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Total market value of distressed debt stands at \$600 billion. Are you maximizing your potential in this growing marketplace?

Benefits of Attending:

- ▶ Knowing when to hold and when to fold and what to do in between
- Understanding the factors analysts consider when evaluating distressed debt
- ▶ Being aware of the risks, rewards and trade-offs of investing in distressed debt
- Avoiding problems through effective due diligence and risk assessment
- Managing a distressed debt portfolio company to create value
- Maximizing stakeholder value and intellectual property

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8:45

Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:00

Analysts' Roundtable: Factors Considered When Evaluating Distressed Debt

- ▶ Going concern value, enterprise value, break-up value, bogus value
- Industry outlook, industry segment, industry niche, industrial waste
- ▶ Strong buy, buy, hold...
- ▶ EBIT, EBITA, EBITDAR, EBITSUX

Richard Nejame, Restructuring Director LAZARD LLC



Stephen G. Moyer, Director of Research

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Ronald Silverman, Partner, Financial Restructuring Group BINGHAM DANA LLP

10:00

Sell Side Perspective: Knowing When to Hold, Draw or Fold

- Liquidation vs. reorganization
- ▶ Who are the major players?
- ▶ What is the typical size and structure?
- ▶ What's the outlook?

Mitchell A. Harwood, Managing Director EVERCORE PARTNERS INC.

Thomas J. Donnelly, Senior Vice President GE CAPITAL

10:45 Mid-Morning Refreshment & Networking Break

11:15

Raising Capital for Distressed Funds

- Valuation expectations
- Execution and legal risks
- ▶ Timing and feasibility
- ▶ Structuring issues

George Siguler, Managing Director SIGULER, GUFF & COMPANY

11:45

Technology, Telecom, and Towers: The Perfect Storm



As of the first quarter of 2002, nearly \$50 billion of technology, telecom, and tower paper has entered the impaired or distressed price point – lots of bank debt, lots of bonds, and lots of unhappy vendors. Much of the innovative and complex technology driving the original investment thesis is still valid and viable, but conventional wisdom of the distressed investor is that it is hard to invest in when a situation that still requires new cash. The panel will address:

- Default trends
- ▶ How to find and evaluate opportunities
- Review current trends supporting the reorganization of these companies

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12:30 Luncheon for Speakers & Delegates

1:45

FOR SALE: Distressed Real Estate Opportunities

- ▶ How to take control through tax liens
- ▶ How to take control through purchasing debt
- ▶ What are the steps required to enhance value?

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Thomas R. Goodwin, *Co-Founder and Executive Vice President* **THE DEBT EXCHANGE, INC.**

2:30

Investors' Strategy Session: The Risks, Rewards, and Trade-Offs of Investing in Distressed Debt

- ▶ How have return expectations changed?
- ▶ What industry segments are hot and why?
- ▶ What criteria are funds looking at when purchasing a deal?
- ▶ How active in restructuring process should an investor be?
- ▶ What global opportunities are available today?
- ▶ How do you deal with unforeseen obstacles?

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3:30 Mid-Afternoon Refreshments & Networking Break

3:45

How to Sell an Ugly Duckling: Defining and Selling a Distressed Company

- ▶ Definitions and assumptions
- ▶ Status and plan
- ▶ Defining best fit purchasers
- ▶ Valuation and alternatives
- ▶ Pricing strategy...increasing the price
- ▶ Debt and structure funding
- Packaging, warranties and finding buyers
- Negotiating and managing
- ▶ Some war stories/case studies

Edward A. Story, Managing Partner IRONWOOD ADVISORY, LLC

Vicky Balmot, Executive Vice President CONGRESS FINANCIAL CORPORATION

4:30

What You Should Know About Restructuring

- ▶ What's happened over the last 3 years in the bankruptcy arena?
- ▶ Bankruptcy as part of the normal business cycle
- ▶ Recent trends of stress and distress
- What are the causes and obvious flaws of companies facing difficulty today?
- ▶ How can we avoid these flaws?
- ▶ Q&A: What can you do to help your troubled company?

Harvey Tepner, Managing Director

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Leonard P. Goldberger, Esquire, Partner WHITE AND WILLIAMS

5:15 - 7:00

Networking Cocktail Reception



Wednesday, June 26, 2002

8:00 Continental Breakfast

8:30

Intro to Day Two

8:35

The Resurrection of Steel Companies

Hear the stories and lessons learned from a few of the largest public restructurings/bankruptcies, such as the LTV Corporation and Bethlehem Steel deals.

MODERATOR:

Wilbur Ross, Chairman WL ROSS & CO., LLC



PANELISTS:

Peter Marcus, Managing Partner

WORLD STEEL DYNAMICS

David Hyman Esq., Partner JONES DAY REAVES & POGUE

Raffiq Nathoo, Sr. Managing Director

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Navigating the Perils of Private Bank Debt Trading

- Status of debt: distressed vs. par; assignments vs. participations; performing vs. non-performing
- Nature of documentation: trade confirmations; assignment agreements; consents and approvals
- Impact of bankruptcy: balloting, voting and claim transfers; timing and payment of distributions; limitations on trading
- ▶ Role of the Loan Syndications Trading Association (LSTA)

Nazim Zilkha, Partner

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10:00

Costs, Risks and Benefits of Control Investing

- ▶ Restructuring process
- ▶ Bankruptcy process
- ▶ Time line
- ▶ Pro-forma capital structure
- ▶ The exit

Kaleil Isaza Tuzman, Managing Partner

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10:45

A How To Guide: Managing a Distressed Portfolio Company to Create Value

- ▶ Environment at time of engagement
- ▶ Initial steps to create value
- Examples through case studies
- ▶ Lessons learned: Suggestions to avoid distressed investments

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- Maximizing value for under-performing, undercapitalized technology companies
- Unique issues in working with and reorganizing high technology debtors
- ▶ The worth of intellectual property in distressed companies
- ▶ Creating new IP-driven revenue streams and distribution channels to maximize shareholder value/strengthen ability to repay
- Uncover the hidden IP value to position the distressed borrower for

Steven R. Gerbsman, Principal

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12:00

How to Avoid Problems: Due Diligence and Risk Assessment

- Prospect of prepackaged, pre-negotiated or freefall bankruptcy proceedings
- ▶ Timing of projected resolution or payout
- ▶ Preference, fraudulent transfer and substantive consolidation risks
- ▶ Adequate protection and priority risks
- ▶ Risks involving lack of good faith

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At Strategic Research Institute's timely event on Distressed Debt Investing at the Hilton New York this June 25-26, 2002, learn winning strategies for restructuring, turnaround management, and valuation of distressed companies. Gain the knowledge needed to thrive in the distressed debt arena through panel discussions, presentations, and case studies, which address these sectors: Telecom & Towers, Real Estate, Industrial, and Intellectual Property in Technology Companies. And hear experienced investors and investment advisors discuss:

- ▶ The factors analysts consider when evaluating distressed debt
- ▶ Knowing when to hold and when to fold and what to do in between
- The risks, rewards and trade-offs of investing in distressed debt
- ▶ How to avoid problems through due diligence and risk assessment
- ▶ Managing a distressed debt portfolio company to create value
- Examine the new opportunities in telecom, real estate debt and intellectual property

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I look forward to seeing you in New York in June.

Sincerely,

Wilbur Ross, Chairman WL ROSS & CO., LLC

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