u>					
Rental and other property, net	\$ 1,403,471	\$ 1,454,689	\$ 1,408,328	\$ 797,817	\$ 789,921	\$ 291,561
Cash and cash equivalents	31,109	27,926	32,859	22,605	34,317	21,374
Loan reserves and restricted cash	41,688	42,110	38,340	50,098	54,738	10,108
Total assets	1,561,483	1,728,481	1,813,002	1,125,833	1,136,538	429,979
Notes payable	1,053,959	1,146,931	947,478	739,572	702,579	210,235
Total liabilities	1,099,562	1,252,484	1,097,296	817,849	788,617	271,143
Stockholders' equity	433,217	444,095	659,047	265,345	299,765	158,774



**NLASCO, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS DATA**  
(in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		Year Ended December 31,				
	2006	2005	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001
	(unaudited)		(unaudited)				
<b>Revenue</b>							
Net premiums earned	\$ 95,948	\$ 79,777	\$ 107,752	\$ 92,289	\$ 88,686	\$ 61,711	\$ 38,845
Net investment income	5,987	4,422	6,362	4,367	3,296	3,059	2,802
Other income	4,817	2,867	3,827	3,102	4,052	2,528	2,477
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>106,752</b>	<b>87,066</b>	<b>117,941</b>	<b>99,758</b>	<b>96,034</b>	<b>67,298</b>	<b>44,124</b>
<b>Expenses</b>							
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	44,394	39,044	48,569	42,998	46,462	32,669	22,386
Policy acquisition and other underwriting expenses	38,541	36,638	42,781	31,677	30,631	23,641	15,632
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>82,935</b>	<b>75,682</b>	<b>91,350</b>	<b>74,675</b>	<b>77,093</b>	<b>56,310</b>	<b>38,018</b>
Income before income taxes	23,817	11,384	26,591	25,083	18,941	10,988	6,106
<b>Provision for income taxes</b>							
Current	7,031	3,386	8,227	10,317	6,608	3,498	592
Deferred	1,156	473	987	(1,118)	(175)	434	1,962
<b>Total income taxes</b>	<b>8,187</b>	<b>3,859</b>	<b>9,214</b>	<b>9,199</b>	<b>6,433</b>	<b>3,932</b>	<b>2,554</b>
<b>Net income</b>	<b>\$ 15,630</b>	<b>\$ 7,525</b>	<b>\$ 17,377</b>	<b>\$ 15,884</b>	<b>\$ 12,508</b>	<b>\$ 7,056</b>	<b>\$ 3,552</b>
Loss and loss adjustment expense ratio (GAAP)	46.3%	48.9%	45.1%	46.6%	52.4%	52.9%	57.6%
Underwriting expense ratio (GAAP)	31.4%	38.6%	32.4%	28.6%	29.3%	33.1%	30.9%
Combined ratio (GAAP)	77.7%	87.5%	77.5%	75.2%	81.7%	86.0%	88.5%

Loss and loss adjustment expense ratio (GAAP) is the ratio (expressed as a percentage) of losses and loss adjustment expenses to net premiums earned. This is a basic measurement of underwriting profitability.

The underwriting expense ratio (GAAP) is the ratio (expressed as a percentage) of policy acquisition and other underwriting expenses, as adjusted, to net earned premiums. This is a measurement of management's relative efficiency in administering its operations. We adjust policy acquisition and other underwriting expenses by (a) other revenue that represents fee income and (b) interest expense included in underwriting expenses.

The combined ratio (GAAP) is the sum of the loss ratio and the expense ratio. If the combined ratio is at or above 100%, an insurance company generally cannot be profitable without sufficient investment income.

**NLASCO, INC.**  
**CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET DATA**  
(in thousands)

September 30, 2006	December 31,				
	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001

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December 31,

	(unaudited)		(unaudited)		(unaudited)		(unaudited)					
Investments	\$	134,530	\$	134,178	\$	121,432	\$	102,621	\$	63,147	\$	52,228
Cash and cash equivalents		43,202		29,068		17,961		7,338		10,146		5,929
Total assets		244,246		253,017		222,493		192,028		132,350		106,075
Loss and loss adjustment expenses		22,308		41,379		24,648		17,061		13,848		10,289
Unearned premiums		71,175		70,661		70,377		65,904		48,089		34,439
Notes payable		56,374		56,382		59,333		52,029		33,314		34,471
Total liabilities		158,206		182,007		167,439		153,012		105,570		86,533
Stockholders' equity		86,040		71,010		55,054		39,016		26,780		19,542

**UNAUDITED PRO FORMA COMBINED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The following unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information of Affordable Residential Communities Inc. reflecting the proposed acquisition as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and for the year ended December 31, 2005 includes historical financial information contained within our filed Forms 8-K, 10-Q and 10-K, respectively, incorporated herein by reference.

Our pro forma condensed consolidated balance sheet reflects adjustments to our historical financial data to give effect to (i) the NLASCO acquisition, (ii) the issuance of our common stock under the Flexpoint Agreement and (iii) the completion of our concurrent rights offering and the issuance of our common stock under the Investment Agreement and the resulting use of proceeds, as if each had occurred on September 30, 2006.

Our pro forma condensed consolidated statements of operations reflect adjustments to our historical financial data to give effect to (i) the NLASCO acquisition, (ii) the issuance of our common stock under the Flexpoint Agreement and (iii) the completion of our concurrent rights offering and the issuance of our common stock under the Investment Agreement and the resulting use of proceeds, as if each had occurred on January 1, 2005.

We have based our unaudited pro forma adjustments upon available information and assumptions that we consider reasonable. Our unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information is not necessarily indicative of what our actual financial position or results of operations would have been as of the date and for the periods indicated, nor does it purport to represent our future financial position or results of operations.

You should read our unaudited pro forma condensed consolidated financial information, together with the notes thereto, in conjunction with the more detailed information contained in our financial statements and related notes and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in this Proxy Statement or incorporated by reference herein.

**AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES INC.**  
**UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**  
(in thousands)

Assets	Historical	NLASCO Acquisition Historical(1)	Purchase Transactions(2)	Pro Forma
Rental and other property, net	\$ 1,403,471	\$ 805	\$ (472)(f)	\$ 1,403,804
Assets held for sale	15,012			15,012
Investments		134,530	(6,808)(d) (8)(h)	127,714
Cash and cash equivalents	31,109	43,202	100,000 (a) (107,250)(a) (1,572)(a) (15,031)(c) 6,808 (d) (5,600)(e) 472 (f) (274)(f)	51,864
Restricted cash	6,782			6,782
Tenant notes and other receivables, net	4,481	7,397		11,878
Premium and agents' balances		22,359		22,359
Notes receivable, net	31,266			31,266
Loan origination costs, net	17,834	1,266	(1,266)(k)	17,834
Loan reserves	34,906			34,906
Goodwill and other indefinite lived intangible asset		13,827	6,972 (g) 3,000 (o)	23,799
Finite lived intangible assets	7,858		14,100 (i)	21,958
Deferred income taxes			23,027 (j) (606)(j)	22,421
Deferred policy acquisition costs		16,994	(16,994)(l)	
Prepaid expenses and other assets	8,764	3,866		12,630
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,561,483</b>	<b>\$ 244,246</b>	<b>\$ (1,502)</b>	<b>\$ 1,804,227</b>
<b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>				
Notes payable	\$ 1,053,959	\$ 50,774	\$ (274)(f)	\$ 1,104,459
Related party notes payable		5,600	(5,600)(e)	
Liabilities related to assets held for sale	361			361
Loss and loss adjustment expenses		22,308	(m)	22,308
Unearned premiums		71,175	(19,801)(n)	51,374
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	26,544	4,922		31,466
Dividends payable	1,903			1,903
Income taxes payable		1,086		1,086
Deferred income taxes		606	(606)(j)	
Tenant deposits and other liabilities	16,795	1,735		18,530
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,099,562</b>	<b>158,206</b>	<b>(26,281)</b>	<b>1,231,487</b>
Minority interest	28,704		846 (p)	29,550
<b>Stockholders' equity</b>				
Preferred stock	119,108			119,108
Common stock	413		134 (a)	547
Additional paid-in capital	794,449	18,010	(18,010)(b) 110,685 (a)	904,288

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Assets	Historical	NLASCO Acquisition Historical(1)	Purchase Transactions(2)	Pro Forma
			(846)(p)	
Accumulated other comprehensive income		(1,021)	1,021 (b)	
Less treasury stock at cost		(6,175)	6,175 (b)	
Retained (deficit) earnings	(480,753)	75,226	(60,195)(b) (15,031)(c)	(480,753)
Total stockholders' equity	433,217	86,040	23,933	543,190
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,561,483	\$ 244,246	\$ (1,502)	\$ 1,804,227

**AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES INC.**  
**NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**  
**(in thousands)**

- (1) Represents historical book value of NLASCO, the company being acquired by ARC, as of September 30, 2006.
- (2) Represents the purchase of NLASCO and other transactions to occur prior to or contemporaneously with the acquisition as follows:

<b>(a) The purchase price of NLASCO calculated as follows:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Average Price Per Share</b>
Cash paid from sale of newly issued ARC shares to Flexpoint Partners	\$ 20,000	2,157	\$ 9.27
Cash paid from sale of newly issued ARC shares in the Rights Offering	80,000	10,000	\$ 8.00
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Cash raised from sales of common stock	100,000	12,157	
Fair market value of newly issued ARC shares to Seller	12,391	1,219	\$ 10.17
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Total additional stockholders' equity	112,391	13,376	
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Cash paid by ARC	5,750		
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Total purchase price of NLASCO excluding transaction costs	118,141		
Cost of acquisition funded with cash of ARC	1,500		
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Purchase price of NLASCO	\$ 119,641		
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Cost of stockholder's equity:			
Par value of common stock	\$ 134		
Additional paid-in capital	112,257		
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Additional stockholders' equity	112,391		

	<u>\$</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Average Price Per Share</u>
<b>(a) The purchase price of NLASCO calculated as follows:</b>			
Cash equity issuance cost	(1,572)		
Net additional stockholders' equity	\$ 110,819		
Equity issuance cost:			
Total equity issuance cost	\$ 3,500		
Less non-cash discount on shares issued to Flexpoint	(1,928)		
Cash equity issuance cost	\$ 1,572		
Cash paid to purchase NLASCO:			
Cash from sale of common stock	\$ 100,000		
Cash from ARC	5,750		
Acquisition transaction cost	1,500		
Total	\$ 107,250		

(b) Elimination of the historical equity of NLASCO in connection with the purchase by ARC.

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- (c) Cash distribution of current year earnings to seller in connection with the NLASCO agreement.

NLASCO stockholder's equity at September 30, 2006	\$	86,040
NLASCO minimum equity committed after acquisition		71,009
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NLASCO dividend to seller prior to acquisition	\$	15,031
		<u>          </u>

- (d) Repayment of note receivable from an affiliate of the seller with cash.
- (e) Repayment of a note payable by NLASCO.
- (f) Represents two aircraft at historical cost that will not be acquired by ARC. Notes payable on one aircraft will be repaid.
- (g) Total purchase price and purchase price allocation:  
Total purchase price calculated as follows:

Total cash and equity consideration including acquisition cost	\$	119,641
Liabilities assumed approximating fair market value		
Notes payable assumed		50,500
Loss and loss adjustment expenses liability assumed		22,308
Unearned premiums assumed		51,374
Accounts payable and other liabilities assumed		7,743
		<u>          </u>
Total purchase price of NLASCO including transaction costs and assumed liabilities	\$	251,566
		<u>          </u>
Purchase price allocated to:		
Tangible assets at historical cost, which approximates fair market value	\$	33,955
Investments, cash and cash equivalents at fair market value		157,291
Finite lived intangible assets		14,100
Deferred income tax asset, net		22,421
		<u>          </u>
Purchase price allocated to identifiable assets excluding other indefinite lived intangibles		227,767
		<u>          </u>
Other indefinite lived intangibles		3,000
Goodwill		20,799
		<u>          </u>
Subtotal goodwill and other indefinite lived intangibles		23,799
		<u>          </u>
Total assets acquired	\$	251,566
		<u>          </u>

- (h) Adjustment of NLASCO's held-to-maturity investments to market value. Available for sale investments are already at fair value.

- (i) Value assigned to finite lived intangible assets as follows:

Customer relationships amortized over 12 years	\$	5,900
Agent relationships amortized over 13 years		3,300



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Trade name amortized over 15 years	3,400
Software acquired amortized over five years	1,500
	<u>          </u>
	\$ 14,100
	<u>          </u>

We retained the services of a third party to assist us with the identification and valuation of the finite lived intangible assets as listed above.

