

STANFORD FINANCIAL GROUP RECEIVERSHIP

PRESS STATEMENT

February 20, 2009

Purpose

The following statement is being issued to answer questions raised by individual and commercial interests regarding the Receivership for the Stanford Financial Group of companies. For further updates, please refer to www.stanfordfinancialreceivership.com.

Treatment of Customer Accounts

Currently, brokerage and advisory account customers can contact their representatives or the Houston headquarters to give instructions to sell securities that are in their accounts. Directions as to how to give these instructions will be posted on the receivership website today. However, customers may not transfer their accounts to another firm or access cash at this time. Customer statements will be sent out at month end.

Cash and securities in customer accounts remain in the possession of third party, independent clearing brokers, as directed by the Receiver.

For the foreseeable future, customers cannot use their accounts to make payments because transfers out of these accounts are frozen until the Receiver is able to verify there are no legal or equitable claims against those accounts.

The Court has charged the Receiver with the responsibility of collecting and preserving assets. At the same time, the Receiver has directed his advisers and consultants to find a way to unfreeze those accounts that can be unfrozen as soon as practicable, consistent with his responsibilities.

Contributions to Political Campaigns

The Receiver understands that there are multiple recipients of political campaign contributions from the Defendants and their controlled entities. Such recipients are encouraged to transfer such funds back to the Receivership Estate. Directions as to how to do this will be posted on the website.

Employee Instructions

Employees of locations that are under the Receiver's physical control have generally been sent home until further notice. Other employees have been instructed to continue certain day-to-day operations until told otherwise subject to the policy changes referred to in this statement.

Anticipated Date Of Release of Significant Information

The Receiver is in the process of fulfilling the terms of the Federal Court's order to take control of all assets and records of the Defendants and entities they control. Generally, receiverships involve the filing of three basic reports with the court with interim reports as needed: 1) a list of all assets, 2) a list of all claims against those assets, and 3) a proposal as to how to distribute the assets to the claimants. Accordingly, it should be expected that significant information with regard to the identity of assets and claims (and any proposal regarding their treatment) will not be made until the Receiver is knowledgeable enough to file such reports.

CD and SAS Sales

The Receiver has directed that all sales of what have been described as certificates of deposit by the Stanford companies cease. The Receiver has also directed that sales of the Stanford Allocation Strategy mutual fund product cease.

Authority of Receiver

On February 17, 2009, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, entered an order appointing the Receiver to take control of the assets and records of Stanford International Bank, Ltd.; Stanford Group Company; Stanford Capital Management, LLC; Laura Pendergest-Holt; James M. Davis and Allen Stanford (the "Defendants"). The Court's order covers all records and assets of each Defendant, including all entities that they control, wherever located.

The order authorizes the Receiver to "have complete and exclusive control, possession, and custody" of these assets as well as "any assets traceable to assets owned by" the Receivership Estate. The order was issued in connection with a lawsuit by the Securities and Exchange Commission, which alleges that the Defendants have conducted a multi-billion dollar fraudulent investment scheme.

All assets and records of the Defendants and the entities they control are now under the sole ownership of the Court and the Receiver is the sole executive officer of the Stanford entities. Some operations will continue as the Receiver identifies and values assets and claims against those assets.

Receivership Process

The Receiver is systematically obtaining control over the Receivership Estate assets and records. The Receiver has retained outside experts, including broker-dealer experts, major international law firms, forensic accounting and electronic records experts, and a professional security firm. Other experts are being retained as needed. The Receiver is taking control of assets and records by: 1) placing affected persons on notice of the Court

orders, 2) physically securing the headquarters and other major control centers, and 3) electronically controlling asset transfers.

Receiverships generally involve putting into place people and procedures to preserve assets and to analyze the claims against the assets. After completing that, such receiver would file a motion with the court with a recommendation as to treatment of the assets and claimants. The proposal would generally be made available to all affected persons. Such persons would be given an opportunity to object to the proposal and any continuing objections would be determined by the court. Finally, the assets and claimants would be treated as the Court would determine after reviewing the receiver's recommendations and any objections to them. Generally, we anticipate that the Stanford receivership will proceed along these lines. Reports will be filed with the Court periodically and major reports will be posted on the receivership's website.

International Issues

The Defendants' non-U.S. owned companies have been placed on notice of the order and they are subject to its terms. The Receiver is analyzing the impact of the order and will take such actions as are necessary to secure receivership assets while minimizing interruptions of normal day-to-day operations.

Contacting the Receivership Estate

The Receivership Estate may only be contacted in writing. Emails may be sent to: info@stanfordfinancialreceivership.com. Inquiries to this email address are being reviewed but the Receiver does not expect to be able to respond to individual inquiries. We anticipate that when multiple persons or press representatives have similar questions, we will address such issues within the FAQ section of the receivership's website which may be found at: www.stanfordfinancialreceivership.com.

The receivership website will be the main method of communicating with customers and the public. We strongly encourage interested parties to check the website frequently because it is revised as new information is obtained.

The Receiver is in the process of adding Spanish language disclosures to the website.

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