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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# FORM 6-K

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer** 

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of

the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of August 2004.

# **Aluminum Corporation Of China Limited**

(Translation of Registrant s name into English)

No. 12B Fuxing Road

Haidian District, Beijing

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

# **Aluminum Corporation of China Limited**

(Registrant)

Date August 27, 2004

By /s/ Liu Qiang
Name: Liu Qiang

Title: Company Secretary

# **Aluminum Corporation of China Limited**

(A joint stock limited company incorporated in the People s Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock Code: 2600)

# **Announcement of 2004 Interim Results**

The Board of Directors of Aluminum Corporation of China Limited (the Company ) is pleased to announce the unaudited interim results of operations of the Company, its subsidiaries and jointly controlled entities (the Group ) for the six months ended June 30, 2004, and would like to express our gratitude to our shareholders and the staff for their concern and support for the Company.

#### RESULTS

The consolidated turnover and other revenues of the Group for the six months ended June 30, 2004 amounted to RMB14,500 million, representing an increase of 37.2% over the same period last year. The consolidated net profit for the six months ended June 30, 2004 amounted to RMB3,401 million, representing an increase of 116.0% over the same period last year. The basic earnings per share amounted to RMB0.31 for the six months ended June 30, 2004.

#### CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2004

		Unau Six months er	
	2004	2003	
	Note	RMB 000	RMB 000
Turnover	2	14,205,165	10,339,514
Cost of goods sold		8,566,844	7,339,403
Gross profit		5,638,321	3,000,111
Other revenues	2	294,774	226,656
Expenses related to other revenues	3	241,789	194,664
Other revenues, net		52,985	31,992
Selling and distribution expenses	4	298,060	241,581
General and administrative expenses	5	521,369	407,775
Research and development expenses		58,090	53,634
Other expenses (income), net	6	19,483	(4,053)

Operating profit		4,794,304	2,333,166
Finance costs		192,183	227,618
Operating profit after finance costs		4,602,121	2,105,548
Share of (loss) profit of jointly controlled entities		(695)	1,073
Profit before income taxes		4,601,426	2,106,621
Income taxes	8	1,035,479	463,125
Profit after income taxes		3,565,947	1,643,496
Minority interests		164,596	68,477
Profit for the period		3,401,351	1,575,019
		RMB	RMB
Basic earnings per share	9	0.31 Yuan	0.15 Yuan

# CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

AS OF JUNE 30, 2004

		Unaudited As of	Audited As of
		June 30, 2004 RMB 000	December 31, 2003 RMB 000
	Note	<del></del>	
Non-current assets		505 AC	706.015
Intangible assets		707,467	706,015
Property, plant and equipment Fixed deposits		28,139,986	25,554,197
Interests in jointly controlled entities		82,766 70,104	21,330
Interests in an associated company		45,000	21,330
Long-term investments		21,485	21,309
Deferred tax assets		235,931	136,878
Deferred tax assets			
Total non-current assets		29,302,739	26,439,729
Current assets		·	
Inventories		5,904,430	4,125,818
Accounts receivable, net	11	965,089	787,891
Due from related parties		622,308	452,498
Other current assets	12	632,405	675,919
Bank balances and cash:			
Pledged bank balance		14,000	
Cash and cash equivalents		4,340,322	2,596,440
Total bank balances and cash		4,354,322	2,596,440
Total current assets		12,478,554	8,638,566
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	13	1,518,475	1,867,666
Due to related parties		773,334	387,864
Other payables and accruals		3,234,744	2,834,096
Taxation payable		603,782	564,642
Current portion of long-term loans		915,986	815,845
Unsecured short-term loans		3,402,497	3,801,285
Total current liabilities		10,448,818	10,271,398
Net current assets (liabilities)		2,029,736	(1,632,832)
Total assets less current liabilities		31,332,475	24,806,897
Financed by:			
Share Capital		11,049,876	10,499,900
Reserves		7,349,967	4,649,293
Retained earnings			, , ,
Proposed final dividend			1,060,788
Unappropriated retained earnings		5,933,711	2,532,360
Issued capital and reserves		24,333,554	18,742,341
Minority interests		931,024	651,928
rimorty interests		751,047	031,920

Non-current liabilities		
Long-term loans	6,067,897	5,412,628
	31,332,475	24,806,897

#### NOTES TO CONDENSED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1 Basis of preparation and accounting policies

The unaudited consolidated condensed interim financial statements are prepared in accordance with Statement of Standard Accounting Practice (SSAP) 25: Interim Financial Reporting issued by the Hong Kong Society of Accountants (HKSA).

These condensed interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the 2003 annual financial statements.

The accounting policies and methods of computation used in the preparation of these condensed interim financial statements are consistent with those used in the annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2003.

#### 2 Turnover, revenue and segment information

The Group is principally engaged in the production and sales of alumina and primary aluminum. Revenues recognized are as follows:

	Unaud Six months en	
	2004	2003
	RMB 000	RMB 000
Turnover		
Sales of goods, net of value-added tax	14,205,165	10,339,514
Other revenues		
Sale of scrap and other materials	98,798	80,819
Supply of electricity, heat, gas and water	135,956	124,757
Provision of transportation, machinery processing and production design services	30,915	6,985
Interest income	28,929	13,739
Income from unlisted investments	176	356
Total other revenues	294,774	226,656
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Total revenues	14,499,939	10,566,170

Primary reporting format - business segments

The Group is organized in the People s Republic of China (the PRC ) into two main business segments:

Alumina segment - comprising mining and processing of bauxite into alumina and the associated

distribution activities.

Primary aluminum segment - comprising refining of primary aluminum and the associated distribution

activities.

Activities of the headquarters and other operations of the Group, comprising research and development related to alumina business and minor production and distribution of alumina hydrate, are grouped under corporate and other services segment.

All inter-segment and inter-plant sales are made at prices approximate to market prices.

	Unau	dited
	Six months en	ded June 30,
	2004	2003
	RMB 000	RMB 000
nent results		
nover		
mina		
ernal sales	9,353,870	5,650,957
gment sales	2,002,180	1,473,464
	11,356,050	7,124,421
minum		
sales	4,806,011	4,656,512
te and other services		
sales	45,284	32,045
elimination	(2,002,180)	(1,473,464)
ver	14,205,165	10,339,514
ods sold		
	6,078,496	4,762,428
aluminum	4,417,680	4,019,014
nd other services	33,054	24,978
ation	(1,962,386)	(1,467,017)
	8,566,844	7,339,403
	Unau	dited
	Six months en	ded June 30,
	2004	2003
	RMB 000	RMB 000
profit na	5,277,554	2,361,993
aluminum	388,331	637,498
te and other services	12,230	7,067
elimination	(39,794)	(6,447)
	5,638,321	3,000,111
fit		
, net of other revenues and other income	410,171	201,286
a z aluminum	410,171 258,826	153,613
rate and other services	33,271	115,365
ocated	33,271 141,749	115,363
		190,001
net of other revenues and other income	844,017	666,945
t operating profit (loss)		

Alumina	4,867,383	2,160,707
Primary aluminum	129,505	483,885
Corporate and other services	(21,041)	(108,298)
Unallocated	(141,749)	(196,681)
Inter-segment elimination	(39,794)	(6,447)

Total operating profit	4,794,304	2,333,166
Finance costs	192,183	227,618
Operating profit after finance costs	4,602,121	2,105,548
Share of (loss) profit of jointly controlled entities	(695)	1,073
Profit before income taxes	4,601,426	2,106,621
Income taxes	1,035,479	463,125
Profit after income taxes	3,565,947	1,643,496
Minority interests	164,596	68,477
Profit for the period	3,401,351	1,575,019

Secondary reporting format geographical segments

All operations of the Group are carried out in the PRC and the related assets are located there. The PRC market is considered as one geographical location in an economic environment with similar risks and returns.

## 3 Expenses related to other revenues

Expenses related to other revenues mainly include the cost of scrap and other materials sold and costs incurred in the supply of electricity, heat, gas and water.

#### 4 Selling and distribution expenses

### Unaudited

	Six months en	Six months ended June 30,	
	2004	2003	
	RMB 000	RMB 000	
Packaging expenses	62,690	50,060	
Salaries and welfare expenses	12,249	11,671	
Transportation and loading expenses	171,658	149,604	
Sales commission and other handling fee	3,886	3,290	
Miscellaneous port expenses	19,802	3,155	
Others	27,775	23,801	
	298,060	241,581	

## 5 General and administrative expenses

Unaudited

Six months ended June 30,

	2004	2003	
	RMB 000	RMB 000	
Depreciation	36,296	38,193	
(Gain) loss on disposal of fixed assets non-production facilities	(2,556)	5,267	
(Write-back of provision)provision for doubtful debts and bad debts written off, net	(2,722)	6,778	
Insurance	15,315	11,126	
Repairs and maintenance	8,746	7,450	
Salaries and welfare expenses	211,328	151,674	
Taxes other than income taxes (Note (a))	167,233	110,875	
Traveling and entertainment	28,991	18,652	
Utilities and office supplies	21,423	17,722	
Amortization of goodwill	12,324	12,324	
Others	24,991	27,714	
	521,369	407,775	

<sup>(</sup>a) Taxes other than income taxes mainly comprise land use tax, city construction tax and education surcharge. City construction tax and education surcharge are levied on an entity based on its total amount of value-added tax and business tax payable.

<sup>(</sup>b) Amortization charge of mining rights of RMB9,715,000, impairment loss on fixed assets of RMB94,180,000 and provision for obsolete inventories of RMB38,703,000 which were included in general and administrative expenses for the period ended June 30, 2003 have now been reclassified as part of the Group s cost of goods sold.

#### 6 Other expenses (income), net

		Unaudited Six months ended June 30,	
	2004	2003	
	RMB 000	RMB 000	
Other income			
Government subsidies	(2,248)	(4,297)	
Interest waived (Note (a))		(44,476)	
Net exchange gain (Note (b))	(13,574)		
Realized gain on short-term investments	(561)	(189)	
Unrealized gain on futures contracts (Note (c))	(205)		
	(16,588)	(48,962)	
Other expenses			
Penalties, fines and compensations	212	(25)	
Net exchange loss (Note (b))		7,009	
Unrealized loss on short-term investments	2,407	275	
Loss on futures contracts (Note (c))		2,0	
realized	33,452	35,266	
unrealized		2,384	
	36,071	44,909	
Other expenses (income), net	19,483	(4,053)	

<sup>(</sup>a) The gain was related to an interest waiver arrangement made between the Company and China Construction Bank for full settlement of the outstanding loans and related interest payable of RMB99.48 million by the payment by the Company of a lump sum of RMB55.00 million during the six months ended June 30, 2003.

<sup>(</sup>b) The net exchange gain for the six months ended June 30, 2004 was mainly related to foreign currency deposits.

