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Babson Capital Corporate Investors, CI Subsidiary Trust, Babson Capital Participation Investors, PI Subsidiary Trust, Babson Capital Management LLC, Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, C.M. Life Insurance Company, Babson Capital Finance LLC, Tower Square Capital Partners, L.P. , TSCP Selective, L.P., Tower Square Capital Partners II, L.P., Tower Square Capital Partners II-A, L.P., Tower Square Capital Partners II-B, L.P., Tower Square II Holding 06-1, Inc., Tower Square Capital Partners III, L.P., Tower Square Capital Partners III-A, L.P., Tower Square Capital Partners III-B, L.P., Tower Square III Holdings 08-1, Inc., Tower Square Capital Partners IV, L.P., Tower Square Capital Partners IV-A, L.P., Tower Square IV Holding 14-1, Inc., and Babson Global Credit Fund (Lux) SCSp, SICAV-SIF

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SECTIONS 17(d) AND 57(i) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF
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PERMITTING CERTAIN JOINT TRANSACTIONS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY
SECTIONS 17(d) AND 57(a)(4) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF
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**BABSON CAPITAL CORPORATE
INVESTORS, CI SUBSIDIARY TRUST,
BABSON CAPITAL PARTICIPATION
INVESTORS, PI SUBSIDIARY TRUST,
BABSON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC,
MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY, C.M. LIFE
INSURANCE COMPANY, BABSON
CAPITAL FINANCE LLC,
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TSCP SELECTIVE, L.P.,
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III-B, L.P., TOWER SQUARE III HOLDINGS 08-1,
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Investment Company Act of 1940

I. Summary of Application

The following entities (the Applicants) hereby request an amended and restated order (the New Order) of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) pursuant to Sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), and Rule 17d-1 promulgated under the 1940 Act, authorizing certain joint transactions that otherwise may be prohibited by either or both of Sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) as modified by the exemptive rules adopted by the Commission under the 1940 Act:

Babson Capital Corporate Investors (formerly, MassMutual Corporate Investors) (MCI) and Babson Capital Participation Investors (formerly, MassMutual Participation Investors) (MPV) and together with MCI, the Existing Registered Funds),

CI Subsidiary Trust (MCI Sub) and PI Subsidiary Trust (MPV Sub),

Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company and its successors (MassMutual),

C.M. Life Insurance Company (C.M. Life),

Babson Capital Finance LLC (BCF),

Babson Capital Management, LLC and its successors¹ (Babson Capital) and any other person controlling, controlled by, or under common control with MassMutual or Babson Capital that serves as investment adviser to any Registered Fund or any Private Fund relying on the requested New Order (as each such capitalized term is defined below) (each an Adviser and together with Babson Capital, the Advisers), and

Tower Square Capital Partners, L.P. (TS Capital), TSCP Selective, L.P. (TSCP), Tower Square Capital Partners II, L.P. (TS Capital II), Tower Square Capital Partners II-A, L.P. (TS Capital II-A), Tower Square Capital Partners II-B, L.P. (TS Capital II-B), Tower Square II Holding 06-1, Inc. (TS Holding 06-1), Tower Square Capital Partners III, L.P. (TS Capital III), Tower Square Capital Partners III-A, L.P. (TS Capital III-A), Tower Square Capital Partners III-B, L.P. (TS Capital III-B), Tower Square III Holdings 08-1, Inc. (TS Holdings 08-1), Tower Square Capital Partners IV, L.P. (TS Capital IV), Tower Square Capital Partners IV-A, L.P. (TS Capital IV-A), and Tower Square IV Holding 14-1, Inc. (TS Holding 14-1), and Babson Global Credit Fund (Lux) SCSp, SICAV-SIF (Global Credit Fund) (collectively, the Existing Private Funds).

In particular, the relief requested in this application (the Application) would permit one or more Registered Funds² and/or one or more Affiliated Accounts³ to participate in the same investment opportunities through a proposed co-investment program (the Co-Investment Program) where such participation would otherwise be prohibited under Section 57(a)(4) and Rule 17d-1 by (a) co-investing with each other in securities issued by issuers in private placement transactions in which an Adviser negotiates terms in addition to price (Private Placement Securities); and (b) making additional investments in securities of such issuers, including through the exercise of warrants, conversion privileges, and other rights to purchase securities of the issuers (Follow-On Investments). Co-Investment Transaction means any transaction in which a Registered Fund participates together with one or more other Registered Funds and/or one or more Affiliated Accounts in reliance on the requested New Order.⁵ Potential Co-Investment Transaction means any investment opportunity in which a Registered Fund could not participate together with one or more Affiliated Accounts and/or one or more other Registered Funds without obtaining and relying on the New Order or the Current Order (defined below).

The relief requested would also cover any existing and future special purpose subsidiary (a Blocker Subsidiary) created by a Registered Fund or Private Fund (a) whose sole business purpose is to hold one or more investments on behalf of the Registered Fund or Private Fund; (b) that is wholly-owned by the Registered Fund or Private Fund (with such Registered Fund or Private Fund at all times holding, beneficially and of record, 100% of the voting and economic interests); (c) with respect to which, for Blocker Subsidiaries of a Registered Fund, the Registered Fund's Board⁶ has the sole authority to make all determinations with respect to the Blocker Subsidiary's participation under the conditions to this Application; (d) that does not pay a separate advisory fee, including any performance-based fee, to any person and (e) that is an entity that would be an investment company but for Section 3(c)(1) or 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act. A Blocker Subsidiary would be prohibited from investing in a Co-Investment Transaction with any Registered Fund because it would be a company controlled by the Registered Fund or Private Fund for purposes of Section 57(a)(4) and Rule 17d-1. Applicants request that a Blocker Subsidiary be permitted to participate in Co-Investment Transactions in lieu of the Registered Fund or Private Fund that owns it and that the Blocker Subsidiary's participation in any such transaction be treated, for purposes of the New Order, as though the owner entity were participating directly. Applicants represent that this treatment is justified because a Blocker

¹ The term successor means an entity that results from a reorganization or change in type of business organization.

² Registered Fund means either of the Existing Registered Funds and any Future Registered Fund. Future Registered Fund means any closed-end management investment company (a) that is registered under the 1940

Act or has elected to be regulated as a BDC (as defined below), (b) whose investment adviser is an Adviser, and (c) that intends to participate in the Co-Investment Program.

3 Affiliated Account means any account or entity, other than a Registered Fund or an open-end fund, advised by an Adviser. For avoidance of doubt, an Affiliated Account includes any Private Fund and any account owned by MassMutual that is advised by Babson. Private Fund means the Existing Private Funds and any future entity that is not an investment company by virtue of Section 2(b), 3(c)(1), 3(c)(5) and 3(c)(7) or otherwise and any employees securities company for which an Adviser serves as investment adviser.

4 The term private placement transactions means transactions in which the offer and sale of securities by the issuer are exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

5 No Non-Interested Trustee (as defined below) of a Registered Fund will have a financial interest in any Co-Investment Transaction, other than indirectly through share ownership in one of the Registered Funds.

6 The term Board means, with respect to any Registered Fund, the board of directors or trustees of that Registered Fund (including the MCI/MPV Board (as defined below), for MCI and MPV).