(j) Deferred income taxes after reclassification on acquisition adjustments are as follows:

Additional deferred tax liabilities on purchase adjustments, primarily related to intangible assets (excluding goodwill) and the fair value of the unearned premiums, partially offset by a reduction in deferred tax liabilities resulting from the elimination of deferred policy acquisition costs and loan origination costs.	\$ (7,453)
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Decrease in deferred tax asset valuation allowance as a result of the increase in the above deferred tax liabilities and the deferred tax liability of NLASCO that reverse in the carryover period and due to projected taxable income of NLASCO following acquisition by a subsidiary of ARC that files a separate Federal tax return	30,480
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Increase in deferred tax asset	\$ 23,027
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Represents the increase in the deferred tax asset associated with the Federal income tax NOL carryforwards due to the reduction of its valuation allowance. The Company has NOLs available for carryforward of approximately \$350 million of which approximately \$92 million is related to the subsidiary that will acquire NLASCO that files a separate return from ARC. We expect to be able to use approximately \$59 million of these NOLs during the carryover period based on our internally prepared operating results. We have used the reduction in the valuation allowance of the Company to reduce goodwill resulting from the acquisition in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes."

(k) Elimination of loan origination costs.

(l) Elimination of deferred policy acquisition costs of the subsidiaries of NLASCO.

(m) NLASCO expects to pay substantially all its loss and loss adjustment expenses within one year in accordance with its past practices. As a result we have not adjusted or otherwise discounted the future payments in determining fair value as such adjustment would be immaterial. This reserve is subject to a cash adjustment between the Company and NLASCO after a 36-month period pursuant to the reserve adjustment provisions of the NLASCO Agreement.

(n) Represents the adjustment to the fair value of the unearned premiums. We retained the services of a third party to assist with this valuation.

(o) The value of state insurance licenses with indefinite life at \$100 thousand per state for 30 states.

(p) Represents the reclassification adjustment to minority interest from stockholders' equity resulting from a decrease in the limited partners' ownership percentage from 3.5% to 2.8%, calculated on the pro forma common equity, including the effect of the change in conversion factor resulting from the rights offering.

**AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES INC.**  
**UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**  
(in thousands)

	<u>Historical</u>	<u>NLASCO Acquisition Historical(1)</u>	<u>Purchase Transactions(2)</u>	<u>Pro Forma</u>
<b>Revenue</b>				
Rental income	\$ 155,154	\$	\$	\$ 155,154
Net premiums earned		95,948		(f) 95,948
Sales of manufactured homes	7,582			7,582
Utility and other income	19,457	4,817		24,274
Net investment income		5,987	(255)(e)	5,732
Net consumer finance interest income	982			982
	<u>183,175</u>	<u>106,752</u>	<u>(255)</u>	<u>289,672</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Property operations	51,601			51,601
Real estate taxes	14,984			14,984
Losses and loss adjustment expenses		44,394		44,394
Cost of manufactured homes sold	6,376			6,376
Retail home sales, finance and insurance	7,050			7,050
Property management	4,727			4,727
General and administrative	14,386	34,898		(f) 49,284
Early termination of debt	556			556
Depreciation and amortization	64,559		1,429 (a)	65,988
Loss on sale of airplane	541			541
Interest expense	58,345	3,643	(306)(b)	61,682
	<u>223,125</u>	<u>82,935</u>	<u>1,123</u>	<u>307,183</u>
Interest income	(1,126)			(1,126)
Income (loss) before allocation to minority interest and provision for income taxes	(38,824)	23,817	(1,378)	(16,385)
Provision for income taxes		(8,187)	8,187 (c)	(7,031)
			(7,031)(c)	
Income (loss) before allocation to minority interest	(38,824)	15,630	(222)	(23,416)
Minority interest	744		(699)(d)	45
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(38,080)	15,630	(921)	(23,371)
Preferred stock dividend	(7,734)			(7,734)
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ (45,814)	\$ 15,630	\$ (921)	\$ (31,105)
<b>Loss per share attributable to common stockholders</b>				
Basic loss per share	\$ (1.11)			\$ (0.57)
Diluted loss per share	\$ (1.11)			\$ (0.57)
Weighted average common shares outstanding	41,263		13,376	54,639

<b>Historical</b>	<b>NLASCO Acquisition Historical(1)</b>	<b>Purchase Transactions(2)</b>	<b>Pro Forma</b>
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**AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES INC.**  
**NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**  
**(in thousands)**

(1) Represents historical operations of NLASCO, the company being acquired by ARC, for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

(2) Represents the purchase of NLASCO and other transactions to occur prior to or contemporaneously with the acquisition as follows:

(a) Amortization of value assigned to finite lived intangible assets as follows:

	<u>Intangible Value</u>	<u>Amortization</u>
Customer relationships amortized on sum of the years method over 12 years	\$ 5,900	\$ 681
Agent relationships amortized on sum of the years method over 13 years	3,300	353
Trade name amortized over 15 years	3,400	170
Software acquired amortized over five years	1,500	225
	<u>\$ 14,100</u>	<u>\$ 1,429</u>

(b) Interest expense adjustments calculated as follows

	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Interest</u>
NLASCO related party note payable repaid	\$ (5,600)	7.00%	\$ (294)
NLASCO notes repaid	(274)	5.95%	(12)
	<u>\$ (5,874)</u>		<u>\$ (306)</u>

(c) Adjustment to income taxes as follows:

Elimination of income tax expense as follows: (a) current income tax is eliminated as a result of the pro forma utilization of the Company's NOL carryforwards; (b) deferred income taxes are eliminated as a result of the pro forma reduction of the Company's valuation allowance.	\$ 8,187
Recognition of non-cash deferred income tax expense due to the utilization of the available NOL carryforwards.	\$ (7,031)

(d)

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Represents minority interest at the pro forma 2.8% limited partner ownership applicable to fair value adjustments and net income of NLASCO.

(e)

Reduction in investment income due to assets sold before the closing of the acquisition

Investment	\$	6,808
Rate		5.0%
		<u>          </u>
	\$	255
		<u>          </u>

(f)

No adjustment to net premiums earned and underwriting expenses included in general and administrative expense because the anticipated purchase accounting adjustments to unearned premiums and deferred policy acquisition costs will not have a continuing impact.

**AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES INC.**  
**UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**  
(in thousands)

	<u>Historical</u>	<u>NLASCO Acquisition Historical(1)</u>	<u>Purchase Transactions(2)</u>	<u>Pro Forma</u>
<b>Revenue</b>				
Rental income	\$ 191,558	\$	\$	\$ 191,558
Net premiums earned		107,752		(f) 107,752
Sales of manufactured homes	39,331			39,331
Utility and other income	22,256	3,827		26,083
Net investment income		6,362	(340)(e)	6,022
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>253,145</b>	<b>117,941</b>	<b>(340)</b>	<b>370,746</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Property operations	76,000			76,000
Real estate taxes	16,361			16,361
Losses and loss adjustment expenses		48,569		48,569
Cost of manufactured homes sold	37,105			37,105
Retail home sales, finance and insurance	18,072			18,072
Property management	9,781			9,781
General and administrative	27,634	42,781		(f) 70,415
Depreciation and amortization	77,859		1,906(a)	79,765
Real estate and retail home asset impairment	21,822			21,822
Goodwill impairment	78,783			78,783
Net consumer finance interest expense	525			525
Interest expense	72,569		(408)(b)	72,161
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>436,511</b>	<b>91,350</b>	<b>1,498</b>	<b>529,359</b>
Interest income	(2,267)			(2,267)
Income (loss) before allocation to minority interest and provision for income taxes	(181,099)	26,591	(1,838)	(156,346)
Provision for income taxes		(9,214)	9,214(c)	(8,227)
			(8,227)(c)	
Income (loss) before allocation to minority interest	(181,099)	17,377	(851)	(164,573)
Minority interest	7,313		(3,518)(d)	3,795
Income (loss) from continuing operations	(173,786)	17,377	(4,369)	(160,778)
Preferred stock dividend	(10,312)			(10,312)
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ (184,098)	\$ 17,377	\$ (4,369)	\$ (171,090)
<b>Loss per share attributable to common stockholders</b>				
Basic loss per share	\$ (4.50)			\$ (3.15)
Diluted loss per share	\$ (4.50)			\$ (3.15)
Weighted average common shares outstanding	40,896		13,376	54,272

<b>Historical</b>	<b>NLASCO Acquisition Historical(1)</b>	<b>Purchase Transactions(2)</b>	<b>Pro Forma</b>
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**AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES INC.**  
**NOTES TO UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005**  
(in thousands)

(1) Represents historical operations of NLASCO, the company being acquired by ARC, for the year ended December 31, 2005.

(2) Represents the purchase of NLASCO and other transactions to occur prior to or contemporaneously with the acquisition as follows:

(a) Amortization of value assigned to finite lived intangible assets as follows: Intangible

	<u>Intangible Value</u>	<u>Amortization</u>
Customer relationships amortized on sum of the years method over 12 years in the first year	\$ 5,900	\$ 908
Agent relationships amortized on sum of the years method over 13 years in the first year	3,300	471
Trade name amortized over 15 years	3,400	227
Software acquired amortized over five years	1,500	300
	<u>\$ 14,100</u>	<u>\$ 1,906</u>

(b) Interest expense adjustments calculated as follows

	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Interest</u>
NLASCO related party note payable repaid	\$ (5,600)	7.00%	\$ (392)
NLASCO notes repaid	(274)	5.95%	(16)
	<u>\$ (5,874)</u>		<u>\$ (408)</u>

(c) Adjustment to income taxes as follows:

Elimination of income tax expense as follows: (a) current income tax is eliminated as a result of the pro forma utilization of the Company's NOL carryforwards; (b) deferred income taxes are eliminated as a result of the pro forma reduction of the Company's valuation allowance.	\$ 9,214
Recognition of non-cash deferred income tax expense due to the utilization of the available NOL carryforwards.	\$ (8,227)

(d) Represents minority interest at the pro forma 2.8% limited partner ownership applicable to fair value adjustments and net income of NLASCO.

(e) Reduction in investment income due to assets sold before the closing of the acquisition

Investment	\$	6,808
Rate		5.0%
		<u>          </u>
	\$	340
		<u>          </u>

(f) No adjustment to net premiums earned and underwriting expenses included in general and administrative expense because the anticipated purchase accounting adjustments to unearned premiums and deferred policy acquisition costs will not have a continuing impact.

**AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES INC.**  
**CAPITALIZATION**  
**AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**  
**(in thousands)**

	<u>ARC Historical</u>	<u>NLASCO Acquisition Historical(1)</u>	<u>Purchase Transactions(2)</u>	<u>Pro Forma</u>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	\$ 31,109	\$ 43,202	\$ 100,000 (a)	\$ 51,864
			(107,250)(a)	
			(1,572)(a)	
			(15,031)(c)	
			6,808 (d)	
			(5,600)(e)	
			472 (f)	
			(274)(f)	
<b>Notes payable:</b>				
Senior fixed rate mortgage due 2009	\$ 85,041	\$	\$	\$ 85,041
Senior fixed rate mortgage due 2012	278,452			278,452
Senior fixed rate mortgage due 2014	190,122			190,122
Senior fixed rate mortgage due 2016	170,000			170,000
Senior variable rate mortgage due 2009	60,000			60,000
Various individual fixed rate mortgages due 2006 to 2031	135,110			135,110
Trust preferred securities due 2035	25,780			25,780
Senior exchangeable notes due 2025	96,600			96,600
Consumer finance facility due 2008				
Lease receivable facility due 2008	10,000			10,000
Floorplan line of credit due 2007	1,651			1,651
Variable rate note payable due April 2007		3,000		3,000
Variable rate surplus note payable due May 2033		10,000		10,000
Variable rate surplus note payable due September 2033		10,000		10,000
Variable rate surplus note payable due April 2034		7,500		7,500
Variable rate note payable due March 2035		20,000		20,000
Fixed rate secured note payable due January 2024		274	(274)(f)	
NLASCO related party notes payable		5,600	(5,600)(e)	
Other loans	1,203			1,203
<b>Total debt</b>	<b>1,053,959</b>	<b>56,374</b>	<b>(5,874)</b>	<b>1,104,459</b>
Minority interest	28,704		846 (p)	29,550
<b>Stockholders' equity:</b>				
Preferred stock	119,108			119,108
Common stock	413		134 (a)	547
Additional paid-in capital	794,449	18,010	(18,010)(b)	904,288
			110,685 (a)	
			(846)(p)	
Accumulated other comprehensive income		(1,021)	1,021 (b)	
Less treasury stock at cost		(6,175)	6,175 (b)	
Retained (deficit) earnings	(480,753)	75,226	(60,195)(b)	(480,753)
			(15,031)(c)	
<b>Total stockholders' equity</b>	<b>433,217</b>	<b>86,040</b>	<b>23,933</b>	<b>543,190</b>

	<b>ARC Historical</b>	<b>NLASCO Acquisition Historical(1)</b>	<b>Purchase Transactions(2)</b>	<b>Pro Forma</b>
Total capitalization	\$ 1,515,880	\$ 142,414	\$ 18,905	\$ 1,677,199

**AFFORDABLE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITIES INC.**  
**NOTES TO CAPITALIZATION**  
**AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2006**  
**(in thousands)**

- (1) Represents historical book value of NLASCO, the company being acquired by ARC, as of September 30, 2006.
- (2) Represents the purchase of NLASCO and other transactions to occur prior to or contemporaneously with the acquisition as follows:

