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## OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC.

9690 Deereco Road Timonium, Maryland 21093 (410) 561-5726

January 25, 2002

To Our Stockholders:

On October 30, 2001, we announced a plan to raise \$50 million in new equity capital from our current stockholders. The purpose of such offering is to satisfy the conditions to the modification of our revolving credit facilities and to enhance our ability to repay approximately \$98 million in debt maturing during the first half of 2002. We reached agreements with the bank groups under both our credit facilities on December 21, 2001. These agreements, which become effective upon the closing of these transactions, will modify and/or waive certain financial covenants with which we were not in compliance. We expect to use the proceeds from the offering to repay a portion of the maturing debt and for working capital and other general corporate purposes. We need you, as stockholders, to approve certain matters relating to these transactions, as further described in these proxy materials. A copy of the prospectus describing these transactions will be sent separately to stockholders. The essential components of these transactions are as follows:

*Rights Offering.* We are conducting a rights offering pursuant to which holders of our common stock will have the opportunity to purchase their pro rata percentage of additional shares of our common stock in an aggregate amount equal to \$26.4 million. The enclosed proxy solicitation materials relate solely to a special meeting of stockholders to be held on February 18, 2002. The prospectus and subscription materials relating to our rights offering will be provided separately to stockholders. To exercise your rights, you must follow the procedures set forth in the separate prospectus and subscription materials.

*Explorer's Investment Commitment*. Explorer Holdings, L.P., which owns all of our outstanding Series C preferred stock and 553,850 shares of our common stock, representing 47.1% of our voting stock, will not purchase common stock in this rights offering. Although Explorer will not participate in the rights offering, Explorer has agreed to purchase \$23.6 million of our stock in a private placement concurrent with the closing of the rights offering, at the same price per common share as in this rights offering. The amount that Explorer has committed to invest in the private placement represents its pro rata portion, with respect to shares of our Series C preferred stock and common stock it holds, of the \$50 million in additional equity capital we are seeking to raise. Explorer has also agreed to increase the size of its private placement investment in our company by an additional amount equal to the aggregate subscription price of any shares that are not subscribed for in this offering. As a result of this commitment, we are assured of receiving a total of \$50 million in gross proceeds upon the

completion of the rights offering and the private placement to Explorer. The shares to be issued to Explorer are not registered as a part of the rights offering and will be restricted securities under the Securities Act of 1933. We are seeking your approval to issue shares of common stock to Explorer because Explorer is an affiliate of ours and the rules of the New York Stock Exchange require that stockholders approve any sale of this amount of voting capital stock to an affiliate and issuance of securities that may result in a change of control of the company. If stockholders have not approved the sale of common stock to Explorer at the time we close the rights offering and Explorer's investment, we will sell Explorer shares of non-voting Series D preferred stock in lieu of our common stock. The Series D preferred stock will automatically convert into common stock upon receipt of stockholder approval or the waiver by the New York Stock Exchange of its stockholder approval requirement.

Amendment of Agreements with Explorer. As a condition to Explorer's investment, we have agreed to amend certain of the agreements relating to Explorer's July 2000 investment in our company.

These amendments will be effective as of the closing of Explorer's new investment. The effect of these amendments is generally to remove those provisions in our agreements that prohibit Explorer from voting in excess of 49.9% of our stock and from taking certain actions without the prior approval of our Board of Directors. The proposed amendment to the terms of our Series C preferred stock also requires stockholder approval. The Explorer agreements and the negotiated changes are described in more detail under "Proposed Amendment of Our Articles Supplementary for the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock" on page 29 and "Modifications to Agreements with Explorer" on page 30 of the accompanying Proxy Statement.

*Increase Size of Board of Directors*. At the special meeting of stockholders you will also be asked to approve amendments to our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws increasing the maximum size of our Board of Directors from nine to eleven directors. If the amendments are approved, we have agreed with Explorer that the size of the Board of Directors will be fixed at ten and that I will be appointed to fill the vacancy.

These transactions were referred to a special committee comprised solely of directors who are not affiliated with Explorer. This special committee unanimously recommended the proposed transactions to the Board of Directors. The Board believes these transactions are the best alternative available to address our current capital needs. Our Board of Directors also received a written opinion from Shattuck Hammond Partners LLC, an independent financial advisor, that as of October 29, 2001, the date of their opinion, the financial terms of the investment agreement with Explorer, taken as a whole, are fair to us from a financial point of view.

I urge you to vote **FOR** the issuance of shares of common stock to Explorer, **FOR** the amendment to the terms of the Series C preferred stock and **FOR** the amendments to our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. Details of the proposed investment and other important information are described in the attached Proxy Statement and the separate prospectus. Please read these documents carefully.

Thank you for your continuing support. I assure you that, through these challenging times, our directors, officers and employees have been devoted to serving the best interests of our company and you, its stockholders.

Very truly yours,

#### /s/ C. TAYLOR PICKETT

#### Chief Executive Officer

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT. Please sign, date and mail the proxy card promptly in the enclosed envelope whether or not you plan to attend the meeting or exercise your subscription rights. It is important that you return the proxy card promptly whether or not you plan to attend the meeting or exercise your subscription rights, so that your shares are properly voted.

If you hold shares through a broker, bank or other nominee (in "street name"), you may also have the ability to vote by telephone or the Internet in accordance with instructions that they will include with this mailing. In either event, we urge you to vote promptly.

These proxy materials relate solely to the solicitation of proxies in connection with the meeting of stockholders and are not an offer to sell Omega common stock or rights. The rights offering is made pursuant to the rights offering prospectus that will be sent to stockholders separately. If you hold your shares in street name and do not receive a copy of the prospectus relating to the rights offering, you should contact your broker to obtain a copy. Stockholders can also obtain a copy of the prospectus by contacting Georgeson Shareholder Communications, Inc. at (800) 223-2064 or via the Internet at the web site maintained by the Securities and Exchange Commission at http://www.sec.gov.

### OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC.

9690 Deereco Road Timonium, Maryland 21093 (410) 561-5726

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

January 25, 2002

#### To Our Stockholders:

A Special Meeting of Stockholders of Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc. will be held at Holiday Inn Select, 2004 Greenspring Drive, Timonium, Maryland on Monday, February 18, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., for the following purposes:

1.

To approve the issuance to Explorer Holdings, L.P. of shares of our common stock either in connection with Explorer's commitment to invest \$23.6 million plus an amount equal to the aggregate subscription price of any shares of common stock not purchased in the rights offering by other stockholders or upon the conversion of shares of Series D preferred stock issued to Explorer in lieu of common stock if we close Explorer's investment prior to receiving the stockholder approval sought pursuant to the proxy statement to issue common stock to Explorer, and any change of control that may result from such issuance.

2.

To approve an amendment to our Articles of Incorporation amending the terms of our Articles Supplementary for the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock by removing the provisions prohibiting Explorer from voting in excess of 49.9% of our common stock, by changing the number and manner in which holders of our Series C and Series D preferred stock can appoint directors if we fail to pay dividends for a specified period of time, by providing that the subscription price in the rights offering will not result in an adjustment to the conversion price of our Series C preferred stock and by making certain other technical changes to reflect the possible issuance of the Series D preferred stock.

3.

To approve amendments to our Articles of Incorporation and our Bylaws to increase the size of the Board of Directors from nine to eleven members, and to provide that any future increase in the number of directors can be effected by an amendment to our Bylaws approved by our Board or our stockholders.

Your Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on January 24, 2002 as the record date for the determination of stockholders who are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Special Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

By order of the Board of Directors

/s/ CAROL A. ALBAUGH

Corporate Secretary

January 25, 2002

Ann Arbor, Michigan

Whether you are able to attend or not, we urge you to cast your vote promptly on the enclosed proxy card **FOR** each of the matters listed above, all as set forth in the attached Proxy Statement.

Please sign, date and return the enclosed proxy card promptly in the enclosed envelope. If you attend the Special Meeting, you may vote in person even if you have previously mailed a proxy card.

### **OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC.**

9690 Deereco Road Timonium, Maryland 21093

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### PROXY STATEMENT FOR SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

#### To be Held on February 18, 2002

The accompanying proxy is solicited by our Board of Directors to be voted at the Special Meeting of Stockholders to be held at Holiday Inn Select, 2004 Greenspring Drive, Timonium, Maryland on February 18, 2002, and any adjournments of the meeting. It is anticipated that this proxy material will be mailed on or about January 25, 2002 to our common stockholders of record on January 24, 2002.

A stockholder giving a proxy has the power to revoke it at any time before it is exercised. A proxy may be revoked by filing with our Secretary (i) a signed instrument revoking the proxy or (ii) a duly executed proxy bearing a later date. A proxy also may be revoked if the person executing the proxy is present at the meeting and elects to vote in person. If the proxy is not revoked, it will be voted by those named in the proxy.

Your vote will not affect your ability to exercise your rights received in the rights offering. Stockholders may vote to approve the issuance of shares of common stock to Explorer and still decline to exercise their subscription rights. Conversely, stockholders can vote against the issuance of shares to Explorer yet still exercise their subscription rights if the closing conditions to which the rights offering is subject are met.

#### **VOTING SECURITIES**

Our outstanding voting securities as of January 24, 2002, the record date, consisted of 19,999,065 shares of common stock, par value \$.10 per share and 1,048,420 shares of Series C convertible preferred stock. Each holder of record of common stock and Series C preferred stock as of the close of business on January 24, 2002 is entitled to notice of and to vote at the Special Meeting or any adjournments thereof. Each holder of shares of common stock will vote as a single class with holders of common stock on all matters properly brought before the Special Meeting. The holder of an as-converted basis, except as expressly required by law. The 1,048,420 shares of Series C preferred stock outstanding as of January 24, 2002 are convertible into 16,774,722 shares of common stock and accordingly an aggregate of 36,773,787 votes are entitled to be cast by the holders of common stock and Series C preferred stock at the meeting.

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#### VOTING

The presence at the Special Meeting of shares representing a majority of the voting power associated with our issued and outstanding common stock and Series C preferred stock will be necessary to establish a quorum for the conduct of business at the Special Meeting. The proposal to issue shares of common stock to Explorer Holdings, L.P. in connection with its investment must be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of our common stock and Series C preferred stock that are cast at the Special Meeting. The proposal to approve an amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to amend the terms of our Articles Supplementary for the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock must be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of our issued and outstanding common stock and Series C preferred stock, voting together as a class, and two-thirds of the issued and outstanding shares of Series C preferred stock voting separately as a class. The proposal to amend our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to increase the maximum number of members of the Board of Directors from nine to eleven must be approved by the affirmative vote of at least 80% of the shares of issued and outstanding common stock and Series C preferred stock, voting together as a class on an as converted basis.

As of the record date, directors and executive officers of our company beneficially owned 1,018,220 shares of our common stock (including 52,997 shares subject to company stock options exercisable within 60 days). As of the record date, shares held by directors and executive officers of our company entitle them to exercise approximately 2.8% of the voting power of the shares entitled to vote at the special meeting on an as-converted basis. Explorer has committed to vote its shares of common stock and shares of Series C preferred stock, representing approximately 47.1% of the voting shares, in favor of the proposal relating to the issuance of shares of common stock to Explorer and the two proposals relating to the amendments to our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

Brokers holding shares in "street name" may vote the shares only if the beneficial owner provides instructions on how to vote. Brokers will provide beneficial owners instructions on how to direct the brokers to vote the shares. Brokers holding shares for beneficial owners cannot vote on the actions proposed in this Proxy Statement without the beneficial owners' specific instructions. A so-called "broker non-vote" occurs when a broker, holding common stock as nominee, does not receive voting instructions from the beneficial owner. With respect to all matters submitted to stockholders for their consideration, abstentions will be included as shares cast on such proposals, whereas broker non-votes will not be included as part of the total number of votes cast on such proposals since shares represented by broker non-votes are not legally eligible to vote on any matter to which the non-vote relates. Thus, abstentions will have the same effect as votes against any given proposal. Broker non-votes will have no effect in determining whether the stockholders have approved the proposal to approve the issuance of shares of common stock to Explorer Holdings, L.P. because approval of such proposals to amend our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws because approval of such proposals is based on the number of shares issued and outstanding. There are no rights of appraisal or similar dissenter's rights with respect to any matter to be acted upon pursuant to this Proxy Statement.

We urge stockholders to vote promptly either by signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the enclosed envelope, or for stockholders who own their shares in street name through a broker, in accordance with the telephone or Internet voting instructions your broker may include with this mailing.

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# PROPOSAL 1 APPROVAL OF THE ISSUANCE OF COMMON STOCK IN CONNECTION WITH EXPLORER HOLDINGS, L.P.'S INVESTMENT

#### **Description of Rights Offering and Explorer's Investment**

On October 30, 2001, we announced a plan to raise \$50 million in new equity capital from our current stockholders. The purpose of this plan is to satisfy the conditions to the modification of our revolving credit facilities and to enhance our ability to repay approximately \$98 million in debt maturing during the first half of 2002. We reached agreements with the bank groups under both our credit facilities on December 21, 2001. These agreements include modification and/or waivers to certain financial covenants with which we were not in compliance. The effectiveness of these agreements is conditioned on our raising an additional \$50 million of equity capital. We expect to use the proceeds from the rights offering to repay a portion of the maturing debt and for working capital and other general corporate purposes.

Our plan to raise \$50 million of new common equity consists of two components: a \$26.4 million rights offering to our common stockholders and a private placement of at least \$23.6 million to Explorer Holdings, L.P., our largest stockholder. The number of rights that each common stockholder will receive represents the stockholder's pro rata portion on an as-converted basis of the \$50 million we propose to raise, thereby allowing stockholders who fully participate in the rights offering the opportunity to avoid any dilution in their ownership interest.

Explorer Holdings, L.P., which owns all of our outstanding Series C preferred stock and 553,850 shares of our common stock, representing 47.1% of our voting stock, will not purchase common stock in this rights offering. Although Explorer will not participate in the rights offering, Explorer has agreed to purchase \$23.6 million of our stock in a private placement concurrent with the closing of the rights offering, at the same price per common share as in this rights offering. The amount that Explorer has committed to invest in the private placement represents its pro rata portion, with respect to shares of our Series C preferred stock and common stock it holds, of the \$50 million in additional equity capital we are seeking to raise. Explorer has also agreed to increase the size of its private placement investment in our company by an additional amount equal to the aggregate subscription price of any shares that are not subscribed for in this offering. As a result of this commitment, we are assured of receiving a total of \$50 million in gross proceeds upon the completion of the rights offering and the private placement to Explorer. The shares to be issued to Explorer are not registered as a part of the rights offering and will be restricted securities under the Securities Act of 1933.

Holders of our Series A and Series B preferred stock are not entitled to participate in the rights offering. If the issuance of common stock to Explorer has not been approved by our stockholders at the time of closing of the rights offering and Explorer's investment, Explorer will receive shares of a newly created series of non-voting convertible Series D preferred stock. If issued, the Series D preferred stock has terms substantially similar to Explorer's Series C preferred stock (except the Series D preferred stock would be non-voting) and will automatically convert into common stock upon receipt of stockholder approval or upon the waiver by the New York Stock Exchange of its stockholder approval requirement. Explorer has committed to vote its shares of common stock and shares of Series C preferred stock, representing approximately 47.1% of the voting shares, in favor of this proposal.

The closing of both the rights offering and Explorer's investment will occur no later than ten business days following the expiration of the subscription period for the rights offering, and is subject to customary closing conditions. See "Conditions" on page 7 of this Proxy Statement.

#### **Reasons for the Rights Offering**

Our current financial challenges are the result of the continuation of the unprecedented financial difficulties in the long-term care industry. The introduction in 1998 of a new Medicare Prospective Payment System for the reimbursement of skilled nursing facilities, in lieu of the cost-based

reimbursement system, was implemented with harsh and somewhat unexpected consequences for the long-term care industry. The prospective payment system significantly reduced payments to nursing home operators which forced many nursing home operators in America into financial distress. Ultimately, many of them, including our customers Allegheny Health Systems, Sun Healthcare Group, Frontier Group, Inc., Integrated Health Services, RainTree Healthcare Corp. and Mariner Post-Acute Network, Inc. were forced to seek bankruptcy protection in order to continue to deliver care to the nation's elderly.

The wave of bankruptcy filings by large nursing home operators seriously disrupted the long-term care industry to which we provide capital and virtually froze our access to capital sources in 2000. In response to these financial challenges, we completed a transaction with Explorer in July 2000 pursuant to which Explorer provided us with \$100.0 million in exchange for \$100.0 million of our Series C preferred stock. The proceeds of the initial Explorer investment were used to fund the repayment of debt that matured in July 2000, and the Company was subsequently able to repay \$48.4 million in indebtedness that matured in February 2001. However, our portfolio of investments continued to experience difficulties as we sought to restructure certain investments (such as Mariner) and as we recovered other properties which we have now reclassified as "owned and operated."

As a result of the continuing financial difficulties in the long-term care industry and the recording of the settlement of a lawsuit in June 2001, we were not in compliance with certain of the financial covenants contained in the loan agreements relating to our two credit facilities. These violations prevented us from drawing upon the remaining credit available under both credit facilities. The waiver of existing defaults and the modification of the terms of the credit facilities in a manner acceptable to both us and Explorer is a condition to the closing of the rights offering and Explorer's investment. We have entered into amendments to our credit facilities that are satisfactory to us and Explorer that become effective concurrently with the closing of the rights offering. We believe these amendments satisfy the closing conditions relating to our credit facilities. We have approximately \$98 million of indebtedness maturing in the first half of 2002. Although we suspended dividends on our common and preferred stock in February, 2001 in order to conserve cash to assist us in repaying this indebtedness, we cannot assure you that we will be successful in addressing these pending obligations unless we obtain additional cash from one or more sources.

In the face of the continuing financial difficulties plaguing the long-term care industry in general and our investment portfolio in particular, management explored a number of capital financing alternatives including discussions with Explorer to address our near-term liquidity challenges.

Our Board of Directors asked a special committee, composed solely of directors who are unaffiliated with Explorer, to evaluate any proposals received from Explorer and make a recommendation to the full Board of Directors regarding what action, if any, our company should take with respect to such proposals. The special committee engaged Shattuck Hammond Partners LLC on October 15, 2001 as the committee's financial advisor to (i) review and analyze potential financing alternatives for our company as well as financing proposals we received; and (ii) if requested, render an opinion to the Board of Directors regarding the fairness from a financial point of view of a financing contemplated by us involving, among other things, an investment by Explorer, a 45.5% owner of our common stock on an as converted basis as of the date of the fairness opinion, and a rights offering to our stockholders other than Explorer. Prior to being engaged by us as the financial advisor to the special committee, Shattuck Hammond had no professional relationship with us nor Employer.

Shattuck Hammond worked with our management team and counsel to the special committee to negotiate the terms of the proposed Explorer investment and finalize the documentation relating thereto. On October 23, 2001, Shattuck Hammond delivered its preliminary reports to the special committee and Board of Directors regarding Shattuck Hammond's evaluation of the terms of the proposed Explorer investment and an assessment of viable alternatives. On October 29, 2001, following a review of the definitive documentation pertaining to the proposed Explorer investment, Shattuck

Hammond rendered its written opinion to our Board of Directors to the effect that the financial terms of the investment agreement, taken as a whole, are fair to us from a financial point of view. Shattuck Hammond's opinion relates solely to the fairness to Omega of the financial terms of the investment agreement, and does not address the fairness of either the investment agreement to unaffiliated stockholders or the subscription price in the rights offering. See "Opinion of Financial Advisor to the Special Committee of Independent Directors and the Board of Directors."

The Board of Directors unanimously approved the rights offering and Explorer's investment transactions. The process of evaluating Explorer's proposal compared with other potential capital alternatives and negotiating the terms of our agreement with Explorer, as described in this Proxy Statement, was deliberative and thoughtful. The special committee engaged in extensive deliberations to structure a transaction that meets our near-term liquidity needs while affording our existing stockholders an opportunity to participate in our future on the same terms on which Explorer may invest.

The rights offering affords our existing stockholders an opportunity to subscribe for the new shares of common stock, at the same price per common share as the Explorer private placement, and to maintain their proportionate interest in us. Some of the factors considered by our Board of Directors in deciding to proceed with the rights offering include:

our need for capital;

the alternative methods available to us for raising capital;

the pro rata nature of a rights offering to our stockholders;

the terms of the investment agreement with Explorer;

the time period available in which to raise the needed capital and the uncertainty of closure associated with various alternative methods for raising capital;

the market price of our common stock; and

conditions of the capital markets in general.

In addition, since no underwriting or sales commission will be paid in respect of the shares purchased in the rights offering, we believe the rights offering will be a low-cost method of raising additional capital.

#### Summary of Key Terms of the New Explorer Investment

The following summary of the material terms of Explorer's investment is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the complete text of the investment agreement described below and the other material documents described in more detail under "Proposed Amendment of Our Articles Supplementary for the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock" on page 29 and "Modifications to Agreements with Explorer" on page 30 of this Proxy Statement. Copies of the investment agreement and the other material agreements are attached as appendices to this Proxy Statement and are incorporated in this Proxy Statement by reference. You should read the full text of the Explorer agreements because those agreements, and not this Proxy Statement, are the legal documents that govern the additional investment by Explorer. In the event of any discrepancy between the terms of the investment agreement and the following summary, the investment agreement will control.

#### **Investment Agreement**

Amount and Nature of Explorer Investment. Under the terms of the investment agreement, as amended by supplemental agreement dated January 15, 2002, Explorer has agreed to invest at least \$23.56 million, representing its pro rata portion on an as-converted basis of the \$50 million in new equity we are seeking to raise, based on Explorer's ownership of our Series C preferred stock and common stock. A copy of the investment agreement as modified by the supplemental agreement is

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attached as Appendix A to this Proxy Statement. Explorer has also committed to invest in the concurrent private placement an additional amount equal to the aggregate subscription price of the shares that are not subscribed for by other stockholders in this rights offering. Explorer has agreed to purchase its stock at the same price per share as is offered to our stockholders in the rights offering. Our Board of Directors has authorized the issuance and sale to Explorer of either newly issued shares of our Series D preferred stock, having the designations, voting powers, preferences and other rights as set forth in the Articles Supplementary to the Series D Convertible Preferred Stock, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B to this Proxy Statement, or, if we have the approval of our stockholders prior to the closing of Explorer's investment, our common stock, in each case having an aggregate value equal to the difference between \$50 million and the gross proceeds we receive from the rights offering. We anticipate the closing of Explorer's investment to occur no later than ten business days following the expiration of the subscription period for the rights offering.

*Representations, Warranties and Indemnities.* The investment agreement contains representations, warranties and indemnification provisions that we believe are customary for a transaction of this nature. In the investment agreement, Omega made representations and warranties about itself related to, among other things:

corporate existence, qualification to conduct business and corporate power;

ownership of subsidiaries;

capital structure;

corporate authority to enter into, and carry out the obligations under, the investment agreement and the agreements entered into in connection therewith, and the enforceability of such agreements;

our rights plan;

absence of a breach or conflict with its charter documents, bylaws or material agreements as a result of the transactions contemplated by the investment agreement;

filings with the SEC;

financial statements;

absence of undisclosed liabilities;

compliance with laws;

legal proceedings;

absence of specified changes or events since July 1, 2001;

tax matters;

environmental matters;

material contracts;

employee benefit plans; and

information supplied for use in this Proxy Statement and the registration statement related to the rights offering.

