

Receivership of the Heartland Companies

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ALL CREDITORS OF THE HEARTLAND COMPANIES

Dear Creditor:

I am writing you as the court appointed receiver for the Heartland Companies. The Heartland Companies are a group of companies that were created as part of a well publicized Ponzi Scheme which operated from headquarters located here in Indianapolis, Indiana. A listing of the entities that comprised the Heartland Companies is included with this letter. If you invested money in or extended credit to any of the Heartland Companies you may be entitled to file a claim in the receivership and participate in a distribution of the proceeds of the liquidation of the companies assets. These proceeds will likely be distributed in one or more installments during this year and possibly the following year. In order to participate in the distributions, it is necessary that you file a proof of your claim with the office of the receiver. Both a claim form and a self addressed envelope are included with this letter to facilitate your claim filing.

The receivership has a website which is located at www.heartlandfinancialinfo.com. You may file a claim electronically by visiting the website, clicking on the item marked "***Investor Claims***" and following the instructions. If your claim is filed electronically through the website, you should receive a confirmation number by return e-mail. This confirmation number is the proof that your claim has been filed with the receiver's office. If you have previously filed a claim, but do not have a confirmation number, then it is possible your claim was not received. In

summary, in order to properly file a claim in the receivership, you either need to complete the enclosed form and return it to the office of the or file your claim electronically through the website and retain your confirmation number as proof of your electronic filing.

If you choose to file your claim by mail, it is suggested that you either enclose a self addressed, stamped, return envelope (for the return to you of an acknowledged copy) or that you return the claim form to us via certified mail, return receipt requested. Either of these methods will allow you to have written proof that your claim has been filed.

The importance of filing your claim stems from the fact that the receivership court has issued an order stating that all claims must be filed by **March 30, 2001**, in order to participate in receivership distributions. Claims received after that date will not be allowed.

Also enclosed with this letter is a copy of the Order which has been issued by the court, which, among other things, sets the deadline for claim filing, approves the claim form and determines the method by which your claim (if you were an investor) should be calculated. This method is also summarized on the proof of claim form.

The accountants for the receivership have attempted to bring the books of the Heartland Companies up to date and, in most cases, we believe that your claim is accurately reflected on the Heartland Companies books when calculated in accordance with the method described on the claim form.

Please note: Since the Heartland Companies were part of a Ponzi Scheme, the money received from investors was not actually invested. Hence, there were no 'profits', despite what may have shown on your account statements. This means that your claim is limited to the amount which you actually invested less any amount which you were actually paid.

If you were an investor in the Heartland Companies, there should be a statement of your account(s) enclosed with this letter. If the books of the Heartland Companies indicate that you have a claim to file, the amount believed to be correct is shown in the statement in the column titled **Claims Against Heartland**. If you agree with the amount shown, then this is the amount which you should use to fill out your proof of claim form. If you disagree with the statement, you should contact Erika Gaffin at the office of the Receiver's accountants [(317) 633-4700], to discuss your questions or merely return the form using the amount you feel you are owed. If you return the form claiming an amount different that shown in your statement, it will be

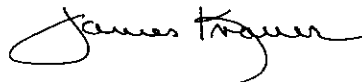
helpful to attach proof of any payments to or from Heartland not shown your statement.

If the statement shows a balance in the column entitled ***Claims against Investors***, it means that the Receiver believes that you have received payments from the Heartland Companies that exceed your actual investment. In this case, you should have previously received a letter from the Receiver requesting that you repay this amount to the Receiverhsip. If you have entered into a settlement with the office of the Receiver, you should disregard this letter because you have no need to file a claim or otherwise respond. If you disagree with the claim calculations, then you should file a proof of claim using the amount you believe you are owed.

Finally, we are enclosing a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) about the Heartland Receivership.

If you have other questions please contact the Receiver's office at the number set forth on this letter.

Sincerely,



James A. Knauer

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