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Additional information about CISC is also available on the SEC's website at www.adviserinfo.sec.gov.

Cutwater Investor Services Corp. is registered with the SEC as an investment adviser. CISC's registration in no way implies a certain level of skill or training.

Item 2: Material Changes

There are no material changes to report.

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Item 4: Advisory Business

CISC provides fixed income investment advisory services to a variety of investors. Established in 1990, CISC was known as MBIA Municipal Investors Service Corp. from its inception until February 8, 2010. CISC and its investment adviser affiliate engage in business under the name Cutwater Asset Management (“Cutwater”). CISC is the principal operating company of Cutwater. The business units of Cutwater are organized under a parent holding company called Cutwater Holdings, LLC which is itself a wholly-owned subsidiary of MBIA Inc., a New York Stock Exchange listed company which also has certain insurance related subsidiaries. Warburg Pincus Private Equity X, L.P. and certain of its affiliates are beneficial owners of approximately 38% of the outstanding shares of MBIA Inc.’s common stock.

CISC’s advisory services are offered to institutional clients in three major product lines: total return, customized and structured. Within the total return product line, CISC offers cash management, as well as discretionary and non-discretionary asset management in both pooled and separate account formats. CISC also provides fund accounting and administrative services to a local government investment pool. Within the customized product line, CISC manages asset/liability programs as well as insurance portfolios and tax efficient strategies. Within the structured product line, CISC manages absolute return strategies as well as conduits, collateralized debt obligations (“CDOs”), and other funding vehicles for banks and program trustees. CISC also serves as investment adviser to SEC registered open-end and closed-end investment companies.

As described above, CISC offers a variety of specialized product lines. We are able to determine the particular investment goals and objectives through direct personal contact with clients and to offer clients the investment products or strategies which we believe best fit their investment objectives. Accounts are managed pursuant to investment guidelines and restrictions provided by clients to establish parameters for account management. Individual clients may also impose specific restrictions limiting CISC’s ability to invest in certain securities or types of securities.

CISC can create individualized portfolio strategies based on a number of factors both internal and external to the client. These factors can include a client’s unique cash flow needs, and its regulatory and policy requirements. CISC works with each client to develop an investment framework based on the client’s risk tolerance, investment policy and current market conditions.

As of December 31, 2013, CISC provided investment advisory services to a total of 237 accounts with total assets under management (AUM) of \$22.76 billion. This total included 84 discretionary accounts with total AUM of \$6.39 billion and 153 non-discretionary accounts with total assets of \$16.37 billion.

Item 5: Fees and Compensation

CISC is compensated for its investment advisory services through fees which are primarily calculated as a percentage of assets under management in client accounts. CISC is also compensated through fixed fee structures and performance fees in some cases. All fees are subject to negotiation and are dependent on account services provided and portfolio size. CISC has [sample](#) fee schedules which apply to accounts associated with various product lines. For certain of CISC's clients, the fee calculation may be based upon the average or ending market value of client account assets on either a monthly or quarterly basis. In other cases, the average historical cost value will serve as the basis for the fee calculation. In the case of CISC's registered funds and Local Government Investment Pool accounts, fees are calculated based on the daily net asset value or daily amortized cost value of the respective program's assets. In each case, client account assets are multiplied by a basis point fee, the amount of which varies, depending on the contractual relationship with a particular client. Our fees are generally billed in arrears. However, some clients may pay fees in advance at their own discretion. If a client opts to pay its management fees in advance and the applicable agreement is ultimately terminated prior to the end of the billing period, the management fees will be prorated for the portion of the billing period in which the agreement was in effect and CISC will issue the client a refund for any excess fees.

CISC maintains separate fee schedules for each of its investment strategies.

The fee schedule for client accounts managed pursuant to CISC's Core Fixed Income investment strategy ("Core"), part of our traditional product line, is as follows: 0.30% on the first \$25 million, 0.25% on the next \$25 million and 0.20% in excess of \$50 million.

The fee schedule for client accounts managed pursuant to CISC's High Yield Fixed Income strategy ("High Yield"), part of our traditional product line, is as follows: 0.50% on the first \$25 million, 0.40% on the next \$25 million and 0.30% in excess of \$50 million.