<sup>(</sup>c) The Group trades a small portion of primary aluminum throught the Shanghai Futures Exchange. When the price of primary aluminum is increasing, and the futures contracts price is lower than the spot price, the Group will close its open futures contracts to sell the primary aluminum in the open market at higher spot price. As a result, loss on future contracts incurred.

#### 7 Expenses charged to the profit and loss account

	Unaudited Six months ended June 30,	
	2004	2003
	RMB 000	RMB 000
Depreciation	993,951	936,903
Operating lease rentals in respect of land and buildings	79,597	67,473
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	6,943	5,267
Amortization of mining rights	17,303	9,715
Provision for obsolete inventories	33,400	38,703
Impairment loss on fixed assets	14,613	94,180

#### 8 Taxation

(a) The amount of taxation charged to the profit and loss account represents:

		Unaudited Six months ended June 30,	
	2004	2003	
	RMB 000	RMB 000	
Current taxation:			
PRC income tax	1,158,288	575,392	
Over provision in prior period	(23,787)	(34,430)	
Deferred tax	(99,053)	(78,191)	
	1,035,448	462,771	
Share of income tax attributable to jointly controlled entities	31	354	
	1,035,479	463,125	

<sup>(</sup>b) The current PRC income taxes of the Company, its subsidiaries and the jointly controlled entities have been provided at the basic tax rate of 33% on the assessable profits for the respective years, except for those related to the following operations in the Group:

<sup>(</sup>i) Pursuant to Guo Ban Fa 2001 No.73 dated September 29, 2001 issued by the State Council of the PRC and approved by the respective local tax authorities in late 2002, three branches and a subsidiary of the Company located in the western region of China (namely Guangxi branch, Qinghai branch, Guizhou branch and China Aluminum Qinghai International Trading Corp., Ltd.), were granted a tax concession to pay PRC income tax at a preferential rate of 15%. The preferential tax rate is applicable to qualified operations in specified regions with retroactive effect from January 1, 2001 for a ten-year period to December 31, 2010 so long as these branches and the subsidiary continue

to engage in qualified operations in their respective regions. Accordingly, the over provision of taxation payable in relation to the three branches for year 2001 were written back during the year ended December 31, 2002.

- (ii) A subsidiary in Shandong is taxed at a preferential rate of 15% since January 1, 2000 as it is classified as a high-tech enterprise in its province for tax purposes.
- (c) Deferred income tax is calculated in full on temporary differences under the liability method using the respective applicable rates.

## 9 Earnings per share

The calculation of basic earnings per share for the six months ended June 30, 2004 is based on the Group s profit for the six months ended June 30, 2004 of RMB3,401,351,000 (six months ended June 30, 2003: RMB1,575,019,000) and the weighted average number of 11,034,683,446 shares in issue (six months ended June 30, 2003: 10,499,900,153 shares) during the period.

As there are no dilutive securities, there is no difference between basic and diluted earnings per share.

#### 10 Transfer to reserves

No transfer has been made to statutory public welfare fund from profit for the period. The Company, however, has retained sufficient funds for such purpose and these transfers shall be made at the end of the year in accordance with the articles of association of the Company.

#### 11 Accounts receivable, net

Unaudited As of June 30, 2004 RMB 000	Audited As of December 31, 2003 RMB 000
499,558	384,992
465,531	402,899
965,089	787,891
	As of June 30, 2004 RMB 000  499,558 465,531

#### (a) Trade receivables

	Unaudited As of June 30, 2004 RMB 000	Audited As of December 31, 2003 RMB 000
Gross trade receivables	823,576	721,943
Less: Provision for doubtful accounts	(324,018)	(336,951)
	499,558	384,992

The Group performs periodic credit evaluation on its customers and different credit policies are adopted for individual customers accordingly.

Certain of the Group s sales were on advance payment or documents against payment. A credit period, which may be extended for up to one year, may be granted, subject to negotiation, in respect of sales to large or long-established customers. As of June 30, 2004, the aging analysis of trade receivables, net of provision made, was as follows:

Unaudited	Audited
As of	As of
June 30,	
2003	December 31,

	RMB 000	2004 RMB 000
Within 1 month	338,786	163,065
Between 2 and 6 months	54,315	111,614
Between 7 and 12 months	55,680	27,764
Between 1 and 2 years	38,752	53,895
Between 2 and 3 years	12,025	28,654
	499,558	384,992

<sup>(</sup>b) Bills receivables are bills of exchange with maturity dates of within six months.

#### 12 Other current assets

Unaudited As of June 30, 2004	Audited As of December 31, 2003
RMB 000	RMB 000
210,182	301,845
168,001	158,943
38,585	7,072
44,350	50,080
171,287	157,979
632,405	675,919
	As of June 30, 2004 RMB 000  210,182 168,001 38,585 44,350 171,287

- (a) As of June 30, 2004, short-term listed investments primarily represented PRC treasury bonds held at fair value.
- (b) As of June 30, 2004, the balances of the Group were stated net of provision for doubtful receivables of RMB166,202,000 (December 31, 2003: RMB169,646,000).

## 13 Accounts payable

	Unaudited As of June 30, 2004 RMB 000	Audited As of December 31, 2003 RMB 000
Trade payables (Note (a))	1,424,723	1,441,175
Bills payable (Note (b))	93,752	426,491
	1,518,475	1,867,666

## (a) Trade payables

As of June 30, 2004, the aging analysis of trade payables was as follows:

Unaudited	Audited
As of	As of
June 30,	December 31,
2004	2003
PMB 000	PMB 000

Within 1 month	852,693	1,071,310
Between 2 and 6 months	415,002	241,040
Between 7 and 12 months	77,302	46,504
Between 1 and 2 years	23,266	34,689
Between 2 and 3 years	15,113	10,550
Over 3 years	41,347	37,082
	1,424,723	1,441,175
	1,121,720	1,111,175

<sup>(</sup>b) Bills payable are repayable within six months.

#### 14 Litigation and contingent liabilities

(a) Litigation

As of June 30, 2004, the Group has no significant pending litigation.

(b) Compensation with regard to the formation of an equity joint venture

Pursuant to a memorandum of understanding dated November 12, 2001 (the MOU) signed between the Company and Alcoa International (Asia) Limited (Alcoa), the two parties have agreed to form a 50/50 equity joint venture which will own and operate the alumina and primary aluminum production facilities owned by the Guangxi branch of the Company (the Pingguo JV). Pursuant to the Subscription Agreement pertaining to which Alcoa acquired shares in the Company, if the final joint venture agreement of the Pingguo JV is not executed within eight months of the closing of the Company s global offering or if all necessary relevant PRC government approvals for the Pingguo JV are not obtained within 12 months of the closing of the Company s global offering due to the failure of a party to abide by its expressions of intent in the MOU, then that party would be obligated to pay US\$7.5 million (approximately RMB62.1 million) to the other party as compensation.

Although the final joint venture agreement was not executed, pursuant to the Supplementary Agreement of the Strategic Investor Subscription Agreement, the Company continues to work actively and closely with Alcoa to conclude the joint venture agreement consistently with its expressed intentions in the MOU. The Company has not made a claim against Alcoa nor, according to the Directors, has Alcoa asserted a claim against the Company for compensatory payment.

With effort contributed by both parties, significant progress was noted, including the finalization of the joint venture agreement, articles of association and electricity supply arrangement. On March 29, 2004, the establishment of the Pingguo JV was approved by the National Development and Reform Commission.

#### 15 Significant differences between accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong and in the United States

These condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in Hong Kong (HK GAAP) which may differ in various material respects from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP). Such differences involve methods for measuring the amounts shown in these condensed interim financial statements, as well as additional disclosure required by U.S. GAAP.

Major and significant differences, which affect net income and equity, include the following:

#### (a) Capitalization of finance costs

Under HK GAAP, finance costs are capitalized to the extent that such costs are directly attributable to the construction of a qualifying asset. Under U.S. GAAP, finance costs capitalized are limited to the lower of actual finance costs incurred or avoidable finance costs. Avoidable finance cost is the amount that could have been avoided if expenditure for the qualifying assets had not been made, when qualifying expenditures have occurred and activities necessary to prepare the asset have begun.

The periodic depreciation expense under HK GAAP and U.S. GAAP differs as a result of the difference in the amount of interest capitalized under the two accounting standards.

#### (b) Depreciation of revalued fixed assets

Under HK GAAP, fixed assets transferred from Chinalco to the Group as part of the Group reorganization were accounted for under the acquisition accounting method at July 1, 2001, the date of the Goup reorganization. As a result, the Group s fixed assets were revalued at fair value under HK GAAP. The fixed assets were appraised by China United Assets Appraisal Co Ltd. and Chesterton Petty Limited as of December 31, 2000 and as of June 30, 2001, respectively. Under U.S. GAAP, the new cost basis for the fixed assets was not established for the Group as the transfer was a transaction under common control. When an asset is transferred from the parent to its wholly-owned subsidiary, the subsidiary records the asset at the parent s carrying value.

#### (c) Amortization of goodwill

Under HK GAAP, goodwill resulting from acquisitions under purchase accounting is recognized as an intangible asset and amortized on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful economic life for not more than 20 years. Under U.S. GAAP, annual amortization of this amount ceased effective January 1, 2002. Goodwill is subjected to annual impairment testing and is written down if carrying value exceeds fair value.

#### (d) Revaluation of mining rights

As part of the Group reorganization and pursuant to the Mining Rights Transfer Agreement, the Group acquired mining rights of eight bauxite mines and four limestone quarries from Chinalco for a consideration of RMB285,341,000. Under HK GAAP, mining rights acquired are capitalized and stated at acquisition cost less accumulated impairment losses. Amortization of mining rights is calculated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives of not more than 30 years. Under U.S. GAAP, the new cost basis was not established for the Group as the transfer was a transaction under common control.

#### (e) Income tax effect of U.S. GAAP adjustments

Under U.S. GAAP, a deferred tax liability relating to the addition of the interest capitalization effect and deferred tax assets relating to the reversal of the fixed assets revaluation, goodwill amortization and mining rights are recognized.

The net effects on net income and basic net income per share of the Group for the six months ended June 30, 2004 and equity as of June 30, 2004, after taking account of the above differences and related income tax effect, are an increase in net income of approximately RMB118 million (six months ended June 30, 2003: RMB133 million), an increase in basic net income per share of approximately RMB0.01 Yuan (six months ended June 30, 2003: RMB0.01 Yuan) and a decrease in equity of approximately RMB3.1 billion (December 31, 2003: RMB3.4 billion) respectively. In computing the net effects, the Directors are required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the estimates of revenue and expenses. Accounting estimates have been employed to determine reported amounts, including realizability, useful lives of tangible assets and income taxes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### INTERIM DIVIDEND

The Board of Directors of the Company proposed not to declare an interim dividend for the period from January 1, 2004 to June 30, 2004 (for the period from January 1, 2003 to June 30, 2003: Nil).