The representations and warranties survive the closing of Explorer's investment for two years. Subject to certain thresholds and caps, we have agreed to indemnify Explorer and its affiliates for all losses relating to a breach of our representations and warranties, and to indemnify Explorer and its affiliates for all losses relating to a breach of our agreements or any actual or threatened claim made by any third party relating to or in connection with the transactions contemplated by the investment agreement.

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We have also agreed to reimburse Explorer for its out-of-pocket costs and expenses in connection with the transactions contemplated by the investment agreement, not to exceed \$1 million.

*Conditions.* The closing of Explorer's investment is subject to conditions relating to modifications to our credit facilities and the absence of any governmental order or litigation that is likely to render it impossible or unlawful to complete the rights offering and/or Explorer's investment, or that could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, or financial condition, or materially restrict the rights of Explorer under the documents relating to its investment.

On December 21, 2001, we reached agreements with the bank groups under both of our revolving credit facilities that are satisfactory to us and Explorer that become effective concurrently with the closing of the rights offering. We believe that these amendments will satisfy the closing conditions relating to our credit facilities. These agreements include modifications and/or waivers to the financial covenants with which

we were not in compliance. In addition, certain other financial covenants will be either modified or eliminated going forward. The effectiveness of these agreements is subject to the completion of the rights offering and private placement to Explorer. In the event such conditions are not satisfied, we will terminate the rights offering and the private placement to Explorer. While there currently exists no governmental order or litigation with respect to this offering, we cannot assure you that such governmental order or litigation will not arise prior to closing the rights offering. If a governmental order or litigation arises prior to the closing of the rights offering, we may not be able to complete the rights offering and/or the private placement to Explorer.

Termination. Explorer may terminate the investment agreement if the closing has not occurred by February 28, 2002.

#### Summary of Terms of Series D Preferred Stock

The terms of the Series D preferred stock are set forth in the Articles Supplementary for Series D Convertible Preferred Stock, a copy of which is attached as Appendix B to this Proxy Statement. The following description does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Articles Supplementary. You should read the full text of the Series D Preferred Stock Articles Supplementary because that document, and not this Proxy Statement, is the legal document that contains the specific rights and preferences of the Series D preferred stock be sold to Explorer. In the event of any discrepancy between the terms of the Series D Preferred Stock Articles Supplementary and the following summary, the Articles Supplementary will control.

*General.* Under our Articles of Incorporation, our Board of Directors is authorized without further stockholder action to provide for the issuance of up to an aggregate of 10,000,000 shares of our preferred stock, in one or more series, with such designations, preferences, powers and relative participating, optional or other special rights, dividend rate or rates, conversion rights, voting rights, rights and terms of redemption (including sinking fund provisions), the redemption price or prices, and the liquidation preferences as will be stated in the resolutions providing for the issuance of a series of such stock, adopted, at any time or from time to time, by our Board of Directors. The Series D Articles Supplementary authorize us to issue up to 1,000,000 shares of the Series D preferred stock. Whether or not we file the Series D Articles Supplementary with the Maryland State Department of Assessment and Taxation or issue any shares of Series D preferred stock will depend on whether our stockholders have approved the issuance of common stock upon conversion of the Series D preferred stock prior to the closing of Explorer's investment in our company.

*Rank.* The Series D preferred stock will, with respect to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our company, rank: (i) senior to our common stock and to all other equity securities that by their terms rank junior to the Series D preferred stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our company; (ii) on a parity

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with our outstanding Series A preferred stock, Series B preferred stock, Series C preferred stock and any other equity securities that may be issued by our company that have terms which specifically provide that such equity securities will rank on a parity with the Series D preferred stock; and (iii) junior to all of our existing and future indebtedness. Any of our Company's convertible debt securities will rank senior to the Series D preferred stock prior to conversion.

*Dividend Rights.* If approval of our stockholders to permit the conversion of Series D preferred stock into common stock is not received by February 28, 2002, holders of shares of the Series D preferred stock are entitled to receive dividends at the greater of:

10% per annum of the liquidation preference, as discussed below, per share; and

the amount per share declared or paid by us on our common stock based on the number of shares of common stock into which the shares of Series D preferred stock are then convertible.

Dividends on each share of the Series D preferred stock will be cumulative commencing from the date of issuance unless the Series D preferred stock is converted into common stock prior to February 28, 2002, in which case there will be no adjustment or payment in respect of any accrued dividends. Dividends are payable in arrears for each dividend period ended July 31, October 31, January 31 and April 30 on or before the relevant dividend payment date, which will be the 15th day of August, November, February and May of each year. Any dividend payable on shares of the Series D preferred stock for any partial period will be prorated for the partial period based on the actual number of days elapsed commencing with and including the date of issuance of such shares through the end of the dividend period. Dividends will be payable at the election of the holders of a majority of the Series D preferred stock with respect to any period after June 30, 2002, and at the election of our Board of Directors with respect to any period on or prior to June 30, 2002, (i) by the issuance as of the relevant dividend payment date of additional shares of Series D preferred stock having an aggregate liquidation preference equal to the amount of such accrued dividends, or (ii) in

cash. If dividends are paid in additional shares of Series D preferred stock, the number of authorized shares of Series D preferred stock will be deemed, without further action, to be increased by the number of shares so issued. Dividends on shares of Series D preferred stock will not be declared by our Board of Directors or paid or set apart for payment if the terms of any agreement to which we are a party, including any agreement relating to our indebtedness, prohibits the declaration or payment of dividends on the Series D preferred stock or provides that such declaration, payment or setting aside for payment would constitute a breach thereof or default thereunder; provided that in such case dividends on the Series D preferred stock will accrue. Dividends on the Series D preferred stock will also accrue whether or not we have earnings or other funds legally available for the payment of such dividends. Accrued but unpaid dividends on the Series D preferred stock will not bear interest. Except as set forth in the next sentence, no dividends will be declared or paid or set apart for payment on any of our capital stock or any other series of preferred stock ranking, as to dividends, on a parity with or junior to the Series D preferred stock, other than a dividend in shares of our common stock or in shares of any other class of stock ranking junior to the Series D preferred stock as to dividends and upon liquidation, for any period unless full cumulative dividends have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof is set apart for such payment on the Series D preferred stock for all past dividend periods and the then current dividend period. When dividends are not paid in full upon the Series D preferred stock and the shares of any other series of preferred stock ranking on a parity as to dividends with the Series D preferred stock, all dividends declared upon the Series D preferred stock and any other series of preferred stock ranking on a parity as to dividends with the Series D preferred stock will be declared pro rata so that the amount of dividends declared per share of Series D preferred stock and such other series of preferred stock will in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that accrued dividends per share on the Series D preferred stock and such other series of preferred stock, which shall not include any accrual in respect of unpaid dividends for prior dividend periods if such preferred stock does not have a cumulative dividend, bear to each other.

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Unless full cumulative dividends on the Series D preferred stock have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid in full or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof is set apart for payment in full, no dividends, other than certain dividends payable in our capital stock, may be declared or paid upon our common stock, except for certain limited exceptions such as dividends paid for the purpose of preserving our qualification as a real estate investment trust under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Any dividend payment made on shares of the Series D preferred stock will first be credited against the earliest accrued but unpaid dividend due with respect to such shares which remains payable.

*Liquidation Preference.* Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs, each holder of shares of Series D preferred stock will, at the election of such holder, be entitled to be paid the liquidation preference out of our assets legally available for distribution to our stockholders before any distribution of assets is made to holders of common stock or any other class or series of our capital stock that ranks junior to the Series D preferred stock as to liquidation rights. After payment of the full amount of the liquidation preference, plus any accrued and unpaid dividends and interest thereon, if any, to which they are entitled, the holders of Series D preferred stock will have no right or claim to any of our remaining assets. The consolidation or merger of our company with or into any other corporation, trust or entity or of any other corporation with or into us in a manner that constitutes a change in control, or the sale, lease or conveyance of all or substantially all of our property or business will be deemed to constitute a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our company. The liquidation preference for shares of Series D preferred stock is equal to the original issue price of the Series D preferred stock plus any accrued and unpaid dividends.

*Redemption.* The Series D preferred stock is not redeemable, subject, however, to certain restrictions on transfer and ownership, described in "Redemption and Business Combination Provisions" on page 10 of this Proxy Statement. In any event, the Series D preferred stock may not be redeemed without the consent of the holders thereof.

Voting Rights. Holders of Series D preferred stock will not have voting rights, except as set forth below. Whenever dividends on any shares of Series D preferred stock are in arrears for two or more dividend periods, the number of directors then constituting the Board of Directors will be increased by two if not already increased pursuant to a similar provision in the Amended and Restated Articles Supplementary for Series C Convertible Preferred Stock, which will become effective upon stockholder approval as set forth in the description of the Series C preferred stock in "Proposed Amendment of Our Articles Supplementary for the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock" on page 29 of this Proxy Statement. The holders of such shares of Series D preferred stock and the holders of Series C preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, voting together as a single class, will be entitled to vote as a single class to elect the additional preferred stock directors until such time as all dividends accumulated on such shares of Series D preferred stock and Series C preferred stock for the past dividend periods and the dividend for the then current dividend period shall have been fully paid, at which time the directors elected pursuant to this right are required to resign. In any vote to elect or remove such directors, each holder of shares of Series D preferred stock and Series C preferred stock will be entitled to one vote for each share held by such holder. So long as any shares of Series D preferred stock remain outstanding, we will not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares of the Series D preferred stock outstanding at the time (voting as a single class together with any other classes of preferred stock adversely affected in the same manner), amend, alter or repeal the provisions of our charter or the Series D Articles Supplementary, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, so as to materially and adversely affect any right, preference, privilege or voting power of the Series D preferred stock, including the creation of any series of preferred stock ranking senior to the Series D preferred stock with respect to payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon

liquidation, dissolution or winding up, but not including the creation or issuance of preferred stock ranking on a parity with the Series D preferred stock.

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Conversion. The holders of Series D preferred stock have the following conversion rights:

*Automatic Conversion.* Each share of Series D preferred stock will automatically convert into shares of our common stock upon the earlier of: (i) the date the holders of a majority of the shares of our common stock, giving effect to the conversion of the Series C preferred stock, present and entitled to vote at a duly convened meeting of our stockholders vote to approve the conversion of the Series D preferred stock into common stock and the issuance of common stock upon such conversion; and (ii) the date the New York Stock Exchange waives any requirement for stockholder approval of the conversion of the Series D preferred stock into common stock upon stock under its rules and policies.

*Conversion Price.* Subject to certain limitations on conversion set forth in the Series D Articles Supplementary, each share of Series D preferred stock will be converted into the number of shares of our common stock as is equal to the quotient obtained by dividing the original issue price for such share by the conversion price, as discussed below, in effect at the time of conversion. The conversion price will be adjusted to reflect the economic impact of a stock split, stock combination, certain dividends paid on common stock, the issuance of additional common stock at a price less than fair market value and similar events.

#### **Redemption and Business Combination Provisions**

If our Board of Directors is, at any time and in good faith, of the opinion that direct or indirect ownership of at least 9.9% or more of the voting shares of capital stock has or may become concentrated in the hands of one beneficial owner, our Board of Directors will have the power:

by lot or other means deemed equitable by it, to call for the purchase from any of our stockholders a number of voting shares sufficient, in the opinion of our Board of Directors, to maintain or bring the direct or indirect ownership of voting shares of capital stock of such beneficial owner to a level of no more than 9.9% of our outstanding voting shares of our capital stock, and

to refuse to transfer or issue voting shares of our capital stock to any person whose acquisition of such voting shares would, in the opinion of our Board of Directors, result in the direct or indirect ownership by that person of more than 9.9% of our outstanding voting shares of our capital stock.

Further, any transfer of shares, options, warrants, or other securities convertible into voting shares that would create a beneficial owner of more than 9.9% of the outstanding voting shares will be deemed void ab initio and the intended transferee will be deemed never to have had an interest therein. Subject to the rights of the preferred stock described below, the purchase price for any voting shares of our capital stock so redeemed will be equal to the fair market value of the shares reflected in the closing sales prices for the shares, if then listed on a national securities exchange, or the average of the closing sales prices for the shares if then listed on more than one national securities exchange, or if the shares are not then listed on a national securities exchange, the latest bid quotation for the shares if then traded over-the-counter, on the last business day immediately preceding the day on which we send notices of such acquisitions, or, if no such closing sales prices or quotations are available, then the purchase price shall be equal to the net asset value of such stock as determined by our Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of applicable law. The purchase price for shares of Series A preferred stock, Series B preferred stock, Series C preferred stock and Series D preferred stock and Series B preferred stock, be equal to the redemption price of such shares of Series A preferred stock and Series A preferred stock and Series B preferred stock and Series B preferred stock, be equal to the redemption price of such shares of Series A preferred stock and Series B preferred stock and Series B preferred stock and Series B preferred stock, be equal to the redemption price of such shares of Series A preferred stock and Series B preferred stock, be equal to th

stock, the purchase price will be equal to the liquidation preference of such shares of Series C preferred stock and Series D preferred stock, respectively. From and after the date fixed for purchase by our Board of Directors, the holder of any shares so called for purchase will cease to be entitled to distributions, voting rights and other benefits with respect to such shares, except the right to payment of the purchase price for the shares.

Our Articles of Incorporation require that, except in certain circumstances, business combinations between us and a beneficial holder of 10% or more of our outstanding voting stock, a related person, be approved by the affirmative vote of at least 80% of our outstanding voting shares. A "business combination" is defined in the Articles of Incorporation as:

any merger or consolidation of our company with or into a related person;

any sale, lease, exchange, transfer or other disposition, including without limitation a mortgage or any other security device, of all or any "substantial part," as defined below, of our assets including, without limitation, any voting securities of a subsidiary to a related person;

any merger or consolidation of a related person with or into our company;

any sale, lease, exchange, transfer or other disposition of all or any substantial part of the assets of a related person to our company;

the issuance of any securities (other than by way of pro rata distribution to all stockholders) of our company to a related person; and

any agreement, contract or other arrangement providing for any of the transactions described in the definition of business combination.

The term "substantial part" is defined as more than 10% of the book value of our total assets as of the end of our most recent fiscal year ending prior to the time the determination is being made. The 80% voting requirement described above will not be applicable if (i) our Board of Directors has unanimously approved in advance the acquisition of our stock that caused a related person to become a related person or (ii) the business combination is solely between us and a wholly owned subsidiary. Our Board of Directors unanimously approved in advance Explorer's acquisition of our Series C preferred stock, which made Explorer a related person to us. Therefore, the 80% voting requirement is inapplicable to Explorer.

Under the terms of our Articles of Incorporation, our Board of Directors is classified into three classes. Each class of directors serves for a term of three years, with one class being elected each year. As of the date of this Proxy Statement, there are nine directors, with each class consisting of three directors.

The foregoing provisions of our Articles of Incorporation and certain other matters may not be amended without the affirmative vote of at least 80% of our outstanding voting shares.

The foregoing provisions may have the effect of discouraging unilateral tender offers or other takeover proposals which certain stockholders might deem in their interests or in which they might receive a substantial premium. Our Board of Directors' authority to issue and establish the terms of currently authorized preferred stock, without stockholder approval, may also have the effect of discouraging takeover attempts. The provisions could also have the effect of insulating current management against the possibility of removal and could, by possibly reducing temporary fluctuations in market price caused by the accumulation of shares, deprive stockholders of opportunities to sell at a temporarily higher market price. However, our Board of Directors believes that inclusion of the business combination provisions in the Articles of Incorporation may help assure fair treatment of all stockholders and preserve our assets.

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The foregoing summary of certain provisions of the Articles of Incorporation relating to business combinations does not purport to be a complete summary of our Articles of Incorporation.

#### **Dividends on Common Stock**

In February 2001, we suspended payment of all dividends on all common stock and preferred stock. We do not know when or if we will resume dividend payments on our common stock or, if resumed, what the amount or timing of any dividend will be. We do not anticipate paying dividends on any class of capital stock at least until our \$98 million of debt maturing in the first half of 2002 has been repaid, and in any event, all accrued and unpaid dividends on our Series A, B, C and D (if issued) preferred stock must be paid in full before dividends on our common stock can be resumed. Dividends on our Series A, B and C preferred stock currently outstanding accrue at \$20.1 million annually. As of December 30, 2001, we had \$19.9 million of accumulated and unpaid preferred dividends on our preferred stock. Notwithstanding the suspension of dividends, we have made sufficient distributions to satisfy the distribution requirements under the REIT rules of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to maintain our REIT status for 2000 and expect to satisfy the requirements under the REIT rules for 2001.

On March 30, 2001 our Board of Directors approved payment of the accrued Series C dividend from November 15, 2000 and the associated waiver fee by issuing 48,420 shares of Series C preferred stock to Explorer on April 2, 2001. Dividends paid in stock to a specific class of stockholders, such as our payment of our Series C preferred stock in April 2001, constitute dividends eligible for the 2001 dividends paid deduction. Additionally, and as specifically authorized by the Internal Revenue Code, dividends declared by September 15, 2002 and paid by December 31, 2002 may be elected to be treated as a distribution of 2001 taxable income.

#### **Reason for Seeking Stockholder Approval**

Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange. The rules of the New York Stock Exchange require that a company whose securities are listed on the New York Stock Exchange receive stockholder approval before selling or issuing to an affiliate, such as Explorer, common stock or stock convertible into common stock that represents 1% or more of the issuing company's outstanding common stock. Because the number of shares of common stock which will be issued pursuant to the investment agreement will be more than 1% of Omega's outstanding common stock, we must obtain stockholder approval to issue shares of common stock to Explorer. The New York Stock Exchange rules also require stockholder approval prior to the issuance of any securities that may result in a change in control.

#### Vote Required for Approval of the Share Issuance Proposal

The share issuance proposal must be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of all shares of common stock and Series C preferred stock present and voting at the Special Meeting. Explorer has committed to vote its shares of common stock and shares of Series C preferred stock, representing approximately 47.1% of the voting shares, in favor of the proposal relating to the issuance of shares of common stock to Explorer.

#### Capitalization

The following table shows, as of September 30, 2001, our historical capitalization and our capitalization as adjusted for the rights offering and Explorer's investment, including the application of the proceeds, assuming net proceeds of \$48 million. For purposes of this table, we have assumed that all of the rights will be exercised in full by stockholders in the rights offering and that we will issue Series D preferred stock to Explorer at the closing of the rights offering. If stockholders approve

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Explorer's investment before the closing of the rights offering, Explorer will be issued a number of shares of common stock equal to the number of shares of common stock that would otherwise have been issuable upon conversion of the Series D preferred stock in lieu of the Series D preferred stock. To the extent stockholders do not exercise all of the rights, the amount of Series D preferred stock or common stock issued to Explorer will increase. For purposes of our capitalization as adjusted, we have assumed a subscription price of \$2.92 per share.

	_	Unaudited		
		Historical	As	s Adjusted
		(In tho	usand	ls)
Debt:				
Revolving lines of credit	\$	203,641	\$	203,641
Other secured borrowings		18,595		18,595
Unsecured borrowings:				
6.95% Notes Due June 2002(1)		99,641		51,641

	Unaudite	ed
6.95% Notes Due August 2007	100,000	100,000
Other unsecured borrowings	4,160	4,160
Total Debt	426,037	378,037
Stockholders' Equity:		
Preferred Stock \$1.00 par value:		
Authorized 10,000 Shares		
Issued and Outstanding 2,300 shares Series A with an aggregate liquidation preference of \$57,500	57,500	57,500
Issued and Outstanding 2,000 shares Series B with an aggregate liquidation preference of \$50,000	50,000	50,000
Issued and Outstanding 1,048 shares Series C with an aggregate liquidation	50,000	50,000
preference of \$104,842	104,842	104,842
Issued and Outstanding 228 shares Series D with an aggregate liquidation preference of \$22,808(2)		22,808
Common Stock \$.10 par value:		
Authorized 100,000 shares		
Issued and Outstanding 20,076(2)	2,008	
Issued and Outstanding 37,199(2)		3,720
Additional paid-in capital	438,384	461,864
Cumulative net earnings	171,272	171,272
Cumulative dividends paid	(365,654)	(365,654)
Unamortized restricted stock awards	(202)	(202)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(1,491)	(1,491)
Total Stockholders' Equity	456,659	504,659
Total Capitalization	\$ 882,696 \$	882,696

(1)

For purposes of our capitalization, as adjusted, we have assumed that the net proceeds from the rights offering and the Explorer investment will be approximately \$48 million and that we used those proceeds to repay notes due June 2002. We have not determined the actual allocation of proceeds from this offering and the Explorer investment and management will have broad discretion in making that determination.

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If none of the subscription rights are exercised by stockholders, 20,076,024 shares of common stock and 500,000 shares of Series D preferred stock with a liquidation preference of \$50 million will be outstanding following the closing of the rights offering and Explorer's investment as adjusted. Upon stockholder approval of the issuance of common stock to Explorer, all the outstanding Series D preferred stock will automatically be converted into 17,123,288 shares of common stock.

#### Opinion of Financial Advisor to the Special Committee of Independent Directors and the Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors asked a special committee, composed solely of directors who are unaffiliated with Explorer, to evaluate any proposals received from Explorer and make a recommendation to the full Board of Directors regarding what action, if any, our company should take with respect to such proposals. The special committee engaged Shattuck Hammond Partners LLC on October 15, 2001 as the committee's

financial advisor to (i) review and analyze potential financing alternatives for our company as well as financing proposals we received; and (ii) if requested, render an opinion to the Board of Directors regarding the fairness from a financial point of view of a financing contemplated by us involving, among other things, an investment by Explorer, a 45.5% owner of our common stock on an as converted basis as of the date of the fairness opinion, and a rights offering to our stockholders other than Explorer. Prior to being engaged by us as the financial advisor to the special committee, Shattuck Hammond had no professional relationship with us nor Explorer.

The amount, terms and structure of the proposed financing were determined through a negotiated process between the special committee and Explorer and are set forth in an investment agreement dated as of October 29, 2001 between us and Explorer. Shattuck Hammond did not participate directly in the negotiation of the terms of the investment agreement. Pursuant to the investment agreement, among other things, Explorer commits to invest, subject to certain closing conditions being satisfied or waived, up to \$50 million in payment for our common stock or Series D preferred stock. The actual amount of Explorer's investment will be equal to the difference between \$50 million and the gross proceeds received by us through a rights offering to our common stockholders other than Explorer, defined as the "unsubscribed purchase amount." If all rights offered in the rights offering are exercised, it was Shattuck Hammond's understanding that the proportional ownership of our stock by stockholders other than Explorer and by Explorer on an as converted basis would, upon Explorer's payment of the unsubscribed purchase amount and the issuance to it of shares of our common stock, remain approximately the same as of the date of Shattuck Hammond's opinion.