Subsidiary would have no purpose other than serving as a holding vehicle for the Registered Funds or Private Funds investments and, therefore, no conflicts of interest could arise between the owner entity and the Blocker Subsidiary. In the case of a Registered Fund, the Registered Fund's Board would make all relevant determinations under the conditions with regard to a Blocker Subsidiary's participation in a Co-Investment Transaction, and the Registered Fund's Board would be informed of, and take into consideration, any proposed use of a Blocker Subsidiary in the Registered Fund's place. If a Registered Fund proposes to participate in the same Co-Investment Transaction with any of its Blocker Subsidiaries, the Registered Fund's Board will also be informed of, and take into consideration, the relative participation of the Registered Fund and the Blocker Subsidiary.

The New Order would supersede an existing exemptive order (the Current Order) granted to MassMutual, Babson Capital, MCI, MPV, and a number of private funds that are no longer in existence.⁷ No applicant under the Current Order intends to rely on the Current Order following the issuance of the proposed New Order, and all existing entities that currently intend to rely upon the requested New Order have been named as Applicants. Any other existing or future entity that subsequently relies on the New Order will comply with the terms and conditions of the Application. Applicants do not seek relief for transactions that would be permitted under other regulatory or interpretive guidance, including, for example, transactions effected consistent with Commission staff no-action positions.⁸

II. Background

A. MCI, MPV, MCI Sub and MPV Sub

MCI and MPV are closed-end diversified management investment companies registered under the 1940 Act. Each is organized as a Massachusetts business trust. MCI was organized in 1971 and most recently filed a registration statement on Form N-2 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the 1933 Act) on April 29, 1987. MCI's principal investments are privately placed, below-investment grade, long-term debt obligations with equity features such as common stock, warrants, conversion rights, or other equity features and, occasionally, preferred stocks. MCI typically purchases these investments, which are not publicly tradable, directly from their issuers in private placement transactions. In addition, MCI may invest, subject to certain limitations, in marketable investment grade debt securities, other marketable debt securities (including high yield securities) and marketable common stocks. MPV was organized in 1988 and most recently filed a registration statement on Form N-2 under the 1933 Act on April 27, 1992. MPV's principal investments are privately placed, below-investment grade, long-term debt obligations purchased directly from their issuers, which tend to be smaller companies. MPV may also invest in publicly traded debt securities (including high yield securities) with an emphasis on those with equity features, and in convertible preferred stocks and, subject to certain limitations, readily marketable equity securities. In addition, MPV may invest in high quality, readily marketable securities.

MCI and MPV are each managed under the direction of a board of trustees (the MCI/MPV Board). The MCI/MPV Board currently consists of seven members, five of whom are not interested persons of MCI or MPV within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act (the Non-Interested Trustees).⁹ MCI Sub and MPV Sub are wholly owned subsidiaries of MCI and MPV, respectively. Each of them is a Massachusetts business trust and a Blocker Subsidiary (as defined below).

Each Registered Fund invests or intends to invest its assets so as to qualify for U.S. federal income tax treatment as a regulated investment company. Under current applicable income tax regulations, this will require, among other things, that at the end of each quarter, subject to certain exceptions, no more than 25% of the value of each Registered Fund's consolidated gross assets be invested in the securities of any single issuer or affiliated issuers and no more than 50% of the value of each Registered Fund's consolidated gross assets be invested in the securities of issuers representing in the case of any single issuer more than 5% of the Registered Fund's consolidated gross assets or more than 10% of that issuer's voting securities.

- ⁷ *Massachusetts Mutual Life Ins. Company, et al.*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 24557 (July 13, 2000) (notice) and 24595 (August 8, 2000) (order).
- ⁸ *See, e.g.*, Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. (pub. Avail. June 7, 2000), Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. (pub. Avail. July 28, 2000) and SMC Capital, Inc. (pub. Avail. Sept. 5, 1995).
- ⁹ The term Non-Interested Trustees means, with respect to any Board, the directors or trustees who are not interested persons within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19).

B. MassMutual, C.M. Life, BCF and Babson Capital

MassMutual is a mutual life insurance company organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Both C.M. Life, a stock life insurance company organized under the laws of Connecticut, and BCF, a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware that makes loans to middle market companies, are wholly-owned subsidiaries of MassMutual. Babson Capital, a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware, is an investment adviser registered with the Commission under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the Advisers Act) and is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of MassMutual. Babson advises *inter alia* investment companies registered under the 1940 Act, Private Funds, MassMutual's general investment account and its separate investment accounts (MassMutual's accounts), and certain insurance and non-insurance company subsidiaries of MassMutual. Prior to January 1, 2000, MassMutual was the investment adviser to MCI, MPV and the Private Funds. Effective January 1, 2000, Babson Capital became the investment adviser to MCI, MPV and the then-existing Private Funds. MassMutual, BCF, Babson Capital, and investment advisory clients of MassMutual and Babson may from time to time invest in the Registered Funds and/or the Private Funds. As discussed above, both the Private Funds and MassMutual's accounts are Affiliated Accounts.

MassMutual has invested side-by-side with MCI in Private Placement Securities since 1971 pursuant to an exemptive order under Section 17(d) and Rule 17d-1 thereunder and Section 17(b).¹⁰ Similarly, MassMutual has invested side-by-side with MPV since 1988, when the exemptive order was amended to add MPV.¹¹ The 1971 and 1988 orders, as successively amended through the Current Order, were intended to give the Registered Funds the opportunity to invest in Private Placement Securities that MassMutual intended to purchase for MassMutual's accounts and that would not otherwise be available to the Registered Funds but for MassMutual's participation in the investments. As a mutual life insurance company regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Insurance (the MA DOI) and the self-regulatory organization the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, MassMutual invests its general investment account to match its liabilities with respect to maturity and interest rate risk, including managing duration, liquidity and overall volatility. MassMutual's accounts are reviewed by the MA DOI to ensure compliance with various legal and accounting rules that, among other things, govern the types and amount of assets that an insurance company must maintain to help assure its ability to meet its obligations to policy holders. MassMutual's accounts are also subject to internal investment policies and oversight by various MassMutual committees.

MassMutual's accounts are advised by Babson Capital and other unaffiliated investment advisers. Babson Capital serves as investment adviser to a portion of MassMutual's accounts pursuant to investment advisory agreements. From time to time, usually annually or co-incident with the formation of a new Private Fund that may enter into Co-Investment Transactions with the Registered Funds, MassMutual enters into agreements, side letters, or other arrangements with Babson Capital under which MassMutual commits to invest a specified amount of capital over a specified period of time in Private Placement Securities selected by Babson Capital, on a fully discretionary basis. The amounts of capital and periods of time for Babson Capital's discretionary mandates for Private Placement Securities from MassMutual are based on, among other things, MassMutual's analysis of its overall investment portfolio and investment allocation policy for its general investment account. The amounts of capital and periods of time are established without regard to any particular Potential Co-Investment Transactions.

