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September 15, 2022

Michael J. Galvin Director of Waterfront & Commercial Real Estate The Port of Los Angeles 425 S. Palos Verdes Street San Pedro, CA 90733-0151

#### Dear Mike:

I would like to update you on the current status of Westrec Marina Management, Inc., as it relates to our contract to manage the Cabrillo Way Marina for the Port of Los Angeles. Westrec has been a partner with the Port of Los Angles since 1998 and has been pleased to be part of the amazing growth and development of the Waterfront that the Port leadership has initiated over the years.

As you recall our founder and chairman of the board, Michael Sachs, unexpectedly passed away on April 11, 2019. Since that time the trustees of the Sachs Family trust have been working to sell the assets of the trust for the beneficiaries. The sale of Westrec Marina Management, Inc., will be final on December 31, 2022. Effective January 1, 2023, the new owners will be Suntex Marina Investors. The new Management Company will be Westrec SMI OPCO, LLC which is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Suntex Marina Investors LLC. Our senior management team will remain in place along with all of our employees in the field to ensure continuity to our management clients throughout the United States. I will continue as President, Jeff Ellis as CFO and Ruth Black as VP of finance. All our accounting team that has worked with the Port staff over the years, as well as the team operating the marina, will continue in place in the new company. This change was necessitated by the untimely passing of Mr. Sachs. The new structure will allow us to continue our obligations to our clients throughout the United States and specifically the Port of Los Angeles, with the same management team that is currently in place.

Suntex Marinas was the perfect fit for our management team due to their long-term involvement in owning and operating marinas as well as their similar corporate culture of providing superior customer service to their boaters.

I have attached detailed financial and background information on Suntex Marina Investors for your review. You may recall that Suntex Marina Investors was thoroughly vetted by your accounting department as one of the qualified bidders for the Cabrillo Way Marina redevelopment project in 2019.

Our contract with the Port of Los Angeles to manage the Cabrillo Way Marina does not allow the assignment of the contract to a new entity. I would like to request that you consider a onetime exemption to allow for the current contract to be assigned to Westrec SMI OPCO, LLC. This will allow for a continuity of management and continued service to the boating customers and the visiting public.

Bryan Redmond the CEO of Suntex Marina Investors has offered to meet with you and members of the Port staff if needed to help facilitate this assignment.

Please let me know if you will require any further information related to this request.

Regards,

William W. Anderson

Westrec Marina Management, Inc.

President

Attachments



To: Michael Galvin, Director of Waterfront & Commercial Real Estate

The Port of Los Angeles

From: Tom Tipton, Chief Financial Officer

CC: Bill Anderson, Chris Petty and Brian DeVoss

Date: September 15, 2022

Re: Financial Cover Letter

## **Summary**

In March of 2021 Suntex Marina Investors, LLC ("SMI" or "the Company") completed a \$1.2 billion recapitalization of the business. Since that time, the Company has acquired approximately \$579 million of new marina assets, bringing the Company's cost value to \$1.9 billion. As of today, the Company has approximately \$10 million of cash on its balance sheet and the ability to borrow approximately \$344 million additional funds on its credit facility. The Company projects generating approximately \$56 million of cash from operations in 2022. The Company's equity and debt partners are prepared to increase their funding to support further growth of the Company's business through acquisition, development and improvement of the Company's marinas.

### Overview

SMI is an owner, operator, manager and developer of high-quality coastal and inland marina properties located throughout the United States. The founders of SMI have been investing in and managing marinas since 1995 and this experience lead them to form SMI on February 26, 2015, for the purposes of acquiring direct or indirect interests in marina properties. SMI began operations on July 31, 2015, and internalized the management platform of Suntex Waterfront Advisors LLC (operating since 2009). As of today, SMI owns, manages and operates 67 marinas. The primary businesses are (i) the leasing of wet slips and dry storage for boats and smaller yachts and (ii) boat rentals and rental club memberships, but many marinas also provide other complementary services including retail sales, service, food and beverage and commercial leasing.

SMI is the operating partnership in a Real Estate Investment Trust ("REIT") ownership structure. As such, the Company's mission is to deploy capital through its real estate investments in marinas to provide a meaningful return on that investment for its investors. The Company intentionally does not hold

significant amounts of cash on its balance sheet. Instead, the Company re-invests its cash generated by the business in acquisitions of marinas, high yield capital projects on its existing marinas and marina developments. Additionally, the Company manages its credit facility to minimize the cash held on the balance sheet at any given time by repaying debt when cash is high and borrowing when cash is low.