It was also Shattuck Hammond's understanding that the subscription price per common share in the rights offering and the price per common share or the conversion price of the Series D preferred to be paid by Explorer would be the same. For purposes of their opinion Shattuck Hammond also assumed that the subscription price was \$2.92, the maximum price approved by our Board of Directors.

Shattuck Hammond rendered an oral opinion to the special committee and our Board of Directors on October 23, 2001, subject to review of definitive documentation that was in the process of being negotiated, and a written opinion addressed to the special committee and our Board of Directors on October 29, 2001, in each case to the effect that, as of such date and subject to the assumptions made, matters considered and the limitations set forth in its opinion, the financial terms of the investment agreement taken as a whole, defined as the "financial terms of the investment agreement" as described more fully in its opinion, are fair to us from a financial point of view. The full text of Shattuck Hammond's written opinion is attached as Appendix C to this Proxy Statement and is incorporated herein by reference. Shattuck Hammond's opinion sets forth the assumptions made, the matters considered and limits on the review undertaken by Shattuck Hammond in connection with its engagement. The following summary of Shattuck Hammond's opinion is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of such opinion. Shattuck Hammond's opinion is directed only to the fairness to us, from a financial point of view, of the financial terms of the investment agreement taken as a

whole and does not address any other aspect of the investment by Explorer or the rights offering or any other transaction to which Explorer and our company are parties. Shattuck Hammond's opinion was provided for the information and assistance of the special committee and the Board of Directors in connection with their consideration of the financing proposal put forward by Explorer and is not a recommendation of any action that the special committee, the Board of Directors or any of our stockholders should take.

It was Shattuck Hammond's further understanding that the investment agreement included, among other things, the various financial terms that are specifically identified in Shattuck Hammond's fairness opinion set forth in Appendix C to this Proxy Statement.

In connection with preparing its opinion, Shattuck Hammond reviewed a variety of materials including those specifically identified in its fairness opinion set forth in Appendix C to this Proxy Statement and made such investigations as it deemed appropriate. Shattuck Hammond did not independently verify any of the information it obtained for the purposes of its opinion. Instead, Shattuck Hammond assumed the accuracy and completeness of all such information. Shattuck Hammond relied upon assurances by our management that all forward-looking information concerning us reflected the best currently available judgments and estimates of management as to our likely future financial performance and capital requirements. Shattuck Hammond did not make an independent inspection, evaluation or appraisal of our assets or liabilities, nor did anyone furnish Shattuck Hammond with any such evaluation or appraisal. The Shattuck Hammond opinion is based on market, economic and other conditions as they existed and could be evaluated at the time their fairness opinion was rendered.

No limitations were imposed by the special committee, the Board of Directors or us on the scope of Shattuck Hammond's investigation or the procedures Shattuck Hammond followed in rendering its opinion. The terms of Shattuck Hammond's engagement, however, did not include soliciting interest in an investment transaction from investors, and Shattuck Hammond made no such solicitation.

In evaluating the fairness, from a financial point of view, of the financial terms of the investment agreement taken as a whole to us, Shattuck Hammond employed a variety of analyses and reviews which it believes were appropriate for preparing its opinion. The preparation of a fairness opinion involves various determinations of the most appropriate and relevant methods of financial analyses and review and the application of those methods to the particular circumstances. Therefore such an opinion is not necessarily susceptible to partial analysis or summary description. Shattuck Hammond believes that its analyses and reviews must be considered as a whole and that selection of portions of its analyses and reviews and of the factors considered by it, without considering all of the factors and analyses and reviews, would create a misleading view of the processes underlying its opinion. In arriving at its opinion, Shattuck Hammond did not attribute any particular weight to any particular analysis, review or factor considered by it, but rather made qualitative judgments about the significance and relevance of each analysis, review and factor.

In performing its analyses and reviews, Shattuck Hammond made numerous assumptions with respect to industry performance, general business and economic conditions and other matters, many of which are beyond our control. The analyses and reviews performed by Shattuck Hammond do not purport to be an appraisal and are not necessarily indicative of actual values or actual future results that might be achieved, all of which may be significantly more or less favorable than suggested by Shattuck Hammond's analyses and reviews.

In connection with its analyses and reviews, Shattuck Hammond utilized estimates and forecasts of our future operating results contained in or derived from projections developed and supplied by our management. Analyses based on forecasts of future results are not necessarily indicative of actual future results, which may be significantly more or less favorable than the forecasts. Such analyses are

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inherently subject to uncertainty, being based on numerous factors or events beyond our control, and are susceptible to interpretations and periodic revision based on actual experience and business and economic developments after the date they were prepared. Therefore, future results or actual values may be materially different from these forecasts or assumptions.

The following is a brief summary of material analyses and reviews performed by Shattuck Hammond in connection with the preparation of Shattuck Hammond's fairness opinion delivered to the special committee and our Board of Directors on October 29, 2001. The following analyses and reviews reflect substantially the same methodologies used by Shattuck Hammond in its preliminary oral presentation to the special committee and our Board of Directors on October 23, 2001, but updated and confirmed in writing to reflect financial information and market data that was available as of October 26, 2001 as well as a review of the definitive documentation executed in connection with the Explorer investment.

Alternative Financing Structures Review

General. Shattuck Hammond reviewed a number of financing alternatives to Explorer's investment including:

equity financing (secondary public offering, private investment into public equity, private placement);

debt financing (subordinated debt, collateralized mortgage backed securitization, Health and Urban Development insured and senior unsecured); and

other financings (asset sales, sale or merger of our company).

Shattuck Hammond's review was based on a number of theoretical criteria including pricing, completion risk, timing, deleveraging of balance sheet, governance and approval requirements, fees and other factors. Based on its review and the criteria cited, Shattuck Hammond was of the view that no other financing alternative was clearly better than the Explorer investment. In this regard, Shattuck Hammond noted that, among other things:

Explorer did not require any additional due diligence;

Explorer and our company were willing to enter into agreements on terms that were substantially similar to the definitive documentation related to Explorer's investment in our Series C preferred stock;

the views of our management regarding the potential consequences if we did not reach an agreement with its banks for covenant waivers by mid December, 2001, including, without limitation, interest rate increases and other penalties and possible acceleration of its senior debt;

the requirement of our banks that there be an infusion of equity or other junior capital in connection with any covenant waivers and possible term extensions;

Explorer's commitment to purchase our common stock at a fixed price per share determined under the investment agreement irrespective of the actual price of our common stock at the time Explorer makes its investment;

the structure of the Explorer investment as an investment in our common stock or Series D preferred stock to convert into our common stock thereby eliminating the potential need to pay dividends or interest that other investments might require (assuming that Series D preferred stock is not issued or, if issued, is outstanding for only a short period of time);

an investment of equity would deleverage our balance sheet;

the World Trade Center attack on September 11, 2001 negatively impacted the financing markets; and

a rights offering is "democratic" from the perspective that all stockholders can participate based on their proportional ownership.

*Market Valuation of Omega Publicly-Traded Senior Unsecured Debt and Series A and B Preferred Stock.* Shattuck Hammond noted that our senior unsecured debt and Series A and B preferred stock were trading at significant discounts to their respective par values. Moreover, Shattuck Hammond further noted that our unsecured debt has a below investment grade rating and that the Series A and B preferred stock have had their dividends suspended. Shattuck Hammond concluded that our below investment grade rating on our debt, dividend suspension on our preferred stock and relative trading values of such securities to their par amounts were indicative of the challenges we would face in attempting to complete an alternative financing to the Explorer investment.

#### **Omega Senior Unsecured Debt**

	Price	YTM	S&P Rating
Omega 6.95%; 6/15/02	85	35.8%	CCC+
Omega 6.95%; 8/01/07	60	18.5%	CCC+

#### Series A and Series B Preferred (Actual Dollars)

	Liquid Prefe		Pric	rrent ce as of /26/01	Discount to Liquidation Preference	Dividen Yield	d
Series A Preferred	\$	25.00	\$	14.51	58.0%	6 NA	(1)
Series B Preferred	\$	25.00	\$	13.70	54.8%	6 NA	(2)

Dividend suspended; accrues at rate of 9.250%.

(2)

Dividend suspended; accrues at rate of 8.625%.

Explorer Pro Forma Ownership Analysis. Shattuck Hammond noted that Explorer's current ownership of 45.5% of our voting capital stock and the ability to designate four out of nine Board seats (and approve an independent director) provided Explorer with significant control of our company. Based on the \$50 million financing and an assumed subscription price of \$2.92, depending on the number of our stockholders other than Explorer who exercise their rights, Explorer's ownership of our voting capital stock could exceed 50% on an as converted basis.

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The table below presents Explorer and non-Explorer ownership of our common stock on an as converted basis based on different assumed levels of non-Explorer stockholder participation in the rights offering:

#### **Ownership Analysis (Shares in Millions)**

		Common Shares on an as Converted Basis(1)								
Explorer Ownership Level	Non- Explorer Participation In Rights Offering	Total Shares Non- Explorer	Percentage Non- Explorer	Total Shares Explorer	Percentage Explorer	Total Shares				
High	0%	20.1	37.2%	33.9	62.8%	54.0				
Medium	50%	24.7	45.8%	29.2	54.2%	54.0				
Low	100%	29.4	54.5%	24.6	45.5%	54.0				

(1)

Excludes options and warrants and 553,850 shares of our common stock acquired by Explorer subsequent to October 29, 2001.

Shattuck Hammond further noted that in the event that upon consummation of the rights offering and transactions contemplated by the investment agreement, Explorer were to beneficially own more than 50% of our voting securities, Explorer would have voting control of our company through its unrestricted right to vote our voting capital stock and the power to designate a majority of our Board of Directors subject to the following restrictions imposed by the investment agreement and any other limitation or restriction imposed by law:

a limitation on the number of our Board of Directors which Explorer could designate;

so long as Explorer holds at least 15% of our voting securities, a commitment by Explorer to vote in favor of the election of three directors who are both "independent" under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange and unaffiliated with Explorer and, upon the increase in the number of directors to ten, one additional person who is unaffiliated with Explorer; and

except for a transaction approved by a committee of our Board of Directors comprised entirely of independent directors and under certain other limited circumstances, a prohibition against Explorer acquiring beneficial ownership of more than 80% of our voting securities.

#### **Rights Offering Analysis**

Shattuck Hammond reviewed 31 rights offerings (excluding rights offerings involving closed end funds and American Depositary Receipts) that have been completed since January 1, 2001. Shattuck Hammond noted that rights offerings are:

in many instances used by financially troubled companies, and approximately 61% of the companies in the sample involved companies with share prices less than \$5.00 per share;

all of the rights offerings in the sample for which information was available had over-subscription rights available to all stockholders;

approximately 41% of such rights offerings for which information was available had a large investor that was willing to purchase all or a large part of any rights which were not exercised;

approximately 36% of the rights offerings in the sample for which information was available had rights that were transferable; and

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approximately 86% of the sample for which information was available were priced based on intangible factors that may have had no relation to the value of the companies' assets, operating performance or share price.

Shattuck Hammond also reviewed the relative share price performance of the sample group based on the date of announcement and ex dividend date, and concluded that rights offerings typically have relatively little impact on a company's share price.

#### **Rights Offering Analysis**

#### Analysis by Announcement Date

Week Before	Day Before	On Day of	One Day After	One Week After
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Week Before	Day Before	On Day of	One Day After	One Week After
1.13	1.13	1.00	0.98	1.05

#### Omega Float Comparison

Based on information provided by Bloomberg Investor Services, Shattuck Hammond compared our public float (common shares not owned by management or other affiliates) with the public float of a select group of publicly-traded financially stable healthcare REITs, which consisted of Health Care Property Investors, Inc., Health Care REIT, Inc., Healthcare Realty Trust, Inc., Nationwide Health Properties, Inc. and Senior Housing Properties Trust, and a select group of publicly-traded financially distressed REITs, which consisted of LTC Properties, Inc. and National Health Investors, Inc.. The REITs in each group were selected because their healthcare focus and mix of assets were reasonably similar to those of our company. The general criteria used to distinguish between a stable and distressed REIT is that stable REITs generally have stronger financial performance, fewer operators who are in bankruptcy, and pay a dividend to their common stockholders. Shattuck Hammond considered our company to be a distressed REIT.

The public float for the stable REITs ranged from 16.4 million shares to 54.7 million shares and averaged 37.9 million shares. The public float for the distressed REITs, excluding our company, ranged from 20.2 million shares to 21.8 million shares and averaged 21.0 million shares. Shattuck Hammond noted that a larger float generally increases the trading liquidity of a stock and may enhance the ability to undertake a reverse split to increase share price. In this regard, if any non-Explorer stockholders (other than management and other affiliates) exercised their rights, our float would increase.

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The table below presents the pro forma impact on our float based on different levels of assumed participation in the rights offering by our stockholders other than Explorer:

#### **Omega Pro Forma Float Analysis (Shares in Millions)**

	High	Medium	Low
Omega Float	19.2	19.2	19.2
Non-Explorer Rights Participation	100%	50%	0%
New Shares Issued(1)	9.3	4.7	0.0
Total Pro Forma Float	28.5	23.9	19.2
% Increase in Float	48%	24%	0%

#### (1)

Assumes \$27.3 million Rights Offering priced at \$2.92 per share representing a 6% discount to average closing price for 20 trading day period ended October 26, 2001.

#### Pro Forma Debt to Capitalization Analysis

Shattuck Hammond analyzed the debt to capitalization of the stable REITs and the distressed REITs (excluding our company) and compared them to our company. Debt/capitalization is calculated as (long-term debt + short-term debt)/(long-term debt + short-term debt + preferred stock + equity value). The debt/capitalization of the stable REITs ranged from 14.2% to 56.7% and from 30.8% to 38.5% for the distressed REITs. Shattuck Hammond noted that a \$50 million equity financing and additional subsequent repayment of debt through cash flow from operations would significantly lower our debt/capitalization ratio and bring such ratio into closer proximity with the ratios of the distressed REITs and stable REITs.

The table presents our capitalization at June 30, 2001 and as adjusted on a pro forma basis for a \$50 million equity investment that is assumed will be used to repay debt, and for an assumed further \$73.5 million reduction in debt through cash flow from operations:

#### **Omega Pro Forma Debt to Capitalization Analysis (Dollars in Millions)**

-	/	Equity Investment	-		Further Reduction	Ju	9 Forma 1ne 30, 2001
\$	425.6	(50.0)	\$	375.6	(73.5)	\$	302.1
\$	212.3		\$	212.3		\$	212.3
	247.4	50.0		297.4			297.4
\$	459.7	50.0	\$	509.7		\$	509.7
	<b>48.1</b> %			42.4%			37.2%
	34.7%			34.7%			34.7%
	42.5%			42.5%			42.5%
	34.7%			34.7%			34.7%
	40.3%			40.3%			40.3%
	\$	\$ 212.3 247.4 \$ 459.7 <b>48.1%</b> 34.7% 42.5% 34.7%	2001         Investment           \$ 425.6         (50.0)           \$ 212.3         247.4           247.4         50.0           \$ 459.7         50.0           48.1%         34.7%           34.7%         34.7%	2001         Investment         v           \$ 425.6         (50.0) \$         \$           \$ 212.3         \$         \$           247.4         50.0         \$           \$ 459.7         50.0 \$         \$           48.1%         34.7%         \$           34.7%         34.7%         \$	2001         Investment         with Equity           \$ 425.6         (50.0)         \$ 375.6           \$ 212.3         \$ 212.3           247.4         50.0         297.4           \$ 459.7         50.0         \$ 509.7           48.1%         42.4%           34.7%         42.5%           34.7%         34.7%	2001         Investment         with Equity         Reduction           \$ 425.6         (50.0)         \$ 375.6         (73.5)           \$ 212.3         \$ 212.3         (73.5)           \$ 212.3         \$ 212.3         (73.5)           \$ 459.7         50.0         \$ 509.7           48.1%         42.4%           34.7%         34.7%           34.7%         34.7%	June 30, 2001         Equity Investment         Pro Forma with Equity         Further Reduction         June Reduction           \$ 425.6         (50.0) \$ 375.6         (73.5) \$           \$ 212.3         \$ 212.3         \$           \$ 425.7         50.0         \$ 509.7         \$           \$ 459.7         50.0         \$ 509.7         \$           \$ 459.7         50.0         \$ 509.7         \$           \$ 45.1%         42.4%         \$         \$           34.7%         34.7%         \$         \$

(1)

(2)

Assumes additional \$10.0 million of debt is repaid from proceeds in excess of \$113.5 million due in March and June of 2002.

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#### Mean and median for distressed REITs exclude Omega. Mean and median for stable REITs exclude Senior Housing Properties Trust.

#### Omega Share Price Analysis

Shattuck Hammond compared our share price performance to an index created by Shattuck Hammond of the share price performances of the stable REITs and the distressed REITs. Shattuck Hammond noted that we under-performed both indices for the five year period and twelve month period ended October 26, 2001. Shattuck Hammond also noted that for the three months ended October 26, 2001, we outperformed the stable REIT index and improved relative to the distressed REIT index.

Shattuck Hammond calculated our average share price based on the daily close for our common stock for the five year, twelve month and three month period ended October 26, 2001. Such averages were \$20.26, \$3.03 and \$3.03, respectively. Shattuck Hammond noted that the maximum rights offering price of \$2.92 was 94% of the average price for both the twelve month and three month period.

#### Comparable Company Analysis

In its comparable company analysis, Shattuck Hammond derived various valuation and leverage multiples as well as leverage and operating margins for our company and compared them to similar multiples and margins for the stable REITs and the distressed REITs. As previously discussed, the REITs in each group were selected because their healthcare focus and mix of assets were reasonably similar to our company. Shattuck Hammond focused the comparable company analysis on:

the common share price to funds from operations multiple defined as "Price/FFO" where FFO is defined as net income available to common stockholders plus depreciation and amortization less any gains or losses on sales of assets, and adjusted for any items deemed extraordinary or "one-time" items; and

the Debt/Capitalization ratio, see "Omega Pro Forma Debt to Capitalization Analysis" above.

Shattuck Hammond noted that Omega's Price/FFO multiple was below the median and mean multiples for the distressed and stable REITs. Shattuck Hammond further noted that completion of the Explorer investment and rights offering could result in an increase in our Price/FFO multiple. The table below presents the mean and median price to FFO multiples for the periods shown:

#### **Comparable Public Companies' Price/FFO Multiples**

	LTM 6/30/01	Six Months Annualized 6/30/01	2001 Estimated	2002 Projected
Stable REITs				
Mean	10.4x	10.5x	9.6x	9.2x
Median	10.4x	10.4x	10.2x	9.8x
Distressed REITs				
Mean(1)	5.6x	6.0x	7.0x	7.0x
Median(1)	5.6x	6.0x	7.0x	7.0x
Omega(2)(3)	3.2x	3.1x	3.9x	4.4x

Mean and median excludes Omega.

(2)

2001E and 2002P assume full conversion of Series C preferred stock, and includes additional stock in 2002 due to proposed \$50 million financing.

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(3)

Our FFO per share includes add-back of one-time items and certain adjustments related to 2002 financing.

In addition to the foregoing, Shattuck Hammond reviewed certain other valuation and leverage multiples as well as leverage and operating margins, including:

#### Comparable Public Companies' Equity Value as a Percentage of Total Enterprise Value.

Shattuck Hammond calculated the Equity Value, or EV, for each of the stable REITs and the distressed REITs by multiplying the fully-diluted number of shares outstanding by the share price at October 26, 2001 and dividing the result by the Total Enterprise Value, or TEV. TEV is defined as EV plus long and short-term debt, plus other long-term liabilities, plus preferred stock, less all cash and cash equivalents.

Shattuck Hammond noted that compared to all of the comparable REITs, the EV of Omega is small relative to TEV. Shattuck Hammond further noted that as a result, an increase in Omega's share price has a significant impact on increasing Omega's Price/FFO multiple, but little impact on Omega's TEV to Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization, or EBITDA multiple, or TEV/EBITDA. This is the primary reason why Shattuck Hammond focused its comparable company analysis on the Price/FFO multiple.

The table below presents the EV as a percentage of TEV for the period shown:

#### Comparable Public Companies' EV as a % of TEV

	As of October, 26 2001
Stable REITs	
Mean	62.4%
Median	55.6%
Distressed REITs	
Mean(1)	31.4%
Median(1)	25.4%
Omega	9.2%

(1)

Mean and median for Distressed REITs include Omega.

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*Comparable Public Companies' TEV/EBITDA Multiple.* Shattuck Hammond noted that Omega's TEV/EBITDA multiple is greater than the mean and median multiples of the distressed REITs and less than the mean and median multiples of the stable REITs.

The table below presents mean and median TEV/EBITDA multiples for the periods shown:

#### **Comparable Public Companies' TEV/EBITDA**

	LTM 6/30/01	6 Months Annualized 6/30/01
Stable REITs		
Mean	10.5x	10.7x
Median	10.6x	10.7x
Distressed REITs		
Mean(1)	7.9x	8.4x
Median(1)	7.8x	8.6x
Omega(2)	8.7x	9.0x

(1)

Mean and median for Distressed REITs include Omega.

(2)

Omega EBITDA adjusted to reflect add-back and reduction of certain one-time items.

*Comparable Public Companies' FFO as a Percentage of Debt.* Shattuck Hammond noted that Omega's FFO as a percentage of debt, or FFO/Debt, was below the median and mean percentages for the distressed and stable REITs.

The table below presents the mean and median FFO/Debt percentages for the periods shown:

#### **Comparable Public Companies' FFO/Debt**

	LTM 6/30/01	6 Months Annualized 6/30/01
Stable REITs		
Mean(1)	17.2%	17.2%
Median(1)	17.8%	17.9%
Distressed REITs		
Mean(2)	15.4%	14.6%
Median(2)	12.8%	11.1%
Omega(3)	4.8%	4.9%

(1)

Senior Housing Property Trust excluded from mean and median as an outlier.

(2)

Mean and median for Distressed REITs include Omega.

(3)

Omega FFO adjusted to reflect add-back and reduction of certain one-time items.

*Comparable Public Companies' Debt to EBITDA Multiple.* Shattuck Hammond noted that Omega's Debt to EBITDA, or Debt/EBITDA, multiple was greater than the mean and median multiples for the distressed REITs and the stable REITs.

The table below presents the mean and median Debt/EBITDA multiples for the periods shown:

#### Comparable Public Companies' Debt/EBITDA

	LTM 6/30/01	6 Months Annualized 6/30/01
Stable REITs		
Mean(1)	3.6x	3.7x
Median(1)	3.5x	3.5x
Distressed REITs		
Mean(2)	3.6x	3.8x
Median(2)	3.3x	3.6x
Omega(3)	5.2x	5.4x

Senior Housing Property Trust excluded from mean and median as an outlier.

(2)

Mean and median for Distressed REITs include Omega.

(3)

Omega EBITDA adjusted to reflect add-back and reduction of certain one-time items.

*Comparable Public Companies' EBITDA to Interest Multiple.* Shattuck Hammond noted that Omega's EBITDA to Interest, or EBITDA/Interest, multiple was less than the mean and median multiples for the distressed REITs and the stable REITs.

