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2016, and has assumed the receivership duties of Acting Nevada Insurance Commissioner Amy L. Parks.

<sup>1</sup> Barbara D. Richardson was appointed to serve as Nevada Commissioner of Insurance on March 1,

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#### I. INTRODUCTION AND HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

PBR was a captive insurance company operating as a risk retention group, incorporated and organized under the Nevada Insurance laws and the Liability Risk Retention Act of 1986. The company was domiciled in the State of Nevada and received its Certificate of Authority on July 20, 2010, and operated under the authority of Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") Chapter 694C.

The Company wrote professional liability insurance to physicians and their medical groups under claims-made indemnity policies. Ultimately, the Company was unable to collect sufficient premiums to both cover its fixed costs and operate as a viable insurer. In its history, it was able to attract only one doctor group.

On December 31, 2012, the Company reported a Capital and Surplus balance of \$149,013. In accordance with NRS 694C.250(1), the Company was unable to maintain the required minimum Capital and Surplus balance of \$500,000. As a consequence of failing to restore the minimum Capital and Surplus balance by April 30, 2013, the Company agreed to a voluntary suspension of its Certificate of Authority. On June 26, 2013, the Company filed a run-off plan with the Nevada Division of Insurance to begin the process of closing down operations.

On June 12, 2014, the Nevada Insurance Commissioner was appointed as Permanent Receiver of the Company by the First Judicial District Court of the State of Nevada (the "Court"). On June 17, 2014, an Amended Order Appointing Commissioner as Permanent Receiver for Physicians Benefit Resources Risk Retention Group, Inc., Order of Liquidation, and Other Permanent Relief (the "Permanent Receivership and Liquidation Order") was entered by the Court.

On June 12, 2014, then Commissioner Scott J. Kipper, as Permanent Receiver of the Company, retained David E. Wilson as Receivership Manager. The Receivership Manager was authorized to retain the services of Scott Pearce of Regulatory Services Group (RSG) as his Receivership Supervisor, and other staff of RSG as necessary. As provided for by the Permanent Receivership and Liquidation Order, the Receiver and Receivership Manager are

authorized to conduct the business of the Company and to administer its affairs for the protection of all secured creditors, insureds, policyholders, and general creditors.

#### II. RECEIVERSHIP ADMINISTRATION

#### A. Notices of Receivership and Notification to Interested Parties

The Receivership Manager believes it has given notice of the Receivership to all interested parties, and has provided claim forms for all recognized potential creditors and stakeholders. Additionally, the RSG website was updated with the notice and links to view the permanent receivership and liquidation order.

The Receivership Manager published national legal notice of the liquidation proceeding and proof of claim process on May 15, 2015, in the *Wall Street Journal* with notice of the Claims Bar Date.

#### B. Proof of Claims Process

The Receivership Manager mailed legal notice together with Proof of Claims ("POC") packets to all recognized potential creditors of the Company on May 15, 2015. The notice advised creditors of the November 15, 2015, claims-bar-date. Six claims were timely filed and there have not been any requests for late filing claims. We believe the six claims represent the entire population of claims. The six claims are:

- (1) the Court approved \$1,000,000 policyholder class claim (priority b) in the Johnson v. Cho matter; per Court approval, \$950,000 has been paid, and the residual \$50,000 appears to be the sole remaining Class (b) obligation;
- (2) the Nevada Commissioner's claim for unpaid pre-liquidation licensure of \$550(priority e), likely to be approved and fully paid;
- (3) Attorney Staub's unpaid invoices where we have reached an agreement to resolve for an approved claim of \$1,820 after offset for an ostensible preference payment (priority g);
- (4) Sterling Smith Insurance Services unpaid underwriting services which has been approved for the amount of \$111,278.52 (priority g).
- (5) Craig Benson's claim for \$6,812.50 for consulting services to PBR which is being investigated for a potential preference offset (priority g); and,

(6) Dr. Derrick Cho's claim for \$192,026.33 for inadequate defense coverage under the PBR liability policy covering the Michael Johnson claim (probable priority g). This claim tentatively has been rejected, but discussions are continuing.

The Receivership Manager has reviewed all six POC filings per Exhibit "1" (filing pursuant to NRS 696B.330.6). The Class (b) claim has been approved by the Court; the Class (e) claim is straightforward and will be approved as submitted; and of the four priority (g) POCs, two have agreements in place, and the other two remain without agreed resolution. Should either of the two claims currently being negotiated result in a Receiver's Determination and subsequent appeal, the Court will be notified and procedures consistent with NRS 696B.330.7 and .8 will be confirmed with the Court.