(a) The purchase price of NLASCO calculated as follows:			
	Cash paid from sale of newly issued ARC shares to Flexpoint Partners	\$	20,000
	Cash paid from sale of newly issued ARC shares in the rights offering		80,000
			<u>100,000</u>
	Cash raised from sales of common stock		100,000
	Fair market value of newly issued ARC shares to Seller		12,391
			<u>112,391</u>
	Total additional stockholders' equity		112,391
	Cash paid by ARC. ARC borrows funds under its Lease Receivables line of credit		5,750
			<u>118,141</u>
	Total purchase price of NLASCO excluding transaction costs		118,141
	Cost of acquisition funded with cash of ARC		1,500
			<u>119,641</u>
	Purchase price of NLASCO	\$	119,641
			<u>119,641</u>
	Cost of stockholder's equity:		
	Par value of common stock	\$	134
	Additional paid-in capital		112,257
			<u>112,391</u>
	Additional stockholders' equity		112,391
	Cash equity issuance cost		(1,572)
			<u>110,819</u>
	Net additional stockholders' equity	\$	110,819
			<u>110,819</u>
	Cash paid to purchase NLASCO:		
	Cash from sale of common stock	\$	100,000
	Cash from issuance of ARC debt		5,750
	Acquisition transaction cost		1,500
			<u>107,250</u>
	Total	\$	107,250
			<u>107,250</u>
	Equity issuance cost:		
	Total equity issuance cost	\$	3,500
	Less non-cash discount on shares issued to Flexpoint Partners		(1,928)
			<u>1,572</u>
	Cash equity issuance cost	\$	1,572
			<u>1,572</u>
	(b) Elimination of the historical equity of NLASCO in connection with the purchase by ARC.		
	(c) Cash distribution of current year earnings to seller in connection with the NLASCO Agreement.		
	NLASCO stockholder's equity at September 30, 2006	\$	86,040
	NLASCO minimum equity committed after acquisition		71,009
			<u>15,031</u>

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NLASCO dividend to seller prior to acquisition	\$	15,031
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- (d) Repayment of note receivable from an affiliate of the seller with cash.
- (e) Repayment of a note payable by NLASCO.
- (f) Represents two aircraft at historical cost that will not be acquired by ARC. Notes payable on one aircraft will be repaid.

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## INFORMATION ABOUT THE RIGHTS OFFERING

### Description of the Rights Offering

We will raise a portion of the cash consideration for the acquisition of NLASCO through a rights offering. In the rights offering, we will distribute to each holder of record of our common stock as of the close of business on the rights offering record date, at no charge, one non-transferable subscription right for each share of common stock they own. The subscription rights will be evidenced by non-transferable rights certificates. Each subscription right carries with it a subscription privilege entitling its holder to purchase 0.242 shares of our common stock at the subscription price of \$8.00 per share. Holders of subscription rights are not required to exercise any or all of their rights, and we will not issue any fractional shares in the rights offering.

Pursuant to the Investment Agreement, Gerald J. Ford, one of our directors and beneficial owner of approximately 17.6% of our outstanding common stock, and ARC Diamond, one of Mr. Ford's affiliates, have agreed to purchase the shares of our common stock that they would otherwise have been entitled to receive in the rights offering in a private placement directly from us and not to exercise the subscription rights that they receive in the rights offering to purchase approximately 1,760,000 shares of our common stock. In addition, Hunter's Glen/Ford has agreed to backstop the rights offering, meaning that it would purchase all shares of common stock that remain unsubscribed for in the rights offering, other than shares covered by rights distributed to Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond, at the same subscription price per share. As a result, if the issuance and sale of our common stock under the Investment Agreement is approved, we could issue up to 10,000,000 shares to Mr. Ford, ARC Diamond and Hunter's Glen/Ford. As a result of the foregoing commitments, we expect that if the rights offering is completed, we will receive the full proceeds contemplated by the rights offering.

If, at any time prior to the closing date of the rights offering, the board of directors, in its sole discretion, determines that the rights offering and the related share issuance are no longer in the best interests of our stockholders, the rights offering and the related share issuance may be abandoned at any time before, during or after the Special Meeting and prior to the closing of the rights offering, without further action by our stockholders.

The subscription price of the rights offering should not be considered an indication of the actual value of us or a share of our common stock. The subscription price was set by our board of directors. In determining the subscription price, our board of directors considered a number of factors, including: our need for capital to complete the NLASCO acquisition; our business prospects; the need to offer shares of common stock at a price that would be attractive to our stockholders relative to the current trading price of our common stock; the historic and current market price of our common stock; general conditions in the securities markets and any difficulty in market conditions prevailing for the raising of equity capital; the likely cost of capital from other sources; historic and current trading prices for our common stock; our operating history; and the liquidity of our common stock. In conjunction with its review of these factors, our board of directors also reviewed analyses of prior rights offerings by other public companies, including the range of discounts to market value represented by the subscription prices in those rights offerings. In conjunction with its review of these factors, our board of directors also reviewed analyses of prior rights offerings by other public companies, including the range of discounts to market value represented by the subscription prices in those rights offerings. The subscription price will not necessarily bear any relationship to the book value of our assets, net worth, past operations, cash flows, losses, financial condition or any other established criteria for fair value. After the date of this Proxy Statement, our common stock may trade at prices above or below the offering price and no change will be made to the cash subscription price of the rights offering solely by reason of changes in the trading price of our common stock prior to the closing of the rights offering.

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The rights offering is conditioned upon the receipt of stockholder approval for the issuance and sale of our common stock under the Investment Agreement, which is more fully described in this Proxy Statement under the heading "Information About The Investment Agreement." The rights offering is not conditioned upon the completion of the NLASCO acquisition or the approval of the issuance and sale of our common stock under the Flexpoint Agreement. Stockholders are not being asked to decide at this time whether or not to exercise their subscription rights in the rights offering. A vote in favor of the issuance and sale of our common stock under the Investment Agreement or any other proposal in this Proxy Statement will not obligate any stockholder to purchase shares of common stock in the rights offering.

### **Effect of the Rights Offering on our Common Stock**

Assuming that we issue all of the shares of common stock offered in the rights offering, approximately 51.3 million shares of our common stock will be issued and outstanding after its completion. If every subscription right were exercised, this would represent an increase of approximately 24% in the number of outstanding shares of common stock. Even though the rights will be offered on a one-for-one basis to each holder of our common stock, because Hunter's Glen/Ford has agreed to backstop the rights offering, the percentage of common stock owned by other stockholders as a group will decrease unless all of the other stockholders exercise in full the subscription rights they will receive.

If Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond purchase the shares of our common stock under the Investment Agreement, no stockholders exercise their subscription rights and Hunter's Glen/Ford backstops the rights offering in full and the issuance and sale of our common stock under the NLASCO Agreement and the Flexpoint Agreement are completed, then Gerald J. Ford's beneficial ownership interest in our common stock will increase to approximately 31.6% from approximately 17.6%, and the ownership interest of the remaining current common stockholders, who currently own in the aggregate approximately 82.4% of our common stock, will decrease to approximately 62.3%. In the event that Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond purchase the shares of our common stock under the Investment Agreement, no stockholders exercise their subscription rights and Hunter's Glen/Ford backstops the rights offering in full but the issuance and sale of our common stock under the NLASCO Agreement and the Flexpoint Agreement are not completed, then Gerald J. Ford's beneficial ownership interest in our common stock will increase to approximately 33.6%, and the remaining current common stockholders' ownership interest will decrease to approximately 66.4%.

### **Effect of the Rights Offering on our OP Units**

The rights offering will affect the terms of redemption of the OP's common partnership units, or OP Units, for shares of our common stock. Pursuant to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the OP, each of the limited partners and certain transferees have the right, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the partnership agreement, to require us to redeem all or a portion of the OP Units held by such limited partners and transferees in exchange for a cash amount equal to the value of the OP Units. On or before the close of business on the fifth business day after we receive a notice of redemption, we may, in our sole and absolute discretion, elect to acquire some or all of the tendered OP Units from the tendering party in exchange for shares of our common stock, based on an exchange ratio of one share of our common stock for each OP Unit. Pursuant to the antidilution adjustments provided in the partnership agreement, if we distribute any rights to all holders of our common stock to subscribe for shares of our common stock at a price per share less than the market value of a share of our common stock on the record date for such distribution, then the exchange ratio with respect to the exchange of OP Units for shares of our common stock will be modified. Therefore, as a result of the distribution of the subscription rights in the rights offering, each holder of OP Units will receive 1.05 shares of our common stock per OP Unit



tendered for redemption (assuming we elect to issue shares of our common stock in exchange for such tendered units).

#### **Effect of the Rights Offering on the Exercise Price of our Warrants**

We currently have outstanding 806,362 warrants to purchase 806,362 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$18.14 per share. The exercise price of the warrants and the number of shares purchasable upon exercise of the warrants are subject to adjustment in several circumstances including, among other things, the issue or sale of additional shares of our common stock without consideration or for consideration per share less than the greater of the then-current market price per share of our common stock and the exercise price per share in effect immediately prior to such issue or sale. Giving effect to the rights offering and the issuance and sale of our common stock under the Investment Agreement and the Flexpoint Agreement, we expect that, pursuant to the terms of the initial issuance, the number of shares of our common stock for which the warrants are exercisable will be increased and the exercise price to acquire such stock will be decreased.

#### **Effect of the Rights Offering on our Senior Notes**

In August 2005, the OP issued \$96,600,000 aggregate principal amount of 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>% Senior Exchangeable Notes due 2025, referred to as the Notes. Holders of the Notes have the right to exchange, at any time on or prior to maturity or redemption any outstanding Notes into shares of our common stock at an exchange rate of 69.8812 shares of our common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of Notes. The issuance to all holders of our common stock of rights entitling them to purchase our common stock at less than the current market price of our common stock has the effect of modifying the exchange ratio of the Notes into shares of our common stock. As a result of the rights offering, the number of shares of our common stock for which each \$1,000 principal amount of Notes is exchangeable will be increased.

#### **U.S. Federal Income Tax Treatment**

The following is a general discussion of certain U.S. Federal income tax consequences of the receipt of rights in the rights offering and the ownership, exercise and disposition of the rights to U.S. Holders, as defined below. This discussion is based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code, Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, and administrative and judicial interpretations thereof, all as in effect as of the date hereof and all of which are subject to change, possibly with retroactive effect.

This discussion does not address all aspects of U.S. Federal income taxation that may be applicable to specific holders in light of their particular circumstances or to holders subject to special treatment under the U.S. Federal income tax laws including, but not limited to, financial institutions, insurance companies, tax exempt organizations, retirement plans, partnerships and their partners, other pass-through entities and their members, dealers in securities, brokers, U.S. expatriates, persons who have acquired our common stock as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion transaction or other integrated investment, and foreign taxpayers. This discussion also does not address any aspect of state, local or foreign income or other tax laws. This discussion is limited to U.S. Holders that hold our common stock as a capital asset. For purposes of this discussion, a "U.S. Holder" is a holder that is, for U.S. Federal income tax purposes,

a citizen or resident of the United States;

a corporation (or other entity taxable as a corporation) created or organized in or under the laws of the United States or any political subdivision thereof, including the District of Columbia;

an estate the income of which is subject to United States Federal income taxation regardless of its source; or

a trust (a) with respect to which a court within the United States is able to exercise primary supervision over its administration and one or more United States persons have the authority to control all of its substantial decisions, or (b) that has in effect a valid election under applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations to be treated as a United States person.

If a partnership (including any entity or arrangement treated as a partnership for United States Federal income tax purposes) holds our common stock, the treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. If you are a partner of a partnership holding our common stock we urge you to consult your own tax advisor.

You should consult your tax advisor as to the particular tax consequences of your receipt of rights in the rights offering and the ownership, exercise and disposition of the rights, including the applicability of any Federal estate or gift tax laws or any state, local or foreign tax laws, any changes in applicable tax laws and any pending or proposed legislation or regulations relating thereto.

#### *Receipt of the Rights; Tax Basis and Holding Period*

You will not recognize taxable income for United States Federal income tax purposes in connection with the receipt of rights in the rights offering and, except as provided below, the basis of the rights received by a U.S. Holder as a distribution with respect to such U.S. Holder's common stock will be zero. If either (i) the fair market value of the rights on the date that such rights are distributed is equal to at least 15% of the fair market value on such date of the common stock with respect to which they are received or (ii) you elect, in your United States Federal income tax return for the taxable year in which the rights are received, to allocate part of the tax basis of such common stock to the rights, then upon exercise or transfer of the rights, a U.S. Holder's basis in the common stock with respect to which the rights are received will be allocated between the rights and such common stock in proportion to their respective fair market values on the date the rights are distributed.

Your holding period for the rights received in the rights offering will include your holding period for the common stock with respect to which the rights were received.

#### *Expiration of the Rights*

If you allow rights received in the rights offering to expire, you will not recognize any gain or loss. If you have any tax basis in the rights, the tax basis of the common stock owned by you with respect to which such rights were distributed will be restored to the tax basis of such common stock immediately before the receipt of the rights in the rights offering.

