#### **MEMORANDUM**

February 4, 2011

To: File No. S7-08-10

From: Scott H. Kimpel Office of Commissioner Troy A. Paredes

Re: Proposed Rules Regarding Asset Backed Securities

On February 3, 2011, Commissioner Troy A. Paredes and Scott H. Kimpel, Counsel to the Commissioner, met with the following representatives of Hertz: Bryan Corbett, R. Scott Massengill, Kirk Shryoc, and Rich Broome. The participants discussed the Commission's proposed rules regarding asset-backed securities.

Attachment



# Rental Car Securitization Discussion Materials

### February 3, 2011





# Importance of Rental Or

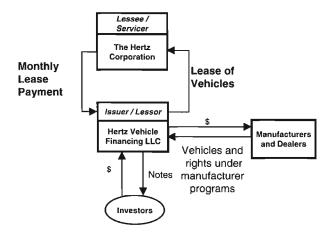
- Hertz and other large non-investment grade car rental companies rely on the ABS market to finance their fleet
- As of September 30, 2010, approximately \$8.8 billion of term rental car ABS was outstanding and the large non-investment grade car rental companies maintain billions of dollars of securitized revolving credit facilities from bank conduits for fleet liquidity
- Rental car ABS securitizes vehicles, the primary operating asset of the car rental business
  - Fundamentally different from financial asset securitizations
  - Facilitates car rental companies purchasing billions of dollars of vehicles every year

Car Rental Industry Relies on Continued Access to Capital from ABS Market

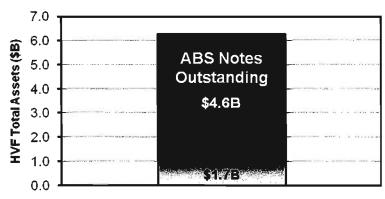


### **Rental Car ABS Conside**

#### **Structure Diagram**



#### Significant Risk Retention By Hertz\*



\* HVF Assets/Liabilities as of 9/30/10

#### **Mark-to-Market Feature**

- Monthly mark-to-market of all risk cars against NADA or certain other vehicle valuation services
- Required credit enhancement increases if market value < book value

#### **Other "Operating Asset" ABS**

- Cargo container
- Railcars
- Cell towers
- Timber and other natural resources
- Intellectual property
- Potentially project finance

#### **Unique Structural Features and Incentives Suggest Different Treatment**

## **Reg AB II and Rental Ca**



- Proposing Release broad enough to apply to rental car ABS but did not specifically address required disclosure for rental car ABS
- Unclear how rental car ABS sponsors could comply with Reg AB II as proposed, resulting in potential for rental car ABS sponsors to be unable to access the ABS market
- "General Item Requirements" almost uniformly inapplicable to rental car ABS, for example:

Item (1)(a)(7)	Original Asset Term	
Item (1)(a)(8)	Asset Maturity Date	
Item (1)(a)(19)	Defined Underwriting Indicator	
Item (1)(b)(1)	Cut-Off Date	
Item (1)(b)(3)	Current Interest Rate	
Item (1)(b)(5)	Current Delinquency Status	

No precedent for rental car ABS in the public market

**Concerned Access to the ABS Market Might be Obstructed** 

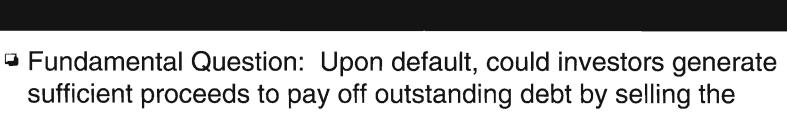
# **Potential Approaches**

- Exclude rental car ABS from Structured Finance Product definition in Reg AB II
  - Fundamentally different incentives than financial asset securitization sponsors
- Adopt ASF "SQIB" approach
  - Maintain public/private distinction that has been an historic feature of securities laws
- Accept existing rental car securitization disclosure regime
- Tailor disclosure to appropriately balance investor information against operational, competitive and economic costs of compliance

If Final Rule Requires Disclosure Changes, Need Lead Time



### **Tailored Disclosure**



fleet and collecting the outstanding manufacturer receivables?

Key Asset Characteristics	Current Disclosure	Potential Additional Disclosure
<ul> <li>Cars / Receivables</li> <li>Risk / Program</li> <li>Car Type</li> <li>OEMs</li> <li>Model Year</li> <li>Mileage</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mix by OEM</li> <li>Mix by Risk/Program</li> <li>Receivable balances</li> <li>Mark-to-Market Results</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Mix by Car Type (SUV, etc.)</li> <li>Mix by Model Year</li> <li>Note - mileage not possible from a technical perspective</li> </ul>

Assuming Reg AB II Applies to Rental Car ABS, Then SEC Should Allow For Tailored Disclosure Requirements

### Asset-Level Disclosure Unit & Overly Burdensome

- Hertz's securitized fleet size ranged from ~266,000 to ~316,000 vehicles during 2010
- Rental cars are relatively homogenous collateral, capable of being grouped into categories without losing fundamental information required for reasonable valuation
- Disclosing data on a car-by-car basis would:
  - Provide sensitive information to competitors and business customers;
  - Increase reporting costs substantially; and
  - Potentially overwhelm investors

Grouped Disclosure Approach Appropriate for Rental Car ABS



## Conclusion

- Hertz believes that it would be appropriate to exclude rental car ABS or adopt the ASF "SQIB" approach
- If the SEC determines that enhanced disclosure is appropriate for rental car ABS, then the SEC should determine an appropriate grouped disclosure regime for rental car ABS

**Thank You For Listening**