

**SHL HOLDINGS LTD.**  
**(Formerly Syncora Holdings Ltd.)**

**Liquidation Basis Financial Statements**  
**December 31, 2020 and for the**  
**Year Then Ended**



## **Report of Independent Auditors**

To the Board of Directors of SHL Holdings Ltd.

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of SHL Holdings Ltd., which comprise the statement of net assets (liquidation basis) as of December 31, 2020, and the related statement of changes in net assets (liquidation basis) for the year then ended.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditors' Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the Company's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### ***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets in liquidation of SHL Holdings Ltd. as of December 31, 2020, and the changes in its net assets in liquidation for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applied on the basis described in Note 3.

### ***Basis of Accounting***

As discussed in Note 3 to the financial statements, the shareholders of SHL Holdings Ltd. approved a plan of liquidation on January 28, 2020 and the Company determined liquidation is imminent. As a result, the Company changed its basis of accounting on January 1, 2020 from the going concern basis to a liquidation basis. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*

March 31, 2021

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**(U.S. dollars in thousands)**

**Liquidation Basis Statement of Net Assets**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 20,025
Estimated liquidation value of assets	8,828
Estimated disposal costs	(666)
Accrued estimated liquidation costs	<u>(5,508)</u>
<b>Net assets in liquidation as of December 31, 2020</b>	<b><u>\$ 22,679</u></b>

**Liquidation Basis Statement of Changes in Net Assets**

Net assets in liquidation, January 1, 2020	\$ 444,219
Cash distribution to common shareholders on January 31, 2020	(415,000)
Remeasurement of assets and liabilities	(6,540)
<b>Net assets in liquidation as of December 31, 2020</b>	<b><u>\$ 22,679</u></b>

See accompanying Notes to Liquidation Basis Financial Statements

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**1. Organization**

SHL Holdings Ltd., formerly Syncora Holdings Ltd., (“SHL Holdings” and together with its subsidiaries, the “Company”), a Bermuda holding company which was formed on March 17, 2006, historically provided, through its former wholly-owned subsidiary, Syncora Guarantee Inc., financial guarantee insurance and reinsurance. On March 4, 2019, the Company announced that its Board of Directors had commenced a formal review process to explore and evaluate strategic alternatives for the Company focused on optimizing shareholder value and returning capital to its shareholders. The review process resulted in SHL Holdings entering into an agreement to sell Syncora Guarantee Inc. to Star Insurance Holdings LLC, an entity organized by GoldenTree Asset Management LP on behalf of their managed funds and accounts. The sale of Syncora Guarantee Inc. for \$429 million in cash was completed on December 30, 2019.

Following the completion of the sale of Syncora Guarantee Inc., SHL Holdings’ remaining assets primarily consist of cash and cash equivalents, an 80% interest in Swap Financial Group, LLC (“Swap Financial”), its non-controlling interest in Crown Global Insurance Group, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, (“Crown Global”), real property and an option on real property in Detroit, Michigan, and a certificate that can be presented to the City of Detroit for value when purchasing certain city-owned property in Detroit, Michigan (see Note 3). These remaining assets, other than cash, are held indirectly through subsidiaries of SHL Holdings.

***Recent Developments - Plan of Liquidation***

Subsequent to the sale of Syncora Guarantee Inc., the Company’s Board determined that it was in the best interest of its shareholders to return capital and liquidate the Company. As such, the Company sought shareholder approval to adopt a plan of liquidation (“Plan of Liquidation”). The Plan of Liquidation was intended to constitute a plan of complete liquidation of the Company within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code.

Under the Plan of Liquidation, the Company will cease to be a going concern, will not engage in any new business activities and will otherwise limit its activities to prosecuting and defending civil, criminal or administrative suits by or against the Company, and such other activities as will enable the Company to settle and close its business, to dispose of and convey its property, to discharge its liabilities, to distribute to its shareholders any remaining assets and to wind up its affairs. The Plan of Liquidation provided for an initial distribution of \$415 million (or approximately \$4.767 per share), comprising the net cash proceeds from the sale of Syncora Guarantee Inc. and other available cash and may also provide for subsequent distributions to shareholders. Once all liabilities have been satisfied and all remaining assets have been distributed to its shareholders, the Company will be dissolved.