#### *Exercise of the Rights*

Generally, you should not recognize any gain or loss upon the exercise of rights received in the rights offering, and the tax basis of the shares of common stock acquired through exercise of the rights should equal the sum of the subscription price for the shares and your tax basis, if any, in the rights, as described above. The holding period for shares of common stock acquired through exercise of the rights will begin on the date the rights are exercised.

#### *Dividends on Shares of Common Stock*

Distributions, if any, made to U.S. Holders on shares of common stock acquired through the exercise of rights generally will be taxable as dividend income to the extent that the distributions are made out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits as determined for U.S. Federal income tax purposes. Any distributions in excess of our current or accumulated earnings and profits will be

treated first as a tax-free return of capital which reduces the U.S. Holder's tax basis in our common stock to the extent thereof, and thereafter as capital gain from the sale or exchange of our common stock. Under recently enacted legislation, "qualified dividend income" received by non-corporate holders of common stock is currently taxed at the capital gain rate, which is currently a maximum of 15%. The tax on "qualified dividend income" is currently scheduled to increase after 2010. Dividends that we pay with respect to common stock acquired through the exercise of rights generally will be qualified dividend income provided that (i) you are an individual, (ii) you hold such common stock for more than 60 days during the 120-day period beginning 60 days before the ex-dividend date, and (iii) you meet certain other requirements.

#### *Sale of Shares of Common Stock*

You generally should recognize capital gain or loss upon the sale of common stock acquired through the exercise of rights in an amount equal to the difference between the amount realized and your tax basis in the common stock. The capital gain or loss should be long-term if your holding period in the shares of common stock is more than one year. Generally, long-term capital gains recognized by individuals are taxable at a maximum rate of 15%, and long-term capital gains recognized by corporations are taxable at ordinary corporate tax rates. If you have held your shares of common stock for one year or less, your capital gain or loss will be short-term. Short-term capital gains generally are taxed at the rates applicable to ordinary income. Your ability to use any capital loss is subject to substantial restrictions.

#### *Information Reporting and Backup Withholding*

Under the Code, you may be subject, under certain circumstances, to information reporting and/or backup withholding with respect to dividend payments on or the gross proceeds from the disposition of common stock acquired through the exercise of rights. Withholding generally applies only if you (i) fail to furnish your social security or other taxpayer identification number, or TIN, (ii) furnish an incorrect TIN, (iii) fail to report dividends properly, or (iv) fail to provide a certified statement, signed under penalty of perjury, that the TIN provided is correct and that you are not subject to backup withholding. Any amount withheld from a payment under the backup withholding rules is allowable as a credit against (and may entitle you to a refund with respect to) your Federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS. Certain persons are exempt from backup withholding, including corporations and financial institutions. You should consult your tax advisors as to your qualification for exemption from withholding and the procedure for obtaining such exemption.

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE INVESTMENT AGREEMENT

### Introduction

The following summary describes material provisions of the Investment Agreement. This summary is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the Investment Agreement, which is attached to this Proxy Statement as *Appendix C* and incorporated into this Proxy Statement by reference. We urge you to read carefully the Investment Agreement in its entirety because this summary may not contain all the information about the Investment Agreement that is important to you.

On October 13, 2006, we entered into the Investment Agreement with Gerald J. Ford, one of our directors and the beneficial owner of approximately 17.6% of our common stock, ARC Diamond and Hunter's Glen/Ford, pursuant to which Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond, who are currently ARC stockholders, have agreed not to exercise their subscription rights to purchase approximately 1,760,000 shares of our common stock that they will receive in the rights offering. Instead, pursuant to the Investment Agreement, Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond have agreed to purchase the shares of our common stock that they otherwise would have been entitled to receive in the rights offering in a private placement directly from us. In addition, Hunter's Glen/Ford has agreed to backstop the rights offering, meaning it would purchase all shares of common stock that remain unsubscribed for in the rights offering, other than shares with respect to rights distributed to Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond.

### Appraisal Rights

Stockholders are not entitled to appraisal rights in connection with the issuance and sale of shares of our common stock under the Investment Agreement.

### Vote Required

The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast is required for approval of the issuance and sale of shares of common stock under the Investment Agreement (assuming that a quorum is present).

### Reason and Purpose for the Proposed Sale

The ARC board has approved the NLASCO acquisition and believes it to be in the best interests of the Company. Since the NLASCO acquisition does not contain a financing condition in favor of ARC, ARC could be subject to liability if it is unable to obtain financing for the NLASCO acquisition, or could be required to obtain such financing on terms that it considers unfavorable. The board has determined that the rights offering is the best alternative to obtain a major component of the required cash financing for the NLASCO acquisition, and views the Investment Agreement, including its backstop component, as crucial to ensuring that ARC receives the full proceeds contemplated by the rights offering.

### Description of the Investment Agreement

ARC, Gerald J. Ford, ARC Diamond and Hunter's Glen/Ford have entered into the Investment Agreement pursuant to which:

Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond agreed to purchase in a private placement approximately 1,760,000 shares of our common stock, representing the full number of shares of our common stock they would otherwise have been entitled to subscribe for in the rights offering at the same subscription per share;

Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond agreed not to exercise their rights in the rights offering; and

Hunter's Glen/Ford agreed to backstop the rights offering by purchasing in a private placement all of the shares of our common stock that are not otherwise subscribed for by holders other than Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond in the rights offering at the same subscription price per share.

Under the Investment Agreement, we have made representations and warranties relating to our organization, good standing, capitalization and other corporate matters, due authorization of the back stop agreement and the issuance of the rights in the offering. Mr. Ford, ARC Diamond and Hunter's Glen/Ford made similar representations relating to organization and corporate power, due authorization of the backstop agreement and the transactions contemplated thereby and their understanding of the investment risks associated with the rights to be purchased pursuant to the backstop agreement. Each party's obligation to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Investment Agreement is subject to certain conditions, including, without limitation, the obtaining of all necessary third party consents, effectiveness of the registration statement, no legal or judicial barriers to the rights offering, the listing of the common stock underlying the rights on the NYSE, and the other party's representations and warranties therein being true and correct as of the closing date. The Investment Agreement may be terminated at any time by either party (1) by mutual written consent of the parties, (2) if any governmental entity has issued any suit or action challenging the validity or legality or seeking to restrain the consummation of the transactions contemplated by the backstop agreement; (3) if the NLASCO Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, (4) by us, if Mr. Ford, ARC Diamond or Hunter's Glen/Ford breaches in any material respect any of its representations, warranties or covenants and (5) by Hunter's Glen/Ford, ARC Diamond or Mr. Ford, if we breach in any material respect any of our representations, warranties or covenants. The Investment Agreement also includes customary indemnification provisions. We have paid \$45,000 in filing fees on behalf of Hunter's Glen/Ford in connection with the transaction contemplated under the Investment Agreement.

#### **Interests of Certain Persons in the Investment Agreement**

Other than the Investment Agreement and the Flexpoint Agreement, our directors and executive officers do not have any interests in the Investment Agreement that differ from those of our other stockholders.

#### **Letter Agreement/Charter Restriction**

On May 20, 2005, ARC and Mr. Ford entered into a letter agreement providing that Mr. Ford may beneficially own no more than 19.9% of our common stock or voting power. If the issuance and sale of our common stock under the Investment Agreement is approved by our stockholders, then ARC intends to terminate the letter agreement if the charter amendment is approved or amend the letter agreement if the charter amendment is not approved, in either case to allow Mr. Ford to own the amount of ARC common stock contemplated by the Investment Agreement.

In addition, if the charter amendment is approved by our stockholders, then the charter will restrict transfers of our common stock by Gerald J. Ford or his affiliates or associates if the transfer would result in Mr. Ford and his affiliates and associates becoming the beneficial owner of more than 21% of the shares of common stock then outstanding unless the transfer receives the written approval of the board, prospectively or retroactively. The board intends to so approve the acquisition by Mr. Ford of shares of our common stock under the Investment Agreement, to the extent actually acquired.

### Effects of the Sale of Stock

Pursuant to the Investment Agreement, we will issue and sell approximately 1,760,000 shares of our common stock to Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond, and we may issue up to 8,240,000 shares of our common stock to Hunter's Glen/Ford under the backstop arrangement, depending on our other stockholders' participation in the rights offering. The sale of common stock under the Investment Agreement will have a dilutive effect on the holders of our common stock and on the voting power of the holders of our special voting stock to the extent that we issue common stock to Hunter's Glen/Ford under the backstop arrangement. The issuance and sale of our common stock under the Investment Agreement is conditioned on the completion of the rights offering. If Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond purchase the shares of our common stock under the Investment Agreement, no stockholders exercise their subscription rights and Hunter's Glen/Ford backstops the rights offering in full and the transactions under the NLASCO Agreement and the Flexpoint Agreement are completed, then Mr. Ford's beneficial ownership interest in our common stock will increase to approximately 31.6% from approximately 17.6%, and the ownership interest of the remaining current common stockholders, who currently own in the aggregate approximately 82.4% of our common stock, will decrease to approximately 62.3%. In the event that Mr. Ford and ARC Diamond purchase the shares of our common stock under the Investment Agreement, no stockholders exercise their subscription rights and Hunter's Glen/Ford backstops the rights offering in full but the transactions under the NLASCO Agreement and the Flexpoint Agreement are not completed, Mr. Ford's beneficial ownership interest in our common stock will increase to approximately 33.6%, and the remaining current common stockholders' ownership interest will decrease to approximately 66.4%.

### Recommendation of the Board of Directors

For the reasons described above, the Company's board of directors believes that the issuance and sale of our common stock under the Investment Agreement is in the best interests of the Company.

**THE COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, WITH DIRECTORS FORD, WEBB AND STAFF ABSTAINING, THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF OUR COMMON STOCK UNDER THE INVESTMENT AGREEMENT AND RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THIS PROPOSAL.**

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE FLEXPOINT AGREEMENT

### Introduction

The following summary describes the material provisions of the Flexpoint Agreement. This summary is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the Flexpoint Agreement, which is attached to this Proxy Statement as *Appendix D* and incorporated into this Proxy Statement by reference. We urge you to read carefully the Flexpoint Agreement in its entirety because this summary may not contain all the information about the Flexpoint Agreement that is important to you.

Flexpoint Partners assisted the Company in the sourcing, due diligence and negotiation of the NLASCO acquisition and the NLASCO Agreement on a non-compensated basis. The Company and Flexpoint have entered into the Flexpoint Agreement pursuant to which Flexpoint has agreed to purchase, and the Company has agreed to sell, 2,087,683 shares of our common stock at \$9.58 per share, subject to certain anti-dilution adjustments per share, for total consideration of approximately \$20 million. The per share purchase price of \$9.58 is based on the volume-weighted average sale price of ARC shares for the period September 21, 2006 to October 4, 2006, the ten day period immediately preceding our board of directors meeting on October 5, 2006. The Company has made certain typical representations, warranties and indemnities to Flexpoint under the Flexpoint Agreement. In addition, once the closing of the Flexpoint Agreement has occurred, Flexpoint Partners will have the right to appoint an observer to the Company's board of directors.

### Appraisal Rights

Stockholders are not entitled to appraisal rights in connection with the issuance and sale of our common stock to Flexpoint under the Flexpoint Agreement.

### Vote Required

The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast is required for the issuance and sale of our common stock to Flexpoint under the Flexpoint Agreement (assuming a quorum is present).

### Reason and Purpose for the Proposed Sale

Flexpoint Partners, the entity that manages Flexpoint, assisted the Company in the sourcing, due diligence and negotiation of the NLASCO acquisition and the NLASCO Agreement on a non-compensated basis. Flexpoint Partners, is an equity investment firm based in Chicago, Illinois that focuses on the financial services and healthcare industries. Donald Edwards, the Managing Principal of Flexpoint Partners, is the former Chief Executive Officer of First Acceptance Corporation, a non-standard auto insurance company, and is experienced in insurance company operations and related matters. It is anticipated that Flexpoint Partners will continue to provide assistance to the Company regarding its insurance-related activities, as well as other activities, in the future. The proceeds realized from the sale of our common stock to Flexpoint will be used to pay a portion of the consideration for the NLASCO acquisition.

### Description of the Flexpoint Agreement

ARC and Flexpoint have entered into the Flexpoint Agreement. Under the terms of the Flexpoint Agreement, contingent upon the closing of our transaction with NLASCO, Flexpoint has agreed to purchase 2,087,683 shares of our common stock for \$9.58 per share, subject to certain anti-dilution provisions, for aggregate proceeds of \$20 million, as described below. The per share purchase price of \$9.58 is based on the volume-weighted average sale price of ARC shares for the period September 21, 2006 to October 4, 2006, the ten day period immediately preceding our board of directors meeting on

October 5, 2006. Flexpoint's commitment to this purchase is conditioned upon the closing of our transaction with NLASCO and stockholder approval, as well as certain other conditions. The issuance and sale of our common stock under the Flexpoint Agreement is not conditioned on the completion of the rights offering. The Company will also reimburse Flexpoint Partners for its costs and expenses associated with the due diligence and negotiation of the NLASCO Agreement. Upon the purchase of this stock, Flexpoint also would be able to appoint an observer to ARC's board. The Flexpoint Agreement provides that if ARC issues any stock at a price per share less than the price Flexpoint has agreed to pay under the Flexpoint Agreement, the price per share Flexpoint will pay for our common stock and the number of shares of our common stock Flexpoint will receive under the Flexpoint Agreement will adjust to reflect such an issuance. If the Investment Agreement is approved and ARC completes the rights offering as planned, the price per share of our common stock to be paid by Flexpoint and the number of shares of our common stock Flexpoint will receive under the Flexpoint Agreement would be adjusted to 2,157,497 shares at \$9.27 per share. Flexpoint will invest \$20 million under the Flexpoint Agreement regardless of whether the anti-dilution provisions are triggered.