The table below presents the mean and median EBITDA/Interest multiples for the periods shown:

#### **Comparable Public Companies' EBITDA/Interest**

	LTM 6/30/01	6 Months Annualized 6/30/01
Stable REITs		
Mean(1)	3.5x	3.5x
Median(1)	3.5x	3.7x
Distressed REITs		
Mean(2)	2.7x	2.8x
Median(2)	2.8x	2.8x
Omega(3)	2.1x	2.1x

Senior Housing Property Trust excluded from mean and median as an outlier.

(2)

Mean and median for Distressed REITs include Omega.

Omega EBITDA adjusted to reflect add-back and reduction of certain one-time items.

*Comparable Public Companies' EBITDA as a Percentage of Revenues.* Shattuck Hammond noted that Omega's EBITDA as a percentage of revenue, or EBITDA/Revenue, was less than the mean and median percentages for the distressed REITs and the stable REITs.

<sup>(1)</sup> 

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<sup>(3)</sup> 

The table below presents the mean and median EBITDA/Revenue percentages for the periods shown:

#### **Comparable Public Companies' EBITDA/Revenue**

	LTM 6/30/01	6 Months Annualized 6/30/01
Stable REITs		
Mean(1)	89.7%	90.1%
Median(1)	89.7%	90.5%
Distressed REITs		
Mean(2)	59.8%	58.8%
Median(2)	59.1%	57.4%
Omega(3)	28.8%	29.1%

(3)

*Comparable Public Companies' Net Income as a Percentage of Revenue.* Shattuck Hammond noted that Omega's Net Income as a percentage of revenue, or Net Income/Revenue, was less than the mean and median percentages for the distressed REITs and the stable REITs.

The table below presents the mean and median Net Income/Revenue percentages for the periods shown:

#### **Comparable Public Companies' Net Income/Revenue**

	LTM 6/30/01	6 Months Annualized 6/30/01
Stable REITs		
Mean(1)	41.6%	41.0%
Median(1)	40.1%	40.0%
Distressed REITs		
Mean(2)	29.7%	26.5%
Median(2)	29.7%	30.2%
Omega	7.1%	7.4%

Senior Housing Property Trust excluded from mean and median as an outlier.

Mean and median for Distressed REITs include Omega.

Net Asset Value Analysis

<sup>(1)</sup> 

Senior Housing Property Trust excluded from mean and median as an outlier.

<sup>(2)</sup> 

Mean and median for Distressed REITs include Omega.

Omega EBITDA adjusted to reflect add-back and reduction of certain one-time items.

<sup>(1)</sup> 

<sup>(2)</sup> 

Shattuck Hammond performed a net asset value analysis that compared the estimated net asset value per fully-diluted common share to our actual share price at October 26, 2001. A similar comparative analysis was done with respect to the stable REITs and the distressed REITs. The analysis was based on financial results for the latest twelve months ended June 30, 2001 and the six months ended June 30, 2001 annualized. The net asset value calculation was based on determining a value for owned properties and other income and then adjusting this combined value for various balance sheet

related items such as cash, debt and preferred stock. The value of owned properties was determined by multiplying property cash flow by a multiple. Property cash flow was assumed to be equal to real estate operating revenue less direct real estate operating costs. Other income is assumed to consist primarily of interest income and excludes income or losses related to sales of assets. The value of other income is determined by multiplying other income for the period by a multiple. For the stable REITs, the property cash flow multiple and other income multiple utilized is 10.0x and 6.0x, respectively. For the distressed REITs, the property cash flow multiple and other income multiple utilized is 8.0x and 5.5x, respectively.

The table below presents the calculation of our net asset value, the median and mean net asset values per share for the stable REITs and the distressed REITs and the premium or discount of the actual share prices to the net asset value per share for each group of REITs and our company at October 26, 2001:

#### Summary Net Asset Value per Share (Actual Dollars)

	-	LTM 6/30/01	Premium/ (Discount)	Six Months Annualized 6/30/01	Premium/ (Discount)
Stable REITs					
Mean	\$	25.5	(6.8)% \$	25.0	(4.7)%
Median	\$	24.8	(3.7)% \$	24.8	(2.2)%
Distressed REITs					
Mean(1)	\$	13.31	(22.9)% \$	11.95	(8.3)%
Median(1)	\$	13.31	(22.9)% \$	11.95	(8.3)%
Omega	\$	2.97	7.2% \$	2.39	33.2%

(1)

Distressed REITs exclude Omega.

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#### Calculation of Omega's Net Asset Value (Dollars in Millions)

	-	LTM /30/01	Six Months Annualized 6/30/01
Real Estate Operating Revenue	\$	251.6	\$ 241.1
Direct Operating Expenses		191.2	180.3
Property Cash Flow	\$	60.4	\$ 60.8
Applied Market Multiple		8.0x	8.0x
Property Asset Value	\$	483.4	\$ 486.7
Other Income	\$	31.3	\$ 28.6

	LTM 5/30/01		Six Months Annualized 6/30/01
Applied Market Multiple	5.5x		5.5x
Other Income for NAV Purposes	\$ 172.3	\$	157.2
Balance Sheet (6/30/01)			
Property Asset Value	\$ 483.4	\$	486.7
Other Income	172.3		157.2
Plus: Land	32.1		32.1
Plus: Cash	10.8		10.8
Less: Debt	(425.7)		(425.7)
Less: Preferred	(212.3)		(212.3)
Net Asset Value	\$ 60.5	\$	48.7
Shares Outstanding (Millions)	20.4		20.4
Net Asset Value per Share	\$ 2.97	\$	2.39
Current Share Price (10/26/01)	\$ 3.18	\$	3.18
Share Price Relative to NAV	7.16%	,	33.17%
ngagement of Shattuck Hammond			

The Board of Directors authorized the special committee to engage a financial advisor to provide financial advice and issue a fairness opinion with respect to the rights offering. The special committee solicited proposals from several investment banking firms. After careful consideration, the special committee elected to engage Shattuck Hammond based on a number of factors including the firm's experience in the healthcare sector as well as the competitive terms of its fee proposal. As part of its investment banking business, Shattuck Hammond is continually engaged in the valuation of businesses and their securities in connection with mergers and acquisitions, negotiated underwritings, secondary distributions of securities, private placements and other purposes. Shattuck Hammond acted as financial advisor to the special committee in connection with a review of other financing alternatives that might be available to us and a review of any proposals related to Explorer and will receive a fee from us for such services and an additional fee upon the delivery of its opinion.

As compensation for its services as financial advisor to the special committee, pursuant to a letter agreement dated October 15, 2001, we agreed to pay Shattuck Hammond \$250,000 in cash as follows:

a retainer of \$50,000;

Selection and

\$50,000 upon the submission of a written report to the Board of Directors which addressed a review and analysis of potential financing alternatives for us as well as a review and analysis of financing proposals received by us; and

\$250,000 (less any fees previously received) upon the earlier of the completion of a financing or the delivery of a written opinion as to the fairness of such financing from a financial point of view.

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On October 29, 2001, the October 15, 2001 agreement was amended in recognition of the increased time requirement of Shattuck Hammond, to provide for Shattuck Hammond to receive a fee of \$400,000 (instead of \$250,000) less any fees received, upon the earlier of the completion of a financing and the delivery of its written opinion. In addition, Shattuck Hammond agreed to pay for all of its out-of-pocket expenses.

#### Interests of Directors and Officers in Matters to be Acted Upon.

Hampstead Investment Partners III, L.P. holds the ultimate controlling interest in Explorer, which owns 553,850 shares of common stock and 1,048,420 shares of Series C preferred stock, representing 47.1% of our outstanding voting power. Daniel A. Decker, the Chairman of our Board of Directors, is a member of Hampstead. Donald J. McNamara, the Chairman of Hampstead, is one of our directors. Christopher W. Mahowald, a member of the Board of Directors, through a separate investment fund, contributed \$5 million towards Explorer's \$100 million

investment in our company in July 2000.

#### **Recommendation of Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote **FOR** the approval of the issuance of common stock to Explorer either upon consummation of its investment or, if such investment is completed prior to the date of the Special Meeting, upon conversion of the Series D preferred stock.

#### PROPOSAL 2 APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT TO OUR ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AMENDING TERMS OF OUR ARTICLES SUPPLEMENTARY FOR SERIES C CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK

Explorer Holdings, L.P., which owns all of our outstanding Series C preferred stock and 553,850 shares of our common stock, representing 47.1% of our voting stock, will not purchase common stock in this rights offering. Although Explorer will not participate in the rights offering, Explorer has agreed to purchase \$23.6 million of our stock in a private placement concurrent with the closing of the rights offering, at the same price per common share as in this rights offering. The amount that Explorer has committed to invest in the private placement represents its pro rata portion, with respect to shares of our Series C preferred stock and common stock it holds, of the \$50 million in additional equity capital we are seeking to raise. Explorer has also agreed to increase the size of its private placement investment in our company by an additional amount equal to the aggregate subscription price of any shares that are not subscribed for in this offering. As a result of this commitment, we are assured of receiving a total of \$50 million in gross proceeds upon the completion of the rights offering and the private placement to Explorer. The shares to be issued to Explorer are not registered as a part of the rights offering and will be restricted securities under the Securities Act of 1933.

As a condition to Explorer's investment in our company, we have agreed to amend certain of the agreements relating to Explorer's July 2000 investment in our company. These amendments will be effective as of the closing of the private placement to Explorer. The effect of these amendments is to remove the provisions in our agreements that prohibit Explorer from voting in excess of 49.9% of our common stock and from taking certain actions without the prior approval of our Board of Directors. The proposed amendments also (i) modify the right of the holders of our Series C preferred stock to appoint directors upon our failure to pay dividends for a specified period of time, (ii) provide that the subscription price in the rights offering will not result in an adjustment to the conversion price of our Series C preferred stock, and (iii) make certain other technical changes to reflect the possible issuance of the Series D preferred stock. The amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to amend the terms of our Articles Supplementary for the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock to effect these changes requires stockholder approval.

The following summary of the material changes to the Articles Supplementary for the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock and the Explorer investment agreements is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the complete text of each amendment and the other material documents described below. A copy of the Amended and Restated Articles Supplementary for the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock, which is marked to show the proposed modifications to our Articles Supplementary for the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock filed in July 2000, is attached as Appendix D to this Proxy Statement. The Explorer investment agreements have been previously filed as exhibits to a Schedule 13D/A filed on behalf of Explorer on October 29, 2001. You should read the full text of the amendments to the Explorer agreements and other material agreements because those agreements, and not this Proxy Statement, are the legal documents that govern the investment by Explorer. In the event there are any discrepancies between the terms of the Explorer agreements and the amendments thereto in the following summary, the Explorer agreements and amendments will control.

#### Proposed Amendment of Our Articles Supplementary for the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock

Pursuant to the Articles Supplementary for the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock and our investment agreement with Explorer, we are required to seek the approval of our stockholders to amend the Series C Articles Supplementary for the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock presently owned by Explorer. A copy of the Amended and Restated Articles Supplementary for the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock, which is marked to show the proposed modifications to our Articles Supplementary for the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock filed in July 2000, is attached as

Appendix D to this Proxy Statement. Pursuant to the Amended Series C Articles Supplementary, the terms of the Series C preferred stock will be amended to:

(i)

remove the restriction that prevents the voting or conversion of the Series C preferred stock in excess of 49.9% of our voting securities owned by Explorer;

(ii)

(iv)

provide that if we fail to pay dividends owed upon the Series C preferred stock or the Series D preferred stock for a period of time, the holders of the Series C preferred stock and the Series D preferred stock, voting together as a single class, will be entitled to designate two additional directors to our Board of Directors;

(iii) provide that the subscription price in the rights offering will not result in an adjustment to the conversion price of our

make other technical changes to reflect the existence of the Series D preferred stock.

As a result of this amendment, if Explorer holds greater than fifty percent of the outstanding shares of voting stock of our company, it will have the ability to control certain aspects of our company. In addition, if we are in arrears on our dividends for four or more periods, Explorer could gain more control of our Board of Directors.

The above amendments will not be effective unless approved by our stockholders. The proposed amendments must be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of all issued and outstanding shares of common stock and Series C preferred stock voting together as a class and at least two-thirds of the shares of the issued and outstanding Series C preferred stock. Explorer has committed to vote its shares, representing approximately 47.1% of our voting shares on an as converted basis, in favor of these amendments. We will file an amended Series C Articles Supplementary with the Department of Assessments and Taxation of the State of Maryland following receipt of stockholder approval and the closing of the private placement to Explorer.

#### Modifications to Agreements with Explorer

Series C preferred stock; and

Amended and Restated Stockholders Agreement. We will enter into an amended and restated stockholders agreement at the closing of the private placement to Explorer. If Explorer owns more than 50% of our common stock, Explorer would be able to elect all of the members of the Board of Directors. However, pursuant to the amended and restated stockholders agreement, Explorer will be entitled to designate to our Board of Directors that number of directors that would generally be proportionate to Explorer's ownership of voting securities of our company, not to exceed five directors (six following increase in the size of the Board of Directors to ten directors). We will limit the number of directors on our Board so as not exceed nine without the consent of Explorer (ten following stockholder approval of the increase in size of the Board of Directors to ten). We will also take such action to ensure generally that Explorer's representation on all committees of the Board is proportionate to its representation on the entire Board of Directors other than any special committee established to consider transactions in which Explorer or any of its affiliates may have a conflict of interest.

Explorer will, so long as it owns at least 15% of our voting securities, vote its shares in favor of three "independent directors" as defined under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange who are not affiliates of Explorer. Upon the increase of the size of the Board of Directors to ten members, Explorer will vote its shares in accordance with the previous sentence in favor of an additional director who is not affiliated with Explorer. Upon the increase of the size of the Board to ten members, we will appoint C. Taylor Pickett, our Chief Executive Officer, as a new director. Mr. Pickett will then constitute the fourth non-Explorer director.

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Pursuant to the amended stockholders agreement, Explorer will no longer be subject to certain restrictions under the prior stockholders agreement preventing it from acquiring more than 5% of our voting securities without prior approval of our Board of Directors, but Explorer will be restricted from acquiring beneficial ownership of more than 80% of our voting securities without the approval of a committee of the Board consisting entirely of independent directors. Other restrictions on Explorer under the prior stockholders agreement, including the agreement of Explorer not to solicit proxies in opposition to, or prior to the issuance of a recommendation by, the Board; not to join, form or participate in a

group relating to the ownership or voting of our securities or control of our company; not to deposit any securities in a voting trust or other voting arrangement; and not to tender any securities in a tender offer not approved by the Board will also no longer apply to Explorer. Explorer will also no longer be subject to the right of first offer transfer restrictions in the prior stockholders agreement.

Pursuant to the amended stockholders agreement, Explorer will not transfer our voting securities to a transferee who, as a result of such transfer, would beneficially own 10% or more of our outstanding voting securities unless such transferee agrees to be bound by certain provisions of the amended stockholders agreement including those relating to the election of independent directors.

Amended and Restated Registration Rights Agreement. Pursuant to an amended and restated registration rights agreement, we have agreed, subject to certain limitations and under certain circumstances, to register for sale any shares of our stock held by Explorer. We will enter into the amended and restated registration rights agreement with Explorer at the closing of the private placement to Explorer.

*Stockholders Rights Plan Amendment.* Pursuant to our investment agreement with Explorer, we have amended our stockholders rights plan to provide that neither Explorer nor its affiliates shall be an "acquiring person" for purposes of activating the rights that were issued pursuant to our stockholders rights plan. The amendment also exempts direct and indirect transferees of Explorer, other than in transfers through an underwriter or national securities exchange, from the definition of an "acquiring person."

Advisory Agreement Side Letter. We have agreed that upon the closing of the rights offering The Hampstead Group, L.L.C., an affiliate of Explorer, will have fulfilled all of its obligations under the amended and restated advisory agreement to provide certain specified financial advisory, consulting and operational services, including, but not limited to, assistance in our efforts to refinance, repay or extend certain indebtedness and assistance in efforts to manage our capitalization and liquidity. As a result, the advisory fee payable to Hampstead under the advisory agreement will be earned but will only be payable at such time as all of the conditions to payment of the advisory fee contained in the advisory agreement are met. These conditions include the extension, repayment or refinancing of the outstanding balances of our senior unsecured notes maturing on June 15, 2002 as well as the extension, refinancing or repayment of our \$175 million senior secured revolving credit facility. The advisory fee that will be payable is equal to 1% of the amount of refinanced indebtedness (based on the maximum amount available to be drawn in the case of revolving credit facilities) up to a maximum fee of \$3.1 million. Following completion of the rights offering and the effectiveness of the agreements with our bank groups, the full \$3.1 million advisory fee will have been earned. However, Hampstead has agreed to defer payment of this fee until all the indebtedness maturing in 2002 shall have been repaid, refinanced, or extended. If Hampstead provides additional services, we will be required to pay them a customary advisory fee.

# Vote Required for Approval of the Amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to Amend Certain Terms of the Articles Supplementary for the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock

The proposed amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to amend certain terms of the Articles Supplementary for the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock must be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting power of our issued and outstanding shares of common stock and Series C preferred stock voting together as a class and the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all issued and outstanding shares of Series C preferred stock, voting separately as a class. Explorer has committed to vote its shares of common stock and Series C preferred stock, representing approximately 47.1% of the voting shares and all of the outstanding shares of Series C preferred stock, in favor of this proposal.

#### **Reason for Seeking Stockholder Approval**

The Articles Supplementary for the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock and our Articles of Incorporation require that a majority of all shares of common stock and Series C preferred stock voting together as a class, and at least two-thirds of the Series C preferred stock, voting separately, as a class vote in favor of any amendments to the Articles Supplementary for the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock.

#### **Recommendation of Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote **FOR** the approval of the amendment to our Articles of Incorporation to amend certain terms of the Articles Supplementary for the Series C Convertible Preferred Stock.

#### PROPOSAL 3 APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND BYLAWS INCREASING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DIRECTORS

Article V, Section 3 of our Articles of Incorporation and Article III, Section 1 of our Bylaws currently provide that Omega shall have not less than five nor more than nine directors. Any increase in the number of authorized directors requires the affirmative vote of the holders of 80% of the shares of our common stock. The Board of Directors has approved and recommends that you approve amendments to our Articles of Incorporation and to our Bylaws that increase the maximum number of directors from nine to eleven, and that provide that any future increase in the number of directors can be effected by an amendment to our Bylaws approved by our Board or our stockholders.

The purpose of these amendments to our Articles of Incorporation and to our Bylaws is to enable Omega to take timely advantage of the availability of well-qualified candidates and to increase our ability to attract high-quality individuals to serve as directors of Omega. The Board of Directors has deemed these amendments to be in the best interest of Omega because it believes that the presence of additional talented individuals with industry experience will enhance our ability to meet the challenges we face in an increasingly competitive market. We have also agreed with Explorer that if stockholders approve the amendments to increase the size of our Board of Directors, the total number of directors will be fixed at ten. If stockholders approve the increase in the size of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors intends to appoint our Chief Executive Officer, C. Taylor Pickett, to serve as a member of our Board of Directors.

In addition, as a result of the proposed amendments, future increases in the maximum number of directors can be made by an amendment to our Bylaws approved by the Board of Directors or the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the voting power of our issued and outstanding voting securities. The purpose of this change is to give the Board of Directors greater flexibility in determining the proper size of the Board of Directors, without the requirement that Omega obtain stockholder approval of any such change.

Accordingly, it is proposed that the last paragraph of Article V, Section 3 of our Articles of Incorporation be amended to read as follows:

"The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in such manner as may be provided in the Bylaws."

Accordingly, it is also proposed that the first two sentences of Article III, Section 1 of our Bylaws be amended to read as follows:

"The number of Directors shall be not less than five (5) nor more than eleven (11) until changed by amendment of these Bylaws subject, however, to any rights of the holders of any series of preferred stock to elect additional directors. Subject to any rights of holders of preferred stock, the exact number of Directors shall be ten (10) until changed, within the limits specified, by a Bylaw amending this section duly adopted by the Board of Directors or Stockholders."

Any person who is appointed as a director would stand for re-election at the next annual meeting of stockholders following his or her appointment.

#### Required Vote for Approval of the Amendment to our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

The affirmative vote of the holders of 80% of the shares of common stock is required to approve the amendments to our Articles of Incorporation and our Bylaws to increase the size of the Board of Directors.

#### **Recommendation of Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors unanimously recommends a vote "**FOR**" the approval of the amendment to our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws to increase the maximum size of the Board of Directors from nine to eleven members.

#### SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The historical operating data set forth below for the nine months ended September 30, 2000 and 2001 and the balance sheet data as of September 30, 2001 are derived from our unaudited consolidated financial statements and notes included in this Proxy Statement and, in the opinion of our management, include all adjustments, consisting of only normal recurring adjustments, considered necessary for a fair presentation. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of the results that can be expected for a full fiscal year. The historical operating data set forth below for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2000 and the balance sheet data as of December 31, 2000 and 1999 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements and notes included in this Proxy Statement, which have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors. The historical operating data set forth below for each of the years in the balance sheet data as of December 31, 1997 and 1996 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statement but which we have previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent auditors. The following selected financial data have been derived from and should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

	Nine Mon Ended September			Year Ende	31,		
	 2001	2000	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
	 (unaudite	ed)	(In t	nousands, ex	cept per share	amounts)	
Operating Data							
Revenues(1) Net Earnings (Loss) Available to Common (before gain/loss on assets sold and provision for impairment in 2001, 2000,	\$ 201,666 \$	195,673 \$	275,793 \$	148,129 \$	109,314 \$	90,820 \$	73,127
1999 and 1998 and gain from early extinguishment of debt in 2001)	(19,951)	(13,500)	(14,784)	40,047	41,777	41,305	34,590
Net Earnings (Loss) Available to Common	(26,242)	(57,507)	(66,485)	10,040	68,015	41,305	34,590
Per Share Amounts: Net Earnings (Loss) (before gain/loss on assets sold and provision for impairment in 2001, 2000, 1999 and 1998 and gain from early extinguishment of debt in 2001):							
Basic	(1.00)	(0.67) \$	(0.74) \$	2.01 \$	2.09 \$	2.16 \$	2.01
Diluted	(1.00)	(0.67)	(0.74)	2.01	2.08	2.16	2.01
Net Earnings (Loss) Available to Common:							
Basic	(1.31)	(2.87)	(3.32)	0.51	3.39	2.16	2.01
Diluted	(1.31)	(2.87)	(3.32)	0.51	3.39	2.16	2.01
Net Earnings (Loss) before gain on early extinguishment of debt:							
Basic	(1.46)	(2.87)	(3.32)	0.51	3.39	2.16	2.01
Diluted	(1.46)	(2.87)	(3.32)	0.51	3.39	2.16	2.01
Dividends, Common Stock(2)		0.75	1.00	2.80	2.68	2.58	2.48
Dividends, Series A Preferred(2)		1.73	2.31	2.31	2.31	1.16	
Dividends, Series B Preferred(2)		1.62	2.16	2.16	1.08		
Dividends, Series C Preferred(3)			0.25				
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding, Basic Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding, Diluted	20,032 20,032	20,058 20,058	20,052 20,052	19,877 19,877	20,034 20,041	19,085 19,137	17,196 17,240

Nine Months Ended September 30,			December 31,		
2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996

	]	e Months Ended ember 30,		Dece	ember 31,		
	(un	audited)					
Balance Sheet Data							
Gross Investments	\$	944,148 \$	974,507 \$	1,072,398 \$	1,069,646 \$	839,927 \$	643,261
Total Assets		911,265	948,451	1,038,731	1,037,207	816,108	634,836
Revolving Lines of Credit		203,641	185,641	166,600	123,000	58,300	6,000
Other Long-Term Borrowings		222,396	249,161	339,764	342,124	208,966	135,659
Subordinated Convertible Debentures			16,590	48,405	48,405	62,485	94,810
Stockholders' Equity		456,659	464,313	457,081	505,762	468,221	383,007

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Revenues for the nine months ended September 2001 and 2000 and the years ended December 2000 and December 1999 include \$133,613, \$123,461, \$175,559, and \$26,223, respectively, of revenues from nursing home operations from facilities recovered from customers and managed for our own account.