On January 28, 2020, SHL Holdings held a special General Meeting of Shareholders to adopt the Plan of Liquidation. At the Special General Meeting, over 99% of the shareholders that attended the Special General Meeting in person or by proxy voted in favor of adopting the Company’s Plan of Liquidation. In addition, on January 28, 2020 SHL Holdings cancelled its 3,044,588 treasury shares and announced that its Board authorized a distribution of \$415 million or \$4.767 per share to be made to shareholders of record holding 87,057,571 of common shares as of January 29, 2020. The distribution was made on January 31, 2020.

Any future dividends to shareholders will be subject to the discretion and approval of the SHL Holdings’ Board of Directors, applicable law and the liquidator, as and when appointed. As of December 31, 2020, the Company had 87,057,571 common shares issued and outstanding and 500,000,000 common shares authorized.

As a result of shareholder approval of the Company’s Plan of Liquidation on January 28, 2020, the Company has met the requirements for liquidation basis of accounting, which the Company adopted effective January 1, 2020 as discussed further in Note 3.

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**2. Description of Risks and Uncertainties and Certain Tax Considerations to Ownership of the Company's Common Shares**

*Risks and Uncertainties*

The Company is exposed to the following risks and uncertainties that may materially affect the amounts the Company expects to collect in disposing its remaining assets and settling its outstanding liabilities.

- The remaining assets include the Company's 80% interest in Swap Financial, a non-controlling interest in Crown Global, real property and an option on real property in Detroit, Michigan, and a certificate that can be presented to the City of Detroit for value when purchasing certain city-owned property in Detroit, Michigan. These real property-related assets include certain requirements which may make them less valuable, and if not sold subjects them to potential repossession by the City of Detroit. There can be no assurance that the Company will not be required to enforce its rights under the Development Agreement in the Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan. The remaining assets may not have a readily ascertainable value, and the Company may not be able to monetize these assets for what it believes to be the fair market value or find a buyer at all. In addition, the Company is currently involved in disputes related to certain of these assets, which may not be resolved favorably or at all, and which may have a negative effect on the value of these assets.
- The Company intends to retain cash to pay ongoing operating expenses, including expenses related to monetizing the remaining assets, salaries of personnel overseeing the liquidation, liquidator fees, legal fees, other overhead expenses, and expenses to satisfy any outstanding and contingent liabilities, including ongoing litigation. As a result, this cash will not be available to be paid to shareholders, except to the extent such cash is not ultimately spent as described above. In addition, the Company may have unknown liabilities that are presented while it is in liquidation, which may require it to satisfy those liabilities with cash on hand or cash generated from the sale of its remaining assets. Any such operating expenditure or unknown liability may reduce the amount of any subsequent distribution, or prevent any subsequent distribution from being paid.
- Given the outbreak of the coronavirus, the cascading effects of the coronavirus pandemic could increase expenses, affect the values of the remaining assets or the timing of their liquidation, or affect the timing of litigation due to court closures.
- The Company intends to treat any distributions to its shareholders as distributions in complete liquidation of the Company for U.S. federal income tax purposes. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to complete the liquidation and dissolution in the manner and within the timeframe required by the IRS. Given the nature of the remaining assets and certain ongoing litigation relating thereto, the Company may not be able to monetize the remaining assets and complete the liquidation under Bermuda Law within three years from the adoption of the Plan of Liquidation. If the liquidation process takes longer than three years, there may be adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences to a U.S. holder of the Company's common shares.
- The Company has not requested a ruling from the IRS with respect to the anticipated U.S. federal income tax consequences of the Plan of Liquidation. The Company intends to accomplish the liquidation and dissolution in a manner that will qualify as a "complete liquidation" of the Company within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code, but there can be no assurance that the Company's efforts to do so will be successful. If any of the anticipated tax consequences of the Plan of Liquidation prove to be incorrect, the result could be increased taxation at the corporate and/or shareholder level, thus reducing the benefit to the shareholders and the Company from the liquidation and dissolution. Shareholders are urged to consult their own tax advisors as to the specific tax consequences to them of the Plan of Liquidation in light of each shareholder's particular circumstances.