Although MassMutual indirectly owns Babson Capital, Babson Capital has a separate Board of Directors, officers and management team from MassMutual and operates as a separate, distinct legal entity. Babson Capital's portfolio managers' compensation is paid on the same basis with respect to managing the MassMutual accounts and any third-party accounts. Further, Babson Capital's allocation procedures do not distinguish between MassMutual's accounts and third-party accounts. Consequently, despite the affiliation between MassMutual and Babson Capital, Babson Capital manages the MassMutual accounts at arm's length in the same way it manages third-party accounts in the relevant asset classes.

- ¹⁰ *Massachusetts Mutual Life Ins. Company, et al.*, Investment Company Act Rel. No. 6690 (August 19, 1971) (order).
- ¹¹ *Massachusetts Mutual Life Ins. Company, et al.*, Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 16578 (September 28, 1988) (notice) and 16601 (October 19, 1988) (order).

Under the Current Order, anytime MassMutual or Babson Capital proposes to acquire Private Placement Securities that are consistent with MCI's or MPV's investment objectives and policies, Babson must offer each of MCI and MPV an amount of such Private Placement Securities equal to the amount proposed to be purchased by MassMutual (including indirectly through any Private Funds in which MassMutual has an ownership interest and/or through its indirect ownership of BCF), regardless of the fact that the mandates for MCI and MPV are smaller than the mandates (direct and indirect) for MassMutual. The Current Order also prescribes how investments should be allocated in the event MCI and/or MPV declines the offer or accepts less than the full offer.¹² Pursuant to guidelines adopted by the Registered Funds' Boards, the Registered Funds typically accept the offer subject to a pre-determined maximum investment amount that varies based on the EBITDA of the particular issuer (which is usually less than the amount proposed to be purchased by MassMutual). The Registered Funds' Boards have also adopted guidelines under which the Registered Funds decline offers of certain Private Placement Securities investments. In practice, these allocation policies permit the Registered Funds to invest pro rata alongside the Private Funds and MassMutual's accounts in Private Placement Securities up to the applicable maximum investment amounts that the Boards of MCI and MPV have approved, and permit MassMutual's accounts and the Private Funds to invest pro rata in the remainder of the available investment in such Private Placement Securities.

C. The Private Funds

TS Capital, TSCP, TS Capital II, TS Capital II-A, TS Capital II-B, TS Capital III, TS Capital III-A, TS Capital III-B, TS Capital IV, and TS Capital IV-A are Delaware limited partnerships for which Babson Capital acts as investment manager. The funds invest primarily in direct mezzanine and equity investments focused on small and middle market companies. Each fund is excepted from the definition of investment company under Section 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act.

Mezzco LLC acts as the general partner of TS Capital and TSCP. Mezzco II LLC acts as the general partner of TS Capital II, TS Capital II-A and TS Capital II-B. Mezzco III LLC acts as the general partner of TS Capital III, TS Capital III-A and TS Capital III-B, and Mezzco IV LLC acts as the general partner of Tower Square IV and TS Capital IV-A.

Global Credit Fund is a Luxembourg special limited partnership that acts as an umbrella fund. Babson Global Private Loans S.A.R.L. is the asset holding subsidiary associated with the Babson Global Private Loan Fund, the first sub-fund of the umbrella fund. Babson GPC GP S.A.R.L. is the general partner of Global Credit Fund and Babson Capital Global Advisors Limited acts as the investment manager and Babson Capital acts as the sub-adviser. Babson Global Private Loan Fund invests in global private corporate loans, with a focus on the senior secured loans, but also unitranche loans, second lien loans and subordinated debt (including mezzanine and payment in kind (PIK) securities) of private companies (primarily in North America, the European Economic Area, Australia, New Zealand and other jurisdictions in the Developed Asia-Pacific Region) that generally cannot access public capital markets.

III. Order Requested

The Applicants request that the Commission issue a New Order under Sections 17(d) and 57(i) under the 1940 Act, and Rule 17d-1 under the 1940 Act to permit, subject to the terms and conditions set forth below in this Application (the Conditions), one or more Registered Funds to be able to participate in Co-Investment Transactions with one or more other Registered Funds and/or one or more Affiliated Accounts. The New Order would supersede the Current Order, expanding the class of applicants and modifying the conditions contained in the Current Order.

¹² See Condition 1 of the Current Order.

The Registered Funds and the Affiliated Accounts seek relief to invest in Co-Investment Transactions because such Co-Investment Transactions would otherwise be prohibited by Sections 17(d) and 54(a)(4) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1 under the 1940 Act. This Application seeks relief in order to (i) enable the Registered Funds and the Affiliated Accounts to avoid the practical difficulties of trying to structure, negotiate and persuade counterparties to enter into transactions while awaiting the granting of the relief requested in individual applications with respect to each Co-Investment Transaction that arises in the future and (ii) enable the Registered Funds and the Affiliated Accounts to avoid the significant legal and other expenses that would be incurred in preparing such individual applications.

A. Section 17(d) and Section 57(a)(4)

Section 17(d) of the 1940 Act generally prohibits an affiliated person (as defined in Section 2(a)(3) of the 1940 Act), or an affiliated person of such affiliated person, of a registered closed-end investment company acting as principal, from effecting any transaction in which the registered closed-end investment company is a joint or a joint and several participant, in contravention of such rules as the Commission may prescribe for the purpose of limiting or preventing participation by the registered closed-end investment company on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of such other participant. Rule 17d-1 under the 1940 Act generally prohibits participation by a registered investment company and an affiliated person (as defined in Section 2(a)(3) of the 1940 Act) or principal underwriter for that investment company, or an affiliated person of such affiliated person or principal underwriter, in any joint enterprise or other joint arrangement or profit-sharing plan, as defined in the rule, without prior approval by the Commission by order upon application.

Similarly, with regard to business development corporations (BDCs, and each, a BDC), Section 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act prohibits certain persons specified in Section 57(b) of the 1940 Act from participating in a joint transaction with a BDC or a company controlled by a BDC in contravention of rules as prescribed by the Commission. In particular Section 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act applies to:

Any director, officer, employee, or member of an advisory board of a BDC, or any person (other than the BDC itself) who is an affiliated person of the forgoing pursuant to Section 2(a)(3)(C) of the 1940 Act; or

Any investment adviser or promoter of, general partner in, principal underwriter for, or person directly or indirectly either controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, a BDC,¹³ or any person who is an affiliated person of any of the forgoing within the meaning of Section 2(a)(3)(C) or (D) of the 1940 Act.