#### **Interest of Certain Persons in the Flexpoint Agreement**

Gerald J. Ford, who is one of our directors and the beneficial owner of 17.6% of our common stock and who has entered into the Investment Agreement, also is a limited partner of Flexpoint Fund, L.P., having committed \$50 million of funding to Flexpoint Fund, L.P.'s total committed funding of \$225 million. As a limited partner of Flexpoint, Mr. Ford is *pari passu* with all other limited partners of Flexpoint and has no financial interest in, or management authority of, Flexpoint Partners, the entity that manages Flexpoint. Upon the closing under the Flexpoint Agreement, Flexpoint will have the right to appoint an observer to ARC's board of directors. It is anticipated that Flexpoint Partners will continue to assist the Company in the future regarding the Company's insurance-related operations.

Other than as described in this Proxy Statement, our directors and executive officers do not have any interests in the Flexpoint Agreement that differ from those of our other stockholders.

#### **Effects of the Sale of Stock**

The sale of common stock to Flexpoint, if consummated, will have a dilutive effect on the holders of our common stock and will have a dilutive effect on the voting power of the holders of our special voting stock to the extent that shares of our common stock are issued to Flexpoint. The issuance and sale of our common stock under the Flexpoint Agreement is conditioned on the completion of the NLASCO acquisition, pursuant to which we will issue 1,218,880 shares of our common stock to C. Clifton Robinson in partial consideration for the NLASCO acquisition. In addition, we intend to conduct a rights offering and issue and sell shares of our common stock under the Investment Agreement to finance a portion of the cash purchase price for the NLASCO acquisition although the completion of the sale of our common stock under the Flexpoint Agreement is not conditioned on the completion of the rights offering. After giving effect to the issuance and sale of our common stock in the rights offering (and assuming pro rata exercise of our stockholders in the rights offering) and under the Investment Agreement and the issuance and sale of our common stock under the Flexpoint Agreement and the NLASCO Agreement, Flexpoint will beneficially own approximately 3.9% of our outstanding common stock, and the ownership interest of our other common stockholders, other than Mr. Ford and his affiliates, who currently own in the aggregate approximately 82.4% of our common stock, will decrease to approximately 77.4%.

#### **Recommendation of the Board of Directors**

For the reasons described above, the Company's board of directors believes that the issuance and sale of our common stock to Flexpoint is in the best interests of the Company.

**THE COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, WITH DIRECTORS FORD, WEBB AND STAFF ABSTAINING, THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF OUR COMMON STOCK TO FLEXPOINT UNDER THE FLEXPOINT AGREEMENT AND RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THIS PROPOSAL.**



## INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHARTER AMENDMENT

### Introduction

The following summary describes the material provisions of the charter amendment. This summary is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of the charter amendment, which is attached to this Proxy Statement as *Appendix E* and incorporated into this Proxy Statement by reference. We urge you to read carefully the charter amendment in its entirety because this summary may not contain all the information about the charter amendment that is important to you.

We have available NOLs to offset our future taxable income. NOLs benefit us by offsetting future taxable income, if any, dollar-for-dollar by the amount of the NOLs, thereby eliminating (subject to an alternative minimum tax) the U.S. Federal corporate income tax on such income. The benefit of the NOLs can be reduced or eliminated if we undergo an "ownership change." Generally, there is a change in ownership if, at any time, one or more 5% stockholders have aggregate increases in their ownership in the corporation of more than 50 percentage points looking back over the prior three year period. Our board of directors believes the best interests of the Company and its stockholders will be served by adopting provisions, which we refer to in this Proxy Statement as the Acquisition Restrictions, in our charter that are designed to restrict direct and indirect acquisitions of our equity securities if such acquisition will affect the percentage of stock that is treated as owned by a 5% stockholder.

### Vote Required

The affirmative vote of holders of shares entitled to cast a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter is required for approval of the proposed amendment to the charter (assuming a quorum is present). A properly executed proxy marked "abstain" with respect to the proposal will not be voted, although it will be counted for purposes of determining a quorum. Accordingly, abstentions will have the effect of a negative vote. Broker non-votes will also have the effect of a vote against the charter amendment.

### Appraisal Rights

Stockholders are not entitled to appraisal rights in connection with the amendment to the Company's charter to restrict certain acquisitions of the Company's equity securities in order to preserve the benefit of the Company's NOLs and to delete certain provisions which are no longer applicable to the Company as a result of the Company's revocation of its status as a REIT.

### Background regarding Maryland Law

The Acquisition Restrictions are expressly permitted under the Maryland General Corporation Law, or MGCL. Under the MGCL, a corporation may provide in its charter for restrictions on transferability or ownership of stock for any purpose. However, the Acquisition Restrictions will be ineffective against a person without knowledge of such restrictions unless the restrictions are noted conspicuously on the certificate representing the securities or, in the case of uncertificated securities, the registered owner is notified of the acquisition restrictions. Accordingly, if the Acquisition Restrictions are approved, all certificates representing newly issued shares of the Company's common stock, as well as certificates issued in connection with the transfer of such shares that are subject to the Acquisition Restrictions, will contain a full statement of the Acquisition Restrictions or state that the Company will furnish information about the Acquisition Restrictions to the stockholder on request and without charge. If such shares are uncertificated, the Company will send the stockholder a written statement of the information required on certificates.

### **Reason and Purpose of Acquisition Restrictions**

The Acquisition Restrictions are designed to restrict direct and indirect acquisitions of our common stock that could result in the imposition of limitations on our use, for U.S. Federal income tax purposes, of the NOLs and other tax attributes that are and will be available to us, as discussed more fully below.

### **Company's NOLs and Description of Section 382**

Effective with the revocation of ARC's REIT election, ARC is taxed as a corporation for U.S. Federal income tax purposes and its net income is subject to taxation at regular (or alternative minimum) corporate rates without the benefit of a dividends paid deduction. ARC has NOLs from prior years that are expected to offset substantially ARC's taxable income, if any. Therefore, the preservation of such NOLs is key to minimizing ARC's U.S. Federal income tax liability. U.S. Federal income tax law imposes significant limitations on the ability of a corporation to use its NOLs to offset income in circumstances where such corporation has experienced a "change in ownership." Generally, there is a change in ownership if, at any time, one or more 5% stockholders have aggregate increases in their ownership in the corporation of more than 50 percentage points looking back over the prior three year period. The principal reasons for adopting the amendment to the Company's charter is to prevent investors from aggregating ownership in the Company and triggering just such a "change in ownership."

### **Description of Charter Amendment**

*The following is a brief description of the amendment to the Company's charter. This description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the amendment, which is attached hereto as Appendix E. All stockholders are urged to read the full text of the amendment.*

The proposed charter amendment will generally prohibit any direct or indirect sale, transfer, assignment, conveyance, pledge or other disposition of shares of common stock of the Company or warrants, rights or options to purchase common stock of the Company or any other interests that would be treated as stock of the Company under the income tax regulations promulgated under the Code, if as a result of such sale, transfer, assignment, conveyance, pledge or other disposition any person or group would beneficially own five percent or more of the market value of the total outstanding shares of common stock of the Company or the percentage of common stock of the Company owned by a five percent stockholder would be increased. Any attempted transfer in violation of the foregoing restrictions will be null and void unless the transferor or transferee obtains the written approval of the Company's board of directors. The restrictions will not apply to an attempted transfer of the Company's common stock by Gerald J. Ford or his affiliates or associates unless such transfer would result in Gerald J. Ford and his affiliates and associates becoming the beneficial owner of more than 21% of the shares of common stock then outstanding, although Gerald J. Ford and his affiliates and associates could become the beneficial owner of more than 21% of the shares of common stock then outstanding if the transfer receives the written approval of the board prospectively or retroactively. The board intends to so approve the acquisition by Mr. Ford of shares of our common stock under the Investment Agreement, to the extent actually acquired.

No officer, director, employee or agent of the Company will record any purported transfer to the extent that such transfer is prohibited by the proposed charter amendment, and the purported transferee will not be entitled to any rights of stockholders of the Company with respect to the securities which are the subject of the prohibited transfer, including the right to vote such securities and to receive dividends or distributions, whether liquidating or otherwise, in respect of such securities.

If the proposed charter amendment is approved and the Company's board of directors determines that a transfer would be prohibited, then, upon written demand by the Company, the purported

transferee will transfer the securities which are the subject of the prohibited transfer, or cause such securities to be transferred, to an agent designated by the board. The agent will sell the securities to a buyer or buyers, which may include the Company, in one or more arm's-length transactions that comply with the proposed charter amendment. If the purported transferee has resold the securities before receiving the Company's demand to surrender them to the Company's agent, the purported transferee will be deemed to have sold the securities for the agent and will be required to transfer to the agent any distributions received with respect to such securities and any proceeds of the sale of such securities (except for any proceeds which the board of directors grants the purported transferee written permission to retain and which do not exceed the amount that the purported transferee would have received from the agent if the agent had resold such securities). The proceeds of the sale of any such securities will be applied first to the agent to cover its costs and expenses, second to the purported transferee, up to the lesser of the amount paid by the purported transferee for the securities or the fair market value of the securities at the time of the attempted transfer, and third to one or more charitable organizations selected by the Company's board of directors. In no event will the proceeds of the sale of such securities inure to the benefit of the Company.

The proposed charter amendment will require any person who acquires or attempts to acquire shares of common stock of the Company or warrants, rights or options to purchase common stock of the Company or any other interests that would be treated as stock of the Company under the income tax regulations in violation of the Acquisition Restrictions described above to immediately give written notice to the Company of such event and to provide to the Company such other information as the Company may request in order to determine the effect, if any, of such purported transfer on the preservation and usage of the benefit of its NOLs.

If the proposed charter amendment is approved, all certificates representing newly issued shares of the Company's stock as well as certificates issued in connection with the transfer of shares that are subject to the foregoing restrictions will bear a conspicuous legend summarizing such restrictions.

In addition to establishing the Acquisition Restrictions, the proposed charter amendment will delete the provisions relating to the maintenance of the Company's status as a REIT, which automatically ceased to be effective on the date that the Company's board of directors determined it was no longer in the Company's best interests to continue to qualify as a REIT. Such provisions contained certain limitations on ownership of the Company's stock in order to maintain the Company's REIT qualification, and lapsed in accordance with their terms on March 2, 2006, the day the Company's board of directors determined that it was in the best interests of the Company to elect not to continue its status as a REIT beginning with the tax year ending December 31, 2006. The charter amendment will additionally delete the provision regarding the power of the board of directors with respect to the maintenance and revocation of the Company's REIT status, which is no longer applicable to the Company as a result of the board's determination described in the immediately preceding sentence.

#### **Continued Risk of Ownership Change**

Despite the adoption of the Acquisition Restrictions, there still remains a risk that certain changes in relationships among stockholders or other events will cause an "ownership change" of the Company under Section 382 of the Code, or Section 382.

We believe the Acquisition Restrictions are enforceable. The IRS has issued several private letter rulings in this area which indicate that, to the extent Acquisition Restrictions are enforceable and are enforced by a company, their terms will be respected for purposes of applying Section 382. However, private letter rulings issued by the IRS cannot be relied upon as legal precedent. There can be no assurance, therefore, that if acquisitions in violation of the Acquisition Restrictions are attempted, the

IRS will not assert that such acquisitions have U.S. Federal income tax significance notwithstanding the Acquisition Restrictions.

As noted above, under Maryland law, the Acquisition Restrictions are not binding with respect to shares of common stock issued prior to the adoption of the Acquisition Restrictions unless the holder of such shares has actual knowledge of the Acquisition Restrictions, the Acquisition Restrictions are noted conspicuously on the certificate representing such shares, or, in the case of uncertificated shares, the registered owners are notified of the Acquisition Restrictions. Therefore, even if the Acquisition Restrictions are approved, we cannot assure you that all of the Acquisition Restrictions will be enforceable in Maryland courts.

#### **Board Power to Waive or Modify Acquisition Restrictions**

The Acquisition Restrictions will not apply if the proposed transferor or transferee obtains the written approval of the Company's board of directors exempting them from such restrictions. The board of directors may grant or deny such approval in its sole discretion and may grant such approval prospectively or retroactively. As a condition to granting its approval, the board of directors may, in its discretion, require (at the expense of the transferor and/or transferee) an opinion of counsel selected by the board that the transfer will not result in any limitation on the use of the benefit of the Company's NOLs.