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- If the Company is deemed a “passive foreign investment company” (“PFIC”) for any taxable year (or portion thereof) that is included in the holding period of a U.S. person treated as a U.S. shareholder of its shares, such U.S. person may be subject to adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences and may be subject to additional reporting requirements. The determination as to whether the Company is deemed a PFIC for any taxable year is based on the application of complex U.S. federal income tax rules. U.S. investors are urged to consult their own tax advisors regarding the possible application of the PFIC rules. While the Company does not believe it was a PFIC for 2020, and does not intend to become a PFIC in the future, if it were to do so, it could result in adverse U.S. federal income tax consequences for shareholders.
- Should the Company experience an “ownership change” for purposes of Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code, the Company’s ability to utilize its net operating loss carryforwards and recognize certain built-in losses would be subject to an annual limitation in the future. Any such limitation could result in an increased U.S. federal income tax liability, which may not be fully offset by the Company’s net operating losses and therefore materially adversely affect the Company. While the SHL Holdings’ bye-laws contain restrictions intended to reduce the likelihood of such an “ownership change,” it remains possible that an “ownership change” could nonetheless occur. These limitations may prevent SHL Holdings from taking certain strategic actions and may reduce liquidity of trading in the Company’s common shares. These limitations could have a material adverse effect on the Company, or the amount of any liquidation or trading price of the Company’s common shares. In addition, although the Company has not taken any uncertain tax positions, the IRS may nonetheless disagree with the Company’s interpretation of this and other tax related matters which could result in a material adverse effect on the amount of U.S. net operating losses available to the Company to offset future taxable income.
- The Company is involved in legal proceedings. Management cannot predict the outcomes of these legal proceedings with certainty. These legal proceedings may involve significant expense. An unfavorable outcome could materially affect the amount of distributions shareholders may receive upon liquidation. See Note 5.
- The Company relies upon information technology and systems, including those of third parties, to support a variety of its business processes and activities. In addition, the Company has collected and stored confidential information. The Company’s data systems and those of third parties on which it relies may be vulnerable to security breaches from external and internal factors. Problems in, or security breaches of, these systems could result in, among other things, the disclosure or misuse of confidential or proprietary information, legal costs and regulatory penalties. As the Company’s business operations rely on the continuous availability of its computer systems, as well as those of certain third parties, a failure to maintain business continuity in the wake of disruptive events could prevent the timely completion of critical processes across its operations. These failures could result in additional costs, fines and litigation.
- The Company expects that its common shares will continue to trade for some period of time on the OTC Markets Pink market following the adoption of the Plan of Liquidation and the initial distribution, but may be volatile, experience substantial declines in price and have limited trading volume and any investment in the Company’s common shares is considered speculative.

### **3. Significant Accounting Policies**

#### ***Basis of Presentation***

As a result of the approval of the Plan of Liquidation, the Company’s basis of accounting changed from the going-concern basis to the liquidation basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is considered appropriate when liquidation of the Company is imminent, which, for the Company, was the date the shareholders approved the Plan of

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Liquidation. The Plan of Liquidation was approved by the shareholders on January 28, 2020 and the Company adopted the liquidation basis of accounting effective January 1, 2020. Under the liquidation basis of accounting, the consolidated balance sheet, statement of operations and comprehensive income (loss), changes in shareholders' equity and cash flows are no longer presented. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Changes in Net Assets are the principal financial statements presented under the liquidation basis of accounting.

The accompanying liquidation basis financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP"). In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation pursuant to these requirements have been included.

In preparing the liquidation basis financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that may affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, including the estimated liquidation values of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of changes in net assets in liquidation during the reporting period. Actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