Section 2(a)(3)(C) of the 1940 Act defines an affiliated person of another person to include any person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, such other person. Section 2(a)(9) of the 1940 Act defines control as the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of a company, unless such power is solely the result of an official position with that company. Under Section 2(a)(9) of the 1940 Act a person who beneficially owns, either directly or through one or more controlled companies, more than 25% of the voting securities of a company is presumed to control such company. The Commission and its staff have indicated on a number of occasions their belief that an investment adviser controls the fund that it advises, absent compelling evidence to the contrary.¹⁴

Babson Capital is an affiliated person of each Existing Registered Fund under Section 2(a)(3)(D) of the 1940 Act because it serves as the Registered Funds' investment adviser. Because MassMutual controls Babson Capital, MassMutual is an affiliated person of Babson Capital under Section 2(a)(3)(C), and therefore an affiliated person of an

affiliated person (a second-tier affiliate) of each Existing Registered Fund. Similarly, each Adviser other than Babson Capital is under common control with Babson Capital, and is therefore an affiliated person of Babson Capital under Section 2(a)(3)(C), and a second-tier affiliate of each Existing Registered Fund. To the extent

- ¹³ Excluded from this category are the BDC itself and any person who, if it were not directly or indirectly controlled by the BDC, would not otherwise be under common control with the BDC.
- ¹⁴ *See, e.g., In re Investment Company Mergers*, SEC Rel. No. IC-25259 (Nov. 8, 2001); *In re Steadman Security Corp.*, 46 S.E.C. 896, 920 n.81 (1977) ([T]he investment adviser almost always controls the fund. Only in the very rare case where the adviser's role is simply that of advising others who may or may not elect to be guided by his advice can the adviser realistically be deemed not in control.).

that an Adviser is deemed to control the Registered Funds or Affiliated Accounts it advises, each Adviser and each other Registered Fund and Affiliated Account may be deemed to be under common control with, and therefore an affiliated person of, each Registered Fund under Section 2(a)(3)(C). These relationships might cause each Adviser, Registered Fund and Private Fund participating in Co-Investment Transactions with another Registered Fund to be subject to Sections 17(d) or 54(a)(4), and thus subject to the provisions of Rule 17d-1.

B. Rule 17d-1

Rule 17d-1 under the 1940 Act generally prohibits participation by a registered investment company and an affiliated person (as defined in Section 2(a)(3) of the 1940 Act) or principal underwriter for that investment company, or an affiliated person of such affiliated person or principal underwriter, in any joint enterprise or other joint arrangement or profit-sharing plan, as defined in the rule, without prior approval by the Commission by order upon application.

Rule 17d-1 was promulgated by the Commission pursuant to Section 17(d) of the 1940 Act and made applicable to BDCs by Section 57(i) of the 1940 Act. Section 57(i) of the 1940 Act provides that, until the Commission prescribes rules under Section 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act, the Commission's rules under Section 17(d) of the 1940 Act applicable to registered closed-end investment companies will be deemed to apply. Because the Commission has not adopted any rules under Section 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act, Rule 17d-1 under the 1940 Act applies.

Applicants seek relief pursuant to Rule 17d-1 under the 1940 Act, which permits the Commission to authorize joint transactions upon application. In passing upon applications filed pursuant to Rule 17d-1 under the 1940 Act, the Commission is directed by Rule 17d-1(b) under the 1940 Act to consider whether the participation of a registered investment company or controlled company thereof in the joint enterprise or joint arrangement under scrutiny is consistent with provisions, policies and purposes of the 1940 Act and the extent to which such participation is on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of other participants.

The Commission has stated that Section 17(d) of the 1940 Act, upon which Rule 17d-1 under the 1940 Act is based, and upon which Section 54(a)(4) of the 1940 Act was modeled, was designed to protect investment companies from self-dealing and overreaching by insiders. The Commission has also taken notice that there may be transactions subject to these prohibitions that do not present the dangers of overreaching. See Protecting Investors: A Half-Century of Investment Company Regulation, 1504 Fed. Sec. L. Rep., Extra Edition (May 29, 1992) at 488 *et seq.* The Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit has enunciated a like rationale for the purpose behind Section 17(d): The objective of [Section] 17(d) . . . is to prevent . . . injuring the interest of stockholders of registered investment companies by causing the company to participate on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of such other participants. Securities and Exchange Commission v. Talley Industries, Inc., 399 F.2d 396, 405 (2d Cir. 1968), *cert. denied*, 393 U.S. 1015 (1969). Furthermore, Congress acknowledged that the protective system established by the enactment of Section 57 is similar to that applicable to registered investment companies under section 17 of the 1940 Act, and rules thereunder, but is modified to address concerns relating to unique characteristics presented by business development companies. H.Rep. No. 96-1341, 96th Cong., 2d Sess. 45 (1980) *reprinted in* 1980 U.S.C.C.A.N. 4827.

Applicants believe that the terms and conditions of this Application would ensure that the conflicts of interest that Section 17(d) and Section 54(a)(4) of the 1940 Act were designed to prevent would be addressed and the standards for an order under Rule 17d-1 under the 1940 Act are met.

C. Protection Provided by the Proposed Conditions

Applicants believe that the Conditions, as discussed more fully in Section III.D. of this Application, will ensure the protection of shareholders of the Registered Funds and compliance with the purposes and policies of the 1940 Act with respect to the Co-Investment Transactions. In particular, the Conditions, as outlined below, would ensure that each Registered Fund would only invest in investments that are appropriate to the interests of shareholders and the

investment needs and abilities of that Registered Fund. In addition, each Registered Fund would be able to invest on equal footing with each other Registered Fund and any Affiliated Accounts, including

identical terms, conditions, price, class of securities purchased, settlement date, and registration rights. Each Registered Fund would have the ability to engage in Follow-On Investments in a fair manner consistent with the protections of the other conditions. Each Registered Fund would have the ability to participate on a proportionate basis, at the same price and on the same terms and conditions in any sale of a security purchased in a Co-Investment Transaction. Fees and expenses of Co-Investment Transactions would be borne by the applicable Adviser, or shared pro-rata among the Registered Funds and Affiliated Accounts who participate in the Co-Investment Transactions. The Conditions would also prevent a Registered Fund from investing in any current investments of an affiliated person, which eliminates the possibility of a Registered Fund from being forced to invest in a manner that would benefit an affiliated person's existing investment. Also, sufficient records of the transactions would be maintained to permit the examination staff of the Commission to monitor compliance with the terms of the requested order.

The Conditions impose a variety of duties on the Advisers with respect to Co-Investment Transactions and Potential Co-Investment Transactions by the Registered Funds. These duties include determinations regarding investment appropriateness, the appropriate level of investment, and the provision of information to the Board of any Registered Fund. In addition, when considering Potential Co-Investment Transactions for any Registered Fund, the applicable Adviser will consider only the Objectives and Strategies¹⁵, investment policies, investment positions, capital available for investment, and other pertinent factors applicable to that Registered Fund. Each Adviser, as applicable, undertakes to perform these duties consistently for each Registered Fund, as applicable, regardless of which of them serves as investment adviser to these entities. The participation of a Registered Fund in a Potential Co-Investment Transaction may only be approved by a required majority, as defined in Section 57(o) (a Required Majority), of the trustees of the Board eligible to vote on that Co-Investment Transaction under Section 57(o) (the Eligible Trustees¹⁶).

The amount of each Registered Fund's capital available for investment will be determined based on the amount of cash on hand, existing commitments and reserves, if any, the targeted leverage level, targeted asset mix and other investment policies and restrictions set from time to time by the Board of the applicable Registered Fund or imposed by applicable laws, rules, regulations or interpretations. Likewise, an Affiliated Account's capital available for investment will be determined based on the amount of cash on hand, existing commitments and reserves, if any, the targeted leverage level, targeted asset mix and other investment policies and restrictions set by the Affiliated Account's directors, general partners or adviser or imposed by applicable laws, rules, regulations or interpretations and for MassMutual that will be based on the specific overall mandate amount previously and periodically communicated to the Adviser in the relevant asset class (rather than based on MassMutual's entire general investment account).