Dividends per share are those declared and paid during each period.

Dividends per share are those declared during each period, based on the number of shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of the outstanding Series C. See Note 15 to our December 31, 2000 consolidated financial statements included in this Proxy Statement.

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#### PRINCIPAL STOCKHOLDERS

The following table sets forth information regarding beneficial ownership of our common stock as of December 31, 2001 by:

each of our directors and named executive officers;

all directors and executive officers as a group; and

all persons known to us to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of our outstanding common stock.

Except as indicated in the footnotes to this table, the persons named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of our common stock shown as beneficially owned by them, subject to community property laws where applicable. The business address of the directors and executive officers is 9690 Deereco Road, Timonium, Suite 100, Maryland 21093.

	Common Stock							
	Before the Rights Offering and Explorer Investment		After the Rights Offering and Explorer Investment(15)		Series A Preferred		Series B Preferred	
Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares	Percent of Class(1)	Number of Shares	Percent of Class(16)	Number of Shares	Percent of Class(18)	Number of Shares	Percent of Class(19)
Directors and Executive Officers:								
C. Taylor Pickett	50,000(2)	0.1%	73,256	0.1%				
Robert O. Stephenson Daniel J. Booth	1,000	*	1,466	*				
R. Lee Crabill								

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	. Erickson	54,407(3)	0.1%	56,302	0.1%				
F. Scott Ke	I. FitzPatrick	39,888(4)(5)	0.1%	58,442	0.1%				
Laurence I		13,114(6)	*	19,214	*				
Thomas F.		39,682(7)(8)	0.1%	57,985	0.1%	4,000	*		
	Kloosterman	64,837(8)(9)	0.1%	94,840	0.2%	4,000			
Bernard J.		366,307(8)	1.0%	536,528	1.0%	200	*	1,300 *	
Edward Lo		8,707(8)(10)	*	12,602	*	200		1,000	
	er W. Mahowald	4,407(8)	*	6,302	*				
	McNamara	17,695,627(8)(11)(12)	48.1%	25,934,794	48.1%	3,600(17)	*	4,300 *	
Daniel A.	Decker	17,332,977(8)(12)	47.1%	25,403,467	47.1%				
Stephen D		4,407(8)	*	6,302	*				
officers as	0 1								
(16 person	is)	18,346,790(13)	49.9%	26,864,335	49.8%	7,800	*	5,600 *	
	icial Owners:								
(on behalf Lynch Ass Group) World Fina North Tow 250 Vesey	set Management ancial Center ver y Street	1,136,750(14)	3.1%	1,665,471	3.1%				
Hampstead Partners II	s Commerce	17,328,570(12)	47.1%	25,139,563	46.6%				
(1)		518 shares of our common st f Series C Preferred Stock. S			er 31, 2001, inclu	ding 16,774,722 sha	res of our co	mmon stock issuable	
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(2)	Represents unvest	ed shares of Restricted Stock	granted in J	uly 2001.					
(3)	Includes stock options that are exercisable within 60 days to acquire 50,333 shares.								
		vned jointly by Mr. Kellman es held solely by Mrs. Kelln		plus 171 shares	held solely in Mr	s. Kellman's name. N	Ar. Kellman	disclaims any beneficial	
(5)	Includes 647 unvested shares of Restricted Stock granted in January 1999.								
(6)	Includes 215 unvested shares of Restricted Stock granted in January 1999.								
(7)	Includes 26,037 shares owned by a family limited liability company (Franke Family LLC) of which Mr. Franke is a member.								
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Includes stock options that are exercisable within 60 days to acquire 333 shares.

Includes shares owned jointly by Mr. Kloosterman and his wife, and 23,269 shares held solely in Mrs. Kloosterman's name.

Includes 1,000 shares held in a private profit sharing plan for the benefit of Mr. Lowenthal.

(11) Includes 251,000 shares held by a partnership established by Mr. McNamara for the benefit of certain members of Mr. McNamara's family, 5,150 shares held by a charitable foundation established by Mr. McNamara, and 1,000 shares held by a trust established by Mr. McNamara for non-family members of which Mr. McNamara is the trustee. Mr. McNamara disclaims any beneficial ownership of the shares held by the partnership, the foundation and the trust.

Based on Amendment No. 4 to Schedule 13D filed by Hampstead Investment Partners III, L.P. on November 29, 2001. Represents shares of our common stock issuable upon conversion of 1,048,420 shares of Series C preferred stock and 553,850 shares of common stock owned by Explorer. Hampstead holds the ultimate controlling interest in Explorer. Messrs. McNamara and Decker disclaim beneficial ownership of the Series C preferred stock and the common stock, which they may be deemed to beneficially own because of their ownership interests in Hampstead, which holds the ultimate controlling interest in Explorer.

- (13) Includes options that are exercisable within 60 days to acquire 52,997 shares. Also includes 50,862 unvested shares of Restricted Stock. Includes shares of our common stock issuable upon conversion of Series C preferred stock owned by Explorer. See Note 12.
  - Based on the Schedule 13G filed by Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 7, 2000.

Assumes full exercise of the subscription rights by each stockholder in the rights offering. If none of the subscription rights are exercised in the rights offering, Explorer would beneficially own 34,451,860 shares or 63.9%, of our common stock, represented by 553,850 shares of common stock, 1,048,420 shares of Series C preferred stock and 500,000 shares of Series D preferred stock, depending on whether or not we have obtained stockholder approval for Explorer's investment at the time of the investment.

Based on 53,896,906 shares of our common stock, including 17,123,288 issued pursuant to this offering and private placement and 16,774,722 shares of our common stock issuable upon conversion of Series C preferred stock. See Note 12.

Includes 800 shares held by a trust established by Mr. McNamara for non-family members of which Mr. McNamara is the trustee. Mr. McNamara disclaims any beneficial ownership of shares held by the trust.

Based on 2,300,000 shares of Series A preferred stock outstanding on December 31, 2001.

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Based on 2,000,000 shares of Series B preferred stock outstanding on December 31, 2001.

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#### MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion contains forward-looking statements. These statements relate to our expectations, beliefs, intentions, plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events, performance and underlying assumptions and other statements other than statements of historical facts. In some cases you can identify forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking terminology including "may" "will" "anticipates" "expects" "believes" "intends" "should" or comparable terms or the negative thereof. These statements are based on information available on the date of this Proxy Statement and only speak as of the date hereof and no obligation to update such forward-looking statements should be assumed. Our actual results may differ materially from those reflected in the forward-looking statements contained herein as a result of a variety of factors, including those discussed under "Forward-Looking Statements."

#### Overview

The long-term care industry has experienced unprecedented financial challenges in the recent past that have had an adverse impact on us during 2000 and 2001. These challenges are due principally to the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 which introduced the prospective payment system for the reimbursement of Medicare patients in skilled nursing facilities, implementing an acuity-based reimbursement system in lieu of the cost-based reimbursement system historically used. The prospective payment system significantly reduced payments to nursing home operators. That reduction, in turn, has negatively affected the revenues of our nursing home facilities and the ability of our nursing home operators to service their capital costs to us. Many nursing home operators, including a number of our large nursing home operators, have sought protection under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Act.

In response to the adverse impact of the prospective payment system reimbursement cuts, the Federal government passed the Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999 and the Benefits Improvement and Protection Act of 2000, both of which increase payments to nursing home operators. These increases have positively affected the revenues of our nursing home facilities and the ability of our nursing home operators to service their capital costs to us. In addition, the facilities that we own and currently operate for our own account have been likewise positively affected by the Balanced Budget Refinement Act and Benefits Improvement and Protection Act.

The initial impact of the prospective payment system negatively affected our financial results and our access to capital sources to fund growth and refinance existing indebtedness. To obtain sufficient liquidity to enable us to address the maturity in July 2000 and February 2001 of indebtedness totaling \$129.8 million, we issued \$100.0 million of Series C preferred stock to Explorer in July 2000 as described in more detail in Note 10 to our audited consolidated financial statements included in this Proxy Statement. Simultaneously with the issuance of the Series C preferred stock, we also refinanced our then existing credit facilities.

As a consequence of the financial difficulties encountered by a number of our nursing home operators, we have recovered various long-term care assets pledged as collateral for the operators' obligations either in connection with a restructuring or settlement with certain operators or pursuant to foreclosure proceedings. Under normal circumstances, we would classify such assets as "assets held for sale" and seek to re-lease or otherwise dispose of such assets as promptly as practicable. However, a number of companies were actively marketing portfolios of similar assets and, in light of the market conditions in the long-term care industry generally, it had become more difficult both to sell these properties and for potential buyers to obtain financing to acquire them. As a result, during 2000, \$24.3 million of assets previously classified as held for sale were reclassified to "owned and operated assets" as the timing and strategy for sale or, alternatively, re-leasing, were revised in light of prevailing market conditions.

As of September 30, 2001, we owned 60 long-term healthcare facilities that had been recovered from customers and are currently operated for our own account. During 1999, 2000 and 2001, we experienced a significant increase in nursing home revenues attributable to the increase in owned and operated assets. In addition, in connection with the recovery of these assets, we often fund working capital and deferred capital expenditure needs for a transitional period until license transfers and other regulatory matters are completed and reimbursement from third-party payors recommences. Our management intends to sell or re-lease these assets as promptly as possible consistent with achieving valuations that reflect our management's estimate of fair realizable value of the assets. We do not know, however, if or when the dispositions will be completed or terms that will enable us to realize the fair value of such assets.

In November 2000, Explorer agreed to defer receipt until April 2, 2001 of \$4.7 million in dividends declared in October 2000 on the Series C preferred stock. We requested this deferral in light of the maturity in February 2001 of \$16.6 million of subordinated debentures. In February 2001, we suspended payment of all dividends on all common and preferred stock. This action was intended to preserve cash to facilitate our ability to obtain financing to fund debt maturing in 2002. Additionally, on March 30, 2001, we exercised our option to pay the deferred Series C preferred stock dividend and associated deferral fee by issuing 48,420 additional shares of Series C preferred stock to Explorer. These shares are convertible into 774,722 shares of our common stock at \$6.25 per share. We do not know when or if we will resume dividend payments on our common stock or, if resumed, what the amount or timing of any dividend will be. We do not anticipate paying dividends on any class of capital stock at least until our \$98 million of debt maturing in the first half of 2002 has been repaid, and in any event, all accrued and unpaid dividends on our Series A, B and C preferred stock must be paid in full before dividends on our common stock can be resumed. We have made sufficient distributions to satisfy the distribution requirements under the REIT rules of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to maintain our REIT status for 2000 and intend to satisfy the requirements under the REIT rules for 2001.

In August 2001, we paid \$10 million to settle a lawsuit brought against us by Karrington Health, Inc. The recognition of this non-recurring expense associated with the settlement has resulted in violations of certain financial covenants in the loan agreements relating to our revolving credit facilities. We previously obtained a waiver from the lenders under our two revolving credit facilities through September 14, 2001 in respect of our default under these covenants. The lenders under our \$175 million credit facility have granted us a waiver through December 13, 2001. The waiver granted by our lenders under our \$75 million secured credit facility has expired and discussions regarding an extension are continuing.

The following is our discussion of the consolidated results of operations, financial position and liquidity and capital resources, which should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes.

#### **Results of Operations**

Year Ended December 31, 2000 compared to Year Ended December 31, 1999

Our revenues for the year ended December 31, 2000 totaled \$275.8 million, an increase of \$127.7 million over 1999 revenues. This increase is principally due to the inclusion of revenue from nursing home operations for assets owned and operated for our account recovered pursuant to foreclosure and settlements with troubled operators in 2000 and revenues associated with foreclosure assets that were previously classified as "assets held for sale" and reclassified to "owned and operated assets" during the third quarter of 2000. Excluding nursing home revenues of owned and operated assets, revenues were \$96.8 million for the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2000, a decrease of \$26.1 million from the comparable prior year period.

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Our rental income for the year ended December 31, 2000 totaled \$67.3 million, a decrease of \$9.1 million over 1999 rental income. The decrease is due to \$8.7 million from reductions in lease revenue due to foreclosures, bankruptcies and restructurings, and \$4.9 million from reduced investments caused by 1999 and 2000 asset sales. These decreases are offset by \$2.4 million in additional revenue from 1999 investments held for a full year, \$1.3 million relating to contractual increases in rents that became effective in 2000 as defined under the related agreements and \$0.8 million from a mortgage that converted to a lease in 1999.

Our mortgage interest income for the year ended December 31, 2000 totaled \$24.1 million, decreasing \$12.2 million over 1999 mortgage interest income. The decrease is due to \$7.3 million from reductions due to foreclosures, bankruptcies and restructurings, \$4.7 million from reduced investments caused by the payoffs of mortgages and \$0.8 million reduction from a mortgage that converted to a lease in 1999. These decreases are offset by \$0.5 million relating to contractual increases in interest income that became effective in 2000 as defined under the related agreements.

Our nursing home revenues of owned and operated assets for the year ended December 31, 2000 totaled \$175.6 million, increasing \$149.3 million over 1999 nursing home revenues. The increase is due to the increased number of facilities classified as owned and operated assets in 2000 as a result of bankruptcies, foreclosures and restructurings.

Our expenses for the year ended December 31, 2000 totaled \$335.3 million, increasing approximately \$217.4 million over expenses of \$117.9 million for 1999.

Our nursing home expenses for owned and operated assets increased to \$179.0 million from \$25.2 million in 1999 due to the increase in the number of nursing homes operated for our account.

Our interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2000 was approximately \$42.4 million, compared with \$42.9 million for 1999. The decrease in 2000 is primarily due to lower average outstanding borrowings during the 2000 period, partially offset by higher average interest rates.

The 2000 provision for depreciation and amortization of real estate totaled \$23.3 million, decreasing \$0.9 million over 1999. The decrease primarily consists of \$2.0 million depreciation expense for properties sold or held for sale and a reduction in amortization of non-compete agreements of \$0.8 million offset by \$1.6 million additional depreciation expense from properties previously classified as mortgages and new investments placed in service in 1999 and 2000.

Our general and administrative expenses for 2000 totaled \$6.4 million as compared to \$5.2 million for 1999, an increase of \$1.2 million or 22.8%. The increase is due in part to the incremental administrative costs incurred in 2000 to manage the owned and operated assets, \$0.5 million of non-cash compensation expense relating to the dividend equivalent rights granted to management, and increased consulting costs related to the foreclosure assets.

Our legal expenses for 2000 totaled \$2.5 million as compared to \$0.4 million in 1999. The increase is largely attributable to legal costs associated with the operator bankruptcy filings and negotiations with our troubled operators.

We recognized a \$4.7 million charge for severance payments in 2000. The charges are comprised of severance and consulting payments to our former Chief Executive Officer and former Chief Financial Officer.

We also recognized a provision for loss on mortgages and notes receivable of \$15.3 million in 2000, adjusting the carrying value of mortgages and notes receivable to their net realizable value.

A provision for impairment of \$61.7 million is included in expenses for 2000. This provision included \$14.4 million for assets held for sale to reduce properties to fair value less cost to dispose, \$43.0 million for facilities recovered from operators and now held as owned and operated assets to fair

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value, \$1.9 million for other real estate assets and \$2.4 million of goodwill which, due to the diminished value of the related real estate assets, our management has determined is impaired.

During 2000, we sold certain of our core and other assets realizing proceeds of \$34.7 million, resulting in a gain of \$10.0 million. During 1999, we completed asset sales yielding net proceeds of \$18.2 million, realizing losses of \$10.5 million.

Our funds from operations for the year ended December 31, 2000 on a fully diluted basis totaled \$19.2 million, a decrease of \$52.6 million as compared to the \$71.9 million for 1999 due to factors mentioned above. After adjusting for the non-recurring provision for loss on mortgages and notes receivable and severance and consulting costs, funds from operations for the year was \$39.3 million, a decrease of \$32.6 million from the year ended December 31, 1999. Funds from operations is net earnings available to common stockholders, excluding any gains or losses from debt restructuring and the effects of asset dispositions, plus depreciation and amortization associated with real estate investments. Diluted funds from operations is the lower of funds from operations and funds from operations adjusted for the assumed conversion of Series C Preferred Stock and Subordinated Convertible Debentures and the exercise of in-the-money stock options. We consider funds from operating activities, financing activities and investing activities, it provides investors an understanding of our ability to incur and service debt and to make expenditures. Funds from operations in and of itself does not represent cash generated from operating activities in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and therefore should not be considered an alternative to net earnings as an indication of operating performance, or to net cash flow from operating activities as determined by generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, as a measure of liquidity and is not necessarily indicative of cash available to fund acounting principles in the United States, as a measure of liquidity and is not necessarily indicative of cash available to fund cash needs.

No provision for federal income taxes has been made since we continue to qualify as a REIT under the provisions of Sections 856 through 860 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Accordingly, we have not been subject to federal income taxes on amounts distributed to stockholders, as we have distributed at least 95% of our REIT taxable income for taxable years before 2001 and have met certain other conditions. In 2001, and future taxable years, we are required to distribute at least 90% of our REIT taxable income.

#### Year Ended December 31, 1999 compared to Year Ended December 31, 1998

Revenues for the year ended December 31, 1999 totaled \$148.1 million, increasing \$38.8 million over 1998 revenues.

Our rental income for the year ended December 31, 1999 totaled \$76.4 million, an increase of \$4.3 million over 1998 rental income. The 1999 revenue growth stems primarily from \$11.7 million in revenue from additional investments during 1999 and a full year of revenue from investments made in 1998, \$1.2 million relating to contractual increases in rents that became effective in 1999 as defined under the related agreements, and \$1.3 million from mortgages that converted to leases in 1999. These increases are offset by \$9.9 million from reductions in lease revenue due to foreclosure, bankruptcy and asset sales.

Our mortgage interest income for the year ended December 31, 1999 totaled \$36.4 million, an increase of \$6.0 million over 1998 mortgage interest income. The 1999 revenue growth stems primarily from \$9.3 million in revenue from additional investments during 1999 and a full year of revenue from investments made in 1998, and \$0.3 million relating to contractual increases in mortgage interest that became effective in 1999 as defined under the related agreements. These increases are offset by \$2.4 million from reductions in interest revenue due to the payment of mortgages and \$1.3 million from mortgages that converted to leases in 1999.

Our nursing home revenues of owned and operated assets for the year ended December 31, 1999 totaled \$26.2 million. This is due to the consolidation of nursing home revenues for owned and operated assets as a result of foreclosures occurring in 1999.

Our expenses for the year ended December 31, 1999 totaled \$117.9 million, increasing approximately \$51.8 million over expenses of \$66.1 million for 1998.

Our nursing home expenses attributable to owned and operated assets increased \$25.2 million due to recovery of nursing homes operated for our own account.

The 1999 provision for depreciation and amortization of real estate totaled \$24.2 million, increasing \$2.7 million over 1998. This increase stems from a full year provision for 1998 investments, plus a partial year provision for 1999 investments.

Our interest expense for the year ended December 31, 1999 was approximately \$42.9 million, compared with \$32.4 million for 1998. The increase in 1999 is primarily due to higher average outstanding borrowings during the 1999 period, partially offset by lower average interest rates.

During 1999, we completed asset sales yielding net proceeds of \$18.2 million, realizing losses of \$10.5 million. In addition, our management initiated a plan in the 1999 fourth quarter for additional asset sales to be completed in 2000. The additional assets identified as assets held for sale had a cost of \$33.8 million, a net carrying value of \$28.6 million and annualized revenue of approximately \$3.4 million. As a result of this review, we recorded a provision for impairment in 1999 of \$19.5 million to adjust the carrying value of assets held for sale to their fair value, less cost of disposal.

During 1998, we initiated a plan to dispose of certain properties judged to have limited long-term potential and to re-deploy the proceeds. Following a review of the portfolio, assets identified for sale in 1998 had a cost of \$95.0 million, a net carrying value of \$83.0 million, and annualized revenues of approximately \$11.4 million. In 1998, we recorded a provision for impairment of \$6.8 million to adjust the carrying value of those assets judged to be impaired to their fair value, less cost of disposal. During 1998, we completed sales of two groups of assets, yielding sales proceeds of \$42.0 million. Gains realized in 1998 from the dispositions approximated \$2.8 million.

Our funds from operations for the year ended December 31, 1999 on a fully diluted basis totaled \$71.9 million, an increase of \$2.1 million over the \$69.8 million for 1998. The 1999 increase in funds from operations is primarily due to new additions to investments, offset by early payment of mortgages and disposition of real estate assets.

No provision for Federal income taxes has been made since we continue to qualify as a real estate investment trust under the provisions of Sections 856 through 860 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

#### Three- and Nine-Month Periods ended September 30, 2001 compared to Three- and Nine-Month Periods ended September 30, 2000

Revenues for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2001 totaled \$66.8 million and \$201.7 million, respectively, a decrease of \$1.2 million and an increase of \$6.0 million, respectively, over the periods ending September 30, 2000. Excluding nursing home revenues of owned and operated assets, revenues were \$23.0 million and \$68.1 million, respectively, for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2001, an increase of \$1.0 million and a decrease of \$4.2 million, respectively, from the comparable prior year periods.

Rental income for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2001 totaled \$14.9 million and \$45.7 million, respectively, a decrease of \$0.6 million and \$4.0 million, respectively, over the same periods in 2000. The three-month decrease is due to \$1.5 million from reductions in lease revenue due to foreclosures, bankruptcies and restructurings. This decrease is offset by

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\$0.3 million relating to contractual increases in rents that became effective in 2001 and \$0.2 million relating to assets previously classified as owned and operated. The nine-month decrease is due to \$3.8 million from reductions in lease revenue due to foreclosures, bankruptcies and restructurings, and \$1.8 million from reduced investments resulting from the sale of assets in 2000. These decreases are offset by \$0.9 million relating to contractual increases in rents that became effective in 2001 as defined under the related agreements and \$0.2 million relating to assets previously classified as owned and operated.