Liquidation Basis Statement of Net Assets

Under the liquidation basis of accounting, all of the Company's assets are measured at their liquidation value (which represents the estimated amount of cash the Company expects to collect in settling and disposing of its assets). All liabilities are measured either at their contractual amounts or at the estimated amounts at which the liabilities are expected to be settled, including those estimated costs associated with implementing the Plan of Liquidation. These amounts are presented in the accompanying Liquidation Basis Statement of Net Assets. These estimates will be periodically reviewed and adjusted as appropriate. There can be no assurance that these estimated values will be realized. Such amounts should not be taken as an indication of the timing or amount of future distributions or the Company's actual liquidation. The valuation of assets and liabilities represent estimates, based on present facts and circumstances, and the costs associated with carrying out the Plan of Liquidation. The Company's assumptions and estimates as of December 31, 2020 are based on completing the liquidation by September 30, 2021. The actual values and costs associated with carrying out the Plan of Liquidation are expected to differ from amounts reflected in the accompanying financial statements because of the plan's inherent uncertainty. These differences may be material. In particular, the estimates of the Company's costs will vary with the length of time necessary to complete the Plan of Liquidation. Accordingly, it is not possible to predict with certainty the timing to complete the Plan of Liquidation or the aggregate amount which may ultimately be distributed to shareholders and no assurance can be given that the distributions will equal the estimate presented in the accompanying Liquidation Basis Statement of Net Assets.

Liquidation Basis Statement of Changes in Net Assets

The Liquidation Basis Statement of Changes in Net Assets presents those changes that occurred since January 1, 2020, the date the Company adopted liquidation basis of accounting. The Liquidation Basis Statement of Changes in Net Assets for the period presented includes summarized increases and decreases in net assets resulting from cash distributions to common shareholders and remeasurement of assets and liabilities.

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A reconciliation of total shareholders' equity as of December 31, 2019, under the going-concern basis of accounting, to beginning net assets in liquidation as of January 1, 2020 under liquidation basis of accounting is presented as follows:

*(In thousands)*

<b>Total shareholders' equity, as of December 31, 2019</b>	<b>\$ 454,594</b>
Effect of adopting the liquidation basis of accounting:	
Estimated liquidation costs <sup>(1)</sup>	(9,388)
Change in the estimated value of assets <sup>(2)</sup>	(1,052)
Change in the estimated value of liabilities <sup>(3)</sup>	65
Total effect of adopting the liquidation basis of accounting	(10,375)
 <b>Net assets in liquidation, January 1, 2020</b>	 <b><u>\$ 444,219</u></b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Estimated liquidation costs represent estimated projected costs, including fees and expenses related to monetizing the remaining assets, ongoing operating expenses, salaries of personnel, liquidator fees, legal fees and other overhead expenses.

<sup>(2)</sup> Adjustments to the value of assets represent refinements to the value of the remaining assets to be monetized in liquidation, including the recognition of assets not previously recognized. In addition, some of these assets had already been accrued under the going-concern basis of accounting.

<sup>(3)</sup> Change in the estimated value of liabilities primarily represents revisions to operating expenses previously accrued under the going-concern basis of accounting.

***Cash and Cash Equivalents***

The Company's cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and money market funds, as well as amounts restricted as to withdrawal and use which include deposits held in escrow accounts and cash deposits. The Company defines cash equivalents as short-term, highly liquid securities and interest earning deposits with maturities at time of purchase of 90 days or less.

***Estimated Liquidation Value of Assets***

Under the liquidation basis of accounting, the Company's remaining assets are measured at the estimated amount of cash the Company expects to collect in disposing of its assets. As of December 31, 2020, estimated liquidation value of assets includes amounts for the Company's interest in Crown Global and Swap Financial, as well as its real property-related assets in Detroit, Michigan.

Crown Global

In 2015, the Company acquired an approximately 13% interest in Crown Global for \$4.9 million in connection with its strategy at the time to match assets with its mid-to-long term expected liabilities. In connection with the sale of Syncora Guarantee Inc. to Star Insurance Holdings LLC on December 30, 2019, the Company adjusted its cost basis in Crown Global to \$3.0 million, which is also its current liquidation value, excluding any estimated selling costs. As a result of this investment, the Company is also entitled to a cumulative preferential cash distribution in an amount equal to 4.5% per year (payable quarterly) through May 26, 2021.

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Swap Financial

The estimated liquidation value of assets also includes the Company's interest in Swap Financial as of December 31, 2020. As a result of the uncertainty surrounding the resolution of pending litigation (see Note 5) and the monetization of Swap Financial, the Company carries this investment at \$1.3 million which is the value of its controlling interest in Swap Financials cash and current assets less current liabilities. The carrying value of Swap Financial is within a range of liquidation values as determined by management.