#### MARKET REVIEW

#### **Primary Aluminum**

The first half of 2004 saw a noticeable fluctuation both in international and domestic primary aluminum prices. In the first four months, the three-month aluminum futures price on the London Metals Exchange (the LME) once rose to a high of US\$1,845 per tonne, which was attributable to the optimistic prospect of global economy, the robust economic growth and strong demand for metals in China. The three-month

aluminum futures price on the Shanghai Futures Exchange (the SHFE) rose to a high of RMB19,300 per tonne, the highest level for nearly the past decade. After mid-April, aluminum price dropped significantly as a result of the expected increase in interest rate of the United States, as well as market concern over the slow-down of the Chinese economy due to the government s more stringent macro-control on overheated fixed assets investments in certain industries (including the aluminum industry). Nevertheless, for the first half of 2004, the average three-month aluminum futures price on the LME still reached US\$1,677 per tonne, representing an increase of 20.7% over the same period last year; the average three-month aluminum futures price on the SHFE reached RMB16,940 per tonne, representing an increase of 17.9% over the same period last year.

For the first half of 2004, both the global production and consumption growth rates for primary aluminum have exceeded their average levels for the past decade, with the growth rate of consumption exceeding that of production. For the first half of 2004, the global production volume of primary aluminum amounted to 14,640,000 tonnes, with a consumption of 14,910,000 tonnes, representing a supply shortage of 270,000 tonnes. In the United States, consumption of primary aluminum increased by 10.6% over the same period last year. In China, production volume of primary aluminum amounted to 3,110,000 tonnes, representing an increase of 23% over the same period last year; the consumption of primary aluminum amounted to 2,880,000 tonnes, representing an increase of 21.5% over the same period last year. Both production and consumption maintained a noticeable growth.

#### Alumina

In the first half of 2004, the international alumina price fell after a surge. In the first four months, the international spot price of alumina had been increasing due to the strong demand in China. With CIF import price rising to a high of US\$530 per tonne, the selling price at domestic ports also rose to RMB5,300 per tonne, nearly the historical highest level. The spot selling price of domestic alumina, in line with the market supply and demand and the import price, also rose to RMB4,300 per tonne. Due to China s macro-control policies commencing from early May, import price of alumina decreased to RMB4,100 per tonne at the end of June.

For the first half of 2004, the global production volume of alumina reached 28,550,000 tonnes, with a consumption of 28,500,000 tonnes. The capacity utilization ratio of alumina refineries exceeded 97%, representing a roughly balanced supply and demand worldwide. In China, there was no fundamental change in the alumina supply and demand, with a further widened supply shortfall of 47.4%. Production volume of domestic alumina amounted to 3,420,000 tonnes, representing an increase of 16.9% over the same period last year; the consumption of alumina amounted to 6,500,000 tonnes, representing an increase of 22.6% over the same period last year.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

The first half of 2004 experienced a comprehensive price increase in raw materials and fuel, power shortage and ongoing transportation bottleneck as well as the significant fluctuation in aluminum price. Despite such unfavourable factors, the Group rapidly reacted to the changing market according to the timely forecast of market trends, and capitalized on the opportunities arising from the increased prices of alumina and aluminum to press ahead its various initiatives. Accordingly, desirable results were achieved in terms of production, operation, overseas development, research and development and management.

Aiming at high efficiency, steady production and low resource consumption, the Group made efforts to bring its new alumina projects in line with the designed capacity and standards in the shortest time. As a result, the production volume of alumina products (including alumina, alumina hydrate and alumina chemicals) reached a historical high of 3,330,000 tonnes in the first half of this year, representing an increase of 16.3% over the same period last year. As to primary aluminum production, in response to the reduced production in Guangxi, Guizhou and Qinghai branches due to the impact of power shortages, the Group actively re-arranged its internal production and coordinated its external operations, and adopted flexible measures, such as implementing the smelting pot maintenance ahead of schedule, to minimize the negative influence of the reduced production. During the first half of this year, the production volume of primary aluminum products (including primary aluminum and other primary aluminum products) amounted to 358,000 tonnes, representing a decrease of 4.3% from the same period last year.

In response to market supply of bauxite, the Group timely adjusted the source structure of its bauxite supply, and strengthened its exploration for new bauxite mines, leading to an additional bauxite reserve of 76,000,000 tonnes in the first half of this year. Meanwhile, the Group reviewed its resource reserve, quality, mining terms and conditions of its existing bauxite mines, and integrated the Group s bauxite resources in major regions. Currently, the integration proposal has been formulated.

The Group also embarked on carrying out its overseas development strategy. On May 24, 2004, the Group entered into a non-binding framework agreement with Companhia Valedo Rio Doce of Brazil for the incorporation of a joint venture in Brazil. Subject to the satisfaction of certain prerequisites under the agreement, the joint venture will commence the feasibility study of establishing a new refinery, ABC Alumina Refinery, for alumina production in Brazil. Phase I of the project is expected to produce 1,800,000 tonnes of alumina per annum. Through gradual expansions, the ultimate capacity of the entire project is expected to reach 7,200,000 tonnes per annum. Phase I of the project with an estimated total investment of US\$1,000 million is expected to be completed and put into production in 2007.

Leveraging the favourable market opportunities, the Group expedited the merger of aluminum smelters. On June 16, 2004, the Group signed a letter of intent for cooperation with Lanzhou Aluminum Corporation Limited ( Lanzhou Aluminum ), pursuant to which the Group proposed to acquire a portion of the state shares held by Lanzhou Aluminum Plant in Lanzhou Aluminum. Upon completion of the acquisition, the Group will hold a 29% interest in the total share capital of Lanzhou Aluminum, thus becoming its largest shareholder.

The Group expedited construction of its projects towards its goal for 8,500,000 tonnes of alumina capacity and 1,330,000 tonnes of primary aluminum capacity in 2005. In order to ensure the progress and quality of the projects, the Group introduced project accountability system for project management. For the first half of 2004, the Group s capital expenditure amounted to approximately RMB3,800 million:

The 300,000-tonne alumina ore-dressing Bayer project was put into production in Zhongzhou Branch, while the second 300,000-tonne production line also commenced equipment installation;

For the 800,000-tonne alumina phase III project in Shanxi Branch, the main part of the project was in the stage of equipment installation;

For the 700,000-tonne alumina project in Henan Branch, the entire construction work has been launched;

For the 280,000-tonne aluminum and power joint venture project in Shanxi-Huaze Aluminum & Power Company Limited, construction work was in progress as planned.

The 85,000-tonne aluminum project in Qinghai Branch was ready for pilot production.

Based on the centralized supply of major raw materials, the Group established logistic distribution center in each branch, which made a contribution to achieving the goal of cost reduction despite the increased prices of major raw materials such as coal.

The Group s 35 patent applications have been granted application numbers. 31 technological achievements have passed assessment, a number of which have realized commercialization. In addition, the Group s application for establishing the national technology research center for aluminum smelting engineering has been approved by relevant governmental authorities. Paying close attention to changes in the products market, the Group commenced studies focusing on the development of alumina chemicals products and the extension of primary aluminum product lines.

Attaching great importance to management fundamentals, the Group has further improved various systems for management rationalization. The Group has fully started the establishment and integration of the health-safety-environment system and the quality management system, and began to contrive to a more refined production mode.

Considerable efforts were devoted to corporate governance. After the appointment of the second board of directors, the Group timely organized a training programme for the directors with respect to director s responsibilities. In connection with the requirements of the United States laws and regulations and, in particular, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the Group provided systematic training with respect to internal control systems to directors, senior executives, management of the branches and department managers. In addition, the Group formulated the Guidelines Governing the Practice of Senior Management of Aluminum Corporation of China Limited, which has been uploaded to the Group s website for reference.

#### MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATION

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes as set out in this interim report.

#### **Results of Operations**

The Group s profit amounted to RMB3,401 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004, representing an increase of RMB1,826 million or 116.0% from RMB1,575 million for the same period last year. The increase was mainly attributable to an increase in prices of the Group s principal products such as alumina and primary aluminum, as well as the increased sales volume of alumina.

#### Revenues

The Group s total revenues amounted to RMB14,500 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004, representing an increase of RMB3,934 million or 37.2% from RMB10,566 million for the same period last year. Total revenues include sales of goods and other revenues. Sales of goods accounted for 97.9% and 98.0% of the Group s total revenues for the first half of 2003 and 2004, respectively. The Group s sales of goods increased by 37.4% from RMB10,340 million for the first half of 2003 to RMB14,205 million for the first half of 2004, representing an increase of RMB3,865 million. The increase was primarily due to the significant increase in the selling prices of the Group s principal products such as alumina and primary aluminum, while the growth in external sales volume of alumina was also a major contributor. For the first half of 2004, the Group s average external selling price for alumina reached RMB3,216.73 per tonne (tax excluded, similarly hereinafter), representing an increase of RMB991.83 per tonne or 44.6% from RMB2,224.90 per tonne for the same period last year. The Group s average external selling price for primary aluminum reached RMB14,287.54 per tonne, representing an increase of RMB2,059.48 per tonne or 16.8% from RMB12,228.06 per tonne for the same period last year. The Group s external sales volume of alumina increased by 14.6% from 1,974,200 tonnes for the first half of 2003 to 2,262,100 tonnes for the first half of 2004; the external sales volume of primary aluminum decreased by 24.6% from 369,200 tonnes for the first half of 2003 to 278,400 tonnes for the first half of 2004.

#### Cost of Sales

The Group s total cost of sales increased by 16.7% from RMB7,339 million for the first half of 2003 to RMB8,567 million for the first half of 2004. The increase was mainly attributable to an increase in sales volume of alumina, as well as the increased unit costs of primary aluminum and alumina due to the increased prices of raw materials and fuel. However, the increase in cost of sales was partially offset by the corresponding decrease in external sales volume and decreased production volume of primary aluminum, as the Company suspended some of its smelting pots due to the domestic power shortage in the first half of 2004, and the good sales performance of alumina during such period.

#### **Selling and Distribution Expenses**

The Group s selling and distribution expenses increased by RMB56 million, or 23.1%, from RMB242 million for the first half of 2003 to RMB298 million for the first half of 2004. The increase was primarily due to the growth of 14.6% in the sales volume of alumina and the increased transportation costs resulting from the higher transportation prices.

#### **General and Administrative Expenses**

General and administrative expenses increased by 27.7% from RMB408 million for the first half of 2003 to RMB521 million for the first half of 2004. This was primarily due to the corresponding increase of RMB56 million in the taxation and surcharges levied by the government resulting from the increased revenue for the first half of 2004. In addition, the wages and welfare expenses of management staff increased by approximately RMB60 million due to the better operating results.

#### Research and Development Expenses

The Group s research and development expenses increased by 8.3% from RMB53.63 million for the first half of 2003 to RMB58.09 million for the first half of 2004, mainly due to the increased investment of the Group in research and development. After two years efforts, the Company made significant achievements in research, promotion and application of certain key technologies. In the near future, the Company will focus on the research for improvement in alumina quality, development of new products and smooth running of smelting pots.