#### **Anti-Takeover Effects**

The Company's board of directors unanimously recommends that the Acquisition Restrictions be adopted for the reasons set forth in this Proxy Statement. You should be aware, however, that the Acquisition Restrictions may have anti-takeover effects because, subject to the limitations set forth above, they will restrict the ability of a person or entity or group from accumulating an aggregate of 5% or more of our common stock. Although the Acquisition Restrictions are designed as a protective measure to preserve and protect our NOLs, the Acquisition Restrictions may have the effect of impeding or discouraging a merger, tender offer or proxy contest, even if such a transaction may be favorable to the interests of some or all of our stockholders. This might prevent our common stockholders from realizing an opportunity to sell all or a portion of their shares of our stock at higher than market prices. In addition, the Acquisition Restrictions may delay the assumption of control by a holder of a large block of common stock and the removal of incumbent directors and management, even if such removal may be beneficial to all of our stockholders.

The Acquisition Restrictions are not in response to any effort that we are aware of to accumulate our common stock or to obtain control of the Company. Our board of directors considers the Acquisition Restrictions to be reasonable and in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders because the Acquisition Restrictions reduce certain of the risks that we will be unable to utilize our available NOLs. In the opinion of our board of directors, the fundamental importance to us and our stockholders of maintaining the availability of the NOLs is a more significant consideration than the indirect "anti-takeover" effect the Acquisition Restrictions may have.

The anti-takeover effect should also be considered in light of other existing circumstances applicable to us, which could also have the effect of preventing a takeover. Pursuant to our charter, our board of directors, without any action by our stockholders, may amend our charter from time to time to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares of common stock or the number of shares of stock of any class or series that we have authority to issue. Although we have no present intention of doing so, we could issue a class or series of stock that could delay, defer or prevent a change of control or other transaction that might involve a premium price for holders of our common stock or otherwise be in the interests of our stockholders.

Additionally, on July 11, 2006, the Company entered into a stockholder rights plan, or Rights Plan, that provides for a dividend distribution of one preferred share purchase right, or Right, for each outstanding share of the Company's common stock. Each Right will entitle its registered holder to purchase from the Company one one-thousandth of a share of the Company's preferred stock designated as Series B Junior Participating Preferred Stock at a price of \$50.00 per one-one thousandth of a share, subject to adjustment. The Rights, if exercised, would cause substantial dilution to any person or group that attempts to acquire a significant interest in our common stock without advance approval from our board of directors and thus could make an acquisition of control of us more difficult, even if such acquisition may be in the best interests of us and our stockholders. The Rights Plan was adopted in order to preserve the benefit of the Company's NOLs, as more fully described above, until the charter amendment could be adopted. The Company's board of directors intends to terminate the Rights Plan if the charter amendment providing for the Acquisition Restrictions is approved.

#### **Possible Effects on Liquidity**

The Acquisition Restrictions will restrict a stockholder's ability to acquire, directly or indirectly, additional common stock of ARC in excess of the specified limitations. Furthermore, a stockholder's ability to dispose of such stockholder's stock is restricted as a result of the Acquisition Restrictions, and a stockholder's ownership of common stock may become subject to the Acquisition Restrictions upon the actions taken by certain related persons. If the Acquisition Restrictions are approved, we would impose a legend reflecting the Acquisition Restrictions on certificates representing newly issued or transferred shares of common stock or, in the case of uncertificated shares, notify the registered owners of the Acquisition Restrictions. These restrictions increase any risks associated with the ownership of our common stock and may also result in a decreased valuation of such stock due to the resulting restrictions on acquisition to persons directly or indirectly owning or seeking to acquire a significant block of our common stock.

#### **Rights Plan**

On July 11, 2006, the Company announced that it had adopted a Rights Plan as a means to preserve the use of previously accumulated NOLs. The Company has NOLs from prior years that are expected to offset substantially the Company's taxable income, if any. Therefore, preservation of such NOLs is a key to minimizing the Company's U.S. Federal income tax liability. U.S. Federal income tax law imposes significant limitations on the ability of a corporation to use its NOLs to offset income in circumstances where such corporation has experienced a "change in ownership." Generally, there is a change in ownership if, at any time, one or more 5% stockholders have aggregate increases in their ownership in the corporation of more than 50 percentage points looking back over the prior three year period. One of the principal reasons for adopting the Stockholders Rights Plan was to preserve the use of the NOLs by dissuading investors from aggregating ownership in the Company and triggering such a change in ownership. The Rights Plan was designed to reduce the likelihood of a change in ownership by, among other things, discouraging any person or group from acquiring additional shares such that they would beneficially own 5% or more of the outstanding shares of the Company's common stock. The Rights Plan was not adopted in response to any effort to acquire control of the Company, but rather as a means to preserve the benefit of the Company's NOLs.

If the charter amendment is approved, our board intends to terminate the Rights Plan and redeem without consideration the rights issued thereunder.

#### **Recommendation of the Board of Directors**

For the reasons described above, the Company's board of directors believes that the amendment to restrict certain acquisitions of the Company's shares of common stock in order to preserve the benefit of the Company's NOLs for tax purposes and to delete certain provisions which are no longer applicable to the Company as a result of the Company's revocation of its status as a REIT is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

**THE COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER AND UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THIS PROPOSAL.**

**ADJOURNMENT OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING**

We may ask our stockholders to vote on a proposal to adjourn or postpone the Special Meeting to a later date to solicit additional proxies if there are insufficient votes at the time of the Special Meeting to approve and adopt the proposals in this Proxy Statement. We currently do not intend to propose adjournment or postponement at our Special Meeting if there are sufficient votes to approve all the proposals in this Proxy Statement. If the proposal to adjourn or postpone our Special Meeting for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies is submitted to our stockholders for approval, such approval requires the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes cast on the matter.

**THE COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE ADJOURNMENT OR POSTPONEMENT OF THE SPECIAL MEETING, IF NECESSARY, TO SOLICIT ADDITIONAL PROXIES AND UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THIS PROPOSAL.**

**PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK AND DIVIDEND POLICY**

Our common stock is traded on the NYSE under the symbol "ARC". Our common stock has no public trading history prior to February 12, 2004. The initial public offering price of our common stock on February 12, 2004 was \$19.00 per share. On December 18, 2006, our common stock closed at \$11.15 and there were 240 holders of record of the 41,346,287 outstanding shares of our common stock.

Our Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock is traded on the NYSE under the symbol "ARC-PA". Our Series A preferred stock has no public trading history prior to February 12, 2004. Our Series A preferred stock closed at \$24.25 on December 18, 2006. At our IPO, the Company issued 5,000,000 shares of Series A preferred stock at an initial public offering price of \$25.00 per share that have no stated par value and a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share, plus all accumulated, accrued and unpaid dividends.

At September 30, 2006, we had outstanding 1,483,284 Operating Partnership Units, or OP Units, that were issued to various limited partners during our 2002 Reorganization and 705,688 Preferred Partnership Units, or PPU's, issued on June 30, 2004 as part of the D.A.M. portfolio acquisition. Each OP Unit outstanding is paired with 1.9268 shares of our special voting stock, each of which is referred to as a Paired Equity Unit, that allows each OP Unit holder to vote on matters as if it were a holder of our common stock. Each OP Unit is redeemable for cash, or at our election, one share of our common stock.

On December 14, 2006, we declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.515625 per share for our Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. The dividend is payable on January 31, 2007 to stockholders of record on January 15, 2007.

On September 20, 2006, we declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.515625 per share for our Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. The dividend is was paid on October 30, 2006 to stockholders of record on October 13, 2006.

On June 8, 2006, we declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.515625 per share for our Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. The dividend was paid on July 28, 2006 to stockholders of record on July 14, 2006.

On March 2, 2006, we declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.515625 per share for our Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. The dividend was paid on April 28, 2006 to stockholders of record on April 14, 2006.

On December 14, 2005, we declared a dividend of \$0.5156 on each share of our Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. This dividend was paid January 30, 2006 to shareholders of record on January 13, 2006. As of December 31, 2005, we had accrued \$1.7 million of the preferred stock dividend, representing the portion of the dividend earned by preferred stockholders through that date.

On September 21, 2005, we elected to eliminate the quarterly dividend to our common stockholders and OP unitholders. Also on September 21, 2005, we declared a dividend of \$0.5156 on each share of our Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. This dividend was paid October 30, 2005 to stockholders of record on October 15, 2005.

On May 23, 2005, we declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.1875 per share of common stock and OP Unit. We paid the total common stock dividend and OP Unit distribution of \$8.1 million on July 15, 2005 to shareholders and unitholders of record on June 30, 2005. In addition, on May 23, 2005 we declared a dividend of \$0.5156 on each share of our Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. This dividend was paid July 29, 2005 to stockholders of record on July 15, 2005.

On March 16, 2005, we declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.3125 per share of common stock and OP Unit. We paid the total common stock dividend and OP Unit distribution of \$13.5 million on April 15, 2005 to shareholders and unitholders of record on March 31, 2005. In addition, on March 16, 2005 we declared a dividend of \$0.5156 on each share of our Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. We paid the preferred stock dividend of \$2.6 million on April 29, 2005 to stockholders of record on April 15, 2005.

On December 10, 2004, we declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.3125 per share of common stock and OP Unit. We paid the total common stock dividend and OP Unit distribution of \$13.5 million on January 14, 2004 to shareholders of record on December 31, 2004. In addition, on December 10, 2004, we declared a dividend of \$0.5156 on each share of our Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. This dividend was paid January 31, 2004 to shareholders of record on January 15, 2004. As of December 31, 2004, we had accrued \$1.7 million of the preferred stock dividend, representing the portion of the dividend earned by preferred stockholders through that date.

On September 14, 2004, we declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.3125 per share of common stock and OP Unit. We paid the total common stock dividend and OP Unit distribution of \$13.5 million on October 15, 2004 to shareholders of record on September 30, 2004. In addition, on September 14, 2004, we declared a dividend of \$0.5156 on each share of our Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. This dividend was paid October 29, 2004 to shareholders of record on October 15, 2004. As of September 30, 2004, we had accrued \$1.7 million of the preferred stock dividend, representing the portion of the dividend earned by preferred stockholders through that date.

On June 14, 2004, we declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.3125 per share of common stock and OP Units. We paid the total common stock dividend of \$13.6 million on July 15, 2004 to shareholders of record on June 30, 2004. In addition, on June 14, 2004 we declared a dividend of \$0.5156 on each share of our Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. This dividend was paid July 30, 2004 to stockholders of record on July 15, 2004.

On March 10, 2004, we declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.1493 per share of common stock, prorated from February 18, 2004 to March 31, 2004. We paid the total common stock dividend of \$6.5 million on April 15, 2004 to shareholders of record on March 31, 2004. In addition, on March 10, 2004 we declared a dividend of \$0.4182 on each share of our Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, prorated from February 18, 2004 to April 30, 2004. We paid the preferred stock dividend of \$2.1 million on April 30, 2004 to stockholders of record on April 15, 2004.

From time to time we issue shares of our common stock in exchange for OP Units tendered to our Operating Partnership for redemption in accordance with the provisions of their respective agreements.



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The following table discloses the high and low stock prices per quarter for our common and preferred stock during the first nine months of 2006, and for the years 2005 and 2004:

	<b>Common Stock</b>	<b>Series A Preferred Stock</b>
<b>1st Quarter 2004</b>		
High	\$ 19.00	\$ 26.85
Low	\$ 18.10	\$ 25.30
<b>2nd Quarter 2004</b>		
High	\$ 18.92	\$ 26.45
Low	\$ 14.33	\$ 23.75
<b>3rd Quarter 2004</b>		
High	\$ 17.01	\$ 26.75
Low	\$ 14.10	\$ 25.00
<b>4th Quarter 2004</b>		
High	\$ 15.12	\$ 26.08
Low	\$ 12.26	\$ 24.50
<b>1st Quarter 2005</b>		
High	\$ 14.34	\$ 26.65
Low	\$ 11.77	\$ 24.60
<b>2nd Quarter 2005</b>		
High	\$ 13.66	\$ 25.50
Low	\$ 11.90	\$ 24.68
<b>3rd Quarter 2005</b>		
High	\$ 13.70	\$ 26.05
Low	\$ 9.63	\$ 20.00
<b>4th Quarter 2005</b>		
High	\$ 10.29	\$ 22.10
Low	\$ 8.20	\$ 18.50
<b>1st Quarter 2006</b>		
High	\$ 10.78	\$ 22.00
Low	\$ 8.83	\$ 18.95
<b>2nd Quarter 2006</b>		
High	\$ 11.16	\$ 22.85
Low	\$ 8.90	\$ 21.53
<b>3rd Quarter 2006</b>		
High	\$ 11.09	\$ 24.24
Low	\$ 9.25	\$ 23.05

As of September 30, 2006, we had approximately 806,000 warrants to purchase common stock outstanding with an exercise price of approximately \$18.14 per share. In addition, as of September 30, 2006, we had issued approximately 1,227,000 shares of common stock and stock options under our 2003 Equity Incentive Plan, with approximately 905,000 additional shares authorized for issuance.