In sum, the Applicants believe that the proposed Conditions would ensure that each Registered Fund that participates in a Co-Investment Transaction does not participate on a basis different from, or less advantageous than, that of such other participants. As a result, the Applicants believe that the participation of the Registered Funds in Co-Investment Transactions done in accordance with the Conditions would be consistent with the provisions, policies, and purposes of the 1940 Act, and would be done in a manner that was not different from, or less advantageous than, the other participants.

With respect to each Blocker Subsidiary, such a subsidiary would be prohibited from investing in a Co-Investment Transaction with any Affiliated Account or Registered Fund because it would be a company controlled by its parent Registered Fund for purposes of Section 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1 under the 1940 Act. Applicants request that each Blocker Subsidiary be permitted to participate in Co-Investment Transactions in lieu of its parent Registered Fund and that the Blocker Subsidiary's participation in any such transaction be treated, for purposes of the New Order, as though the parent Registered Fund were participating directly. Applicants represent that this treatment is justified because a Blocker Subsidiary would have no purpose other than serving as a holding vehicle for the Registered Fund's investments and, therefore, no conflicts of interest could arise between the

- ¹⁵ Objectives and Strategies means, for each Registered Fund, the Registered Fund's investment objectives and strategies and investment policies, as described in the Registered Fund's registration statement on Form N-2 and other filings the Registered Fund has made with the Commission, as further supplemented, amended or modified in accordance with applicable law, including, without limitation, the 1933 Act, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and the 1940 Act, as amended.
- ¹⁶ In the case of a Registered Fund that is a registered closed-end fund, the Board members that make up the Required Majority will be determined as if the Registered Fund were a BDC subject to Section 57(o).

Registered Fund and the Blocker Subsidiary. The Registered Fund's Board would make all relevant determinations under the conditions with regard to a Blocker Subsidiary's participation in a Co-Investment Transaction, and the Registered Fund's Board would be informed of, and take into consideration, any proposed use of a Blocker Subsidiary in the Registered Fund's place. If the Registered Fund proposes to participate in the same Co-Investment Transaction with any of its Blocker Subsidiaries, the Board will also be informed of, and take into consideration, the relative participation of the Registered Fund and the Blocker Subsidiary.

D. Proposed Conditions

Applicants agree that any New Order granting the requested relief shall be subject to the following Conditions:

1. Each time an Adviser considers a Potential Co-Investment Transaction for an Affiliated Account or another Registered Fund that falls within a Registered Fund's then-current Objectives and Strategies, the Registered Fund's Adviser will make an independent determination of the appropriateness of the investment for such Registered Fund in light of the Registered Fund's then-current circumstances.

2. (a) If the Adviser deems a Registered Fund's participation in any Potential Co-Investment Transaction to be appropriate for the Registered Fund, it will then determine an appropriate level of investment for the Registered Fund.

(b) If the aggregate amount recommended by the applicable Adviser to be invested by the applicable Registered Fund in the Potential Co-Investment Transaction, together with the amount proposed to be invested by the other participating Registered Funds and Affiliated Accounts, collectively, in the same transaction, exceeds the amount of the investment opportunity, the investment opportunity will be allocated among them pro rata based on each participant's capital available for investment in the asset class being allocated, up to the amount proposed to be invested by each. The applicable Adviser will provide the Eligible Trustees of each participating Registered Fund with information concerning each participating party's available capital to assist the Eligible Trustees with their review of the Registered Fund's investments for compliance with these allocation procedures.

(c) After making the determinations required in conditions 1 and 2(a), the applicable Adviser will distribute written information concerning the Potential Co-Investment Transaction (including the amount proposed to be invested by each participating Registered Fund and Affiliated Account) to the Eligible Trustees of each participating Registered Fund for their consideration. A Registered Fund will co-invest with one or more other Registered Funds and/or one or more Affiliated Accounts only if, prior to the Registered Fund's participation in the Potential Co-Investment Transaction, a Required Majority concludes that:

(i) the terms of the Potential Co-Investment Transaction, including the consideration to be paid, are reasonable and fair to the Registered Fund and its shareholders and do not involve overreaching in respect of the Registered Fund or its shareholders on the part of any person concerned;

(ii) the Potential Co-Investment Transaction is consistent with:

(A) the interests of the shareholders of the Registered Fund; and

(B) the Registered Fund's then-current Objectives and Strategies;

(iii) the investment by any other Registered Funds or Affiliated Accounts would not disadvantage the Registered Fund, and participation by the Registered Fund would not be on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of other Registered Funds or Affiliated Accounts; *provided that*, if any other Registered Fund or Affiliated Account,

but not the Registered Fund itself, gains the right to nominate a director for election to a portfolio company's board of directors or the right to have a board observer or any similar right to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company, such event shall not be interpreted to prohibit the Required Majority from reaching the conclusions required by this condition (2)(c)(iii), if:

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- (A) the Eligible Trustees will have the right to ratify the selection of such director or board observer, if any;
 - (B) the applicable Adviser agrees to, and does, provide periodic reports to the Registered Fund's Board with respect to the actions of such director or the information received by such board observer or obtained through the exercise of any similar right to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company; and
 - (C) any fees or other compensation that any Affiliated Account or Registered Fund or any affiliated person of any Affiliated Fund or any Registered Fund receives in connection with the right of an Affiliated Account or a Registered Fund to nominate a director or appoint a board observer or otherwise to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company will be shared proportionately among the participating Affiliated Accounts (who each may, in turn, share its portion with its affiliated persons) and the participating Registered Funds in accordance with the amount of each party's investment; and
- (iv) the proposed investment by the Registered Fund will not benefit the Advisers, the Affiliated Accounts or the other Registered Funds or Affiliated Accounts or any affiliated person of any of them (other than the parties to the Co-Investment Transaction), except (A) to the extent permitted by condition 13, (B) to the extent permitted by Section 17(e) or 57(k) of the 1940 Act, as applicable, (C) indirectly, as a result of an interest in the securities issued by one of the parties to the Co-Investment Transaction, or (D) in the case of fees or other compensation described in condition 2(c)(iii)(C).
3. Each Registered Fund has the right to decline to participate in any Potential Co-Investment Transaction or to invest less than the amount proposed.
4. The applicable Adviser will present to the Board of each Registered Fund, on a quarterly basis, a record of all investments in Potential Co-Investment Transactions made by any of the other Registered Funds or Affiliated Accounts during the preceding quarter that fell within the Registered Fund's then-current Objectives and Strategies that were not made available to the Registered Fund, and an explanation of why the investment opportunities were not offered to the Registered Fund. All information presented to the Board pursuant to this condition will be kept for the life of the Registered Fund and at least two years thereafter, and will be subject to examination by the Commission and its staff.
5. Except for Follow-On Investments made in accordance with condition 8, a Registered Fund will not invest in reliance on the New Order in any issuer in which another Registered Fund, Affiliated Account, or any affiliated person of another Registered Fund or Affiliated Accounts is an existing investor.
6. A Registered Fund will not participate in any Potential Co-Investment Transaction unless the terms, conditions, price, class of securities to be purchased, settlement date, and registration rights will be the same for each participating Registered Fund and Affiliated Account. The grant to an Affiliated Account or another Registered Fund, but not the Registered Fund, of the right to nominate a director for election to a portfolio company's board of directors, the right to have an observer on the board of directors or similar rights to participate in the governance or management of the portfolio company will not be interpreted so as to violate this condition 6, if conditions 2(c)(iii)(A), (B) and (C) are met.
7. (a) If any Affiliated Account or any Registered Fund elects to sell, exchange or otherwise dispose of an interest in a security that was acquired in a Co-Investment Transaction, the applicable Advisers will:

- (i) notify each Registered Fund that participated in the Co-Investment Transaction of the proposed disposition at the earliest practical time; and

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(ii) formulate a recommendation as to participation by each Registered Fund in the disposition.