#### Other Income/Expenses

The Group s other net expenses/income changed from net income of RMB4 million for the first half of 2003 to net expenses of RMB19 million for the first half of 2004. This is primarily due to an interest waiver agreement entered into between the Company and the Construction Bank of China in the first half of 2003, under which an interest payment obligation of RMB44 million had been waived. In addition, the Company hedged certain amounts of primary aluminum on the SHFE in the first half of 2004. In view of the continuously increasing market price of aluminum ingots and the comparatively lower futures contracts price, the Company decided to sell spot goods at market price and closed the futures contracts. As a result, the Company incurred a loss of RMB33 million from futures contracts.

#### **Operating Profit**

The Group s operating profit increased by 105.5% from RMB2,333 million for the first half of 2003 to RMB4,794 million for the first half of 2004. The Group s operating profit as a percentage of sales of goods increased from 22.6% for the first half of 2003 to 33.7% for the first half of 2004.

#### **Finance Costs**

The Group s finance costs decreased by RMB36 million, or 15.8%, from RMB228 million for the first half of 2003 to RMB192 million for the first half of 2004, primarily due to the decrease in the Group s short-term bank loans.

#### **Income Tax**

The Group s income tax expense increased from RMB463 million for the first half of 2003 to RMB1,036 million for the first half of 2004, mainly attributable to the increased profit of the Group. For the first half of 2004, the Group s effective income tax rate was 22.5% on average, which was lower than the statutory tax rate of 33%. This was mainly due to the fact that the Company s three branches, namely, Guizhou branch, Guangxi branch and Qinghai Branch, are situated in the western region of China, and thereby were entitled to a preferential income tax rate of 15% in connection with the state s policy to develop the western region. In addition, a subsidiary in Shandong province is taxed at a preferential rate of 15.0%. Furthermore, under the state s industry policies, some of the Group s plants are entitled to preferential income tax treatment for the purchase of domestically-produced equipment in technological renovation projects.

Minority Interests
Minority interests increased from RMB69 million for the first half of 2003 to RMB165 million for the first half of 2004 primarily as a result of the increase in the profit of the Company s domestically listed subsidiary, Shandong Aluminum Industry Co., Ltd., which has minority interests.
Profit for the Period
As a result of the foregoing, the Group s net profit for the period increased by 116.0% from RMB1,575 million for the first half of 2003 to RMB3,401 million for the first half of 2004.
DISCUSSION OF SEGMENT OPERATIONS
Alumina Segment
Sales of Goods
The Group s total sales of goods of the alumina segment increased by RMB4,232 million, or 59.4%, to RMB11,356 million for the first half of 2004 from RMB7,124 million for the first half of 2003.
The Group sold alumina to the Company s smelters and external domestic smelters. Revenue from the external sales of alumina for the first half of 2004 rose by RMB3,703 million or 65.5% as compared with the same period last year. The increase was mainly due to the significant increases both in the external selling prices and the external sales volume of alumina of the Group as compared with the same period last year.
Revenue from sales of alumina to the Group s smelters increased by RMB529 million or 35.9% in the first half of 2004 as compared with the same period last year. The increase was mainly due to the increase in the revenues caused by the increased selling prices of alumina which was, however, partially offset by the reduction in material consumption of the Group s smelters.
Cost of Goods Sold

For the first half of 2004, the total cost of goods sold of the Group s alumina segment increased by RMB1,316 million or 27.6% as compared with the same period last year. The increase was mainly due to the increase in the external sales volume of alumina products, as well as the increased unit production cost of alumina owing to the increased prices of raw materials and fuel. However, such increase in the prices of raw materials and fuel was partially offset by the decreased materials consumption, which was attributable to the gradual effects of technological renovations as well as the improved technological and economic indexes of the Group s plants.

Operating Profit

Total operating profit for the alumina segment increased by 125.2% from RMB2,161 million for the first half of 2003 to RMB4,867 million for the first half of 2004, primarily as a result of a 59.4% increase in the sales of goods of this segment. Such increase was partially offset by the increased costs of sales. The operating profit of the alumina segment as a percentage of sales of goods of the Company increased from 30.3% for the first half of 2003 to 42.9% for the same period of 2004.

#### **Primary aluminum Segment**

Sales of Goods

The Group s total sales of goods for the primary aluminum segment increased by RMB150 million, or 3.2%, to RMB4,806 million for the first half of 2004 as compared with the same period last year. Such increase was mainly attributable to the increased average selling price for primary aluminum. However, such increase was partially offset by the correspondingly decreased sales volume and the decreased production volume of primary aluminum, as the Company suspended some of its smelting pots due to the domestic power shortage, and the good sales performance of alumina in the first half of 2004.

Cost of Goods Sold

The total cost of goods sold for the Group's primary aluminum segment increased by 9.9% from RMB4,019 million for the first half of 2003 to RMB4,418 million for the same period of 2004. This was mainly attributable to the increase of 18.2% in unit production cost of primary aluminum due to the significant upsurge in the prices of raw materials and fuel such as alumina and electricity. However, the Group adopted an analytical management measure on production to prevent unnecessary consumption, leading to a reduction in material consumption which partially offset the impact of the increased prices of raw materials and fuel. In addition, the increased cost was also partially offset by the decreased sales volume of primary aluminum during such period.

Operating Profit

Operating profit of the primary aluminum segment decreased by 73.2% from RMB484 million for the first half of 2003 to RMB130 million for the same period of 2004. The operating profit of the Group s primary aluminum segment as a percentage of that segment s sales of goods decreased from 10.4% for the first half of 2003 to 2.7% for the same period of 2004.

#### **Corporate and Other Services Segment**

The Group s corporate and other services segment reflected the expenses for the Company s headquarters as well as research and development services and profit from product sales of the Group s research institute provided to external customers. This segment recorded an operating loss of RMB21 million for the six months ended June 30, 2004.

#### Working Capital, Liabilities and Capital Commitments

As of June 30, 2004, the Group scurrent assets amounted to RMB12,479 million, representing an increase of RMB3,840 million from RMB8,639 million as of the December 31, 2003. The increase was mainly attributable to (1) the increase of RMB1,758 million in bank deposit derived from the proceeds of RMB3,301 million from the issue of 550,000,000 new H shares; and (2) an increase of RMB1,779 million in inventories due to the expanded production and trade scale.

As of June 30, 2004, the Group s current liabilities amounted to RMB10,449 million, representing a slight increase of RMB178 million from RMB10,271 million as of December 31, 2003.

As of June 30, 2004, the Group's net current assets amounted to RMB2,030 million, representing an increase of RMB3,663 million as compared with the net current liabilities amounting to RMB1,633 million as at the end of last year. In addition to the above-mentioned reasons, the increase in the net current assets was due to the gradual adjustment to the proportion of long-term and short-term loans. The Group has historically taken advantage of the lower interest rates of short-term borrowings to finance capital expenditures. In order to maintain a healthy capital structure, currently the Company has ceased to use short-term borrowings to finance its new capital expenditure projects. At the same time, the Company has gradually repaid certain short-term borrowings upon maturity.

As of June 30, 2004, the Group s long-term loans amounted to RMB6,068 million, representing an increase of RMB655 million from RMB5,413 million as of December 31, 2003, which was mainly due to an increase in the Company s capital expenditure.

The Group s gearing ratio (the ratio of total liabilities to the sum of total liabilities and owner s equity) decreased to 29.9% as of June 30, 2004 from 34.9% as of December 31, 2003, which is mainly attributable to an increase in retained profit and the proceeds from the issue of new H shares.

In view of the Group s credibility and the availability of funds in China, the Group does not foresee any significant difficulties in obtaining bank loans. The Company plans to finance its capital expenditure projects and related expenditures principally through cash generated from operating activities and long-term borrowings. The Group will also, if necessary, issue new shares or debentures in the future and use the proceeds from such issue to finance its capital expenditures. The Group has also established standby credit facilities with domestic banks for an aggregate of RMB25,200 million to finance any funding shortfall related to its alumina and primary aluminum projects and for relevant working capital purposes. The Group believes that its working capital is sufficient for the present needs.

#### **Capital Commitments**

As of June 30, 2004, the Group s capital commitments amounted to RMB19,172 million, which mainly consisted of the Company s proposed investment in the new or upgrading alumina and primary aluminum production lines. With the enhanced macro-control policies, approvals for new aluminum projects are strictly controlled. As the Company s new aluminum projects, namely Shanxi aluminum and power joint venture project and Qinghai aluminum project, have already been approved by the PRC government, the state s macro-control policy will not have a material impact on the Company.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents of the Group as of June 30, 2004 (including foreign currency-denominated deposits) totaled RMB4,340 million, comprising US\$59 million and HK\$250,000.

#### **Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities**

Net cash from operations increased by 21.4% from RMB2,297 million for the first half of 2003 to RMB2,789 million for the same period of 2004. The increase was primarily due to the increase in the sales revenues in the first half of 2004. Of the cash from operations in the first half of 2004, RMB207 million was used for interest payment and RMB1,095 million was used to pay PRC income tax.

#### **Net Cash Flows from Investing Activities**

Net cash outflow of the Group from investing activities amounted to RMB1,663 million and RMB3,808 million for the first half of 2003 and 2004, respectively, used primarily for capital expenditure projects. During the first half of 2004, the capital expenditures were mainly for the alumina projects in Henan Branch, Zhongzhou Branch, Shanxi Branch, as well as the aluminum and power joint venture project in Shanxi Province, etc.

## **Net Cash Flows from Financing Activities**

Net cash inflows from financing activities amounted to RMB2,763 million for the first half of 2004, which are mainly derived from the proceeds from the issue of new H shares.

#### Foreign Exchange Rate Risk

The Group conducts its business primarily in Renminbi.

Renminbi is not a freely convertible currency. The restrictions on foreign exchange imposed by the PRC government may result in material differences between the future exchange rate and the current exchange rate or historical exchange rate. The fluctuations in Renminbi exchange rates may affect the Group s ability to perform its foreign currency-denominated obligations. Such fluctuations may also affect the Group s ability to pay dividends in Hong Kong Dollars or to style="MARGIN-LEFT: 10pt">

Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker AROWANA INC. 12/15/2016 G05011104 ARWA

Vote

Management Recommended Vote

Proposal

Propose by issuer or shareholder

**FOR** 

FOR

1. TO ADOPT THE CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT, DATED AS OF AUGUST 11, 2016 AND AMENDED AS OF OCTOBER 18, 2016 AND NOVEMBER 15, 2016, BY AND AMONG THE COMPANY, AROWANA INTERNATIONAL LIMITED ("AWN"),AND VIVOPOWER INTERNATIONAL PLC, A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF AWN ("VIVOPOWER") (AS MAY BE AMENDED, THE "CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT"), AND TO APPROVE THE BUSINESS COMBINATION CONTEMPLATED BY SUCH AGREEMENT.