The last reported sale price for our common stock on December 18, 2006 was \$11.15 per share.

## COMPARATIVE PER SHARE DATA

Certain historical and pro forma per share information with respect to the common stock of ARC is presented for comparison purposes in the table below.

	<b>Book Value Per Share</b>	<b>Cash Dividends Declared Per Share</b>	<b>Diluted Income (Loss) Per Share from Continuing Operations</b>
As of, and fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, Historical	\$ 10.84	\$ 0.50	\$ (4.50)
As of, and fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, Pro Forma(a)	N/A	\$ 0.50	\$ (3.15)
As of, and nine months ended September 30, 2006, Historical	\$ 10.49	\$	\$ (1.11)
As of, and nine months ended September 30, 2006, Pro Forma(a)	\$ 9.93	\$	\$ (0.57)

- (a) Pro forma per share amounts include 1,218,880 shares of common stock issued in the NLASCO acquisition, 2,157,497 shares of common stock issued under the Flexpoint Agreement (assuming full anti-dilution), 8,240,000 shares of common stock issued in the rights offering and 1,760,000 shares of common stock issued under the Investment Agreement (assuming no shares are purchased under the backstop arrangement).

**SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

The following table shows, as of September 30, 2006, how many shares of our voting securities are owned by:

each person who, to our knowledge, is a beneficial owner of more than five percent (5%) of the outstanding shares of our common stock;

each director and each nominee for director;

each of the named executive officers; and

all of our directors, nominees for director and executive officers as a group.

This table is based upon information supplied by named executive officers and directors and Schedules 13D and 13G and amendments thereto filed with the SEC. Except as otherwise indicated in the footnotes to this table, the stockholders and their percentage of ownership have been determined as of September 30, 2006 based upon the number of outstanding shares of our common stock on that date. Except as otherwise indicated in the footnotes to this table, the persons named in the table have specified that they have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of common stock shown as beneficially owned by them, subject to community property laws where applicable.

Name and Address	Shares Beneficially Owned	
	Number(1)	Percentage(1)
<b>5% Stockholders:</b>		
Atticus Management LLC(2) 152 West 57th Street, 45th Floor New York, NY 10019	2,475,800	5.8%
Barclays Global Investors, N.A. and affiliated entities(3) 45 Fremont Street San Francisco, CA 94105	2,454,865	5.8%
Farrallon Funds and affiliated entities(4) c/o Farallon Capital Management, L.L.C. One Maritime Plaza, Suite 1325 San Francisco, CA 94111	4,552,000	10.6%
Franklin Resources, Inc.(5) One Franklin Parkway San Mateo, CA 94403-1906	2,172,200	5.1%
Morgan Stanley and affiliated entities(6) 1585 Broadway New York, NY 10036	2,092,472	4.9%
Perry Corp.(7) 767 Fifth Avenue New York, NY 10152	3,961,500	9.3%
Rockbay Capital Management, LP(8) 600 Fifth Avenue, 24th Floor New York, NY 10020	2,145,000	5.0%
<b>Named Executive Officers and Directors:(9)</b>		
Rhodes R. Bobbitt	100,845	*
W. Joris Brinkerhoff	21,455	*
Charles R. Cummings	28,106	*
Gerald J. Ford(10)	7,270,252	17.0%
Scott L. Gesell(12)(14)	69,308	*
J. Markham Green(11)	130,155	*
James F. Kimsey(14)	30,257	*
Lawrence E. Kreider(13)(14)	25,000	*
James R. Staff	101,455	*
Carl B. Webb	51,938	*
Larry D. Willard(14)	31,004	*
All officers and directors as a group (11 persons)	7,859,775	18.4%

\*

Less than one percent.

(1)

Calculations based on 41,346,287 shares of our common stock and 1,455,615 OP Units outstanding as of December 18, 2006. In addition, amounts for each stockholder assume the issuance of all shares attributable to outstanding warrants that may be

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exercised within 60 days of the record date and all shares of common stock issuable upon redemption of outstanding OP units, in each case, held by the stockholder, and amounts for all directors, and executive officers as a group assume the issuance of all such shares attributable to outstanding warrants that may be exercised within 60 days of the record date and all such shares of common stock issuable upon redemption of outstanding OP units held by such directors and executive officers.

- (2) Represents 2,475,800 shares of common stock beneficially owned by Atticus Management LLC, whose managing member is Timothy R. Barakett, as derived solely from information reported in a Schedule 13G under the Exchange Act filed by Atticus Management LLC on February 14, 2006. Such Schedule 13G indicates that Atticus Capital, L.L.C. has sole dispositive and voting power over the shares which it owns, and that Timothy R. Barakett has shared dispositive and voting power over such shares. Information is based on the assumption that the reporting persons continue to beneficially own these shares.
- (3) Represents 2,454,865 shares of common stock beneficially owned by Barclays Global Investors, N.A. and its affiliated entities ("Barclays"), as derived solely from information reported in Schedules 13G under the Exchange Act filed by Barclays with the SEC on February 14, 2005 and February 9, 2006. Such Schedules 13G indicates that Barclays has sole voting power over 2,313,228 of the shares and sole dispositive power over all of the shares which it owns. Information is based on the assumption that the reporting persons continue to beneficially own these shares.
- (4) Based solely on a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on September 21, 2006, includes (i) 1,713,000 shares of common stock beneficially owned by Farallon Capital Partners, L.P., (ii) 2,057,600 shares of common stock beneficially owned by Farallon Capital Institutional Partners, L.P., (iii) 118,700 shares of common stock beneficially owned by Farallon Capital Institutional Partners, II L.P., (iv) 146,200 shares of common stock beneficially owned by Farallon Capital Institutional Partners III, L.P., (v) 54,600 shares of common stock beneficially owned by Tincum Partners, L.P., (vi) 262,890 shares of common stock beneficially owned by Farallon Capital Offshore Investors II, L.P. (each of the preceding entities referred to collectively as the "Farallon Funds"), and (vii) 199,010 shares of common stock beneficially owned by Farallon Capital Management, L.L.C. (the "Management Company") and, with respect to the shares held by a certain account managed by the Management Company, such account, identified herein as the "Managed Account".
- The common stock reported by the Farallon Funds are owned directly by the Farallon Funds and each of the funds has shared voting and dispositive power with respect to the shares owned by it. The shares of common stock reported by the Management Company on behalf of the Managed Account are owned directly by the Managed Account. Farallon Partners, L.L.C., the general partner of each of the Farallon Funds (the "Farallon General Partner"), in its capacity as general partner to the Farallon Funds, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of all such shares owned by the Farallon Funds and has shared voting and dispositive power with respect to all such shares. The Management Company, in its capacity as investment adviser to the Managed Account, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of all such shares owned by the Managed Account and has shared voting and dispositive power with respect to all such shares. In addition, each of the following persons, who are managing members of both the Farallon General Partner and the Management Company, in such capacity, may each be deemed to be the beneficial owner of all such shares owned by the Farallon Funds and the Managed Account: (i) Chun R. Ding, (ii) William F. Duhamel, (iii) Charles E. Ellwein, (iv) Richard B. Fried, (v) Monica R. Landry, (vi) William F. Mellin, (vii) Stephen L. Millham, (viii) Rajiv A. Patel, (ix) Derek C. Schrier, (x) Thomas F. Steyer, (xi) Mark C. Wehrly and (xii) Jason E. Moment. Each of the Management Company, the Farallon General Partner and the foregoing managing members disclaims beneficial ownership of any of such shares. Information is based on the assumption that the reporting persons continue to beneficially own these shares.
- (5) Represents 2,172,200 shares of common stock beneficially owned by Franklin Resources, Inc. ("FRI") and its affiliated entities (collectively, "Franklin Resources"). The shares of common stock reported by Franklin Resources are beneficially owned by one or more open or closed-end investment companies or other managed accounts that are investment advisory clients of investment advisers that are direct and indirect subsidiaries (the "Adviser Subsidiaries") of FRI. Advisory contracts grant to the Adviser Subsidiaries all investment and/or voting power over the securities owned by such advisory, clients and may therefore be deemed to be the beneficial owners of the shares. Charles B. Johnson and Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. (the "Principal Shareholders") each own in excess of 10% of the outstanding common stock of FRI and are the principal stockholders of FRI and may therefore be deemed to be the beneficial owners of the shares. Each of FRI, the Principal Shareholders and the Adviser Subsidiaries disclaim any pecuniary or beneficial ownership interest in any of the shares. The foregoing is derived solely from information reported in a Schedule 13G under the Exchange Act filed by Franklin Resources with the SEC on February 8, 2006. Information is based on the assumption that the reporting persons continue to beneficially own these shares.
- (6) Represents 2,092,472 shares of common stock beneficially owned by Morgan Stanley and its affiliated entities ("Morgan Stanley"), as derived solely from information reported in a Schedule 13G under the Exchange Act filed by Morgan Stanley with the SEC on February 15, 2006. Such Schedule 13G indicates that Morgan Stanley has sole voting power and sole dispositive power over all of the shares which it owns. Information is based on the assumption that the reporting persons continue to beneficially own these shares.
- (7) Represents 3,961,500 shares of common stock beneficially owned by Perry Corp., whose president and sole stockholder is Richard C. Perry, as derived solely from information reported in a Schedule 13G under the Exchange Act filed by Perry Corp. on February 13, 2006. Such schedule 13G indicates that both Perry Corp. and Richard C. Perry have sole dispositive and voting power over these shares. Information is based on the assumption that the reporting persons continue to beneficially own these shares.

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- (8) Represents 2,145,000 shares beneficially owned by Rockbay Capital Management, LP, a Delaware limited partnership, that serves as investment manager with respect to Rockbay Funds, as derived solely from information in a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on September 28, 2006.
- (9) Except as otherwise indicated in the footnotes below, the address for each executive officer and director is 7887 E. Belleview Ave., Suite 200, Englewood, CO 80111.
- (10) Includes 7,267,800 shares of common stock beneficially owned by ARC Diamond. The general partner of ARC Diamond is ARC Diamond GP, Inc., and Mr. Ford is the sole shareholder of ARC Diamond GP, Inc. As a result, Mr. Ford may be deemed to beneficially own the shares of common stock owned by ARC Diamond. As of November 30, 2006, Mr. Ford also was the beneficial owner of 2,452 shares of common stock. Mr. Ford has sole voting power and sole dispositive power with respect to 7,270,252 of the shares of common stock reported herein, which represents 17.6% of the outstanding common stock and 17.0% of the outstanding voting securities.
- (11) Shares beneficially owned consist of 34,871 paired equity units exchangeable for cash or, at our election, an aggregate of 34,871 shares of our common stock and 93,929 shares of our common stock.
- (12) Shares owned includes 69,243 shares of our common stock, 6,000 of which are subject to restrictions and vest ratably over 3 years and 7.89 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants to purchase shares of our common stock, at an exercise price of \$18.143 per share, with an expiration date of July 23, 2010, which are held by his wife, Betty Gesell, and for which he disclaims any beneficial ownership. This number also includes 51 shares of our common stock owned by his wife, Betty Gesell, for which he disclaims any beneficial ownership.
- (13) Shares owned include 10,000 shares of our common stock, 4,000 of which are subject to restrictions and vest ratably over 3 years.
- (14) On July 27, 2006, the compensation committee of the board of directors of the Company approved the grant of non-qualified stock option awards to purchase the common stock of the Company ("Options") pursuant to the Company's 2003 Equity Incentive Plan, to Messrs. Willard (granted Options to purchase up to 200,000 shares); Kimsey (granted Options to purchase up to 140,000 shares); Kreider (granted Options to purchase up to 80,000 shares); and Gesell (granted options to purchase up to 80,000 shares), in each case at an exercise price equal to the closing price of the common stock of the Company on the New York Stock Exchange on July 27, 2006, which was \$10.74 per share. The Options have a term of ten years from the date of the award and vest ratably over a three-year period with the first third of the award amount vesting on the first anniversary of the award, the second third vesting on the second anniversary of the award, and the balance vesting on the third anniversary date of the award. Vesting is accelerated in certain circumstances, including in the event of the death of the award recipient or in the event of a change of control of the Company, in all cases as provided for in the stock option agreement (the "Agreement") entered into by and between each of the above-named recipients and the Company, and which governs the awards.

### STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR 2007

Stockholder proposals intended to be presented at our 2007 annual meeting of stockholders pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act must be received by us at our principal executive offices no later than 5:00 p.m., local time, on January 1, 2007 and must otherwise comply with the requirements of Rule 14a-8 in order to be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Proxy Statement and proxy.