Like most REITs, SMI does not prepare a classified balance sheet because current asset and current liability analysis is not the typical means to measure a REIT's financial health. Instead, it is important to understand the Company's real estate assets, as rents from these real estate assets represent 76% of our net operating income and in most cases, these rents do not appear in accounts receivable at any month end as they are billed and collected in short order. Additionally, these real estate assets increase in value over time and this value increase does not get reflected on the Company's balance sheet. As a result, the Company prepares a Net Asset Value ("NAV") calculation on an annual basis to calculate the value of the Company's assets. SMI's NAV has increased on average 12% per year since it began preparing these calculations in 2018.

The Company is backed by several sophisticated investment funds. The largest is Centerbridge Partners, L.P. Centerbridge Partners, L.P. is a private investment management firm employing a flexible approach across investment disciplines—from private equity to private credit and related strategies, and real estate—in an effort to develop the most attractive opportunities for their investors. The Firm was founded in 2005 and has over \$30 billion in capital under management with offices in New York and London.

The Company has a \$1.5 billion credit facility with some of the largest financial institutions in the world, including Bank of America, JP Morgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Bank of Montreal and US Bank. The structure of the credit facility is to provide lending based on the value of the Company's real estate assets. The Company can borrow up to 60% of the bank ascribed value of these assets. Today, the Company's amount outstanding under the credit facility is \$784 million representing approximately 41% of the bank ascribed value of its real estate assets. As a result, the Company may borrow an additional \$344 million today if needed. The primary liquidity performance metric used in the credit facility to measure the Company's ability to pay its obligations is the Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio. The Company has never breached this covenant at any point since inception of the credit facility in 2019.

## **Ability to Purchase and Operate Additional Marinas**

Today the Company has approximately \$10 million cash on its balance sheet and the ability to borrow an additional \$344 million from its credit facility. Additionally, as part of the Company's on-going acquisition and growth activities investors provided an additional \$170 million in capital in December of 2021 and \$80 million in May of 2022, and will continue to provide capital to support the business and its growth as necessary. Historically the Company's investors have funded approximately 40% to 50% of acquisitions with equity.

# **Key Financial Performance Metrics\*** (in thousands)

	2021	2020	2019
Revenue	\$202,253	\$155,245	\$146,607
Property NOI	\$85,636	\$71,376	\$65,540
Adjusted EBITDA	\$64,837	\$54,493	36,939
Cash flow from operations	\$26,761	\$22,098	\$16,446
Cash	\$85,641	\$15,878	\$13,128
Net Real Estate Assets	\$988,264	\$765,241	\$778,405
Total Assets	\$1,140,436	\$807,632	\$819,131

<sup>\*</sup>Refer to definitions in the exhibit to this letter

**Exhibit** – Definitions of Key Financial and Liquidity Performance Metrics

**NET OPERATING INCOME FROM PROPERTY OPERATIONS (Property NOI):** The Company defines NOI as revenue generated from its properties in accordance with GAAP, excluding the recognition of above and below market lease amortization. This revenue is reduced by cost of revenue, personnel related expenses, property tax, franchise tax, legal expenses, and operating expenses, but excludes depreciation and amortization, gain or loss on sale of assets, interest expense, acquisition related expenses, initial start-up costs to transition a property after acquisition, income tax expense, amortization of intangible leaseholds and noncontrollable costs.

**ADJUSTED EBITDA:** The Company defines Adjusted EBITDA as without duplication, the sum of (a) Consolidated Net Income determined in accordance with GAAP, plus (b) the following but only to the extent included in the calculation of such Consolidated Net Income: (i) amortization and depreciation expense, (ii) other non-cash charges, (iii) interest expense, (iv) provision for taxes and (v) minority interest expense attributable to non-Wholly-Owned Subsidiaries; but excluding, in any event, (1) extraordinary gains and losses and related tax effects thereon, (2) non-cash impairment charges, (3) non-cash stock or option based compensation, (4) other non-cash gains and losses and related tax effects thereon, and (5) fees, expenses and costs related to the acquisitions, in each case to the extent that same reduce Consolidated Net Income for such period and are not permitted to be capitalized pursuant to GAAP.

**CASH FLOW FROM OPERATIONS:** The Company defines Cash flow from operations as its sources and uses of cash from its ongoing business activities, including net income (loss) adjusted for non-cash items and changes in the Company's working capital.

CASH: The Company's cash consists of cash in bank accounts, cash on hand, and money market fund accounts.

**NET REAL ESTATE ASSETS:** The Company's Net Real Estate Assets are presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP and consist of real estate, boats, furniture, fixtures, and equipment, and acquired lease intangibles presented at historical cost, net of depreciation, amortization and impairments.

**TOTAL ASSETS:** The Company's Total Assets include the Net Real Estate Assets, Cash and Restricted Assets, Accounts Receivable, Inventories, Goodwill, Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets.