Issuer

FOR

NONE

1A. INTENTION TO EXERCISE REDEMPTION RIGHTS - IF YOU INTEND TO EXERCISE YOUR REDEMPTION RIGHTS, PLEASE CHECK THE "FOR" BOX CHECKING THIS BOX, HOWEVER, IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO EXERCISE YOUR REDEMPTION RIGHTS. YOU MUST COMPLY WITH THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THE ACCOMPANYING DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT UNDER THE HEADING "EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF ARWA SHAREHOLDERS AND EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF ARWA WARRANTHOLDERS - CONVERSION RIGHTS."

Issuer

FOR

NONE

1B. SHAREHOLDER CERTIFICATION - I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM NOT ACTING IN CONCERT, OR AS A "GROUP" (AS DEFINED IN SECTION 13(D) (3) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED), WITH ANY OTHER SHAREHOLDER WITH RESPECT TO THE ORDINARY SHARES OF THE COMPANY OWNED BY ME IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED BUSINESS COMBINATION BETWEEN THE COMPANY AND VIVOPOWER. (FOR = AGREE TO CERTIFICATION, AGAINST = DO NOT AGREE)

Issuer

FOR

FOR

2. TO APPROVE THE VOLUNTARY WINDING UP OF THE COMPANY, SUBJECT TO AND CONDITIONAL UPON THE APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL 1 AND THE COMPLETION OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THE CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT.

Issuer

FOR

**FOR** 

3. TO APPROVE A DISCRETIONARY MANAGEMENT INCENTIVE PLAN, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF EQUITY BY VIVOPOWER AND VIVOPOWER INTERNATIONAL SERVICES LIMITED, A WHOLLY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF VIVOPOWER, TO EMPLOYEES AND DIRECTORS OF VIVOPOWER AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES.

Issuer

FOR

FOR

4. TO APPROVE THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING TO A LATER DATE OR DATES, IF NECESSARY, TO PERMIT FURTHER SOLICITATION AND VOTE OF PROXIES IF, BASED UPON THE TABULATED VOTE AT THE TIME OF THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING. THE COMPANY IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO CONSUMMATE THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY THE CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT OR THE CLOSING CONDITIONS UNDER THE CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT ARE NOT MET.

Issuer

Name of Fund:

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name Meeting Date **CUSIP** Ticker NEW YORK REIT, INC. 12/30/2016 64976L109 **NYRT** 

Vote

Management Recommended Vote

Proposal

Propose by issuer or shareholder

**FOR** 

1. Director - 01.-Craig T. Bouchard, 02.-Robert H. Burns, 03.-James P. Hoffman, 04.-Gregory F. Hughes, 05.-William M. Kahane, 06.-Keith Locker, 07.-James Nelson, 08.-P. Sue Perrotty, 09.-Randolph C. Read

Issuer

**FOR** 

**FOR** 

2. TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2016

Issuer

**FOR** 

3. TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2016

Issuer

3 YEARS

3 YEARS

4. TO RECOMMEND, BY NON-BINDING VOTE, THE FREQUENCY OF FUTURE ADVISORY VOTES ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Issuer

Name of Fund:

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017
Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker NEW YORK REIT, INC. 1/3/2017 64976L109 NYRT
Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder FOR FOR 1. APPROVE A PLAN OF LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION (THE PLAN OF LIQUIDATION) FOR THE COMPANY Issuer FOR FOR FOR 2. PROPOSAL TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING TO A LATER DATE OR DATES, IF NECESSARY, TO SOLICIT ADDITIONAL PROXIES IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSAL TO APPROVE THE PLAN OF LIQUIDATION PROPOSAL. Issuer
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)  Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name
Meeting Date
CUSIP
Ticker
E-COMPASS ACQUISTION CORP.
1/17/2017
G2920Y101
ECAC

Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal

Propose by issuer or shareholder

**FOR** 

**FOR** 

1. TO APPROVE THE MERGER OF E-COMPASS WITH AND INTO IFRESH, INC., ITS WHOLLY-OWNED DELAWARE SUBSIDIARY, WITH IFRESH SURVIVING THE MERGER, PURSUANT TO THE MERGER AGREEMENT DATED AS OF JULY 25, 2016, AS AMENDED, OR THE "ACQUISITION AGREEMENT," BY AND AMONG E-COMPASS, IFRESH INC. ("IFRESH"), IFRESH MERGER SUB INC., NYM HOLDING, INC. ("NYM"), THE SHAREHOLDERS OF NYM, AND LONG DENG. THE MERGER WILL CHANGE E-COMPASS'S PLACE OF INCORPORATION FROM THE CAYMAN ISLANDS TO DELAWARE. WE REFER TO ...(DUE TO SPACE LIMITS, SEE PROXY STATEMENT FOR FULL PROPOSAL).

Issuer

**FOR** 

**FOR** 

2. TO APPROVE THE MERGER OF E-COMPASS WITH AND INTO IFRESH, INC., ITS WHOLLY-OWNED DELAWARE SUBSIDIARY, WITH IFRESH SURVIVING THE MERGER, PURSUANT TO THE MERGER AGREEMENT DATED AS OF JULY 25, 2016, AS AMENDED, OR THE "ACQUISITION AGREEMENT," BY AND AMONG E-COMPASS, IFRESH INC. ("IFRESH"), IFRESH MERGER SUB INC., NYM HOLDING, INC. ("NYM"), THE SHAREHOLDERS OF NYM, AND LONG DENG. THE MERGER WILL CHANGE E-COMPASS'S PLACE OF INCORPORATION FROM THE CAYMAN ISLANDS TO DELAWARE. WE REFER TO ...(DUE TO SPACE LIMITS, SEE PROXY STATEMENT FOR FULL PROPOSAL).

Issuer

FOR

**NONE** 

2A. TO APPROVE THE MERGER OF E-COMPASS WITH AND INTO IFRESH, INC., ITS WHOLLY-OWNED DELAWARE SUBSIDIARY, WITH IFRESH SURVIVING THE MERGER, PURSUANT TO THE MERGER AGREEMENT DATED AS OF JULY 25, 2016, AS AMENDED, OR THE "ACQUISITION AGREEMENT," BY AND AMONG E-COMPASS, IFRESH INC. ("IFRESH"), IFRESH MERGER SUB INC., NYM HOLDING, INC. ("NYM"), THE SHAREHOLDERS OF NYM, AND LONG DENG. THE MERGER WILL CHANGE E-COMPASS'S PLACE OF INCORPORATION FROM THE CAYMAN ISLANDS TO DELAWARE. WE REFER TO ...(DUE TO SPACE LIMITS, SEE PROXY STATEMENT FOR FULL PROPOSAL).

Issuer

**FOR** 

**FOR** 

3. TO ADJOURN THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING IN THE EVENT E-COMPASS DOES NOT RECEIVE THE REQUISITE SHAREHOLDER VOTE TO APPROVE EITHER THE REDOMESTICATION OR THE BUSINESS COMBINATION.

Issuer

Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name
Meeting Date
CUSIP
Ticker
Quinpario Acquisition Corp.2
1/19/2017
74874U101
QPAC

Vote

Management Recommended Vote

Proposal

Propose by issuer or shareholder

**FOR** 

**FOR** 

1. EXTENSION OF CORPORATE LIFE: AMEND THE COMPANY'S AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO EXTEND THE DATE THAT THE COMPANY HAS TO CONSUMMATE A BUSINESS COMBINATION TO JULY 24, 2017.

Issuer

**FOR** 

None

1A. EXERCISE CONVERSION RIGHT: ONLY IF YOU HOLD SHARES OF THE CORPORATION'S COMMON STOCK ISSUED IN THE CORPORATION'S INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING, OR PUBLIC SHARES, MAY YOU EXERCISE YOUR CONVERSION RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO ALL OR A PORTION OF YOUR PUBLIC SHARES BY MARKING THE "EXERCISE CONVERSION RIGHT" BOX TO THE RIGHT. YOU MUST COMPLY WITH THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT UNDER THE HEADING "CONVERSION RIGHTS".

Issuer

Name of Fund:

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name
Meeting Date
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Ticker
JPMORGAN ASIAN INVESTMENT TRUST PLC
2/2/2017
GB0001320778
JAI LN

Vote

Management Recommended Vote

Proposal

Propose by issuer or shareholder

FOR

FOR

 $1.\ TO$  RECEIVE THE DIRECTORS REPORT THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTS AND THE AUDITORS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Issuer

FOR

**FOR** 

2. TO APPROVE THE DIRECTORS REMUNERATION POLICY

Issuer

FOR

FOR

3. TO APPROVE THE DIRECTORS REMUNERATION REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER 2016

Issuer

FOR

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4. TO DECLARE A FINAL DIVIDEND ON THE ORDINARY SHARES

Issuer FOR FOR 5. TO REAPPOINT MR DEAN BUCKLEY AS A DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY Issuer FOR
6. TO REAPPOINT MR DEAN BUCKLEY AS A DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY FOR FOR
7. TO REAPPOINT MRS BRONWYN CURTIS AS A DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY Issuer FOR
FOR 8. TO REAPPOINT MR PETER MOON AS A DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY Issuer FOR
FOR 9. TO REAPPOINT PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP AS AUDITORS TO THE COMPANY Issuer FOR
FOR 10. TO AUTHORISE THE DIRECTORS TO DETERMINE THE REMUNERATION OF THE AUDITORS Issuer AGAINST
FOR 11. THAT THE COMPANY CONTINUE IN EXISTENCE AS AN INVESTMENT TRUST Issuer FOR
FOR 12. TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO ALLOT NEW SHARES Issuer FOR
FOR 13. TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO DISAPPLY PRE-EMPTION RIGHTS ON ALLOTMENT OF RELEVANT SECURITIES Issuer FOR
FOR 14. TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO REPURCHASE THE COMPANY'S SHARES Issuer AGAINST
FOR 15. TO GRANT AUTHORITY TO AMEND THE COMPANY'S ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION Issuer
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)
Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker

BARRINGTON/HILCO ACQUISITION CORP. 2/10/2017 06759V101 BHAC

Vote

Management Recommended Vote

**Proposal** 

Propose by issuer or shareholder

**FOR** 

FOR

1. APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMPANY'S AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO EXTEND THE DATE BY WHICH THE COMPANY HAS TO CONSUMMATE A BUSINESS COMBINATION (THE "EXTENSION") FOR AN ADDITIONAL SIX (6) MONTHS, FROM FEBRUARY 11, 2017 (THE "CURRENT TERMINATION DATE") TO AUGUST 11, 2017 (THE "EXTENDED TERMINATION DATE").

Issuer

**FOR** 

FOR

2A. ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: JAMES A. MITAROTONDA

Issuer

FOR

FOR

2B. ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: JARED L. LANDAW

Issuer FOR

FOR

2C. ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: JEFFREY B. HECKTMAN

Issuer

FOR

FOR

2D. ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: ROBERT METTLER

Issuer

**FOR** 

**FOR** 

2E. ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: FRANK R. MORI

Issuer

FOR

**FOR** 

2F. ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: JEFFREY D. NUECHTERLEIN

Issuer

FOR

FOR

3. APPROVAL OF A PROPOSAL TO DIRECT THE RATIFICATION OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S SELECTION OF MARCUM LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016.