Mortgage interest income for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2001 totaled \$5.1 million and \$16.3 million, respectively, decreasing \$0.8 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, from the same periods in 2000. The three-month decrease is due to reduced

investments resulting from the payoff of mortgage notes. The nine-month decrease is due to reductions from foreclosures, bankruptcies and restructurings (\$0.5 million) and reduced investments resulting from the payoffs of mortgage notes (\$1.2 million). These decreases are partially offset by contractual increases in interest income that became effective in 2001 as defined under the related agreements.

Nursing home revenues of owned and operated assets for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2001 totaled \$43.8 million and \$133.6 million, respectively, decreasing \$2.1 million and increasing \$10.2 million, respectively, over the same periods in 2000. The decrease for the three-month period is due to a decreased number of operated facilities versus the same three-month period in 2000 as a result of the closure of certain facilities and their reclassification to assets held for sale as well as the re-lease of three facilities during 2001 to a new operator. The increase in the nine-month period is primarily due to the inclusion of 30 facilities formerly operated by RainTree Healthcare Corporation for the full nine-month period ended September 30, 2001 versus seven months during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2000.

Expenses for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2001 totaled \$67.4 million and \$215.0 million, respectively, decreasing approximately \$65.6 million and \$38.0 million, respectively, over expenses of \$133.0 million and \$253.0 million for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2000.

Nursing home expenses for owned and operated assets for the three-month period and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2001 decreased by \$4.1 million and increased by \$8.1 million, respectively, from \$48.6 million and \$126.4 million for same periods in 2000. The decrease in the three-month period is due to a decreased number of facilities versus the same three-month period in 2000 as a result of the closure of certain facilities and their reclassification to assets held for sale as well as the re-lease of three facilities during 2001 to a new operator. The increase in the nine-month period is primarily due to the inclusion of 30 facilities formerly operated by RainTree Healthcare Corporation for the full nine-month period ended September 30, 2001 versus seven months during the three-month period ended September 30, 2000.

The provision for depreciation and amortization totaled \$5.5 million and \$16.6 million, respectively, during the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2001. This is a decrease of \$0.1 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, over the same periods in 2000. The decrease is primarily due to assets sold in 2000, lower depreciable values due to impairment charges on owned and operated properties and a reduction in the amortization of goodwill and non-compete agreements.

Interest expense for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2001 was approximately \$9.1 million and \$28.0 million, compared with \$9.8 million and \$32.2 million, respectively, for the same periods in 2000. The decrease in 2001 is primarily due to lower average outstanding borrowings during the 2001 period, partially offset by slightly higher average interest rates due to increased rate spreads under our credit facilities versus last year.

General and administrative expenses for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2001 totaled \$2.2 million and \$7.7 million, respectively, as compared to \$1.8 million and

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\$4.6 million, respectively, for the same periods in 2000, an increase of \$0.4 million and \$3.1 million. The increase is due primarily to consulting costs related to the efforts associated with the business objective of re-leasing our owned and operated assets, restructuring activities and other non-recurring expenses including executive recruiting fees.

Legal expenses for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2001 totaled \$1.1 million and \$2.9 million, respectively, an increase of \$0.7 million and \$1.9 million, respectively, over the same periods in 2000. The increase is largely attributable to legal costs associated with the foreclosure of assets and other negotiations with our troubled operators as well as the defense of various lawsuits to which we are party.

The nine-month period ended September 30, 2001 included a \$10 million litigation settlement expense related to a suit brought against us by Karrington Health, Inc. which was recorded in the quarter ended June 30, 2001.

Expenses for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2001 included a provision for impairment of \$8.4 million. This provision was recorded to reduce the cost basis of assets recovered from a defaulting operator to their fair value less costs of disposal, since these assets are being marketed for sale. A provision for impairment of \$54.3 million was recognized in the 2000 period, including \$41.1 million related to foreclosure assets operated for our own account, \$11.3 million related to assets held for sale and \$1.9 million related to a leased asset doubtful of recovery.

Charges totalling \$0.7 million for provision for uncollectible accounts were taken during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2001 relating to write-off of rents due from and funds advanced to the defaulting operator. A provision for uncollectible accounts of \$12.1 million was

recognized in the 2000 periods, including a provision for loss on mortgages of \$4.9 million and notes receivable of \$7.2 million.

Severance, moving and consulting agreement costs of \$4.3 million were recorded in the three-month period ended September 30, 2001, in connection with our planned relocation to Maryland. The nine-month period ended September 30, 2001 also includes \$0.5 million related to the termination of an employment contract with an officer of our company. Severance and consulting agreement costs of \$4.7 million were recognized during the same period in 2000.

We disposed of one healthcare facility during the three-month period ended September 30, 2001, resulting in a loss on sale of \$1.5 million. The loss on sale of \$0.9 million for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2001 includes the gain on sale of \$0.6 million from the sale of three healthcare facilities. For the nine-month period ended September 30, 2000, a gain of \$10.3 million was recognized on the disposal of real estate. The net gain was comprised of a \$10.9 million gain on the sale of four facilities previously leased to Tenet Healthsystem Philadelphia, Inc., offset by a loss of \$0.6 million on the sale of a healthcare facility.

Funds from operations for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2001 were \$0.5 million and a deficit of \$2.3 million, respectively, an increase of approximately \$15.7 million and a decrease of \$6.2 million, respectively, as compared to the deficit of \$15.2 million and positive \$3.9 million for the same periods in 2000 due to factors mentioned above. Diluted funds from operations amounts were a \$3.1 million and \$5.5 million, respectively, for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2001, as compared to the deficit of \$11.0 million and positive \$10.2 million for the same period in 2000 due to factors mentioned above. Funds from operations is defined as net earnings available to common stockholders, excluding any gains or losses from debt restructuring and the effects of asset dispositions, plus depreciation and amortization associated with real estate investments. Diluted funds from operations is the lower of funds from operations and funds from operations adjusted for the assumed conversion of Series C Preferred Stock and Subordinated Convertible Debentures and the exercise of in-the-money stock options. We consider funds from operations to be one performance measure which is helpful to investors of real estate companies

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because, along with cash flows from operating activities, financing activities and investing activities, it provides investors an understanding of our ability to incur and service debt, to make capital expenditures and to pay dividends to our stockholders. Funds from operations in and of itself does not represent cash generated from operating activities in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and therefore should not be considered an alternative to net earnings as an indication of operating performance or to net cash flow from operating activities as determined by generally accepted accounting principles as a measure of liquidity and is not necessarily indicative of cash available to fund cash needs.

No provision for Federal income taxes has been made since we continue to qualify as a real estate investment trust under the provisions of Sections 856 through 860 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

#### **Recent Developments**

*Mariner and Professional Healthcare Settlement.* We have entered into a comprehensive settlement with Mariner Post-Acute Network, Inc. resolving all outstanding issues relating to our loan to Professional Healthcare Management Inc., a subsidiary of Mariner. Pursuant to the settlement, the Professional Healthcare loan is secured by a first mortgage on 12 skilled nursing facilities owned by Professional Healthcare with 1,668 operating beds. Professional Healthcare will remain obligated on the total outstanding loan balance as of January 18, 2000, the date Mariner filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Act, and is to pay us our accrued interest at a rate of approximately 11% for the period from the filing date until September 1, 2001. Monthly payments with interest at the rate of 11.57% per annum resumed October 1, 2001. The settlement agreement was approved by the United States Bankruptcy Court in Wilmington, Delaware on August 22, 2001, and became effective as of September 1, 2001.

On February 1, 2001, four Michigan facilities, previously operated by Professional Healthcare and subject to our pre-petition mortgage, were transferred by Professional Healthcare to a new operator who paid for the facilities by execution of a promissory note that has been assigned to us. Professional Healthcare was given a \$4.5 million credit on February 1, 2001 and an additional \$3.5 million credit as of September 1, 2001, both against the Professional Healthcare loan balance in exchange for the assignment of the promissory note to us. The promissory note is secured by a first mortgage on the four facilities.

Following the closing under the settlement agreement, the outstanding principal balance on the Professional Healthcare loan is approximately \$59,700,000. The Professional Healthcare loan term will be ten years with Professional Healthcare having the option to extend for an additional ten years. Professional Healthcare will also have the option to prepay the Professional Healthcare loan between February 1, 2005 and July 31, 2005.

*Other Operators.* In Note 15 to our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2000, we announced continuing discussions with several of our lessees to resolve payment issues, including Alterra Healthcare Corp., Lyric Healthcare LLC, Alden Management Services, Inc. and TLC Healthcare Inc.

Alterra Healthcare Corp. has been making reduced payments of their monthly rent since March 2001. Monthly rent payments of \$306,138 were not paid for March through June; \$100,000 was paid in each of the July and August months; and \$185,097 was paid each month from September through December. All shortfalls were funded from Alterra's security deposit. Accordingly, revenues were recognized on the full contractual rent of \$306,138 per month. A term sheet has been executed with Alterra whereby we would take back two facilities, receive a fee of approximately \$1.1 million, and monthly rent payments of \$187,000 in 2002 increasing to \$268,000 per month in 2003. However, final documentation of this agreement has not been completed. The total gross investment in the properties

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leased to Alterra is \$34.1 million, including \$6.2 million for the two facilities that are to be taken back. These two facilities will be leased to a new operator or marketed for sale.

Integrated Health Services, Inc. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in February 2000. With the exception of a small portion of prepetition interest (approximately \$63,000), IHS paid its contractual mortgage interest from its bankruptcy filing in February 2000 until October 2001. In November, 2001, IHS informed us that it did not intend to pay future rent and mortgage interest due. We hold three mortgages on properties owned by IHS: a \$37.5 million mortgage collateralized by seven facilities located in Florida and Texas; a \$12 million mortgage, collateralized by two facilities located in Georgia; and a \$4.9 million mortgage collateralized by one facility located in Florida. Annual contractual interest income on each of the mortgages is approximately \$3.96 million, \$1.25 million and \$0.55 million, respectively. We also have a lease with IHS for one property in the state of Washington, representing an investment of \$10 million and annualized contractual revenue of \$1.45 million. IHS rejected this lease on November 9, 2001.

We are currently negotiating with IHS to reach a permanent restructuring agreement or to transition the facilities to a new operator or operators. Rent under the lease was paid for November, but no payments were made on the October mortgage interest due November 1. As of the date of this filing, no further payments have been made. Accordingly, no revenue was recorded for the mortgage for October and November. Current appraisals of the properties underlying the mortgage loans indicate collateral value in excess of the mortgage loan balances. Accordingly, we do not expect to record any reserves relative to these loans at this time.

We entered into a forbearance agreement with Lyric Healthcare LLC through August 31, 2001, whereby the Company received \$541,266 of the \$860,000 monthly rent due under the Lyric leases through November 2001. On November 7, we were notified by Lyric that we would no longer be receiving payments. As of the date of this filing Lyric had not made their December rent payments to us. Revenue has been recorded as received since April 2001. We will continue to record revenue in this manner until a resolution with Lyric is finalized. Discussions are continuing with Lyric to reach a permanent restructuring agreement or to transition the facilities to a new operator or operators. Our original investment in the ten facilities covered under the lease is \$95.4 million, with annual contractual rent of \$10.3 million.

On March 30, 2001, we announced that affiliates of Alden Management, Inc. were delinquent in paying their lease and escrow payments on the four facilities they lease from us. During the month of April, Alden resumed regularly scheduled lease payments to us, and began making payments on a schedule designed to bring their past due amounts current by August 2001. The facilities which Alden leases are located in the state of Illinois and derive approximately 90% of their revenues from Illinois Medicaid. Alden adhered to the schedule and was current with their rental payments to us through November. However, Alden has indicated to us that the State of Illinois has been behind in processing reimbursements under the Medicaid system.

In April 2001 we were informed by TLC Healthcare, Inc. that it could no longer meet its payroll and other operating obligations. We had leases and mortgages with TLC representing eight properties with 1,049 beds and an initial investment of \$27.5 million. As a result of this action, one facility in Texas with an initial investment of \$2.5 million was leased to a new operator, Lamar Healthcare, Inc. and four properties in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, with an initial investment of \$13.5 million, were taken back and placed under management agreements with Atrium Living Centers and Nexion Health Management, Inc. and are now operated for our own account and classified as Owned and Operated Assets. The remaining three properties, located in Texas, were closed and are being marketed for sale. These three facilities are classified as Assets Held for Sale and have been reduced to their fair value, less cost of disposal. Amounts due from TLC that were not collected were written off as bad debt expense during 2001.

In several instances we hold security deposits that can be applied in the event of lease and loan defaults, subject to applicable limitations under bankruptcy law with respect to operators seeking protection under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Act.

*Office Relocation.* We are relocating our corporate offices effective as of January 1, 2002 and have entered into a lease of office space in Timonium, Maryland, a suburb of Baltimore. All of our current employees either have an employment agreement or are otherwise entitled to incentives if they remain employed with us in their current positions during the transitional period expected to be completed by January 31, 2002.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

At September 30, 2001, we had total assets of \$911.3 million, stockholders' equity of \$456.7 million, and long-term debt of \$426.0 million, representing approximately 46.7% of total capitalization. In addition, as of September 30, 2001, we had an aggregate of \$238.6 million of outstanding debt which matures in 2002, including \$99.6 million of 6.95% Notes due June 2002 and \$139 million on our two credit facilities maturing during 2002.

#### Bank Credit Facilities

On July 17, 2000, we replaced our \$200 million unsecured revolving credit facility with a new \$175 million secured revolving credit facility that expires on December 31, 2002. Borrowings under this facility bear interest based on the London Interbank Offered Rate, or LIBOR, plus a margin based on our consolidated debt/EBITDA ratio, which resulted in a weighted-average rate of 6.73% at September 30, 2001, and 10.00% at December 31, 2000. Borrowings under our prior credit facility bore interest at a weighted-average rate of 7.30% at December 31, 1999. Real estate investments with a gross book value of approximately \$240 million are pledged as collateral for this credit facility.

On August 16, 2000, we replaced our \$50 million secured revolving credit facility with a new \$75 million secured revolving credit facility that expires on March 31, 2002 as to \$10 million and June 30, 2005 as to \$65 million. Borrowings under this facility bear interest based on LIBOR plus a margin based on our consolidated debt/EBITDA ratio, which resulted in a weighted average rate of 8.06% at September 30, 2001, and 9.77% at December 31, 2000. Borrowings under our prior credit facility bore interest at a weighted average rate of 8.44% at December 31, 1999. Real estate investments with a gross book value of approximately \$90 million are pledged as collateral for this credit facility.

The settlement of the lawsuit with Karrington Health, Inc. in August 2001 fixed the amount of expense associated with this claim against us at \$10 million and was therefore recorded at June 30, 2001. The recognition of this non-recurring expense resulted in certain violations of financial covenants contained in the loan agreements relating to our revolving credit facilities. For the quarter ended June 30, 2001, we were not in compliance with the maximum leverage covenant ratio of funded indebtedness to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or EBITDA, in each of our credit facilities. For the quarter ended September 30, 2001, we were not in compliance with the maximum leverage covenant and the minimum EBITDA to interest expense covenants in each of our credit facilities. We previously obtained a waiver from the lenders under both credit facilities through September 14, 2001. The lenders under our \$175 million secured credit facility extended their waiver through December 13, 2001, and the lenders under our \$75 million secured credit facility extended their waiver through December 15, 2001. These covenant violations have been waived pursuant to the agreements described below, but currently prevent us from drawing upon the remaining availability under both credit facilities.

#### Modification of Bank Credit Agreements

On December 21, 2001, we reached agreements with the bank groups under both of our revolving credit facilities. These agreements include modifications and/or waivers to certain financial covenants with which we were not in compliance. In addition, certain other financial covenants will be either modified or eliminated going forward. The effectiveness of these agreements is subject to the completion of the rights offering and private placement to Explorer. Explorer has approved the amendments, and therefore the effectiveness of the amendments will satisfy the conditions to the rights offering and Explorer investment related to our credit facilities. See "The Rights Offering Closing Conditions."

These amendments to our credit facilities waive the covenant violations described above and will modify the following covenants effective as of the closing of the rights offering and the private placement to Explorer:

The minimum tangible net worth covenant will be reduced from \$445 million plus 50% of net proceeds from any equity issuances to \$425 million (increasing to \$435 million in the third quarter of 2002) plus 50% of proceeds from any equity issuances (after reflecting the rights offering and the private placement to Explorer).

Minimum EBITDA/interest expense covenant will be increased from 200% to 225% beginning in the second quarter of 2002, 250% in the fourth quarter of 2002 and 275% thereafter.

The requirement for no loss in a fiscal year beginning December 31, 2001 has been removed.

The maximum leverage ratio covenant has been reduced to 5.0 times EBITDA in the second quarter of 2002 and 4.75 times EBITDA thereafter.

In addition, adjusted EBITDA under the loan agreements has been redefined to exclude certain one-time charges including, but not limited to, the \$10 million litigation settlement recognized in June 2001 and associated legal fees of up to \$1 million and up to \$5 million for relocation of our corporate headquarters to Maryland, for which we recognized a charge of \$4.3 million in September 2001.

As of the closing of the rights offering and the private placement to Explorer and the effectiveness of the amendments, we will be in compliance with all covenants under our credit facilities as amended.

As part of the amendment regarding our \$75 million revolving credit facility we prepaid \$10 million originally scheduled to mature in March 2002. This voluntary prepayment results in a permanent reduction in the total commitment, thereby reducing the credit facility to \$65 million. The agreement regarding our \$175 million revolving credit facility includes a one-year extension in maturity from December 31, 2002 to December 31, 2003, and a reduction in the total commitment from \$175 million to \$160 million. Amounts up to \$150 million may be drawn upon to repay the maturing 6.95% Notes due in June 2002.

The effectiveness of these amendments as of the completion of the rights offering will reduce our outstanding debt maturing in 2002 to \$97.5 million. Upon completion of the private placement and rights offering, we expect to have approximately \$17.7 million available to draw upon under our revolving credit facilities.

#### Dividends

In prior years, we historically distributed to stockholders a large portion of the cash available from operations. Our historical policy has been to make distributions on common stock of approximately 80% of funds from operations, but on February 1, 2001, we announced the suspension of all common and preferred dividends. This action is intended to preserve cash to facilitate our ability to obtain financing to fund the 2002 debt maturities. Additionally, on March 30, 2001, we exercised our option to pay the accrued \$4,666,667 Series C preferred stock dividend from November 15, 2000 and the

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associated waiver fee by issuing 48,420 Series C preferred shares to Explorer on April 2, 2001, which are convertible into 774,722 shares of our common stock at \$6.25 per share.

Cash dividends paid totaled \$0.25 per common share and \$0.75 per common share for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2000, respectively. No common dividends were paid during 2001 nor during the second quarter of 2000. Cash dividends paid totaled \$1.00 per common share for 2000, compared with \$2.80 per common share for the year ended December 31, 1999. The dividend payout ratio, that is the ratio of per common share amounts for dividends paid to the diluted per common share amounts of funds from operations, was approximately 238% for 2000 and 84.3% for 1999. Excluding the provision for loss on mortgages and notes receivable and severance and consulting agreement costs, the dividend payout ratio for 2000 was approximately 73.0%.

We do not know when or if we will resume dividend payments on our common stock or, if resumed, what the amount or timing of any dividend will be. We do not anticipate paying dividends on any class of capital stock at least until our \$108 million of debt maturing in the first half of 2002 has been repaid and, in any event, all accrued and unpaid dividends on our Series A, B and C preferred stock must be paid in full before dividends on our common stock can be resumed. We have made sufficient distributions to satisfy the distribution requirements under the REIT rules to maintain our REIT status for 2000 and expect to satisfy the requirements under the REIT rules for 2001.

On March 30, 2001 our Board of Directors approved payment of the accrued Series C dividend from November 15, 2000 and the associated waiver fee by issuing 48,420 shares of Series C preferred stock to Explorer on April 2, 2001. Dividends paid in stock to a specific class of stockholders, such as our payment of our Series C preferred stock in April 2001, constitute dividends eligible for the 2001 dividends paid

deduction. Additionally, and as specifically authorized by the Internal Revenue Code, dividends declared by September 15, 2002 and paid by December 31, 2002 may be elected to be treated as a distribution of 2001 taxable income.

The table below sets forth information regarding arrearages in payment of preferred stock dividends:

Title of Class	 Annual Dividend Per Share		rrearage as of tember 30, 2001
9.25% Series A Cumulative Preferred Stock	\$ 2.3125	\$	3,989,063
8.625% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock	\$ 2.1563		3,234,375
Series C Convertible Preferred Stock	\$ 10.0000		7,660,493
Total		\$	14,883,931

#### Liquidity

We have entered into an investment agreement with Explorer under which Explorer has committed to purchase, on the closing of the rights offering, at the same price per share available in the rights offering, shares of our stock. The shares that Explorer has committed to purchase represent its pro rata portion of the \$50 million in additional capital we are seeking to raise, plus an additional amount equal to the aggregate subscription price for the shares that are not subscribed for in the rights offering. As a result of Explorer's commitment, we are assured of receiving a total of \$50 million in gross proceeds from the rights offering and Explorer's investment assuming they are both completed.

Assuming we complete the rights offering and Explorer's investment and the amendments to our credit facilities become effective, management believes our liquidity and various sources of available capital, including funds from operations and expected proceeds from planned asset sales, are adequate to finance operations, meet recurring debt service requirements including our 2002 debt maturities and fund future investments through the next 12 months. From time to time, we explore alternative

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financing arrangements and opportunities and may continue to do so in the future. However, we cannot assure you that we will be successful in obtaining alternative financing arrangements or regarding the terms thereof.

As a result of the ongoing financial challenges facing long-term care operators, the availability of the external capital sources historically used by us has become extremely limited and expensive. Therefore, if the rights offering and Explorer investment are not completed, we could not assure you that we would be able to replace or extend our debt maturing in 2002, or that any refinancing or replacement financing would be on terms favorable to us. There also can be no assurance that we will be able to complete the rights offering and Explorer investment as planned, and in such event our agreements with the lenders under our credit facilities would not become effective. If we were unable to refinance this debt or other indebtedness on acceptable terms, we might be forced to dispose of properties on disadvantageous terms, which might result in losses to us and might adversely affect the cash available for distribution to stockholders, or to pursue additional dilutive equity financing. If interest rates or other factors at the time of the refinancing result in higher interest rates upon refinancing, our interest expense would increase, which might affect our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

#### Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk

We are exposed to various market risks, including the potential loss arising from adverse changes in interest rates. We do not enter into derivatives or other financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes, but we seek to mitigate the effects of fluctuations in interest rates by matching the term of new investments with new long-term fixed rate borrowing to the extent possible.

The market value of our long-term fixed rate borrowings and mortgages are subject to interest rate risks. Generally, the market value of fixed rate financial instruments will decrease as interest rates rise and increase as interest rates fall. The estimated fair value of our total long-term borrowings at September 30, 2001 was \$396 million. A one percent increase in interest rates would result in a decrease in the fair value of long-term borrowings by approximately \$5.3 million.