(b) Each Registered Fund will have the right to participate in such disposition on a proportionate basis, at the same price and on the same terms and conditions as those applicable to the participating Affiliated Accounts and Registered Funds.

(c) A Registered Fund may participate in such disposition without obtaining prior approval of the Required Majority if: (i) the proposed participation of each Registered Fund and each Affiliated Account in such disposition is proportionate to its outstanding investments in the issuer immediately preceding the disposition; (ii) the Board of the Registered Fund has approved as being in the best interests of the Registered Fund the ability to participate in such dispositions on a pro rata basis (as described in greater detail in this application); and (iii) the Board of the Registered Fund is provided on a quarterly basis with a list of all dispositions made in accordance with this condition. In all other cases, the Adviser will provide its written recommendation as to the Registered Fund's participation to the Eligible Trustees, and the Registered Fund will participate in such disposition solely to the extent that a Required Majority determines that it is in the Registered Fund's best interests.

(d) Each Affiliated Account and each Registered Fund will bear its own expenses in connection with any such disposition.

8. (a) If any Affiliated Account or any Registered Fund desires to make a Follow-On Investment in a portfolio company whose securities were acquired in a Co-Investment Transaction, the applicable Advisers will:

(i) notify each Registered Fund that participated in the Co-Investment Transaction of the proposed transaction at the earliest practical time; and

(ii) formulate a recommendation as to the proposed participation, including the amount of the proposed Follow-On Investment, by each Registered Fund.

(b) A Registered Fund may participate in such Follow-On Investment without obtaining prior approval of the Required Majority if: (i) the proposed participation of each Registered Fund and each Affiliated Account in such investment is proportionate to its outstanding investments in the issuer immediately preceding the Follow-On Investment; and (ii) the Board of the Registered Fund has approved as being in the best interests of the Registered Fund the ability to participate in Follow-On Investments on a pro rata basis (as described in greater detail in this application). In all other cases, the Adviser will provide its written recommendation as to the Registered Fund's participation to the Eligible Trustees, and the Registered Fund will participate in such Follow-On Investment solely to the extent that a Required Majority determines that it is in the Registered Fund's best interests.

(c) If, with respect to any Follow-On Investment:

(i) the amount of the opportunity is not based on the Registered Funds' and the Affiliated Accounts' outstanding investments immediately preceding the Follow-On Investment; and

(ii) the aggregate amount recommended by the Adviser to be invested by each Registered Fund in the Follow-On Investment, together with the amount proposed to be invested by the participating Affiliated Accounts in the same transaction, exceeds the amount of the opportunity; then the amount invested by each such party will be allocated among them pro rata based on each

participant's capital available for investment in the asset class being allocated, up to the amount proposed to be invested by each.

(d) The acquisition of Follow-On Investments as permitted by this condition will be considered a Co-Investment Transaction for all purposes and subject to the other conditions set forth in this application.

9. The Non-Interested Trustees of each Registered Fund will be provided quarterly for review all information concerning Potential Co-Investment Transactions and Co-Investment Transactions, including investments made by other Registered Funds or Affiliated Accounts that the Registered Fund considered but declined to participate in, so that the Non-Interested Trustees may determine whether all investments made during the preceding quarter, including those investments that the Registered Fund considered but declined to participate in, comply with the conditions of the New Order. In addition, the Non-Interested Trustees will consider at least annually the continued appropriateness for the Registered Fund of participating in new and existing Co-Investment Transactions.

10. Each Registered Fund will maintain the records required by Section 57(f)(3) of the 1940 Act as if each of the Registered Funds were a BDC and each of the investments permitted under these conditions were approved by the Required Majority under Section 57(f) of the 1940 Act.

11. No Non-Interested Trustee of a Registered Fund will also be a director, general partner, managing member or principal, or otherwise an affiliated person (as defined in the 1940 Act) of an Affiliated Account.

12. The expenses, if any, associated with acquiring, holding or disposing of any securities acquired in a Co-Investment Transaction (including, without limitation, the expenses of the distribution of any such securities registered for sale under the 1933 Act) will, to the extent not payable by the Advisers under their respective investment advisory agreements with Affiliated Accounts and the Registered Funds, be shared by the Registered Funds and the Affiliated Accounts in proportion to the relative amounts of the securities held or to be acquired or disposed of, as the case may be.

13. Any transaction fee (including break-up or commitment fees but excluding broker's fees contemplated Section 17(e) or 57(k) of the 1940 Act, as applicable), received in connection with a Co-Investment Transaction will be distributed to the participating Registered Funds and Affiliated Accounts on a pro rata basis based on the amounts they invested or committed, as the case may be, in such Co-Investment Transaction. If any transaction fee is to be held by an Adviser pending consummation of the transaction, the fee will be deposited into an account maintained by such Adviser at a bank or banks having the qualifications prescribed in Section 26(a)(1) of the 1940 Act, and the account will earn a competitive rate of interest that will also be divided pro rata among the participating Registered Funds and Affiliated Accounts based on the amounts they invest in such Co-Investment Transaction. None of the Affiliated Accounts, the Advisers, the other Registered Funds or any affiliated person of the Registered Funds or Affiliated Accounts will receive additional compensation or remuneration of any kind as a result of or in connection with a Co-Investment Transaction (other than (a) in the case of the Registered Funds and the Affiliated Accounts, the pro rata transaction fees described above and fees or other compensation described in condition 2(c)(iii)(C); and (b) in the case of an Adviser, investment advisory fees paid in accordance with the agreement between the Adviser and the Registered Fund or Affiliated Account.

IV. Statement in Support of Relief Requested

Applicants submit that allowing the Co-Investment Transactions described by this Application is justified on the basis of (i) the potential benefits to the Registered Funds and the shareholders thereof and (ii) the protections found in the terms and conditions set forth in this Application.

A. Potential Benefits

In the absence of the relief sought hereby, in some circumstances the Registered Funds would be limited in their ability to participate in attractive and appropriate investment opportunities. Section 17(d) and Section 54(a)(4) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1 under the 1940 Act should not prevent BDCs and registered closed-end investment companies from making investments that are in the best interests of their shareholders. A registered fund that makes investments of the type contemplated by the Registered Funds may wish to limit its participation in any one

transaction to a specific dollar amount, which may be determined by legal or internally imposed limits on exposure to a single investment. In addition, the Code imposes diversification requirements on companies, such as MCI and MPV, that seek certain favorable tax treatment under Subchapter M of the Code.¹⁷ In view of the foregoing, in cases where the relevant Adviser identifies investment opportunities for a Registered Fund requiring larger capital commitments, it must seek the participation of other entities with similar investment styles. The availability of Affiliated Accounts as investing partners of a Registered Fund may alleviate the necessity in certain circumstances.