Issuer

FOR

**FOR** 

4. APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO ALLOW THE COMPANY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL MEETING TO A LATER DATE OR DATES TO PERMIT FURTHER SOLICITATION OF PROXIES. THIS PROPOSAL WILL ONLY BE PRESENTED TO THE COMPANY'S STOCKHOLDERS IN THE EVENT, BASED ON THE TABULATED VOTES, THERE ARE NOT SUFFICIENT VOTES AT THE TIME OF THE SPECIAL MEETING TO APPROVE PROPOSALS 1, 2 AND 3.

Issuer

**AGAINST** 

None

4A. INTENTION TO EXERCISE REDEMPTION RIGHTS. IF YOU INTEND TO EXERCISE YOUR REDEMPTION RIGHTS, PLEASE CHECK THIS BOX. CHECKING THIS BOX, HOWEVER, IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO EXERCISE YOUR REDEMPTION RIGHTS. YOU MUST COMPLY WITH THE PROCEDURES SET FORTH IN THE PROXY STATEMENT UNDER THE HEADING "SPECIAL MEETING OF BARINGTON/HILCO ACQUISITION CORP. STOCKHOLDERS - REDEMPTION RIGHTS." MARK "FOR" = YES OR "AGAINST" =

NO. Issuer FOR None 4B. SHAREHOLDER CERTIFICATION. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM NOT ACTING IN CONCERT, OR AS A "GROUP" (AS DEFINED IN SECTION 13(D) (3) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934, AS AMENDED), WITH ANY OTHER STOCKHOLDER WITH RESPECT TO THE SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OF THE COMPANY OWNED BY ME IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSALS. MARK "FOR" = YES OR "AGAINST" = NO. Issuer
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)
Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017
Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker VIRTUS TOTAL RETURN FUND 3/7/2017 92829A103 DCA
Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror vote FOR
1. TO APPROVE THE AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF REORGANIZATION BETWEEN VIRTUS TOTAL RETURN FUND ("DCA") AND THE ZWEIG FUND, INC. ("ZF") AND THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED THEREBY, INCLUDING THE MERGER OF DCA WITH AND INTO ZF. Issuer
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)
Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP

Ticker CENTRAL SECURITIES CORP. 3/15/2017 155123102 CET
Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror vote FOR DIRECTOR Issuer
L. PRICE BLACKFORD
SIMMS C. BROWNING
DONALD G. CALDER
DAVID C. COLANDER
JAY R. INGLIS
WILMOT H. KIDD
C. CARTER WALKER, JR.
Mirror vote FOR 2. RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG LLP AS INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2017 Issuer Mirror vote FOR 3TO REAPPROVE THE 2012 INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PLAN. Issuer
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)
Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name
Meeting Date
CUSIP
Ticker
VIVOPOWER International
3/17/2017
G9376R100
VVPR

Vote

Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder NO VOTE

TOO LATE. PROXIES RECEIVED 3/18/17

Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker FRANKLIN UNIVERSAL TRUST 3/24/2017 355145103 FT

Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror vote FOR DIRECTORS Issuer



Company Name
Meeting Date
CUSIP
Ticker
STIT Treasury Portfolio Inst.
4/11/2017
825252406
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Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror FOR

1. DIRECTOR Issuer
DAVID C. ARCH
JAMES T. BUNCH
BRUCE L. CROCKETT
JACK M. FIELDS
MARTIN L. FLANAGAN
CYNTHIA HOSTETLER
DR. ELI JONES
DR. PREMA MATHAI-DAVIS
TERESA M. RESSEL
DR. LARRY SOLL
ANN BARNETT STERN
RAYMOND STICKEL, JR.
PHILIP A. TAYLOR
ROBERT C. TROCCOLI

#### CHRISTOPHER L. WILSON

Mirror

**FOR** 

2. TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO EACH TRUST'S AGREEMENT AND DECLARATION OF TRUST THAT WOULD PERMIT FUND MERGERS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT TRANSACTIONS UPON THE BOARD'S APPROVAL BUT WITHOUT SHAREHOLDER APPROVAL OF SUCH TRANSACTIONS.

Issuer

Mirror

**FOR** 

3. TO APPROVE CHANGING THE FUNDAMENTAL INVESTMENT RESTRICTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OR SALE OF PHYSICAL COMMODITIES.

Issuer

Mirror

**FOR** 

4A. TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CURRENT MASTER INTERGROUP SUB-ADVISORY CONTRACT TO ADD INVESCO POWERSHARES CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LLC.

Issuer

Mirror

**FOR** 

4B. TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CURRENT MASTER INTERGROUP SUB-ADVISORY CONTRACT TO ADD INVESCO ASSET MANAGEMENT (INDIA) PRIVATE LIMITED.

Issuer

Name of Fund:

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name Meeting Date **CUSIP** Ticker PRINCIPAL REAL ESTATE INCOME FUND

4/12/2017 74255X104

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Vote

Management Recommended Vote

Proposal

Propose by issuer or shareholder

Mirror

**FOR** 

1A. Election of Trustee: Jerry G. Rutledge

Issuer

Mirror

**FOR** 

Issuer
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)
Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017
Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker GENERAL AMERICAN INVESTORS COMPANY, INC. 4/12/2017 368802104 GAM
Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror vote FOR DIRECTORS Issuer
MR. BERENS
MR. CULLMAN
MR. DAVIDSON
MS. DEL VILLAR
MR. GORDAN
MS. GOTBAUM

MR. KNAFEL
MR. PRIEST
MR. SCHIRMER
Mirror vote FOR 2. RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS AUDITORS Issuer
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)
Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker TRI-CONTINENTAL CORP. 4/19/2017 895436103 TY

Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror FOR 1. DIRECTORS Issuer

PATRICIA M. FLYNN

CATHERINE JAMES PAGLIA

#### WILLIAM A. HAWKINS

Mirror

**FOR** 

TO RATIFY THE SELECTION OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP AS THE CORPORATION'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM.

Issuer

Name of Fund:

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name
Meeting Date
CUSIP
Ticker
PACIFIC SPECIAL ACQUISITION CORP.
4/19/2017
G68588105
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Vote

Management Recommended Vote

Proposal

Propose by issuer or shareholder

FOR

**FOR** 

1. TO AMEND THE COMPANY'S MEMORANDUM AND ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION TO EXTEND THE DATE BEFORE WHICH THE COMPANY MUST COMPLETE A BUSINESS COMBINATION (THE "TERMINATION DATE") FROM APRIL 20, 2017 (THE "CURRENT TERMINATION DATE") TO AUGUST 21, 2017 OR SUCH EARLIER DATE AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD (THE "EXTENDED TERMINATION DATE"), AND PROVIDE THAT THE DATE FOR CESSATION OF OPERATIONS OF THE COMPANY IF THE COMPANY HAS NOT COMPLETED A BUSINESS COMBINATION WOULD SIMILARLY BE EXTENDED ... (DUE TO SPACE LIMITS, SEE PROXY STATEMENT FOR FULL PROPOSAL)

Issuer

**FOR** 

FOR

2. TO AMEND AND RESTATE THE COMPANY'S INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT TRUST AGREEMENT, DATED OCTOBER 14, 2015 (THE "TRUST AGREEMENT") BY AND BETWEEN THE COMPANY AND CONTINENTAL STOCK TRANSFER & TRUST COMPANY (THE "TRUSTEE") TO EXTEND THE DATE ON WHICH TO COMMENCE LIQUIDATING THE TRUST ACCOUNT ("TRUST ACCOUNT") ESTABLISHED IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMPANY'S INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING IN THE EVENT THE COMPANY HAS NOT CONSUMMATED A BUSINESS COMBINATION FROM THE CURRENT TERMINATION DATE TO THE EXTENDED TERMINATION DATE

Issuer

FOR

None

2A. IF YOU HOLD SHARES OF THE COMPANY ISSUED IN ITS INITIAL PUBLIC OFFERING, YOU MAY EXERCISE YOUR REDEMPTION RIGHTS AND DEMAND THAT THE COMPANY REDEEM THESE SHARES FOR A PRO RATA PORTION OF THE TRUST ACCOUNT BY MARKING THE "EXERCISE REDEMPTION RIGHTS" BOX. IF YOU EXERCISE YOUR REDEMPTION RIGHTS, THEN YOU WILL BE EXCHANGING THESE SHARES FOR CASH AND WILL NO LONGER OWN THESE SHARES. YOU WILL ONLY BE ENTITLED TO RECEIVE CASH FOR THESE SHARES IF THE EXTENSION AMENDMENT AND THE TRUST

 ${\tt AMENDMENT\ ARE\ ...\ (DUE\ TO\ SPACE\ LIMITS,\ SEE\ PROXY\ STATEMENT\ FOR\ FULL\ PROPOSAL)}$ 

FOR FOR 3A. ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: DAVID BORIS Issuer FOR
FOR 3B. ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: JASON ZEXIAN SHEN Issuer FOR FOR
3C. ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: HONGHUI DENG Issuer FOR FOR
4. TO RATIFY THE SELECTION BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF MARCUM LLP TO SERVE AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2017.  Issuer FOR
FOR 5. TO DIRECT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING TO ADJOURN THE MEETING TO A LATER DATE OR DATES, IF NECESSARY TO PERMIT FURTHER SOLICITATION AND VOTE OF PROXIES IF, BASED UPON THE TABULATED VOTE AT THE TIME OF TH MEETING, THERE ARE NOT SUFFICIENT VOTES TO APPROVE ANY OF THE OTHER PROPOSALS. Issuer
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)
Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017
Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker ADAMS DIVERSIFIED EQUITY FUND 4/21/2017 006212104 ADX
Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror vote FOR DIRECTOR

Issuer

ENRIQUE R. ARZAC
PHYLLIS O. BONANNO
KENNETH J. DALE
FREDERIC A. ESCHERICH
ROGER W. GALE
KATHLEEN T. MCGAHRAN
CRAIG R. SMITH
MARK E. STOECKLE
Mirror vote FOR 2. THE SELECTION OF PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS LLP AS INDEPENDENT PUBLIC AUDITORS. Issuer
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)
Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017
Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP
Ticker Lazard World Dividend & Income Fund
4/21/2017 521076109

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Management Recommended Vote	
Proposal	
Propose by issuer or shareholder	
Mirror	
FOR	
1. DIRECTOR	
Issuer	
KENNETH S. DAVIDSON #	
NANCY A. ECKL #	
NANCI A. ECKL#	
TREVOR W. MORRISON #	
NATHAN A. PAUL *	
Name of Fund:	
Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)	

Company Name
Meeting Date
CUSIP
Ticker
FIRST TRUST ABERDEEN GLOBAL OPP INC FD
4/24/2017
337319107`
FAM

Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror Vote FOR 1. - Directors - 1) Robert F. Keith Issuer