In order for director nominations and proposals of stockholders made outside the processes of Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act to be considered "timely" for purposes of Rule 14a-4(c) under the Exchange Act, the nomination or proposal must be received by us at our principal executive offices not before January 1, 2007 and not later than January 31, 2007; provided, however, that in the event that the date of mailing of the notice for the 2007 annual meeting is not within 30 days before or after May 1, 2007 notice by the stockholder in order to be timely must be received not later than the close of business on the ninetieth day prior to the date of mailing of the notice or the tenth day following the day on which public announcement of the date of mailing of the notice for the 2007 annual meeting is first made, whichever is later. Stockholders are advised to review our charter and Amended and Restated Bylaws, which contain additional requirements with respect to advance notice of stockholder proposals and director nominations, copies of which are available without charge upon request to our Corporate Secretary.

### INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" information that we file with them, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. Specifically, we are incorporating into this Proxy Statement by reference the documents listed below:

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005;

our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed May 10, 2006, for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2006;

our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed August 4, 2006, for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2006;

our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed November 6, 2006, for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2006;

our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed January 18, 2006, March 8, 2006, March 15, 2006, April 10, 2006, June 12, 2006, July 11, 2006, July 13, 2006, July 17, 2006, July 19, 2006, July 31, 2006, September 25, 2006, October 5, 2006, October 10, 2006, October 16, 2006, October 17, 2006, November 6, 2006, December 8, 2006 and December 18, 2006; and

the description of Affordable Residential Communities Inc.'s capital stock contained in its Registration Statement on Form 8-A (File No. 1-31987) filed February 9, 2004, including any amendment or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

You can obtain any of the documents incorporated by reference in this document from us, or from the SEC through the SEC's Internet World Wide Web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. Documents incorporated by reference are available from us without charge, excluding any exhibits to those documents, unless the exhibit is specifically incorporated by reference as an exhibit in this document. You can obtain documents incorporated by reference in this document, at no cost, by requesting them in writing or by telephone from us at the following address or telephone number:

Affordable Residential Communities Inc.  
Attention: Corporate Secretary  
7887 E. Belleview Ave., Suite 200  
Englewood, Colorado 80111  
(303) 383-7500

### OTHER MATTERS

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Our board knows of no other matters that have been submitted for consideration at the Special Meeting. If any other matters properly come before our stockholders at the Special Meeting, the persons named on the enclosed proxy card intend to vote the shares they represent in their discretion.



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

The Stockholders  
NLASCO, Inc. and Subsidiaries:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of NLASCO, Inc. and Subsidiaries, or the Company, as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in stockholder's equity and cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2005. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2005 and 2004, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2005, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information included on Schedules I through III is presented for purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic consolidated financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic consolidated financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole.

The accompanying statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in stockholder's equity and cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, were not audited by us and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion on them.

/s/ Jaynes, Reitmeier, Boyd & Therrell, P.C.  
Waco, Texas  
April 7, 2006

## NLASCO, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands except per share data)

	December 31,	
	2005	2004
<b>Assets</b>		
Investments		
Fixed maturities		
Available-for-sale securities, at fair value (amortized cost of \$108,280 and \$101,263)	\$ 106,594	\$ 101,536
Held-to-maturity securities, at amortized cost (fair value of \$7,941 and \$7,986)	7,892	7,700
Equity securities		
Trading securities at fair value (cost of \$492 and \$ )	492	
Available-for-sale securities, at fair value (cost of \$11,034 and \$10,241)	12,071	11,506
Mortgage loans on real estate	6,573	560
Other investments	556	130
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>134,178</b>	<b>121,432</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	29,068	17,961
Accrued investment income	1,123	1,119
Premium and agents' balances	21,819	22,028
Reinsurance recoverable on paid losses and other reinsurance receivables	23,096	11,590
Deferred policy acquisition costs	13,094	8,236
Prepaid reinsurance premiums	13,091	22,065
Deferred income taxes	187	755
Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	882	1,859
Land and building held for sale, net of accumulated depreciation	1,066	
Goodwill	13,827	13,827
Other assets	1,586	1,621
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 253,017</b>	<b>\$ 222,493</b>
<b>Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity</b>		
Liabilities		
Loss and loss adjustment expenses	\$ 41,379	\$ 24,648
Unearned premiums	70,661	70,377
Reinsurance funds withheld and balances payable	3,312	2,915
Accrued expenses	6,429	7,312
Income taxes payable	2,156	1,213
Notes payable	50,782	51,933
Note payable to related party	5,600	7,400
Other liabilities	1,688	1,641
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>182,007</b>	<b>167,439</b>
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholder's equity		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 3,000 shares authorized; 100 shares issued; 75 shares outstanding		
Additional paid-in capital	18,010	18,010
Retained earnings	59,596	42,219
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		
Net unrealized holding losses on available-for-sale securities, net of income taxes	(421)	1,000
Less treasury stock, 25 shares, at cost	(6,175)	(6,175)

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	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total stockholder's equity	71,010	55,054
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Total liabilities and stockholder's equity	\$ 253,017	\$ 222,493
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements

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## NLASCO, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
		(unaudited)	
<b>Revenues</b>			
Premiums earned	\$ 146,258	\$ 139,834	\$ 128,438
Premiums ceded	(38,506)	(47,545)	(39,752)
Net premiums earned	107,752	92,289	88,686
Net investment income	6,362	4,367	3,296
Net realized gains and losses on investments	363	15	1,357
Other	3,464	3,087	2,695
Total revenues	117,941	99,758	96,034
<b>Expenses</b>			
Losses and loss adjustment expenses	48,569	42,998	46,462
Policy acquisition and other underwriting expenses	42,781	31,677	30,631
Total expenses	91,350	74,675	77,093
Income before income taxes	26,591	25,083	18,941
<b>Provision for income taxes</b>			
Current	8,227	10,317	6,608
Deferred	987	(1,118)	(175)
Total income taxes	9,214	9,199	6,433
Net income	\$ 17,377	\$ 15,884	\$ 12,508

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements

NLASCO, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
		(unaudited)	
Net income	\$ 17,377	\$ 15,884	\$ 12,508
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:			
Unrealized holding gains (losses) on available-for-sale securities, net of income taxes of \$687 in 2005	(1,276)	3	(318)
Reclassification adjustments for amounts included in net income, net of income taxes of \$78 in 2005	(145)		
Comprehensive income	\$ 15,956	\$ 15,887	\$ 12,190

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## NLASCO, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY

(in thousands)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock	Total
	Shares	Amount					
Balance at January 1, 2003 (unaudited)	75	\$	\$ 18,010	\$ 1,315	\$ 13,827	\$ (5,975)	\$ 27,177
Net income (unaudited)					12,508		12,508
Other comprehensive loss (unaudited)				(318)			(318)
Acquisition of common stock (unaudited)						(100)	(100)
Balance at December 31, 2003 (unaudited)	75		18,010	997	26,335	(6,075)	39,267
Net income (unaudited)					15,884		15,884
Other comprehensive gain (unaudited)				3			3
Acquisition of common stock (unaudited)						(100)	(100)
Balance at December 31, 2004	75		18,010	1,000	42,219	(6,175)	55,054
Net income					17,377		17,377
Other comprehensive loss				(1,421)			(1,421)
Balance at December 31, 2005	75	\$	\$ 18,010	\$ (421)	\$ 59,596	\$ (6,175)	\$ 71,010

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## NLASCO, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2005	2004	2003
	(unaudited)		
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 17,377	\$ 15,884	\$ 12,508
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	831	990	846
Realized gains on disposal of property and equipment	(2)		
Realized gains on sales of investments	(363)	(16)	(1,357)
Increase in trading securities	(492)		
Increase in accrued interest and dividends	(4)	(20)	(303)
Decrease (increase) in premium and agents' balances	209	(3,177)	(4,397)
Decrease (increase) in reinsurance receivables	(2,531)	3,948	(17,275)
Decrease (increase) in deferred policy acquisition costs	(4,857)	(621)	751
Decrease (increase) in deferred income taxes	1,333	(1,474)	(176)
Decrease (increase) in other assets	34	(427)	(580)
Increase in unpaid losses and loss adjustment expenses	16,732	7,587	3,213
Increase in unearned premiums	284	4,473	17,815
Increase (decrease) in reinsurance funds withheld	397	(3,847)	3,552
Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses	(883)	15	3,111
Increase (decrease) in federal income taxes payable	942	(82)	473
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	48	127	(370)
Net cash provided by operating activities	29,055	23,360	17,811
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Purchases of available-for-sales securities	(37,442)	(51,064)	(60,947)
Proceeds from sales of available-for-sale securities	29,475	29,044	29,261
Purchases of held-to-maturity securities	(617)	(4,087)	(10,433)
Proceeds from maturities of held-to-maturity securities	620	7,212	3,565
Purchases of mortgage loan investments	(6,100)		(590)
Proceeds from repayment of mortgage loans	87	24	7
Purchases of other invested assets	(465)	(426)	
Proceeds from sales of other invested assets	39		
Purchases of equipment	(593)	(644)	(96)
Net cash used in investing activities	(14,996)	(19,941)	(39,233)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Principal payments on notes payable	(2,952)	(7,295)	(2,286)
Principal payments on notes payable to related parties		(13,200)	
Proceeds from notes payable		27,800	20,000
Proceeds from notes payable to related parties			1,000
Purchase of treasury stock		(100)	(100)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(2,952)	7,205	18,614
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	11,107	10,624	(2,808)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	17,961	7,337	10,145



Year Ended December 31,

Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 29,068	\$ 17,961	\$ 7,337

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Description of Business*

NLASCO, Inc. and Subsidiaries, collectively referred to as the Company, writes property and casualty insurance policies (principally homeowners, fire and allied lines) primarily in the states of Texas and Arizona through independent insurance agents.

The Company has exposure to catastrophes, an inherent risk of the property and casualty insurance business, which have contributed to, and will continue to contribute to, material fluctuations in the Company's results of operations and financial position. The level of catastrophic loss and weather-related losses experienced in any year cannot be predicted and could be material to results of operations and financial position.

*Basis of Presentation*

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which differ from statutory accounting practices prescribed or permitted for insurance companies by regulatory authorities.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2004, reflect all adjustments that are necessary to fairly present the results of operations, changes in stockholder's equity and cash flows of the Company, and all such adjustments are of a normal and recurring nature.

*Principles of Consolidation*

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of NLASCO, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries: National Group Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (Excalibur Financial Corporation, National Lloyds Insurance Company, NALICO General Agency, and NAGRUPCO, Ltd.); American Summit Insurance Company; J. E. Murphy Co., Inc.; J. E. Murphy Co., Inc. of Florida; and NLASCO Services, Inc. All significant inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

*Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions are important in determining the liability for losses and loss adjustment expenses; the balance of deferred policy acquisition costs; carrying amount of goodwill; and valuation allowances for receivables and deferred income tax assets. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

*Investment Securities*

Investment securities at December 31, 2005 and 2004 consisted of U. S. Government, mortgage-backed, corporate debt and equity securities. The Company classifies its fixed maturities in one of three categories: trading, available-for-sale or held-to-maturity; and its equity securities are classified as trading or available-for-sale. Trading securities are bought and held principally for the purpose of selling them in the near term. Held-to-maturity debt securities are those securities in which the

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Company has the ability and intent to hold the security until maturity. All securities not included in trading or held-to-maturity are classified as available-for-sale.

Trading and available-for-sale securities are recorded at fair value. Held-to-maturity debt securities are recorded at amortized cost, adjusted for the amortization or accretion of premiums or discounts. Unrealized holding gains and losses on trading securities are included in earnings. Unrealized holding gains and losses, net of the related tax effect, on available-for-sale securities are excluded from earnings and are reported as a separate component of other comprehensive income until realized. Realized gains and losses from the sale of trading and available-for-sale securities are determined on a specific-identification basis.

The Company regularly reviews its investment securities to assess whether the amortized cost is impaired and if impairment is other than temporary. A decline in the market value of any available-for-sale or held-to-maturity security below cost that is deemed to be other-than-temporary results in a reduction in carrying amount to fair value. The impairment is charged to earnings and a new cost basis for the security is established. To determine whether an impairment is other-than-temporary, the Company considers whether it has the ability and intent to hold the investment until a market price recovery and considers whether evidence indicating the cost of the investment is recoverable outweighs evidence to the contrary. Evidence considered in this assessment includes the reasons for the impairment, the severity and duration of the impairment, changes in value subsequent to year-end, and forecasted performance of the investee.

Premiums and discounts are amortized or accreted over the life of the related held-to-maturity or available-for-sale security as an adjustment to yield using the effective-interest method. Dividend and interest income are recognized when earned.

### *Cash and Cash Equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents consist primarily of money market mutual funds. Cash and cash equivalents are highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less.

### *Premium and Agents' Balances*

Premium and agents' balances include premiums written and not yet collected. The Company regularly evaluates premiums receivable and establishes valuation allowances as appropriate. At December 31, 2005, 2004 and 2003, the Company determined no valuation allowance was necessary.

### *Mortgage Loans on Real Estate*

Mortgage loans on real estate are reported at unpaid principal balances, less an allowance for credit losses, if needed.

The allowance for credit losses is the Company's best estimate of the amount of probable credit losses in the Company's existing notes. The allowance is determined on an individual note basis upon review of any note that has a payment past due for over sixty days. A note is considered impaired pursuant to FASB Statement No. 114, *Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan*. A note is impaired if i