The fee schedule for client accounts managed pursuant to CISC's Short Term Fixed Income strategy ("Short Duration"), part of our traditional product line, is as follows: 0.25% on the first \$25 million, 0.20% on the next \$25 million and 0.15% in excess of \$50 million.

Our fees are subject to negotiation and may take into account, a client account's investment strategy, the extent of servicing requirements and the assets under management aggregated across the client's relationship. With respect to a client account, if we decide to invest in interests in one of our private funds, we may rebate a portion of the client account fees back to the client in an amount equal to the advisory fee of the fund in which the client invested, unless otherwise agreed or disclosed to the client.

Registered funds and local government investment pools could be charged up to .50% per annum subject to partial fee waivers in response to market conditions. Each registered fund's prospectus sets forth the applicable fees and expenses, many of which are not paid for by CISC. Registered funds are responsible for the general costs of conducting their business, including: legal, taxes, audit, custodian, and other costs of maintaining corporate existence.

Generally, CISC bills clients for fees incurred; however, in the case of Local Government Investment Pools for which CISC acts as program administrator/adviser, fees are deducted directly from client accounts.

With respect to unregistered pooled investment vehicles (“Private Funds”), the applicable fees and expenses are set forth in the Private Fund’s investment advisory agreement, subscription agreement and/or other governing documents, or the offering memorandum, if applicable.

CISC bills clients and/or deducts fees on a monthly or quarterly basis subject to the applicable contractual agreement. Generally all expenses and fees are included in investment advisory fees charged to clients by CISC. In most cases clients separately pay custodian fees, although in a limited number of cases, CISC will pay the fees on behalf of the client. CISC clients do not incur separate brokerage or other transaction costs because transactions in fixed income securities for client accounts are conducted on a net basis without commissions.

Item 6: Performance-Based Fees and Side-By-Side Management

Performance-based fees may be approved for certain managed accounts and private fund clients. The rate of any performance based fee would be calculated with reference to the outperformance of the account in relation to a selected performance benchmark.

Portfolio managers in such situations may have an incentive to favor accounts which are subject to a performance-based fee. To this end, CISC has adopted policies, rules and procedures for: trade execution, trade allocation and order aggregation which are intended to ensure that investment opportunities are allocated fairly and consistently among client accounts over time.

Portfolio managers' compensation is not based on the performance of individual accounts. Portfolio managers are compensated based on overall composite performance. This compensation structure provides no incentive for portfolio managers to favor performance-based fee accounts.

Item 7: Types of Clients

CISC clients include: corporations, insurance companies, unions, Taft-Hartley funds, municipalities, school districts, other local governmental entities, endowments, foundations, registered funds, alternative investment programs, and private funds. CISC currently does not impose a minimum account size.

Item 8: Methods of Analysis, Investment Strategies and Risk of Loss

METHODS OF ANALYSIS

CISC employs the following methods of analysis in the management of client portfolios: sector allocation, security selection, yield curve positioning, and maturity/duration management.

Sector allocation is determined through a mix of quantitative and qualitative techniques. We track historical yield spreads among sectors with different risk characteristics over long time periods. We use “bottom-up” fundamental research as a means for security selection. In the area of corporate credit, our analysts use a combination of financial statement analysis, analysis of developing industry trends, discussions with company management, and quantitative models to establish the creditworthiness of issuers in their sectors. In the structured products area, CISC uses loan level modeling, and proprietary cash flow analysis to establish the creditworthiness of the unique structures that characterize those sectors.

To establish yield-curve positioning, we analyze yield pick-ups along the curve per unit of duration as well as key-rate durations of a specific managed portfolio relative to its index.

In managing portfolio maturity/duration we consider factors such as interest rate moves and yield curve shifts which influence the returns of a fixed income portfolio. We also consider factors that influence the economy and interest rates, such as monetary policy, fiscal policy, inflation, productivity, and other economic indicators.

INVESTMENT STRATEGIES

CISC relies on three primary product lines- total return, customized and structured. Total return strategies include: Core Fixed Income, Core Plus Fixed Income, Core Plus Select Income, Money Market, Short Duration, Intermediate Duration, Long Duration, High Yield, Unconstrained Bond Strategy - Conservative, and Enhanced Cash Management. Customized strategies include: Liability Driven Investing (LDI), and Insurance and Tax Efficient. Structured strategies include Absolute Return strategies, and Collateralized Debt Obligations (CDO) management. Described below are the principal investment strategies we use in formulating investment advice and managing assets.