¹⁷ See I.R.C. Section 851(b)(3).

The ability to participate in Co-Investment Transactions that involve committing larger amounts of financing would enable each Registered Fund to participate with one or more of the Affiliated Accounts and the other Registered Funds in larger financing commitments, which would, in turn, be expected to obtain discounted prices and increase income, expand investment opportunities and provide better access to due diligence information for the Registered Funds. Indeed, each Registered Fund's inability to co-invest with one or more of the Affiliated Accounts and the other Registered Funds could potentially result in the loss of beneficial investment opportunities for such Registered Fund and, in turn, adversely affect such Registered Fund's shareholders. For example, a Registered Fund may lose investment opportunities if the Adviser cannot provide a larger amount of financing to a potential portfolio company. Portfolio companies may reject an offer of funding arranged by an Adviser due to a Registered Fund's inability to commit the full amount of financing required by the portfolio company in a timely manner (i.e., without the delay that typically would be associated with obtaining single-transaction exemptive relief from the Commission). The Advisers expect that any portfolio company that is an appropriate investment for a Registered Fund should also be an appropriate investment for one or more other Registered Funds and/or one or more Affiliated Accounts, with certain exceptions based on available capital, investment guidelines or diversification. The Registered Funds, however, will not be obligated to invest, or co-invest, when investment opportunities are referred to them. The Advisers believe that allowing for the types of transactions described in this Application will generate greater deal flow, broaden the market relationships of the Advisers and allow the Advisers to be more selective in choosing investments so that the Advisers can pursue the most attractive risk-adjusted investments.

Each Registered Fund and its shareholders will benefit from the ability to participate in Co-Investment Transactions. The Board of each Registered Fund, including the Non-Interested Trustees, has determined (or, for Future Registered Funds, will have determined) that it is in the best interests of the Registered Fund to participate in Co-Investment Transactions because, among other matters, (i) the Registered Fund will be able to participate in a larger number and greater variety of transactions; (ii) the Registered Fund will be able to participate in larger transactions; (iii) the Registered Fund will be able to participate in all opportunities approved by a Required Majority or otherwise permissible under the New Order rather than risk underperformance through rotational allocation of opportunities among the Registered Funds and Affiliated Accounts; (iv) the Registered Fund and any other Registered Funds participating in the proposed investment will have greater bargaining power, more control over the investment and less need to bring in other external investors or structure investments to satisfy the different needs of external investors; (v) the Registered Fund will be able to obtain greater attention and better deal flow from investment bankers and others who act as sources of investments; and (vi) the general terms and conditions of the New Order are fair to the Registered Funds and their shareholders. The Board of each of MCI and MPV, including the Non-Interested Trustees, also determined that it is in the best interests of the MCI and MPV, respectively, and the shareholders of each to obtain the New Order at the earliest possible time and instructed the officers of MCI and MPV, the Advisers and counsel to use all appropriate efforts to accomplish such goal. For these reasons, the Board of each of MCI and MPV has determined that it is proper and desirable for each of MCI and MPV, respectively, to participate in Co-Investment Transactions with the other Registered Funds and/or one more Affiliated Accounts.

B. Protective Representations and Conditions

The terms and conditions set forth in this application ensure that the proposed Co-Investment Transactions are consistent with the protection of each Registered Fund's shareholders and with the purposes intended by the policies and provisions of the 1940 Act. Specifically, the Conditions incorporate the following critical protections: (i) in each Co-Investment Transaction, all Registered Funds and Affiliated Accounts participating in the Co-Investment Transactions will invest at the same time for the same price and with the same terms, conditions, class, registration rights and any other rights, so that none of them receives terms more favorable than any other; (ii) a Required Majority of each Registered Fund must approve various investment decisions with respect to such Registered Fund in accordance with the Conditions; and (iii) the Registered Funds are required to retain and maintain certain records.

Other than pro rata dispositions and Follow-On Investments as provided in conditions 7 and 8, and after making the determinations required in conditions 1 and 2(a), the Adviser will present each Potential Co-Investment Transaction and the proposed allocation to the Eligible Trustees, and the Required Majority will approve each Co-Investment Transaction prior to any investment by the participating Registered Fund. With respect to the pro rata dispositions and Follow-On Investments provided in conditions 7 and 8, a Registered Fund may participate in a pro rata disposition or Follow-On Investment without obtaining prior approval of the Required Majority if, among other things: (i) the proposed participation of each Registered Fund and Affiliated Account in such disposition is proportionate to its outstanding investments in the issuer immediately preceding the disposition or Follow-On Investment, as the case may be; and (ii) the Board of the Registered Fund has approved that Registered Fund's participation in pro rata dispositions and Follow-On Investments as being in the best interests of the Registered Fund. If the Board does not so approve, any such disposition or Follow-On Investment will be submitted to the Registered Fund's Eligible Trustees. The Board of any Registered Fund may at any time rescind, suspend or qualify its approval of pro rata dispositions and Follow-On Investments with the result that all dispositions and/or Follow-On Investments must be submitted to the Eligible Trustees.

The Applicants believe that participation by the Registered Funds in pro rata dispositions and Follow-On Investments, as provided in conditions 7 and 8, is consistent with the provisions, policies and purposes of the 1940 Act and will not be made on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of other participants. A formulaic approach, such as pro rata dispositions and Follow-On Investments, eliminates the discretionary ability to make allocation determinations, and in turn eliminates the possibility for overreaching and promotes fairness. The Applicants note that the Commission has adopted a similar pro rata approach in the context of Rule 23c-2 under the 1940 Act, which relates to the redemption by a closed-end investment company of less than all of a class of its securities, indicating the general fairness and lack of overreaching that such approach provides.

V. Precedents

The Commission previously has issued orders permitting certain investment companies subject to regulation under the 1940 Act and their affiliated persons to co-invest in Private Placement Securities. See *Medley Capital Corporation, et. al.* (File No. 812-14020) Investment Company Act Rel. No. 30769 (Oct. 28, 2013) (notice) and 30807 (Nov. 25, 2013) (order); *Stellus Capital Investment Corporation, et. al.* (File No. 812-14061) Investment Company Act Rel. No. 30739 (Sept. 30, 2013) (notice) and 30754 (Oct. 23, 2013) (order); *FS Investment Corporation, et al.,* Investment Company Act Rel. No. 30511 (May 9, 2013) (notice) and 30548 (June 4, 2013) (order); *Gladstone Capital Corporation, Investment Company Act Rel. No. 30125* (June 29, 2012) (notice) and 30154 (July 26, 2012) (order); *H&Q Health Care Investors, Investment Company Act Rel. No. 28426* (September 30, 2008) (notice) and 28472 (Oct. 28, 2008) (order); *Ridgewood Capital Energy Growth Fund, LLC, et al., Investment Company Act Rel. No.28931* (Sep. 25, 2009) (notice) and (Oct. 21, 2009) (order); see also co-investing orders *Special Value Opportunities Fund, LLC, Investment Company Act Rel. No. 27287* (Apr. 11, 2006) (notice) and 27316 (May 9, 2006) (order); *Gladstone Capital Corp., Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 27120* (Oct. 25, 2005) (notice) and 27150 (Nov. 22, 2005) (order); *Prospect Capital Corp., Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 30855* (January 13, 2014) (notice) and 30909 (February 10, 2014) (order); *Alcentra Capital Corporation, et al., Investment Company Act Rel. Nos. 31927* (December 4, 2015) (notice) and 31951 (December 30, 2015) (order).