Real Property-Related Assets in Detroit, Michigan

The Company owns real property, an option on real property in Detroit, Michigan, and a \$6.0 million face value certificate that can be presented to the City of Detroit to offset up to 50% of the purchase price for certain city-owned property in Detroit, Michigan. These real property-related assets include certain requirements, including that (1) construction on the real property interest owned by the Company begin on such property within 15 months and be completed within 39 months of December 10, 2019, the date when the Company took ownership, (2) the real property option be exercised before December 10, 2021 and that construction begin on such property within 15 months and be completed within 39 months of exercising the option, and (3) the purchase certificate be used by December 10, 2054 and is restricted to property located within a three mile radius from the center of the downtown riverfront. These requirements may make these real property-related assets less marketable and less valuable, and subjects them to the risk of potential repossession by the City of Detroit.

The liquidation value as of December 31, 2020 is based on a weighted average approach within a range of potential likely outcomes of amounts that management expects to receive in the disposition of these assets. This weighted average was derived on the basis of information obtained through the Company's sales efforts to date and knowledge of comparable valuation prices for similar properties within downtown Detroit. Management believes that its valuation, which is on the lower end of a range of expected potential outcomes, is reflective of the risks associated with the requirements noted above and the Company's experiences in dealing with the City of Detroit with respect to matters of this type.

***Estimated Disposal Costs***

Under liquidation basis of accounting, the Company accrues the estimated disposal costs of the assets it expects to sell in liquidation. As of December 31, 2020, these amounts include costs for advisors, consultants and legal fees associated with selling the Company's interest in Swap Financial and Crown Global, as well as its real property-related assets in Detroit.

***Accrued Estimated Liquidation Costs***

The liquidation basis of accounting requires the Company to estimate net cash flows from operations and to accrue all costs associated with implementing and completing the Plan of Liquidation. These amounts can vary significantly due to, among other things, the costs of retaining personnel to oversee the liquidation, the timing and amounts associated with discharging known and contingent liabilities and the costs associated with cessation of the Company's operations, including an estimate of costs subsequent to that date. As a result, the Company has accrued projected expenses associated with salaries and benefits for two full-time personnel overseeing the liquidation, litigation related costs, liquidator fees, legal and professional fees, IT and other overhead expenses. These costs are anticipated to be paid throughout the liquidation period. Accrued estimated liquidation costs will be adjusted from time to time as a change in estimate as projections and assumptions change.

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*Remeasurement of assets and liabilities*

The remeasurement of assets and liabilities represents changes in net assets which have occurred since January 1, 2020, the date the Company adopted liquidation basis of accounting. The remeasurement of assets and liabilities, which include changes in accrued estimated liquidation costs and changes in the value of assets and liabilities, are updated each reporting period.

**4. Income Taxes**

SHL Holdings is not subject to any taxes in Bermuda on either income or capital gains under current Bermuda law. In the event that there is a change such that these taxes are imposed, SHL Holdings would be exempted from any such tax until March 2035 pursuant to Bermuda law.

As the Company is a Bermuda corporation and, except for gross basis withholding taxes on U.S. source investment income, neither it nor its previous non-U.S. subsidiaries have paid U.S. Federal corporate income taxes, on the basis that they are not engaged in a trade or business or otherwise subject to taxation in the United States. However, because definitive identification of activities which constitute being engaged in a trade or business in the United States is not provided by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, regulations or court decisions, there can be no assurance that the Internal Revenue Service would not contend that the Company or its previous non-U.S. subsidiaries are engaged in a trade or business or otherwise subject to taxation in the United States.

SHI (the U.S. common parent of the SHL Holdings' group) files a consolidated U.S. federal tax return with its other U.S. based subsidiaries. SHI maintains a tax sharing agreement with its subsidiaries, whereby each subsidiary determines its payment due to/from SHI on a separate company return basis. Further, if the subsidiary's separate return computation results in a taxable loss for the period, SHI is obligated to reimburse the subsidiary to the extent that such loss reduces the Company's consolidated income tax liability. The tax sharing agreement calls for the reimbursement to take place within thirty days of SHI filing its federal consolidated tax return.

As of December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2019, respectively, the Company had no unrecognized tax benefits and no adjustments to liabilities were required. Tax years 2017 through 2019 are subject to examination by U.S. federal tax authorities. There are currently no state or local tax audits underway for the Company as of December 31, 2020.

