

February 4, 2009

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Secretary of Labor
Top Hat Plan Exemption
Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration
Room N-1513
U.S. Department of Labor
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Re: Blaylock Robert Van, LLC Executive Discretionary Performance Incentive Plan

Dear Secretary:

Pursuant to Section 2520.104-23 of the Department of Labor's Regulations, this letter will serve as notice that, with respect to the Blaylock Robert Van, LLC Executive Discretionary Performance Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), the undersigned intends to utilize the alternative form of compliance with the reporting and disclosure requirements of Part 1 of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA") which alternative form of compliance is provided in the aforesaid Regulations Section.

Pursuant to Regulations Section 2520.104-23(b), the following information is provided:

1. Employer Name: Blaylock Robert Van, LLC
Employer Address: 780 Third Avenue 44th Floor
New York, New York 10017

2. Employer's Employer Identification Number – 20-8718270

3. The Employer hereby declares that it maintains the Plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or highly compensated employees.

4. The Employer hereby states that it maintains only the Plan primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation for a select group of management or

highly compensated employees. The number of employees originally eligible to participate in the Plan will be approximately 34.

Pursuant to Regulations Section 2520.104-23(b)(2), the Employer will provide Plan documents, if any, to the Secretary of Labor upon request as required by Section 104(a)(1) of ERISA.

Enclosed is a copy of this letter, which we ask that you date-stamp and return to us in the enclosed self-addressed and stamped envelope.

Very truly yours,

Employer: Blaylock Robert Van, LLC

By: 

Print Name: Eric V. Standifer

Title: President

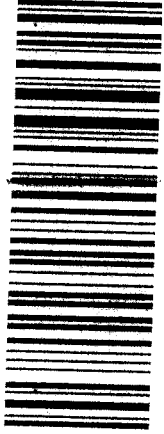
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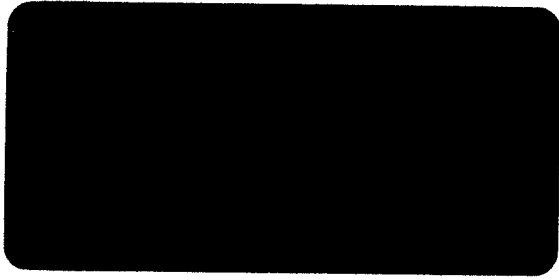
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