VI. Procedural Matters

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The Applicants desire that the Commission issue the New Order pursuant to Rule 0-5 under the 1940 Act without conducting a hearing.

As required by paragraph (c)(1) of Rule 0-2 under the 1940 Act, the persons signing below affirm that they have been authorized to file this application in accordance with the declarations of trust (or articles of incorporation, bylaws or comparable organizational documents) of their respective organizations and that all conditions and requirements pertaining to the exercise of their authority to file this application have been fulfilled. Appropriate resolutions and verifications are attached as exhibits.

Applicants request that any questions regarding this Application be directed to the persons listed on the facing page of this Application.

VII. Request for Order of Exemption

For the foregoing reasons, the Applicants request that the Commission enter the New Order under Sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1 under the 1940 Act granting Applicants the relief sought by the Application. Applicants submit that the requested exemption is consistent with the protection of investors.

[SIGNATURE PAGES FOLLOW.]

Respectfully submitted, as of April 29, 2016.

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Date: April 29, 2016

TOWER SQUARE IV HOLDING 14-1, INC.

By: /s/ Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Name: Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Title: Vice President and Secretary

Date: April 29, 2016

BABSON GLOBAL CREDIT FUND (LUX) SCSP, SICAV-SIF

By: /s/ Oliver Burgel

Name: Oliver Burgel

Title: Member

Date: April 29, 2016

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VERIFICATION

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BABSON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC

By: /s/ Robert M. Shettle

Name: Robert M. Shettle

Title: Managing Director

Date: April 29, 2016

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CI SUBSIDIARY TRUST

By: /s/ Michael L. Klofas

Name: Michael L. Klofas

Title: President

Date: April 29, 2016

PI SUBSIDIARY TRUST

By: /s/ Michael L. Klofas

Name: Michael L. Klofas

Title: President

Date: April 29, 2016

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MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

By: /s/ M. Timothy Corbett

Name: M. Timothy Corbett

Title: Executive Vice President & Chief Investment Officer

Date: April 29, 2016

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C.M. LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

By: /s/ M. Timothy Corbett

Name: M. Timothy Corbett

Title: Executive Vice President

Date: April 29, 2016

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BABSON CAPITAL FINANCE LLC

By: /s/ Michael L. Klofas

Name: Michael L. Klofas
Title: Managing Director

Date: April 29, 2016

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TOWER SQUARE CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Mezzco LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Name: Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Title: Clerk

Date: April 29, 2016

TSCP SELECTIVE, L.P.

By: Mezzco LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Name: Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Title: Clerk

Date: April 29, 2016

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TOWER SQUARE CAPITAL PARTNERS II, L.P.

By: Mezzco II LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Name: Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Title: Clerk

Date: April 29, 2016

TOWER SQUARE CAPITAL PARTNERS II-A, L.P.

By: Mezzco II LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Name: Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Title: Clerk

Date: April 29, 2016

TOWER SQUARE CAPITAL PARTNERS II-B, L.P.

By: Mezzco II LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Name: Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Title: Clerk

Date: April 29, 2016

TOWER SQUARE II HOLDING 06-1, INC.

By: /s/ Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Name: Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Title: Vice President and Secretary

Date: April 29, 2016

VERIFICATION

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TOWER SQUARE CAPITAL PARTNERS III, L.P.

By: Mezzco III LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Name: Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Title: Clerk

Date: April 29, 2016

TOWER SQUARE CAPITAL PARTNERS III-A, L.P.

By: Mezzco III LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Name: Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Title: Clerk

Date: April 29, 2016

TOWER SQUARE CAPITAL PARTNERS III-B, L.P.

By: Mezzco III LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Name: Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Title: Clerk

Date: April 29, 2016

TOWER SQUARE III HOLDINGS 08-1, INC.

By: /s/ Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Name: Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

Title: Vice President and Secretary

Date: April 29, 2016

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TOWER SQUARE CAPITAL PARTNERS IV, L.P.

By: Mezzco IV LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Michael L. Klofas

Name: Michael L. Klofas

Title: Manager

Date: April 29, 2016

TOWER SQUARE CAPITAL PARTNERS IV-A, L.P.

By: Mezzco IV LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Michael L. Klofas

Name: Michael L. Klofas

Title: Manager

Date: April 29, 2016

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Name: Richard F. Buckley, Jr.

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BABSON GLOBAL CREDIT FUND (LUX) SCSP, SICAV-SIF

By: /s/ Oliver Burgel
Name: Oliver Burgel
Title: Member

Date: April 29, 2016

EXHIBIT A: RESOLUTIONS

BABSON CAPITAL CORPORATE INVESTORS

Resolution

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is the Secretary of Babson Capital Corporate Investors (the Trust) and further certifies that the following resolution was duly adopted by the Trustees of the Trust on July 22, 2015, and is still in full force and effect.

RESOLVED, that any appropriate officer of the Trust be, and each of the officers is hereby, severally authorized to prepare and execute on behalf of the Trust and to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (Act) and rule 17d-1 thereunder an application for exemptive relief from the provisions of section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 that would supersede prior orders and establish new conditions for engaging in private placement transactions with investment company and certain other affiliates, authorize co-investments in loan syndications and participations, authorize collection and pro rata distribution of certain transaction fees, and permit additional existing and future investment companies to make co-investments; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any appropriate officer of the Trust be, and each of the officers is hereby, severally authorized to file with the SEC the exemptive application and any amendments thereto in such form as the officer or any one of the officers deems necessary and appropriate to do any and all things necessary or proper under the Act, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, including the submission and filing of any and all applications, amendments to applications, reports and other documents deemed by such officer to be necessary or proper to establish and implement the proposed co-investing arrangement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Trust, this 29th day of April, 2016.

/s/ Janice Bishop
Janice M. Bishop
Vice President and Secretary

BABSON CAPITAL PARTICIPATION INVESTORS

Resolution

The undersigned hereby certifies that she is the Secretary of Babson Capital Participation Investors (the Trust) and further certifies that the following resolution was duly adopted by the Trustees of the Trust on July 22, 2015, and is still in full force and effect.

RESOLVED, that any appropriate officer of the Trust be, and each of the officers is hereby, severally authorized to prepare and execute on behalf of the Trust and to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) under section 6(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (Act) and rule 17d-1 thereunder an application for exemptive relief from the provisions of section 17(d) of the Act and rule 17d-1 that would supersede prior orders and establish new conditions for engaging in private placement transactions with investment company and certain other affiliates, authorize co-investments in loan syndications and participations, authorize collection and pro rata distribution of certain transaction fees, and permit additional existing and future investment companies to make co-investments; and

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Trust, this 29th day of April, 2016.

/s/ Janice Bishop
Janice M. Bishop
Vice President and Secretary