The sale of 100% of Syncora Guarantee Inc's common stock on December 30, 2019 resulted in a tax capital loss of \$274 million for SHI. However, U.S. Treasury Regulation Section 1.1502-36 allows the Company to reattribute the tax capital loss of \$274 million as net operating losses that can be carried forward.

As of December 31, 2020, the Company's cumulative net operating losses, which may be carried forward to offset future taxable income, are approximately \$281 million of which \$180 million will expire in 2028 and \$94 million will expire in 2029. The \$7 million of net operating loss created in 2020 will carryforward indefinitely until the loss is fully recovered and is limited to 80% of the taxable income in any one year. This is the result of the federal tax law change effective January 1, 2018.

The Company's significant net operating losses may reduce future U.S. tax liabilities that otherwise would be payable by the Company. The ability to utilize these net operating losses would be limited in certain circumstances, including if an "ownership change" under Section 382 were to occur. Section 382 limits the ability of a corporation that experiences an ownership change to utilize its net operating losses and certain built-in losses after the ownership change. An ownership change is generally any change in ownership of more than 50 percentage points (over the lowest percentage of SHL Holdings' common shares owned by such shareholders) of a corporation's stock over a rolling 3-year period. These rules generally operate by focusing on ownership changes among shareholders owning directly or indirectly 5% or more of the stock of a corporation (including for this purpose certain groupings of shareholders each of whom owns less than the 5% threshold) or any change in ownership arising from a new issuance or a redemption of stock by the corporation. Generally under Section 382, in the event of an ownership change, the amount of taxable income that a corporation can offset by its "pre-change losses" (which include its net operating losses) is restricted to an annual amount

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equal to the equity value of the corporation immediately prior to the ownership change multiplied by the long-term tax-exempt rate. These limitations generally prohibit transactions that result in the creation of a new 5% shareholder or increases the ownership interest of an existing 5% shareholder. To avoid an ownership change in the future and a limitation on the use of the Company's net operating losses, on October 21, 2008, SHL Holdings' Board of Directors approved changes to SHL Holdings' Bye-laws which were subsequently approved by the shareholders on February 9, 2009 to limit the transfer of shares prior to the expiration of certain time periods specified in such Bye-laws. A 5% shareholder for this purpose is defined in SHL Holdings' Bye-laws by reference to Section 382 and the Treasury Regulations issued thereunder and includes "public groups". A prohibited transaction under SHL Holdings' Bye-laws is void at inception.

No value attributable to the income tax benefit of the net operating losses are included in these liquidation basis financial statements.

## **5. Commitments and Contingencies**

### *Legal Matters*

In September 2018, a service provider whose relationship with Swap Financial had been terminated filed a complaint in Federal Court claiming, in part, inaccurate payments by Swap Financial for services provided by the service provider. Swap Financial denied all of the service provider's claims. In September 2019, the Federal Court granted Swap Financial's motion to dismiss the complaint. The service provider re-filed its lawsuit in New York State Court, adding vicarious liability and direct claims against SHL Holdings and certain of its former subsidiaries. In December 2019, SHL Holdings and its subsidiaries named in the suit made a motion to dismiss all of the claims asserted against them. Swap Financial made a motion to dismiss all the claims asserted against it, with the exception of certain contract claims, for which it sought partial dismissal.

On May 8, 2020, the New York State Court granted in its entirety the motion of SHL Holdings and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, dismissing all claims against those entities. The Court granted in part, the motion of Swap Financial, dismissing all claims except the contract claims. On June 1, 2020, the service provider filed notices of appeal with respect to the Court's ruling on both motions to dismiss and perfected its appeal on January 28, 2021. The appeal was fully briefed on March 12, 2021. Discovery regarding the remaining contract claims against Swap Financial is proceeding in the underlying State Court action.

### *Severance*

Under company policy, the aggregate remaining severance commitments to current and former employees of the Company is approximately \$0.6 million as of December 31, 2020. These amounts are reflected as accrued estimated liquidation costs on the Liquidation Basis Statement of Net Assets.

## **6. Subsequent Events**

The Company has evaluated all subsequent events through March 31, 2021, the date the liquidation basis financial statements were available to be issued. There were no material events occurring subsequent to December 31, 2020 which were not recognized or disclosed in these liquidation basis financial statements.