We are subject to risks associated with debt or preferred equity financing, including the risk that existing indebtedness may not be refinanced or that the terms of such refinancing may not be as favorable as the terms of current indebtedness. If we were unable to refinance our 2002 debt maturities or other indebtedness on acceptable terms, we might be forced to dispose of properties on disadvantageous terms, which might result in losses to us and might adversely affect the cash available for distribution to stockholders, or to pursue dilutive equity financing. If interest rates or other factors at the time of the refinancing result in higher interest rates upon refinancing, our interest expense would increase, which might affect our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

We utilize interest rate swaps to fix interest rates on variable rate debt and reduce certain exposures to interest rate fluctuations. At September 30, 2001, we had two interest rate swaps with notional amounts of \$32 million each, based on 30-day LIBOR. Under the first \$32 million agreement, we receive payments when LIBOR interest rates exceed 6.35% and pay the counterparties when LIBOR rates are under 6.35%. The amounts exchanged are based on the notional amounts. The \$32 million agreement expires in December 2002.

Under the terms of the second agreement, which expires in December 2002, we receive payments when LIBOR rates exceed 4.89% and pay the counterparties when LIBOR rates are under 4.89%. The combined fair value of the interest rate swaps at September 30, 2001 was a deficit of \$2,006,297.

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## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Proxy Statement includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. All statements other than statements of historical facts included in this Proxy Statement may constitute forward-looking statements. We have based these forward-looking statements on our current expectations and projections about future events. Although we believe that our assumptions made in connection with the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot assure you that our assumptions and expectations will prove to have been correct. Important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from our expectations are disclosed in this Proxy Statement. These forward-looking statements are subject to various risks, uncertainties and assumptions including, among other things:

our ability to dispose of assets held for sale on a timely basis and at appropriate prices;

uncertainties relating to the operation of our owned and operated assets, including those relating to reimbursement by third party payors, regulatory matters and occupancy levels;

the ability of our operators in bankruptcy to reject unexpired lease obligations, modify the terms of our mortgages, and impede our ability to collect unpaid rent or interest during the process of a bankruptcy proceeding and retain security deposits for the debtors' obligations;

our ability to negotiate appropriate modifications to the terms of our credit facilities;

the availability and cost of capital;

regulatory and other changes in the healthcare sector;

our ability to manage, re-lease, or sell our owned and operated facilities;

competition in the financing of healthcare facilities;

the effect of economic and market conditions generally and, particularly, in the healthcare industry;

changes in interest rates;

the amount and yield of any additional investments;

changes in tax laws and regulations affecting real estate investment trusts; and

changes in the ratings of our debt securities.

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#### **RELATIONSHIP WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

Ernst & Young LLP audited our financial statements for each of the years ended December 31, 1998, 1999 and 2000. Representatives of Ernst & Young LLP are expected to be present at the Special Meeting and will be given the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so. It is also expected that they will be available to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders at the Special Meeting.

## STOCKHOLDERS PROPOSALS

January 22, 2003 is the date by which proposals of stockholders intended to be presented at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, held on or about May 22, 2003, must be received by us for inclusion in the Proxy Statement and form of proxy relating to that meeting. No business other than that stated in the notice shall be transacted at any meeting without the unanimous written consent of all stockholders present at the meeting pursuant to our Bylaws.

#### EXPENSES OF SOLICITATION

The total cost of this solicitation will be borne by us. In addition to use of the mails, proxies may be solicited by our directors, officers and regular employees of Omega personally and by telephone, telex or facsimile. We may reimburse persons holding shares in their own names or in the names of the nominees for expenses such persons incur in obtaining instructions from beneficial owners of such shares. We have also engaged Georgeson & Company Inc. to solicit proxies for a fee not to exceed \$7,500, plus out-of-pocket expenses.

#### AVAILABLE INFORMATION REGARDING RIGHTS OFFERING AND OMEGA

These proxy materials relate solely to the solicitation of proxies in connection with the meeting of stockholders and are not an offer to sell Omega common stock or rights. The rights offering is made pursuant to and described in the separate rights offering prospectus accompanying these proxy materials. Stockholders are urged to read the prospectus regarding the proposed rights offering because it contains important information. The information in these proxy materials may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in the forward-looking statements can be found in the accompanying rights offering prospectus. *Completing the proxy to vote your shares at the stockholders meeting does NOT exercise your subscription rights in the rights offering. To exercise your subscription rights, you must complete and return the Subscription Agreement in accordance with the instructions included therein and in the accompanying rights offering prospectus.* 

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Exchange Act. Pursuant to the requirements of the Exchange Act, we file annual, quarterly and special reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These documents are also filed electronically through the Securities and Exchange Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system, and may be accessed at the Securities and Exchange Commission's internet website, which is located at http://www.sec.gov. You may read and copy any reports, statements or other information that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission at the Securities and Exchange Commission's public reference room at 450 Fifth Street, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the Securities and Exchange Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room.

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## **OTHER MATTERS**

The Board of Directors knows of no other business to be presented at the Special Meeting, but if other matters do properly come before the Special Meeting, it is intended that the persons named in the proxy will vote on said matters in accordance with their best judgment.

C. TAYLOR PICKETT Chief Executive Officer

January 25, 2002 Timonium, Maryland

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#### **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

Board of Directors Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2000. Our audit also included the financial statement schedules listed in the Index on page F-1. These financial statements and schedules are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedules based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. 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 audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc. and subsidiaries at December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2000, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedules, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Chicago, Illinois March 16, 2001, except for the third and seventh paragraphs of Note 15, as to which the date is March 30, 2001.

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#### OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In Thousands)

		December 31,					
	-	2000	1999				
ASSETS							
Real estate properties							
Land and buildings at cost	\$	710,542	\$ 746,915				
Less accumulated depreciation	_	(89,870)	(67,929)				
Real estate properties net		620,672	678,986				
Mortgage notes receivable net	_	206,710	213,617				
		827,382	892,603				

	December 31,							
Other investments net		53,242		75,460				
		880,624		968,063				
Assets held for sale net		4,013		36,406				
Total Investments		884,637		1,004,469				
Cash and cash equivalents		7,172		4,105				
Accounts receivable		10,497		9,664				
Other assets		9,338		10,845				
Operating assets for owned properties		36,807		9,648				
Total Assets	\$	948,451	\$	1,038,731				
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Revolving lines of credit	\$	185,641	\$	166,600				
6.95% Unsecured Notes due 2002		125,000		125,000				
6.95% Unsecured Notes due 2007		100,000		100,000				
Unsecured Notes due 2000				81,381				
Other long-term borrowings		24,161		33,383				
Subordinated convertible debentures		16,590		48,405				
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		18,002		14,818				
Operating liabilities for owned properties		14,744		12,063				
Total Liabilities		484,138		581,650				
Shareholders' equity:								
Preferred Stock \$1.00 par value:								
Authorized 10,000 shares Issued and outstanding 2,300 shares Class A with an aggregate liquidation preference of \$57,500		57,500		57,500				
Issued and outstanding 2,000 shares Class B with an aggregate liquidation preference of \$50,000		50,000		50,000				
Issued and outstanding 1,000 shares Class C with an aggregate liquidation preference of \$100,000		100,000						
Common stock \$.10 par value:								
Authorized 100,000 shares Issued and outstanding 20,038		2 004		1 099				
shares in 2000 and 19,877 shares in 1999		2,004		1,988				
Additional paid-in capital		438,552		447,304				
Cumulative net earnings		182,548		232,105				
Cumulative dividends paid		(365,654)		(331,341)				
Stock option loans				(2,499)				
Unamortized restricted stock awards		(607)		(526)				
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		(30)		2,550				
Total Shareholders' Equity		464,313		457,081				
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$	948,451	\$	1,038,731				

See accompanying notes.

## OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

## (In Thousands, Except Per Share Amounts)

		Year Ended December 31,						
		2000		1999		1998		
Revenues								
Rental income	\$	67,308	\$	76,389	\$	72,072		
Mortgage interest income		24,126		36,369		30,399		
Other investment income net		6,594		6,814		5,971		
Nursing home revenues of owned and operated assets		175,559		26,223				
Miscellaneous		2,206		2,334		872		
		275,793		148,129		109,314		
Expenses		213,193		110,129		107,511		
Depreciation and amortization		23,265		24,211		21,542		
Interest		42,400		42,947		32,436		
General and administrative		6,425		5,231		4,852		
Legal		2,467		386		155		
State taxes		195		503		358		
Severance and consulting agreement costs		4,665						
Provision for loss on mortgages and notes receivable		15,257						
Provision for impairment		61,690		19,500		6,800		
Nursing home expenses of owned and operated assets		178,975		25,173				
		335,339		117,951		66,143		
(Loss) earnings before gain (loss) on assets sold		(59,546)		30,178		43,171		
Gain (loss)on assets sold net		9,989		(10,507)		2,798		
Gain on distribution of Omega Worldwide, Inc						30,240		
Net (loss) earnings		(49,557)		19,671		76,209		
Preferred stock dividends		(16,928)		(9,631)		(8,194)		
			_		_			
Net (loss) earnings available to common	\$	(66,485)	\$	10,040	\$	68,015		
(Loss) earnings per common share:								
Net (loss) earnings per share basic	\$	(3.32)	\$	0.51	\$	3.39		
Net (loss) earnings per share diluted	\$	(3.32)	\$	0.51	\$	3.39		
Dividends declared and paid per common share	\$	1.00	\$	2.80	\$	2.68		
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding, Basic	_	20,052		19,877		20,034		

Year Ended December 31			r 31,	•		
		20,052		19,877		20,041
	\$	(2,580)	\$	1,789	\$	761
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## OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Com Sto Par V	ck		Additional Paid-in Capital						umulative Net Earnings
Balance at December 31, 1997 (19,475 shares)	\$	1,947	\$	439,214	\$	57,500	\$	136,225		
Issuance of common stock:										
Grant of restricted stock (3 shares at an average of \$38.112 per share) and amortization of deferred stock compensation				42						
Dividend Reinvestment Plan (58 shares)		6		1,826						
Conversion of debentures, net of issue costs (522 shares)		52		13,810						
Stock options exercised (151 shares)		15		3,780						
Acquisition of real estate (8 shares)		1		282						
Stock option loans from directors, officers and employees		1		202						
Shares purchased and retired (156 shares)		(15)		(4,515)						
Issuance of preferred stock				(2,000)		50,000				
Net earnings for 1998								76,209		
Distribution of common shares of Omega Worldwide, Inc.										
Common dividends paid (\$2.68 per share) Preferred dividends paid (Series A of \$2.313 per share and Series B of \$1.078 per share)										
Unrealized Gain on Omega Worldwide, Inc.										
Balance at December 31, 1998 (20,057 shares)		2,006		452,439		107,500		212,434		
Issuance of common stock:										
Grant of restricted stock (1 share at an average of \$29.709 per share) and amortization of deferred stock										
compensation				270						
Dividend Reinvestment Plan (113 shares)		11		2,370						
Acquisition of real estate (8 shares)		1		301						
Payments on stock option loans from directors, officers and employees										
Shares purchased and retired (320 shares)		(30)		(8,076)						

	Common Stock Par Value	Additional Paid-in Capital	Preferred Stock	Cumulative Net Earnings
Net earnings for 1999				19,671
Common dividends paid (\$2.80 per share) Preferred dividends paid (Series A of \$2.313 per share and Series B of \$2.156 per share)				
Unrealized Gain on Omega Worldwide, Inc.				
Balance at December 31, 1999 (19,877 shares)	1.988	447,304	107.500	232.105
Issuance of common stock:	,	,	,	,
Grant of restricted stock (187 shares at an average of \$6.378 per share) and amortization of deferred stock				
compensation	19	1,179		
Dividend Reinvestment Plan (74 shares)	7	487		
Shares surrendered for stock option loan cancellation (100 shares)	(10)	(579)		
Issuance of preferred stock		(9,839)	100,000	
Net loss for 2000				(49,557)
Common dividends paid (\$1.000 per share)				
Preferred dividends paid and/or declared (Series A of \$2.313 per share, Series B of \$2.156 per share and Series C of \$0.25 per share)				
Unrealized Gain on Omega Worldwide, Inc.				
Balance at December 31, 2000 (20,038 shares)	\$ 2,004	\$ 438,552	\$ 207,500	\$ 182,548
See accompanying notes.				

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### OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (In thousands, except per share amounts)

	Cumulative Dividends												Unamortized Restricted Stock Awards	C	Stock Option Loans	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income
Balance at December 31, 1997 (19,475 shares)	\$	(165,824)	\$ (841)													
Issuance of common stock:																
Grant of restricted stock (3 shares at an average of \$38.112 per share) and amortization of deferred stock compensation			380													
Dividend Reinvestment Plan (58 shares)																
Conversion of debentures, net of issue costs (522 shares)																
Stock options exercised (151 shares)																
Acquisition of real estate (8 shares)																
Stock option loans from directors, officers and employees				\$	(2,863)											
Shares purchased and retired (156 shares)																
Issuance of preferred stock																

	Cumulative Dividends	Unamortized Restricted Stock Awards	Stock Option Loans	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income
Net earnings for 1998				
Distribution of common shares of Omega Worldwide, Inc	(39,062)			
Common dividends paid (\$2.68 per share)	(53,693)			
Preferred dividends paid (Series A of \$2.313 per share and Series B of \$1.078 per share)	(7,475)			
Unrealized Gain on Omega Worldwide, Inc				\$ 761
Balance at December 31, 1998 (20,057 shares)	(266,054)	(461)	(2,863)	761
Issuance of common stock:				
Grant of restricted stock (1 share at an average of \$29.709 per share) and amortization of deferred				
stock compensation		(65)		
Dividend Reinvestment Plan (113 shares)				
Acquisition of real estate (8 shares)				
Payments on stock option loans from directors, officers and employees			67	
Shares purchased and retired (320 shares)			297	
Net earnings for 1999				
Common dividends paid (\$2.80 per share) Preferred dividends paid (Series A of \$2.313 per	(55,655)			
share and Series B of \$2.156 per share)	(9,632)			
Unrealized Gain on Omega Worldwide, Inc				1,789
Balance at December 31, 1999 (19,877 shares)	(331,341)	(526)	(2,499)	2,550
Issuance of common stock:		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
Grant of restricted stock (187 shares at an average of \$6.378 per share) and amortization of deferred stock				
compensation		(81)		
Dividend Reinvestment Plan (74 shares) Shares surrendered for stock option loan				
cancellation (100 shares)			2,499	
Issuance of preferred stock				
Net loss for 2000				
Common dividends paid (\$1.000 per share)	(20,015)			
Preferred dividends paid and/or declared (Series A of \$2.313 per share, Series B of \$2.156 per share				
and Series C of \$0.25 per share)	(14,298)			
Unrealized Gain on Omega Worldwide, Inc	(1,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,			(2,580)
Balance at December 31, 2000 (20,038 shares)	\$ (365,654)	\$ (607)	\$	\$ (30)
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See accompanying notes.				
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## OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (In Thousands)

#### Year Ended December 31,

	_	2000	_	1999	1998	
			(In t	housands)		
Operating activities						
Net (loss) earnings	\$	(49,557)	\$	19,671	\$	76,209
Adjustment to reconcile net (loss) earnings to cash provided by	Ψ	(1),557)	Ψ	19,071	Ψ	70,207
operating activities:						
Depreciation and amortization		23,265		24,211		21,543
Provision for impairment		61,690		19,500		6,800
				19,500		0,800
Provision for loss on notes and mortgages receivable		15,257				
(Gain)/loss on assets sold net		(9,989)		10,507		(2,798)
Gain on distribution of Omega Worldwide						(30,240)
Other		3,283		3,538		2,179
Net change in accounts receivable for Owned & Operated assets net		(20,442)		(9,588)		,
Net change in accounts payable for Owned & Operated assets		4,674		3,962		
Net change in other Owned & Operated assets and liabilities		(8,709)		8,040		
Net change in operating assets and liabilities		20		(5,529)		(3,980)
			_		_	
Net cash provided by operating activities		19,492		74,312		69,713
The cash provided by operating activities		19,492		74,312		09,715
Coch flows from financing activities						
Cash flows from financing activities		10.041		42 600		64 700
Proceeds of revolving lines of credit net		19,041		43,600		64,700
Proceeds from unsecured note offering		(100 / 10)		(1.079)		125,000
Payments of long-term borrowings		(122,418) 495		(1,078) 2,381		(612)
Receipts from Dividend Reinvestment Plan						1,832
Dividends paid		(29,646)		(65,287)		(61,168)
Proceeds from preferred stock offering		100,000				50,000
Costs of raising capital		(9,839)		(9, 106)		(3,290)
Purchase of Company common stock Deferred financing costs paid		(5,071)		(8,106)		(3,545)
Other		(3,071)		(957)		356
Other			_	(937)		550
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities		(47,438)		(29,447)		173,273
Cash flow from investing activities						
Acquisition of real estate				(79,844)		(157,474)
Placement of mortgage loans				(22,987)		(125,850)
Proceeds from sale of real estate investments net		35,792		18,198		37,771
Net proceeds from sale of Omega Worldwide shares						16,938
Fundings of other investments net		(6,815)		(14,714)		(17,488)
Collection of mortgage principal		2,036		54,749		3,748
Other				1,961		746
Not and annual distriction of the state of the second		21.012		(42 (27)	_	(241 (00)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities		31,013	_	(42,637)	_	(241,609)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents		3,067		2,228		1,377
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		4,105		1,877		500
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Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$	7,172	\$	4,105	\$	1,877
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See accompanying notes.						

See accompanying notes.

#### OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC.

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### NOTE 1 ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Organization

Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc., a Maryland corporation ("the Company"), is a self-administered real estate investment trust (REIT). From the date the Company commenced operations in 1992, it has invested primarily in long-term care facilities, which include nursing homes, assisted living facilities and rehabilitation hospitals. The Company currently has investments in 264 healthcare facilities located in the United States.

#### Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of our Company and our wholly-owned subsidiaries after elimination of all material intercompany accounts and transactions. Due to changes in the market conditions affecting the long-term care industry, we have begun to operate a portfolio of our foreclosure assets for our own account until such time as these facilities' operations are stabilized and are re-leasable or saleable at lease rates or sales prices that maximize the value of these assets to the Company. As a result, these facilities and their respective operations are presented on a consolidated basis in the Company's financial statements. Certain reclassifications have been made to the 1999 and 1998 financial statements for consistency with the presentation adopted for 2000. Such reclassifications have no effect on previously reported earnings or equity.

#### **Real Estate Investments**

Investments in leased real estate properties and mortgage notes are recorded at cost and original mortgage amount, respectively. The cost of the properties acquired is allocated between land and buildings based generally upon independent appraisals. Depreciation for buildings is recorded on the straight-line basis, using estimated useful lives ranging from 20 to 39 years. Leasehold interests are amortized over the initial term of the lease, with lives ranging from four to seven years.

#### **Owned & Operated Assets and Assets Held for Sale**

In the ordinary course of our business activities, our Company periodically evaluates investment opportunities and extends credit to customers. It also is regularly engaged in lease and loan extensions and modifications. Additionally, the Company monitors and manages its investment portfolio with the objectives of improving credit quality and increasing returns. In connection with portfolio management, it engages in various collection and foreclosure activities. When the Company acquires real estate pursuant to a foreclosure proceeding, it is designated as "owned and operated assets" and is recorded at the lower of cost or fair value. Such amounts are included in real estate properties on the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet. Operating assets and operating liabilities for the owned and operated properties are shown separately on the face of the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet and are detailed in Note 18 Segment Information.

When a formal plan to sell real estate is adopted, the real estate is classified as "assets held for sale," with the net carrying amount adjusted to the lower of cost or estimated fair value, less cost of disposal. Depreciation of the facilities is excluded from operations after management has committed to a plan to sell the asset.

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#### **Impairment of Assets**

Provisions for impairment losses related to long-lived assets are recognized when expected future cash flows are less than the carrying values of the assets. If indicators of impairment are present, the Company evaluates the carrying value of the related real estate investments in relationship to the future undiscounted cash flows of the underlying facilities and, if impaired, the Company then adjusts the net carrying value of leased properties and other long-lived assets to the lower of discounted present value of its expected future cash flows or fair value, if the sum of the expected future cash flow or sales proceeds is less than carrying value.

#### Loan Impairment Policy

When management identifies an indication of potential loan impairment, such as non-payment under the loan documents or impairment of the underlying collateral, the loan is written down to the present value of the expected future cash flows. In cases where expected future cash flows cannot be estimated, the loan is written down to the fair value of that collateral.

#### **Cash Equivalents**

Cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments with a maturity date of three months or less when purchased. These investments are stated at cost, which approximates fair value.

#### Accounts Receivable Owned and Operated Assets

Accounts Receivable from Owned and Operated Assets consist primarily of amounts due from Medicare and Medicaid programs, other government programs, managed care health plans, commercial insurance companies and individual patients. Amounts recorded include estimated provisions for loss related to uncollectible accounts and disputed items.

#### **Investments in Equity Securities**

Marketable securities held as available-for-sale are stated at fair value with unrealized gains and losses for the securities reported in accumulated other comprehensive income. Realized gains and losses and declines in value judged to be other-than-temporary on securities held as available-for-sale are included in investment income. The cost of securities sold is based on the specific identification method. Interest and dividends on securities available-for-sale are included in investment income.

#### **Deferred Financing Costs**

Deferred financing costs are amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the related borrowings. Amortization of financing costs totaling \$1,930,000, \$1,342,000 and \$1,042,000 in 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively, is classified as interest expense in the Consolidated Statements of Operations. Unamortized deferred financing costs applicable to debt which is converted to common stock are charged to paid-in capital at the date of conversion.

#### Non-Compete Agreements and Goodwill

Non-compete agreements and the excess of the purchase price over the value of tangible net assets acquired (i.e., goodwill) are amortized on a straight-line basis over periods ranging from five to ten

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years. Non-compete agreements, which have cost of \$4,982,000 became fully amortized and were eliminated in 1999 by a charge to accumulated amortization. Due to the diminished value of the related real estate assets, management has determined that the goodwill is entirely impaired and has written off the balance of \$2,356,000 in 2000. Accumulated amortization was \$-0- and \$3,363,000 at December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively.

#### **Revenue Recognition**

Rental income and mortgage interest income is recognized as earned over the terms of the related master leases and mortgage notes, respectively. Such income includes periodic increases based on pre-determined formulas (i.e. such as increases in the Consumer Price Index) as defined in the master leases and mortgage loan agreements. Reserves are taken against earned revenues from leases and mortgages when collection of amounts due become questionable or when negotiations for restructurings of troubled operators lead to lower expectations regarding ultimate collection. When collection is uncertain, lease revenues are recorded as received, after taking into account application of security deposits. Interest income on impaired mortgage loans is recognized as received after taking into account application of security deposits.

Nursing home revenues from owned and operated assets (primarily Medicare, Medicaid and other third party insurance) are recognized as patient services are provided.

