



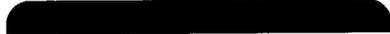
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Ms. Velma T. Smith
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Room 2531
100 F Street, NE
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Dear Ms. Smith:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Exchange Act of 1933, Western Asset Mortgage Defined Opportunity Fund Inc., Common Stock, par value \$0.001. The NYSE requests simultaneous acceleration of registration of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, together with the 1933 Act. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on February 16, 2010. Tentative listing date – February 24, 2010

Sincerely,

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