Vote

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Name of Fund:	
Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)	

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name
Meeting Date
CUSIP
Ticker
FIRST TRUST ENHANCED EQUITY INCOME FUND
4/24/2017
337318109
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Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror FOR DIRECTOR Issuer

ROBERT F. KEITH

Name of Fund:

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker CSAM Income Fund, Inc 4/25/2017 224916106 CIK

Vote

Management Recommended Vote

Propose by issuer or shareholder

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

1A. ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: JAMES J. CATTANO

1B. ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: STEVEN N. RAPPAPORT

Proposal

Mirror FOR

Issuer Mirror FOR

Issuer

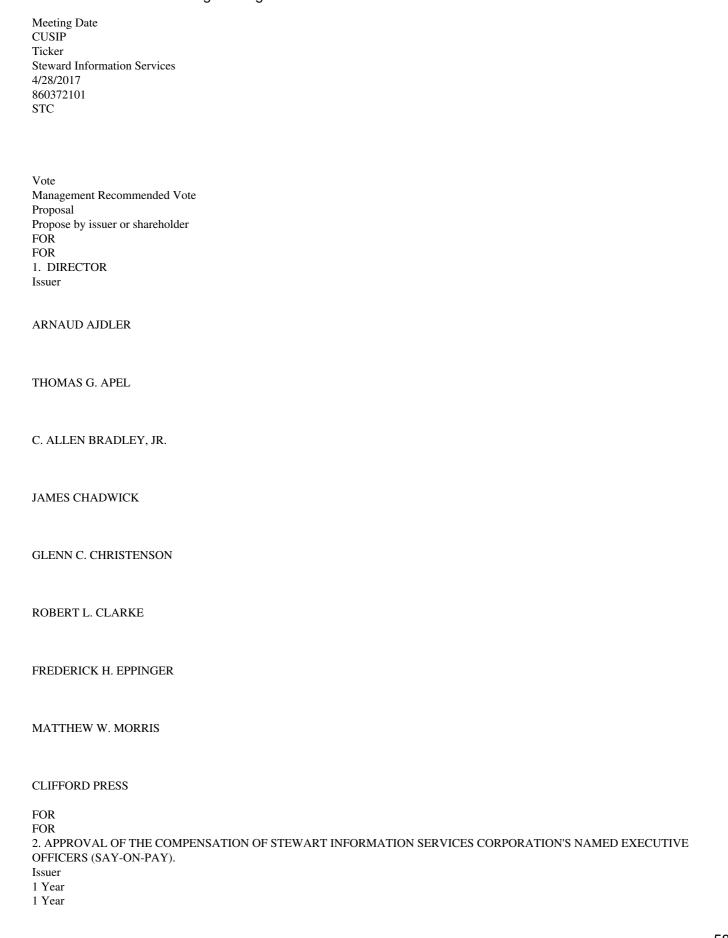
Period:

Name of Fund:

RAJEEV DAS

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017
Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker Putnam High Income Securities Fund 4/28/2017 746779107 PCF
Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder AGAINST FOR 1A. FIXING THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES AT TWELVE Issuer
FOR FOR 1B. DIRECTOR Shareholder
PHILLIP GOLDSTEIN

ANDREW DAKOS
JAMES CHADWICK
RICHARD DAYAN
GERALD HELLERMAN
BEN H. HARRIS
FOR FOR 2. TO REQUEST THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AUTHORIZE A SELF-TENDER OFFER FOR ALL OUTSTANDING COMMON SHARES OF THE FUND AT OR CLOSE TO NET ASSET VALUE (NAV) Shareholder
FOR FOR 3. TO FIX THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES AT SEVEN. Shareholder
VOTED GREEN Proxies
NO VOTE on white Proxies
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)
Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017
Company Name



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3. VOTE ON THE FREQUENCY OF THE SAY-ON-PAY VOTE. Issuer FOR FOR 4. RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG LLP AS STEWART INFORMATION SERVICES CORPORATION'S
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS FOR 2017. Issuer
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)
Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017
Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP
Ticker JURIDICA INVESTMENTS LIMITED 5/4/2017 G5215N102 JIL LN
Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal
Propose by issuer or shareholder FOR
FOR  1. THAT EACH OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1 JANUARY 2016 TO 31 DECEMBER 2016, THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT AND THE AUDITOR'S REPORT BE RECEIVED AND ADOPTED Issuer Against
FOR 2. THAT THE TOTAL AGGREGATE REMUNERATION OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE COMPANY BEING USD 300,642 IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2016 BE APPROVED Issuer
Against FOR 3. THAT LORD DANIEL BRENNAN QC BE RE-ELECTED AS A DIRECTOR OF THE COMPANY Issuer
FOR FOR 4. THAT PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS CI LLP BE RE-APPOINTED AS AUDITORS OF THE COMPANY Issuer
FOR FOR 5. THAT THE DIRECTORS BE AUTHORISED TO FIX THE REMUNERATION OF THE AUDITORS

Issuer FOR FOR

6. THAT THE COMPANY GENERALLY BE AND IS HEREBY AUTHORISED FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 315 OF THE COMPANIES LAW TO MAKE ONE OR MORE MARKET ACQUISITIONS (AS DEFINED IN THE COMPANIES LAW) OF ORDINARY SHARES IN THE CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY Issuer
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)
Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017
Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker SOURCE CAPITAL INC. 5/8/2017 836144105 SOR
Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror FOR DIRECTOR Issuer
ATWOOD
BROWN
LIPSON
OSBORNE
PISANO

**PURCELL** 

RUDNICK

Name of Fund:

Company Name Meeting Date

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017	
Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Cicker ALPINE GLOBAL PREMIER PROPERTIES FUND 6/9/2017 12083A103 AWP	
Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror vote FOR DIRECTOR ssuer	
MS. E.T.M HOAGLAND	
MR. JEFFREY E. WACKSMAN	
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)	
Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017	

**CUSIP** Ticker PACHOLDER HIGH YIELD FUND 5/10/2017 693742108 PHF Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder FOR FOR 2. DIRECTORS Issuer JOHN F. FINN DR. MATTHEW GOLDSTEIN FRANKIE D. HUGHES PETER C. MARSHALL MARY E. MARTINEZ MARILYN MCCOY MITCHELL M. MERIN DR. ROBERT A. ODEN, JR. MARIAN U. PARDO FREDERICK W. RUEBECK

JAMES J. SCHONBACHLER

FOR	
FOR	

1. TO CONSIDER AND VOTE UPON A PROPOSAL THAT THE FUND BE LIQUIDATED AND DISSOLVED PURSUANT TO A PLAN OF LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION.

Issuer

Name of Fund:

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name
Meeting Date
CUSIP
Ticker
JPMORGAN CHINA REGION FUND, INC
5/11/2017
48126T104
JFC

Vote

Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror vote FOR

DIRECTOR

Issuer

JULIAN M.I. REID

Mirror vote

**NONE** 

 $2.\ TO$  CONSIDER AND VOTE ON A PROPOSAL TO LIQUIDATE AND DISSOLVE THE UND PURSUANT TO A PLAN OF LIQUIDATION AND DISSOLUTION

Issuer

Name of Fund:

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name Meeting Date **CUSIP** Ticker The GDL Fund 5/15/2017 361570104 **GDL** 

Vote

Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror vote FOR DIRECTOR Issuer

CLARENCE A. DAVIS

ARTHUR V. FERRARA

Name of Fund:

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name Meeting Date **CUSIP** Ticker Ellsworth Growth and Income 5/15/2017 289074106 **ECF** 

Vote

Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror FOR 1. DIRECTOR

Issuer

KINCHEN C. BIZZELL
JAMES P. CONN
FRANK J. FAHRENKOPF, JR
MICHAEL J. MELARKEY
Mirror FOR 2. REVISE THE FUND'S FUNDAMENTAL INVESTMENT RESTRICTION REGARDING BORROWING MONEY AND ISSUING SENIOR SECURITIES. Issuer
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)  Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017
Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker PUTNAM MAMANGED MUNI PFD SER C 5/16/2017 746823400 PMM ARPS
Vote Shareholder Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder ABSTAIN ABSTAIN 1a. FIXING THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES AT TWELVE. Shareholder FOR FOR 1b. DIRECTOR

Shareholder
PHILLIP GOLDSTEIN
ANDREW DAKOS  FOR FOR 2. A REQUEST THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AFFORD THE PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS A MEANS TO OBTAIN LIQUIDITY FOR THEIR SHARES. Shareholder
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)  Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017
Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker PUTNAM MUNI OPPORTUNITIES PFD SER C 5/16/2017 746922400 PMO ARPS
Vote Shareholder Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder ABSTAIN ABSTAIN 1a. FIXING THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES AT TWELVE. Shareholder FOR FOR 1b. DIRECTOR Shareholder
PHILLIP GOLDSTEIN

#### ANDREW DAKOS

FOR

FOR

2. A REQUEST THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AFFORD THE PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS A MEANS TO OBTAIN LIQUIDITY FOR THEIR SHARES. Shareholder

Name of Fund:

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker Firsthand Technology Value Fund 5/23/2017 33766Y100 SVVC

Vote

Management Recommended Vote

Proposal

Propose by issuer or shareholder

Mirror Vote

FOR

1. Directors - Kevin Landis, Kimun Lee

Issuer

Mirror Vote

**FOR** 

2. THE RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF TAIT, WELLER & BAKER LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR ITS FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017.

Issuer

Mirror Vote

**AGAINST** 

3. NON-BINDING STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL REQUESTING THE BOARD TO TAKE ACTION TO REPLACE THE CURRENT INVESTMENT ADVISOR OF FIRSTHAND TECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND, INC.