Based on commitments and projections through June 2016, the estate will have less than \$20,000 to distribute to any approved claim below priority class (b). There is one approved priority class (e) claim for \$550. The estate plans to take positions on the two remaining claims, give the claimants the requisite 60 days to decide on possible appeal, and then seek permission from the Court to forego any further activity in the claims determination process.

#### C. Policyholder Related Claims

As noted, at the time of this *Eighth Status Report*, the Receivership Manager continues to believe that there is a sole policyholder Class (b) claim which has been addressed and approved by the Court., and it represents the entirety of PBR's policyholder claim liability under NRS 696B.420(1)(b).

#### D. Reinsurance

The Receivership Manager has billed and collected the entire \$950,000 in reinsurance proceeds due the PBR receivership estate. The Receivership Manager does not anticipate any further reinsurance recoveries.

#### E. Records and Assets Control

The Receivership Manager believes it is in control of all known relevant books and records of the Company.

#### F. Financial Analysis

As of February 29, 2016, the Company had a cash balance of \$91,664, and the Receivership Manager is unaware of any other recoverable assets associated with the PBR estate. The Company has a single \$50,000 policy-level, class (b) claim remaining to be paid and estimates pre-liquidation service provider expense liabilities to be in excess of \$200,000. The Receivership Manager has incurred approximately \$209,656 in class (a) administration expenses from the June 2014 inception of the receivership proceeding through February 29, 2016. Additionally, the Receivership Manager has distributed \$950,000 towards the payment of the receivership estate's \$1 million in class (b) policyholder liability. The Receivership Manager, working with Langwasser and Associates, is preparing the 2015 Federal Tax Return on behalf of the receivership estate. The Receivership Manager anticipates there will be no estimated taxes due.

Consistent with 2015, the Receivership Manager will have a receipts-and-disbursements' review performed by a third-party audit vendor for all amounts received and paid by the receivership estate from December 31, 2014, to December 31, 2015. The review is performed to determine whether the receipts and disbursements of the receivership were properly supported and accounted for.

The Receivership Manager continues to monitor available cash while working to place the receivership estate in the best possible position to pay the final \$50,000 in class (b) policyholder claim liability and close the estate. While there never was a substantial amount of money estimated to be available for distribution to remaining creditors, the receivership expenses incurred to date to (1) actively facilitate the resolution of the policy claim; (2) collect the resulting reinsurance; and (3) obtain court approval and distribute the reinsurance proceeds, has exhausted assets more quickly than originally projected. The receivership estate still will have costs associated with other requirements to properly shut the estate (such as filing tax returns) and must ensure that sufficient funds are reserved to do so.

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#### III. CONCLUSION

In compliance with the Court's instructions for a status report regarding the affairs of the Company, the Receivership Manager submits this report and remains available to present further on any matters in this report as the Court may deem necessary.

#### **AFFIRMATION**

Pursuant to NRS 239B.030, the undersigned affirms that the preceding document, Eighth Status Report, filed in this case 14-OC-00114-1B, does not contain the personal information of any person.

DATED: April 11, 2016

Respectfully submitted:

Barbara D. Richardson, Commissioner of Insurance of the State of Nevada, in her Official Capacity as Statutory Receiver, of Delinquent Domestic Insurers

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I am an employee of the State of Nevada, Office of the Attorney General, and that on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016, I filed a copy of the foregoing **EIGHTH STATUS REPORT** by depositing for mailing at Carson City, Nevada, a true and correct copy in first class mail, postage prepaid, fully addressed to:

David E. Wilson CEO, SDIC Conservation and Liquidation Office 100 Pine Street, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor San Francisco. CA 94111

and via interoffice mail to:

Barbara Richardson, Commissioner of Insurance Division of Insurance Attn: Terri Verbrugghen 1818 E. College Parkway, Ste. 103 Carson, City, NV 89706

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## **LIST OF EXHIBITS**

to Eighth Status Report

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## PBR CLAIMS FILED Claims Report per NRS 696B.330(6)

POC No.	Claimant Name	Claimed Amount	Returned Date	Probable Priority	Approve Amount	Status
190039	Michael Johnson	\$1,000,000	Timely	(b)	\$1,000,000	Court Approved
190019	Nevada Insurance Commissioner	\$550.00	Timely	(e)	\$550.00	To be approved @ \$550.00
	Unlikely to have	e assets to pay claims	below this le	vel.		
190003	Richard Staub, LLP	Not stated	Timely	(g)	\$1,820.00	Approved @ \$1,820.00
190030	Sterling Smith	\$111,278.52	Timely	(g)	\$111,278.52	Approved @ \$111,278.52
190002	Craig Benson, Consultant	\$6,812.50	Timely	(g)		To Evaluate No assets position
190034	Derrick H. Cho	\$192,026.33	Timely	(g)		To Reject claim