## SUNTEX MARINA INVESTORS LLC CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in thousands)

	As of December 31, 2021	As of December 31, 2020	As of December 31, 2019	
Assets				
Investments in real estate:				
Land	\$ 128,33	0 \$ 14,165	\$ 14,165	
Land improvements	38,73	2 31,162	29,758	
Buildings	99,41	7 59,537	58,687	
Docks	273,08	8 217,588	206,224	
Construction in progress	19,15	0 21,971	10,471	
Boats, furniture, fixtures and equipment	61,08	2 46,205	47,993	
	619,79	9 390,628	367,298	
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(96,94	6) (75,480)	(54,667)	
	522,85	315,148	312,631	
Acquired lease intangibles, net	465,41	1 450,093	465,774	
Net real estate investments	988,26	4 765,241	778,405	
Cash and cash equivalents	85,64	1 15,878	13,128	
Restricted cash	54	7 376	825	
Investment in unconsolidated entities	80	0 800	800	
Accounts receivable, net	2,28	2 2,051	3,580	
Inventories	3,75	6 2,578	2,809	
Notes receivable, net	2,02	1 —	1,799	
Earnest money in escrow	35,19	4 2,200	200	
Prepaid expenses and other assets, net	10,59	8 8,349	6,457	
Goodwill	11,33	3 9,044	9,044	
Assets held for sale	_	_ 1,115	2,084	
Total Assets	\$ 1,140,43	807,632	\$ 819,131	
Liabilities and Equity				
Liabilities:				
Series A redeemable preferred units, net	\$ 353,21	9 \$ 124,770	\$ 121,714	
Term loan credit facility, net	512,45	1 343,163	341,340	
Borrowings under the revolving credit facility	_	95,000	80,000	
Capital leases and equipment loans	25	1 313	377	
Acquisition liabilities	86	2 3,267	2,577	
Accrued expenses and accounts payable	25,09	5 16,763	18,727	
Acquired below-market lease intangibles, net	1,56	2 1,635	2,182	
Deferred revenue	7,98		6,102	
Accrued interest payable	3	0 33	951	
Security deposits	6,75		4,212	
Liabilities related to assets held for sale		_	586	
Total Liabilities	908,21	596,666	578,768	
Mezzanine Equity - Series A Profit Units	5,41	7 —	_	
Equity:	•			
Common units	226,21	2		
Class A units	220,21	- 204,267	233,682	
Class B units	_	•	6,002	
Class C units	_	- 6,002	· ·	
	-	285	285	
Noncontrolling interest  Total Equity	<u>59</u> <b>226,80</b>	_	394 <b>240,363</b>	
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,140,43	<u>\$ 807,632</u>	\$ 819,131	

# SUNTEX MARINA INVESTORS LLC CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (in thousands)

For	the	Year	End	led

	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020	December 31, 2019		
Revenue					
Storage and leases	\$ 102,642	\$ 87,611	\$ 69,070		
Boat rentals	21,085	21,076	15,886		
Service	10,155	8,524	11,882		
Fuel	27,332	16,825	17,904		
Food and beverage	30,770	12,698	22,757		
Other	10,269	8,511	9,108		
Total revenue	202,253	155,245	146,607		
Cost of revenue					
Boat rental	3,082	2,571	2,240		
Service	4,141	3,563	5,807		
Fuel	18,999	9,797	12,051		
Food and beverage	9,115	3,524	6,448		
Other	6,865	6,399	5,282		
Total cost of revenue	42,202	25,854	31,828		
Gross profit	160,051	129,391	114,779		
Expenses					
Property operating expenses	93,454	75,528	72,238		
General and administrative expenses	14,012	9,253	10,951		
Transaction costs	4,416	4,676	1,229		
Acquisition and pursuit costs	4,119	1,112	482		
Storm damage expenses, net of insurance proceeds	(2,028)	(6,812)	4,232		
Depreciation and amortization	29,612	33,020	25,311		
Interest and related amortization	53,307	28,393	19,348		
Adjustment of acquisition liabilities	720	1,890	(318)		
Impairment of buildings, docks and equipment	81	509	5,868		
Total expenses	197,693	147,569	139,341		
Other income or loss					
Loss on extinguishment of debt	(16,347)	_	14,822		
Unrealized gain related to investment in unconsolidated entities	_	_	6,526		
Loss on sale of marina properties	_	(548)	(3,986)		
Loss on disposal of boats, furniture, fixtures and equipment	(1,256)	(3,106)	(1,459)		
Litigation settlements, net of insurance proceeds	13	173	(300)		
Total other loss	(17,590)	(3,481)	15,603		
Net loss before income taxes	(55,232)	(21,659)	(8,959)		
Income tax expense	(53)	(50)	(23)		
Net loss	(55,285)	(21,709)	(8,982)		
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest-preferred			(1,582)		
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(280)	(266)	(229)		
Net loss attributable to SMI common unitholders	\$ (55,565)	\$ (21,975)	\$ (10,793)		