Shareholder

Name of Fund:

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name

Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker CANDOVER INVESTMENTS 5/23/2017 G18200108 CDI LN
Vote Management Recommended Vote
Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder FOR
FOR
1. TO RECEIVE THE ANNUAL ACCOUNT AND THE REPORTS OF THE DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2016 Issuer
Against FOR
2. TO APPROVE THE DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2016 Issuer Against
FOR 3. TO RE-ELECT SCOTT LONGHURST AS A DIRECTOR Issuer
Against FOR  4. TO BE ELECT MALCOLM FALLEN AS A DIRECTOR
4. TO RE-ELECT MALCOLM FALLEN AS A DIRECTOR Issuer FOR
FOR 5. TO RE-APPOINT GRANT THORNTON UK LLP AS AUDITORS OF THE COMPANY
Issuer FOR FOR
6. TO AUTHORISE THE DIRECTORS TO AGREE THE REMUNERATION OF THE AUDITORS Issuer
FOR FOR
7. TO AUTHORISE THE DIRECTORS TO ALLOT SHARES PURSUANT TO SECTION 551 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006 Issuer FOR
FOR 8. TO AUTHORISE THE DIRECTORS TO DISAPPLY PRE-EMPTION RIGHTS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 570 AND 573 OF THE COMPANIES ACT 2006
Issuer FOR FOR
$9.\ TO$ AUTHORISE THE COMPANY TO MAKE MARKET PURCHASES OF ITS ORDINARY SHARES PURSUANT TO SECTION $701$ OF THE COMPANIES ACT $2006$
Issuer FOR FOR
10. TO APPROVE GENERAL MEETINGS OTHER THAN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS TO BE HELD ON NOT LESS THAN 14 CLEAR DAYS' NOTICE Issuer

Name of Fund:	
Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)	
Period:	
July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017	

Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker KOREA EQUITY FUND, INC. 5/24/2017 50063B104 KEF

Vote

Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror Vote

For

1. APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION OF THE COMPANY.

Name of Fund:

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name
Meeting Date
CUSIP
Ticker
CROSSROADS CAPITAL, INC.
6/2/2017
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Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror Vote

Issuer
MR. ANDREW DAKOS
MR. PHILLIP GOLDSTEIN
MR. GERALD HELLERMAN
Mirror Vote
For 2. THE RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF TAIT, WELLER & BAKER, LLP AS THE INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR CROSSROADS CAPITAL, INC. FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017. Issuer Mirror Vote
For 1. TO AUTHORIZE THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE COMPANY'S ELECTION TO BE REGULATED AS A BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY UNDER THE INVESTMENT Issuer
Mirror Vote
For 2. TO APPROVE ANY ADJOURNMENTS OF THE SPECIAL MEETING (I) TO PERMIT TIME TO VOLUNTARILY DELIST THE COMPANY FROM NASDAQ AND TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING PROPOSAL 1 AND (II) TO SOLICIT ADDITIONAL PROXIES IF THERE ARE NOT SUFFICIENT VOTES AT THE SPECIAL MEETING TO APPROVE PROPOSAL 1 OR PROPOSAL 3 OR THE OTHER TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED BY SUCH PROPOSALS. Issuer Mirror Vote
For 3. TO AUTHORIZE A PLAN OF LIQUIDATION TO CONVERT THE COMPANY INTO A LIQUIDATING TRUST FOR THE PURPOSE OF LIQUIDATING AND DISTRIBUTING THE COMPANY'S ASSETS, IF PROPOSAL 1 IS APPROVED. Issuer

Name of Fund:

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period:

For

1. DIRECTOR

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker VIRTUS TOTAL RETURN FD INC 6/6/2017 92837G100 ZF

Vote

Proposal

Management Recommended Vote

Propose by issuer or shareholder Miror Vote

1.Directors - 01- R. Keith Walton, 02-Brian T. Zino

Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)
Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017
Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker New York REIT, Inc. 6/8/2017 64976L109 NYRT
Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder For For DIRECTOR Issuer
CRAIG T. BOUCHARD
HOWARD GOLDBERG
JOE C. MCKINNEY
JAMES L. NELSON
P. SUE PERROTTY

#### RANDOLPH C. READ

#### WENDY SILVERSTEIN

For

For

2. TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2017.

Issuer

For

For

 $3.\ TO\ ADOPT\ A\ NON-BINDING\ ADVISORY\ RESOLUTION\ APPROVING\ THE\ EXECUTIVE\ COMPENSATION\ FOR\ THE\ COMPANY'S\ NAMED\ EXECUTIVE\ OFFICERS.$ 

Issuer

Name of Fund:

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name
Meeting Date
CUSIP
Ticker
THE NEW IRELAND FUND, INC
6/13/2017
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Vote

Management Recommended Vote

Proposal

Propose by issuer or shareholder

Mirror vote

For

DIRECTOR

Issuer

MARGARET DUFFY

SEAN HAWKSHAW

Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)	
Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017	
Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker THE CHINA FUND, INC 6/20/2017 169373107 CHN	
Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror vote For 1. TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED INVESTMENT ADVISORY AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND THE PROPOSED DIRE INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT (THE " PROPOSED AGREEMENTS") BETWEEN THE FUND AND OPEN DOOR INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD. Issuer	3CT
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)	

Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker ABERDEEN GREATER CHINA FD 6/21/2017 003031101 GCH

Vote

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror vote For 1.1 ELECTION OF CLASS II DIRECTOR: C. WILLIAM MAHER Issuer Mirror vote For 1.2 ELECTION OF CLASS II DIRECTOR: JONATHAN J.K. TAYLOR Issuer
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)
Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017
Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker ABERDEEN SINGAPORE FUND, INC. 6/21/2017 003244100 SGF
Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror Vote For 1. TO ELECT RICHARD HERRING AS CLASS II DIRECTOR OF THE FUND TO SERVE UNTIL THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF THE FUND AND UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS DULY ELECTED AND QUALIFIES. Issuer
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE) Period:
July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name Meeting Date

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CUSIP Ticker THE TURKISH INVESTMENT FUND, INC. 6/21/2017 900145103 TKF
Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror Vote For 1.Election of Directors: Class I- 1) Kathleen A. Dennis, 2) Joseph J kearns, 3) Michael E. Nugent, 4) Fergus Reis Class II- 5) Patricia Maleki Issuer
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)  Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017
Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker MORGAN STANLEY ASIA-PACIFIC FD 6/21/2017 61744u106 APF
Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror Vote For 1.Election of Directors: Class I- 1) Kathleen A. Dennis, 2) Joseph J kearns, 3) Michael E. Nugent, 4) Fergus Reis Class II- 5) Patricia Maleki Issuer

Name of Fund:

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name
Meeting Date
CUSIP
Ticker
THE ABERDEEN JAPAN EQUITY FUND
6/21/2017
00306J109
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Vote

Management Recommended Vote

Proposal

Propose by issuer or shareholder

Mirror Vote

For

1A. TO ELECT RICHARD HERRING AS CLASS III DIRECTOR OF THE FUND TO SERVE UNTIL THE 2020 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS OF THE FUND AND UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS DULY ELECTED AND QUALIFIES.

Issuer

Mirror Vote

For

 $1B.\ TO\ ELECT\ ANTHONY\ CLARK\ AS\ CLASS\ III\ DIRECTOR\ OF\ THE\ FUND\ TO\ SERVE\ UNTIL\ THE\ 2020\ ANNUAL\ MEETING\ OF\ STOCKHOLDERS\ OF\ THE\ FUND\ AND\ UNTIL\ HIS\ SUCCESSOR\ IS\ DULY\ ELECTED\ AND\ QUALIFIES.$ 

Issuer

Name of Fund:

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker THE SWISS HELVETIA FUND, INC. 6/27/2017 870875101 SWZ

Vote

Management Recommended Vote

Proposal

Propose by issuer or shareholder

For

1. Director - Moritz Sell, Andrew Dakos, Thomas C. Mazarakis Shareholder

For

2. TO RATIFY TAIT, WELLER & BAKER, LLP AS THE FUND'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2017.

Shareholder

For

3. TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE FUND'S CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION TO DECLASSIFY THE FUND'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Shareholder

For

4. TO REQUEST A SELF-TENDER OFFER FOR ALL OUTSTANDING COMMON SHARES OF THE FUND AT OR CLOSE TO NET ASSET VALUE.

Shareholder

For

5. IF PROPOSAL 4 IS APPROVED, AND THE BOARD DOES NOT PROMPTLY IMPLEMENT IT, TO TERMINATE THE FUNDS INVESTMENT ADVISORY CONTRACTS.

Shareholder

Against

6A. TO APPROVE THE CONTINUATION OF AN AMENDMENT OF THE FUND'S BY-LAWS ESTABLISHING DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS.

Issuer

Against

6B. TO APPROVE THE CONTINUATION OF AN AMENDMENT OF THE FUND'S BY-LAWS REQUIRING HOLDERS OF 75% OF OUTSTANDING SHARES TO AMEND THE BY-LAWS.

Issuer

Name of Fund:

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name
Meeting Date
CUSIP
Ticker
EMERGENT CAPITAL INC.
6/27/2017
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Vote

Management Recommended Vote

Proposal

Propose by issuer or shareholder

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1. Election of Directors: Class I-1) James chadwick, 2) Michael Crow, 3) Andrew Dakos, 4) Phillip Goldstein-5) Gerald Hellerman, 6) Anthony Mitchell, 7) Gilbert Nathan

Issuer

For

For

2. TO VOTE ON AN ADVISORY RESOLUTION ON THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OF THE COMPANY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

Issuer

For

For

3. TO RATIFY THE APPOINTMENT OF GRANT THORNTON LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017.

Issuer

For

For

4. TO VOTE ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMPANY'S ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF AUTHORIZED SHARES OF THE COMPANY'S COMMON STOCK.

Issuer

For

For

5. TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMPANY'S AMENDED AND RESTATED 2010 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN (THE "PLAN"), INCLUDING AN INCREASE TO THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SHARES AUTHORIZED UNDER THE PLAN. Issuer

Name of Fund:

Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)

Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker

HILL INTERNATIONAL INC.

6/27/2017 431466101 HIL

Vote

Management Recommended Vote

Proposal

Propose by issuer or shareholder

For

For

1. Election of Directors: Class I-1) ALAN S. FELLHEIMER, 2) STEPHEN R. CURTS

Issuer

For

For

2. APPROVE THE COMPANY'S 2017 EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN

Issuer For 3. ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE THE COMPANY'S NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION Issuer For 4. ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE THE COMPANY'S NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMPENSATION Issuer
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE)  Period: July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017
Company Name Meeting Date CUSIP Ticker EQUUS TOTAL RETURN, INC. 6/28/2017 294766100 EQS
Vote Management Recommended Vote Proposal Propose by issuer or shareholder Mirror Vote For 1. Election of Directors: Class I- 1)Fraser Atkinson, 2) Henry W. Hankinson, 3) John A. Hardy, 4) Robert L. Knauss Issuer Mirror Vote For 2. TO RATIFY THE SELECTION OF BDO USA, LLP AS THE COMPANY'S INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017. Issuer Mirror Vote For 3. TO APPROVE, IN A NON-BINDING VOTE, THE COMPENSATION PAID TO THE COMPANY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICERS IN 2016, AS DISCLOSED PURSUANT TO ITEM 402 OF REGULATION S-K, INCLUDING THE COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS, COMPENSATION TABLES, AND NARRATIVE DISCUSSION. Issuer
Name of Fund: Special Opportunities Fund, Inc. (SPE) Period:

July 1, 2016 - June 30,2017

Company Name Meeting Date **CUSIP** Ticker ANDINA ACQUISITION CORP II 6/29/2017 G0441P104 ANDA

Vote

Management Recommended Vote

Proposal

Propose by issuer or shareholder

For

For

1. Election of Directors: Class I- 1) Edward G. Navarro

Issuer

For

For

2. RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION BY THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF MARCUM LLP TO SERVE AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 2017

#### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the reundersigned, thereunto duly authorized.	gistrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the
(Registrant) Special Opportunities Fund, Inc.	
By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Andrew Dakos Andrew Dakos, President	
Date <u>August 8, 2017</u>	
* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.	