

MAIL STOP 3561

May 8, 2006

Don K. Rice
Chairman of the Board
Ascend Acquisition Corporation
435 Devon Park Drive
Building 400
Wayne, PA 19087

**RE: Ascend Acquisition Corporation
Registration Statement on Form S-1
Supplemental response dated May 5, 2006
File No. 333-131529**

Dear Mr. Rice:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following comments. Where indicated, we think you should revise your document in response to these comments. If you disagree, we will consider your explanation as to why our comment is inapplicable or a revision is unnecessary. Please be as detailed as necessary in your explanation. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with supplemental information so we may better understand your disclosure. After reviewing this information, we may or may not raise additional comments.

Please understand that the purpose of our review process is to assist you in your compliance with the applicable disclosure requirements and to enhance the overall disclosure in your filing. We look forward to working with you in these respects. We welcome any questions you may have about our comments or on any other aspect of our review. Feel free to call us at the telephone numbers listed at the end of this letter.

1. We note the following disclosure contained on page 11: "If we liquidate before the completion of a business combination and distribute the proceeds held in trust to our

public stockholders, Don K. Rice, our chairman of the board, chief executive officer, president and treasurer, has agreed that he will be personally liable to ensure that the proceeds in the trust account are not reduced by the claims of target businesses or claims of vendors or other entities that are owed money by us for services rendered or contracted for or products sold to us. However, we cannot assure you that he will be able to satisfy those obligations. Furthermore, even after our liquidation (including the distribution of the funds held in the trust account), under the Delaware General Corporation Law, stockholders may be held liable for claims by third parties against a corporation to the extent of distributions received by them in a dissolution."

Please disclose the circumstances under which stockholders may be held liable, include a reference to the specific provision(s) of the Delaware General Corporation Law at issue and supplementally provide the Staff with copies thereof. We may have further comment.

Closing Comments

As appropriate, please amend your registration statement in response to these comments. Provide us with marked copies of the amendment to expedite our review. Please furnish a cover letter with your amendment that keys your responses to our comments and provides any requested supplemental information. Detailed cover letters greatly facilitate our review. Please understand that we may have additional comments after reviewing your amendment and responses to our comments.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filings reviewed by the staff to be certain that they have provided all information investors require for an informed decision. Since the company and its management are in possession of all facts relating to a company's disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

We will consider a written request for acceleration of the effective date of the registration statement as a confirmation of the fact that those requesting acceleration are aware of their respective responsibilities under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as they relate to the proposed public offering of the securities specified in the above registration statement. We will act on the request and, pursuant to delegated authority, grant acceleration of the effective date.

We direct your attention to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requesting acceleration of a registration statement. Please allow adequate time after the filing of any amendment for further review before submitting a request for acceleration. Please provide this request at least two business days in advance of the requested effective date.

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You may contact Brian Bhandari at (202) 551-3390 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Questions on other disclosure issues may be directed to Ron Alper at (202) 551-3329, John Zitko at (202) 551-3399, or Don Rinehart, who supervised the review of your filing, at (202) 551-3235.

Sincerely,

John Reynolds
Assistant Director

cc: David Alan Miller, Esq. (*by facsimile*)
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