## Federal and State Income Taxes

As a qualified real estate investment trust, the Company will not be subject to Federal income taxes on its income, and no provisions for Federal income taxes have been made. To the extent that we have foreclosure income from our owned and operated assets we will incur federal tax at a rate of 35%. To date our owned and operated assets have generated losses, and therefore, no provision for federal income tax is necessary. The reported amounts of the Company's assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2000 are less than the tax basis of assets by approximately \$21 million.

#### **Stock Based Compensation**

The Company grants stock options to employees and directors with an exercise price equal to the fair value of the shares at the date of the grant. In accordance with the provisions of APB Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, compensation expense is not recognized for these stock option grants.

Expense related to Dividend Equivalent Rights is recognized as dividends are declared, based on anticipated vesting.

#### **Accounting Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the 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. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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#### **Risks and Uncertainties**

The Company is subject to certain risks and uncertainties affecting the healthcare industry as a result of healthcare legislation and growing regulation by federal, state and local governments. Additionally, the Company is subject to risks and uncertainties as a result of changes affecting operators of nursing home facilities due to the actions of governmental agencies and insurers to limit the growth in cost of healthcare services. (See Note 5 Concentration of Risk).

#### NOTE 2 PROPERTIES

#### Leased Property

The Company's leased real estate properties, represented by 130 long-term care facilities and 2 rehabilitation hospitals at December 31, 2000, are leased under provisions of master leases with initial terms ranging from 10 to 16 years, plus renewal options. Substantially all of the master leases provide for minimum annual rentals which are subject to annual increases based upon increases in the Consumer Price Index or increases in revenues of the underlying properties, with certain maximum limits. Under the terms of the leases, the lessee is responsible for all maintenance, repairs, taxes and insurance on the leased properties.

A summary of the Company's investment in leased real estate properties is as follows:

December 31,			
	2000	1999	
(In thousands)			
\$	553,183	\$	655,588
	26,758		30,517
	579,941		686,105
	(72,190)		(67,115)
\$	507,751	\$	618,990
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December 31,

The future minimum contractual rentals for the remainder of the initial terms of the leases are as follows:

		(In t	housands)
2001		\$	65,212
2002			65,194
2003			64,186
2004			62,816
2005			62,405
Thereafter			310,569
		\$	630,382
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#### **Owned and Operated Property**

The Company's owned and operated real estate properties include 69 long-term care facilities at December 31, 2000, of which 57 are owned directly by the Company and 12 are subject to third-party leases. An impairment charge of \$41.3 million was taken on these assets during the year ended December 31, 2000.

A summary of the Company's investment in the 57 owned and operated real estate properties is as follows:

	December 31,			
	2000	1999		
	(In thou	sands)		
Buildings	\$ 124,452	\$	57,637	
Land	6,149		3,173	
	130,601		60,810	
Less accumulated depreciation	 (17,680)		(814)	
Total	\$ 112,921	\$	59,996	

A summary of the Company's investment in the 12 facilities subject to third-party leases is as follows:

	ember 31, 2000
Leasehold interest Less accumulated amortization	\$ 1,771 (92)
Total	\$ 1,679

Future minimum operating lease payments on the 12 facilities are as follows:

2001	\$ 4,318

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2002 2003	4,318 4,318
2004	3,335
2005	2,221
Thereafter	855
	\$ 19,365

#### Assets Sold or Held For Sale

During 1998, management initiated a plan to dispose of certain properties judged to have limited long-term potential and to re-deploy the proceeds. Following a review of the portfolio, assets identified for sale in 1998 had a cost of \$95 million, a net carrying value of \$83 million, and annualized revenues of approximately \$11.4 million. In 1998, the Company recorded a provision for impairment of \$6.8 million to adjust the carrying value of certain assets to their fair value, less cost of disposal. During

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1998, the Company completed sales of two groups of assets, yielding sales proceeds of \$42.0 million. Gains realized in 1998 from the dispositions approximated \$2.8 million.

During 1999, the Company completed sales yielding net proceeds of \$18.2 million, realizing losses of \$10.5 million. In addition, management initiated a plan for additional asset sales to be completed in 2000. The additional assets identified as assets held for sale had a cost of \$33.8 million, a net carrying amount of \$28.6 million and annualized revenue of approximately \$3.4 million. As a result of this review, the Company recorded a provision for impairment of \$19.5 million to adjust the carrying value of assets held for sale to their fair value, less cost of disposal.

During 2000, the Company recorded a \$14.4 million provision for impairment related to assets held for sale and reclassified \$24.3 million of assets held for sale to "owned and operated assets" as the timing and strategy for sale or, alternatively, re-leasing were revised in light of prevailing marketing conditions. During 2000, the Company realized disposition proceeds of \$1.1 million on assets held for sale. Additionally, the Company received proceeds of \$34.7 million from sales of certain of its core and other assets, resulting in a gain of \$9.9 million.

Following is a summary of the impairment reserve:

Beginning Impairment at January 1, 1998	\$ 0
Provision charged	6,800
Provision applied	
Impairment Balance at December 31, 1998	6,800
Provision charged	19,500
Provision applied	(4,567)
Impairment Balance at December 31, 1999	21,733
Provision charged	14,415
Converted to Owned and Operated	(17,339)
Provision applied	(10,060)
Impairment Balance at December 31, 2000	\$ 8,749

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## NOTE 3 MORTGAGE NOTES RECEIVABLE

The following table summarizes the mortgage notes balances for the years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999:

		2000		1999
		(In tho	usand	ls)
Gross mortgage notes unimpaired	\$	204,550	\$	213,617
Gross mortgage notes impaired Reserve for uncollectable loans		7,031 (4,871)		
Reserve for unconcetable foans	_	(4,071)	_	
Net mortgage notes at December 31	\$	206,710	\$	213,617

Mortgage notes receivable relate to 63 long-term care facilities. The mortgage notes are secured by first mortgage liens on the borrowers' underlying real estate and personal property. The mortgage notes receivable relate to facilities located in 13 states, operated by 12 independent healthcare operating companies.

The Company monitors compliance with mortgages and when necessary has initiated collection, foreclosure and other proceedings with respect to certain outstanding loans.

During 2000, the Company determined that a certain mortgage loan was impaired and accordingly recorded an impairment provision of \$4.9 million to reduce the carrying value of the mortgage loan to its net realizable value. No other activity has been reflected in such reserve during the three-year period ended December 31, 2000. The impaired mortgage was collateralized by three skilled nursing facilities, one of which was to be returned to us and included in a master lease with the same operator. The other two properties were to be sold, with the proceeds applied to the mortgage loan. The loan was written down to the sum of the value of the facility to be leased plus the estimated proceeds, net of cost to dispose, from the sale of the other two facilities. Income recognized on the mortgage was \$745,000, \$966,000, and \$951,000 for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively. No income was recognized after the mortgage loan was impaired.

The following are the three primary mortgage structures currently used by the Company:

*Convertible Participating Mortgages* are secured by first mortgage liens on the underlying real estate and personal property of the mortgagor. Interest rates are usually subject to annual increases based upon increases in the CPI or increases in revenues of the underlying long-term care facilities, with certain maximum limits. Convertible Participating Mortgages afford the Company an option to convert its mortgage into direct ownership of the property, generally at a point six to nine years from inception; they are then subject to a leaseback to the operator for the balance of the original agreed term and for the original agreed participation in revenues or CPI adjustments. This allows the Company to capture a portion of the potential appreciation in value of the real estate. The operator has the right to buy out the Company's option at formula prices.

*Participating Mortgages* are secured by first mortgage liens on the underlying real estate and personal property of the mortgagor. Interest rates are usually subject to annual increases based upon increases in the CPI or increases in revenues of the underlying long-term care facilities, with certain maximum limits.

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*Fixed-Rate Mortgages*, with a fixed interest rate for the mortgage term, are also secured by first mortgage liens on the underlying real estate and personal property of the mortgagor.

The outstanding principal amount of mortgage notes receivable, net of allowances, are as follows:

December 31,

1999

2000

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December 31,

	(In tho	usands	3)
Participating mortgage note due 2007; interest at 16.00% payable			
monthly (excluding 1.0% deferred interest)	\$ 58,800	\$	58,800
Participating mortgage note due 2003; interest at 10.55% payable monthly	37,500		37,500
Participating mortgage note due 2008; interest at 10.08% payable			
monthly	12,000		12,000
Convertible participating mortgage note due 2001; monthly interest payments at 16.16% with principal due at maturity	8,932		8,932
Convertible participating mortgage note due 2016, monthly interest payments at 13.50%	8,114		8,127
Mortgage notes due 2015; monthly payments of \$189,004, including			
interest at 11.01%	16,199		16,656
Mortgage note due 2010; monthly payment of \$124,826, including interest at 11.50%	12,805		12,825
Mortgage note due 2006; monthly payment of \$107,382, including			
interest at 11.50%	11,025		11,035
Other mortgage notes	19,527		20,975
Other convertible participating mortgage notes	15,287		15,297
Other participating mortgage notes	6,521		11,470
Total mortgages net	\$ 206,710	\$	213,617

Mortgage notes are shown net of allowances of \$4,871,000 in 2000. There were no provisions recorded prior to 2000.

On December 30, 1999, the Company provided notice as to an Event of Default and acceleration of the due date to the mortgagor of the \$58.8 million participating mortgage note. The total obligation outstanding at that time, including deferred interest, was \$63.3 million. At that date the mortgagor was current with respect to principal and interest payments due on the loan but had failed to fully comply with certain covenants and to pay certain property taxes. On January 13, 2000, the Company offset security deposits of \$2.4 million against unpaid current and deferred interest. On January 18, 2000 the mortgagor filed with the Bankruptcy Court of Wilmington, Delaware for protection under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. While the Company's collection actions have been stayed as a result of the bankruptcy filing by the mortgagor, the Company believes the security for its loan will be adequate for collection of amounts due. During 2000, the Company recorded interest on this mortgage note at a rate equal to the results expected from negotiations with the operator, and continues to accrue interest at

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this reduced rate. On February 1, 2001, four facilities that were collateral for this mortgage were sold to a third-party, and the Company received a separate mortgage note in the amount of \$4.5 million, which is secured by liens on the underlying real estate. The Company reduced the amount of the participating mortgage note by \$4.5 million.

The estimated fair value of the Company's mortgage loans at December 31, 2000 is approximately \$230.6 million. Fair value is based on the estimates by management using rates currently prevailing for comparable loans.

#### NOTE 4 OTHER INVESTMENTS

A summary of the Company's other investments is as follows:

At December 31,

2000 1999

		At December 31,						
Assets leased by United States Postal Service-net	\$	22,416	\$	22,672				
Notes Receivable		24,550		27,548				
Allowance for loss on notes receivable		(8,995)		(1,460)				
Equity Securities of Omega Worldwide Inc		5,435		8,015				
Equity Securities of Principal Healthcare Finance Limited		1,615		1,615				
Equity Securities of Principal Healthcare Finance Trust		1,266		1,266				
Other		6,955		15,804				
Total Other Investments	\$	53,242	\$	75,460				
	24,550       27,54         tes receivable       (8,995)       (1,46         ga Worldwide Inc       5,435       8,01         tipal Healthcare Finance Limited       1,615       1,61         tipal Healthcare Finance Trust       1,266       1,26         6,955       15,80							

#### NOTE 5 CONCENTRATION OF RISK

As of December 31, 2000, 92% of the Company's real estate investments are related to long-term care facilities. The Company's facilities are located in 29 states and are operated by 27 independent healthcare operating companies.

Investing in long-term healthcare facilities involves certain risks stemming from government legislation and regulation of operators of the facilities. The Company's tenants/mortgagors depend on reimbursement legislation which will provide them adequate payments for services because a significant portion of their revenue is derived from government programs funded under Medicare and Medicaid. The Medicare program recently implemented a Prospective Payment System for skilled nursing facilities, which replaced cost-based reimbursements and significantly reduced payments for services provided. Additionally, certain State Medicaid programs have implemented similar prospective payment systems. The reduction in payments to nursing home operators pursuant to the Medicare and Medicaid payment changes has negatively affected the revenues of the Company's nursing home facilities.

Most of the Company's nursing home investments were designed exclusively to provide long-term healthcare services. These facilities are also subject to detailed and complex specifications for the physical characteristics as mandated by various governmental authorities. If the facilities cannot be operated as long-term care facilities, finding alternative uses may be difficult. The Company's triple-net leases require its tenants to comply with regulations affecting its facilities, and the Company regularly monitors compliance by tenants with healthcare facilities' regulations. Nevertheless, if tenants fail to

perform their obligations, the Company may be required to do so in order to maintain the value of its investments.

Approximately 77% of the Company's real estate investments are operated by 7 public companies, including Sun Healthcare Group, Inc. (26.1%), Integrated Health Services, Inc. (17.5%), Advocat, Inc. (11.6%), Vencor Operating, Inc. (5.8%), Mariner Post-Acute Network (6.4%), Genesis Health Ventures, Inc. (5.3%) and Alterra Healthcare Corporation (formerly Alternative Living Services) (3.7%). Of the remaining 20 operators, none operate investments in facilities representing more than 3.4% of the total real estate investments.

Many of the nursing home companies operating the Company's facilities have reported significant operating losses in the last two years. The Company has initiated discussions with all operators who are experiencing financial difficulties, as well as state officials who regulate its properties. It also has initiated various other actions to protect its interest under its leases and mortgages.

#### NOTE 6 LEASE AND MORTGAGE DEPOSITS

The Company obtains liquidity deposits and letters of credit from most operators pursuant to its leases and mortgages. These generally represent the monthly rental and mortgage interest income for periods ranging from three to six months with respect to certain of its investments. At December 31, 2000, the Company held \$7.6 million in such liquidity deposits and \$9.6 million in letters of credit. Additional security for rental and mortgage interest revenue from operators is provided by covenants regarding minimum working capital and net worth, liens on accounts receivable and other operating assets of the operators, provisions for cross default, provisions for cross-collateralization and by corporate/personal guarantees.

#### NOTE 7 BORROWING ARRANGEMENTS

On July 17, 2000, the Company replaced its \$200 million unsecured revolving line of credit facility with a new \$175 million secured revolving line of credit facility that expires on December 31, 2002. Borrowings bear interest at 2.5% to 3.25% over LIBOR, based on the Company's leverage ratio. Borrowings of approximately \$129 million are outstanding at December 31, 2000. LIBOR based borrowings under this facility bear interest at a weighted-average rate of 10.00% at December 31, 2000 and 7.30% at December 31, 1999. Real estate Investments with a gross book value of approximately \$240 million are pledged as collateral for this revolving line of credit facility.

On August 16, 2000, the Company replaced its \$50 million secured revolving line of credit facility with a new \$75 million secured revolving line of credit facility that expires on March 31, 2002 as to \$10 million and June 30, 2005 as to \$65 million. Borrowings under the facility bear interest at 2.5% to 3.75% over LIBOR, based on the Company's leverage ratio and collateral assigned. LIBOR based borrowings under this facility bear interest at a weighted-average rate of 9.77% at December 31, 2000 and 8.44% at December 31, 1999. Real estate Investments with a gross book value of approximately \$90 million are currently pledged as collateral for this revolving line of credit facility.

The Company is required to meet certain financial covenants, including prescribed leverage and interest coverage ratios on its long-term borrowings.

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The following is a summary of the Company's long-term borrowings:

		December 31,			
		2000	1999		
		(In tho	usand	s)	
Unsecured borrowings:					
6.95% Notes due June 2002	\$	125,000	\$	125,000	
6.95% Notes due August 2007		100,000		100,000	
Subordinated Convertible Debentures due 2001		16,590		48,405	
Unsecured Notes due July 2000				81,381	
Other		4,455		4,615	
		246,045		359,401	
Secured borrowings:					
Revolving lines of credit		185,641		166,600	
Industrial Development Revenue Bonds		8,375		8,595	
Mortgage notes payable to banks		6,112		14,844	
HUD loans		5,219		5,329	
		205,347		195,368	
	\$	451,392	\$	554,769	
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The Subordinated Convertible Debentures ("Debentures") are convertible at any time into shares of Common Stock at a conversion price of \$26.962 per share. The Debentures are unsecured obligations of the Company and are subordinate in right and payment to the Company's senior unsecured indebtedness. The balance of the Debentures was repaid in full on February 1, 2001 principally utilizing borrowings under the Company's revolving lines of credit. (See Note 15 Subsequent Events).

On July 15, 2000 the Company repaid the 10% and 7.4% Unsecured Notes issued in 1995. The effective interest rate for the unsecured notes was 8.8%, with interest-only payments due semi-annually through July 2000.

Real estate investments with a gross book value of approximately \$41 million are pledged as collateral for outstanding secured borrowings. Long-term secured borrowings are payable in aggregate monthly installments of approximately \$282,300, including interest at rates ranging

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Assuming none of the Company's borrowing arrangements are refinanced, converted or prepaid prior to maturity, required principal payments for each of the five years following December 31, 2000 and the aggregate due thereafter are set forth below:

2001	\$ 18,882
2002	263,429 2,026
2003	2,026
2004	2,176
2005	50,036
Thereafter	 114,843
	\$ 451,392

The estimated fair values of the Company's long-term borrowings is approximately \$415.0 million at December 31, 2000 and \$508.5 million at December 31, 1999. Fair values are based on the estimates by management using rates currently prevailing for comparable loans.

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#### NOTE 8 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

At December 31, 2000 and 1999, the carrying amounts and fair values of the Company's financial instruments are as follows:

	2000			1999				
	Carrying Fair Amount Value		Carrying Amount		Fair Value			
Assets:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	7,172	\$	7,172	\$	4,105	\$	4,105
Mortgage notes receivable		206,710		230,590		213,617		230,781
Other investments		53,242		53,675		75,460		74,610
Totals	\$	267,124	\$	291,437		293,182		309,496
Liabilities:			-		-		-	
Revolving lines of credit	\$	185,641	\$	185,641	\$	166,600	\$	166,600
6.95% Notes		225,000		190,177		225,000		181,832
Senior Unsecured Notes						81,381		81,054
Subordinated Convertible Debentures		16,590		17,101		48,405		47,402
Other long-term borrowings		24,161		22,121		33,383		31,620
Totals	\$	451,392	\$	415,040	\$	554,769	\$	508,508

Fair value estimates are subjective in nature and are dependent on a number of important assumptions, including estimates of future cash flows, risks, discount rates and relevant comparable market information associated with each financial instrument (See Note 1 Risks and Uncertainties). The use of different market assumptions and estimation methodologies may have a material effect on the reported estimated fair value amounts. Accordingly, the estimates presented above are not necessarily indicative of the amounts the Company would realize in a current market exchange.

The Company utilizes interest rate swaps to fix interest rates on variable rate debt and reduce certain exposures to interest rate fluctuations. At December 31, 2000, the Company had an interest rate cap with a notional amount of \$100 million and an interest rate swap with a notional amount of \$32 million, based on 30-day London Interbank Offered Rates (LIBOR). Under the \$100 million agreement, the Company's LIBOR base interest rate cannot exceed 7.5%. This agreement expires in March, 2001. Under the \$32 million agreement, the Company receives payments when LIBOR interest rates exceed 6.35% and pays the counterparties when LIBOR rates are under 6.35%. The amounts exchanged are based on the notional amounts. The \$32 million agreement expires on December 17, 2001. The combined fair value of the interest rate swaps at December 31, 2000 was a deficit of \$351,344.

In June 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement No. 133, *Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities*, which is required to be adopted in years beginning after June 15, 2000. The Company expects to adopt the new Statement effective January 1, 2001. The Statement will require the Company to recognize all derivatives on the balance sheet at fair value. Derivatives that are not hedges must be adjusted to fair value through income. If the derivative is a hedge, depending on the nature of the hedge, changes in the fair value of derivatives will either be offset against the change in fair value of the hedged assets, liabilities, or firm commitments through

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earnings or recognized in other comprehensive income until the hedge item is recognized in earnings. The ineffective portion of a derivative's change in fair value will be immediately recognized in earnings.

Based on the Company's derivative positions at December 31, 2000, the Company estimates that upon adoption it will record a loss from the cumulative effect of an accounting change of approximately \$400,000 in the consolidated statement of operations.

#### NOTE 9 RETIREMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The Company has a 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan covering all eligible employees. Under the Plan, employees are eligible to make contributions, and the Company, at its discretion, may match contributions and make a profit sharing contribution.

In 1993, the Company adopted the 1993 Deferred Compensation Plan, which covered all eligible employees and members of our Board of Directors. Participation by the directors in the Deferred Compensation Plan was terminated effective December 31, 1997, and accumulated benefits to the Directors under the plan were settled and paid in 1998.

The Deferred Compensation Plan is an unfunded plan under which the Company may award units that result in participation in the dividends and future growth in the value of the Company's common stock. The total number of units permitted by the plan is 200,000, of which 90,850 units have been awarded and 20,050 are outstanding at December 31, 2000. Units awarded to eligible participants vest over a period of five years based on the participant's initial service date.

Provisions charged to operations with respect to these retirement arrangements totaled \$181,000, \$123,000 and \$346,000, in 2000, 1999, and 1998, respectively.

#### NOTE 10 STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND STOCK OPTIONS

#### Series C Preferred Stock

On July 14, 2000, Explorer Holdings, L.P. ("Explorer"), an affiliate of Hampstead Investment Partners III, L.P. ("Hampstead"), a private equity investor, completed an investment (the "Equity Investment") of \$100.0 million in the Company in exchange for 1,000,000 shares of the Company's Series C Preferred Stock Stock. The Company used a portion of the proceeds from the Equity Investment to repay \$81 million of maturing debt on July 17, 2000.

Shares of the Series C Preferred Stock are convertible into Common Stock at any time by the holder at an initial conversion price of \$6.25 per share of Common Stock. The shares of Series C Preferred Stock are entitled to receive dividends at the greater of 10% per annum or the

dividend payable on shares of Common Stock, with the Series C Preferred Stock participating on an "as converted" basis. Dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock are cumulative from the date of original issue and are payable quarterly commencing on November 15, 2000. Explorer agreed to defer until April 2, 2001, the accrued dividend of \$4,666,667 payable on November 15, 2000 with respect to the Series C Preferred Stock Stock. (See Note 15 Subsequent Events).

The Series C Preferred Stock will vote (on an "as converted" basis) together with our common stock on all matters submitted to stockholders. However, without the consent of our Board of Directors, no holder of Series C Preferred Stock may vote or convert shares of Series C Preferred Stock if the effect thereof would be to cause such holder to beneficially own more than 49.9% of the

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Company's Voting Securities. If dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock are in arrears for four quarters, the holders of the Series C Preferred Stock, voting separately as a class (and together with the holder of Series A and Series B preferred if and when dividends on such series are in arrears for six or more quarters and special class voting rights are in effect with respect to the Series A and Series B preferred), will be entitled to elect directors who, together with the other directors designated by the holders of Series C Preferred Stock, would constitute a majority of the Company's Board of Directors.

The general terms of the Equity Investment are set forth in the Investment Agreement. In addition to setting forth the terms on which Explorer has acquired the initial \$100.0 million of Series C Preferred Stock, the Investment Agreement also contains provisions pursuant to which Explorer will make available, upon satisfaction of certain conditions up to \$50.0 million to fund growth (the "Growth Equity Commitment"). Draws under the Growt