# SUNTEX MARINA INVESTORS LLC CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands)

For the Year Ended

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	Decembe	er 31, 2021	Decemb	ber 31, 2020	De	cember 31, 2019	
Cash flows from operating activities:	Φ.	(55.205)	•	(21.700)	Φ.	(0.002)	
Net loss	\$	(55,285)	\$	(21,709)	\$	(8,982)	
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities.  Depreciation and amortization	es:	29,829		33,235		25,311	
Amortization of in-place leases		10,047		9,515		3,293	
Amortization of original issue discount		1,195		_		_	
Amortization of debt issuance costs		2,983		2,249		1,410	
Debt issuance costs		277		<del>_</del>		_	
Issuance of Class A units as compensation		70		4 94		50 94	
Amortization of loan discount		70 720		1,890		(318)	
Adjustment of acquisition liabilities Provision for bad debts		91		901		171	
Impairment of buildings, boats, docks and equipment		81		509		5,868	
Proceeds from insurance		(2,348)		(8,336)		(1,333)	
Loss on disposal of boats, furniture, fixtures and equipment		1,256		3,106		1,459	
Loss on sale of marina properties		<del></del>		548		(14,822)	
Loss on extinguishment of debt		16,347		2 (50		3,986	
Series A Preferred Units distributions paid-in-kind Mark-to-market of interest rate swap		13,561		2,658		1,503	
Amortization of Class B compensation expense		_		_		(306) 991	
Unrealized gain related to investment in unconsolidated entities		_				(6,526)	
Deferred income taxes				_		37	
Changes in assets and liabilities:							
Due from affiliates		_		_		448	
Interest receivable		_		_		(151)	
Accounts receivable		(628)		602		(792)	
Inventories		(1,166)		243		963	
Prepaid expenses and other assets		(1,715)		(2,517)		28	
Accrued expenses and accounts payable		9,112 1,280		(1,693) 756		3,566 335	
Deferred revenue Accrued interest payable		(3)		(918)		122	
Security deposits		1,057		961		41	
Net cash provided by operating activities		26,761		22,098		16,446	
Cash flows from investing activities:							
Real estate acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(228,899)				(289,400)	
Purchases of buildings, boats, docks and equipment		(36,981)		(36,741)		(16,537)	
Real estate sales, net of disposal costs		(35,194)		1,460 (2,000)		45,067 633	
Earnest money in escrow Issuance of notes receivable		(2,000)		(2,000)		(450)	
Repayment of notes receivable		(2,000)		1,799		67	
Proceeds from sale of boats, furniture, fixtures and equipment		2,618		1,505		787	
Proceeds from insurance		2,348		8,336		1,333	
Net cash used in investing activities		(298,108)		(25,641)		(258,500)	
Cash flows from financing activities:							
Payments related to Recapitalization, net		(416,375)		_		_	
Proceeds from issuance of common units at Recapitalization		289,870		_		_	
Proceeds from issuance of Class 1-B units Proceeds from issuance of Series A units, net of original issue discount		270,000		_		_	
		290,812		_		_	
Repayment of Preferred Series A units Distributions to SMI REIT		(141,446)		_		_	
		(268)		(7.844)		_	
Distributions to Class A holders Proceeds from refinancing of term loan credit facility		525,000		(7,844)		_	
Proceeds from senior revolving credit facility		174,164		15,000		80,000	
Repayments of term loan credit facility		(350,000)		_		_	
Repayments of senior revolving credit facility		(269,164)		_		_	
Payment of debt issuance cost		(11,263)		_		(10,384)	
Equity issuance cost		(18,406)				(20.1.27.1)	
Principal payments		(62)		(64)		(294,274)	
Proceeds from issuance of Preferred Class A units Distributions to preferred shareholders		_		_		121,275 (1,284)	
Proceeds from senior debt facility		_				350,000	
New mortgage proceeds		_		_		4,717	
Debt extinguishment fees		_		_		(1,790)	
Distributions to noncontrolling interests		(100)		(248)		(80)	
Payments for acquisition liabilities		(1,481)		(1,000)		(1,015)	
Net cash provided by financing activities		341,281		5,844		247,165	
Net change in cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash		69,934		2,301		5,111	
Cash, each equivalents and restricted each, beginning of period	•	16,254	•	13,953	•	8,842 13,953	
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash, end of period	<u> </u>	86,188	<b>D</b>	16,254	<u> </u>	13,933	
Cash paid during the period for: Interest	\$	35,741	\$	24,894	\$	14,694	