TOTAL RETURN STRATEGIES

Core Fixed Income

The Core Fixed Income (“Core”) investment strategy seeks total return with a combination of income and capital appreciation. This strategy consists of allocations to the U.S. investment grade bond market. Core may invest up to 10% in out-of-benchmark sectors which may include U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS), high yield, and tax-exempt securities. Interest rate exposure is generally managed within a +/- 20% range benchmark duration.

Core Plus Fixed Income

The Core Plus Fixed Income (“Core Plus”) investment strategy has the same objective as Core, but is distinct in that it may invest up to 25% in out-of-benchmark sectors which may include U.S. TIPS, high yield non-dollar and emerging markets.

Core Plus Select Income

The Core Plus Select Income (“Core Plus Select”) investment strategy seeks to provide investors with a diversified basket of debt securities designed to generate a high rate of current return. The investment strategy combines fundamental, bottom-up credit analysis with macroeconomic perspectives to arrive at individual security selection and sector weighting decisions. Under normal circumstances, the strategy will typically invest at least 80% of its total assets in debt securities. These securities are primarily a diversified selection of high-quality corporate bonds and other types of fixed income assets, including U.S. government obligations, mortgage and asset-backed securities, collateralized mortgage obligations and others rated Baa, BBB or the equivalent by any nationally recognized statistical rating organization. Core Plus Select may invest up to 25% of its assets in high yield.

Money Market

The Money Market strategies invest in high quality, short-term fixed income securities. These strategies generate current income while maintaining liquidity and preserving capital. The weighted average maturity should not exceed 60 days. CISC manages these strategies consistent with the diversification, ratings and maturity guidelines of SEC Rule 2a-7. Assets managed in this style are designed to provide investors daily liquidity at a \$1.00 constant net asset value (NAV) per share. Typical sectors used in the management of these styles can include U.S. government securities, repurchase agreements, commercial paper, short term corporate notes and other money market instruments.

Through participation in Local Government Investment Pools (LGIPs) this strategy is designed to meet the short-term cash management needs of local governments. LGIPs involve pooling funds of many local government entities to provide them the opportunity to obtain safety of principal, daily liquidity and competitive rates.

Short Duration

The Short Duration strategy seeks to provide a stable source of income, with long-term capital appreciation as a secondary objective. This strategy entails active management of duration, sector allocation and security selection. Maximum maturities for holdings are typically limited to 5 to 7 years. Investments for this strategy consist of high quality fixed income securities and seek to maintain a portfolio average duration within +/- 20% of the benchmark.

Intermediate Duration

The Intermediate Duration strategy seeks to enhance current income and long-term capital appreciation with maximum maturities typically limited to 10 years. The strategy provides active management of duration, sector allocation and security selection. Exposures generally consist of actively managed allocations to the U.S. investment grade bond market.

Interest rate exposure is actively managed, generally within a +/- 20% range of benchmark duration.

Long Duration

The Long Duration strategy seeks to maximize risk-adjusted total return with a combination of income and capital appreciation through investment in a diversified portfolio of investment-grade fixed income securities. This strategy entails active management of duration, sector allocation and security selection. Investment guidelines allow for out of benchmark allocations. The managed duration for this strategy is generally within +/- 10% of benchmark duration.

High Yield

The High Yield strategy focuses on generation of high current income and long-term capital growth through investing primarily in higher yielding, non-investment grade U.S. corporate debt securities. Portfolios following this investment strategy typically invest at least 80% of holdings in securities rated below BBB-.

Unconstrained Bond Strategy - Conservative

The Unconstrained Bond Strategy – Conservative (formerly known as Rate Shield strategy) attempts to provide defensive positioning against rising rates through a diversified, high-quality portfolio that offers an alternative to the traditional core fixed income and core plus fixed income investor. This strategy seeks to provide yield while decreasing interest rate risk by de-emphasizing Treasuries and Agencies in favor of corporate credit and structured securities. By focusing on structured securities (e.g. CLOs, CMBS, and ABS), corporate credit across the capital structure and high yield debt, the strategy attempts to provide a solution to the current low yield environment while maintaining a short duration profile. Portfolios can be customized for a client's risk tolerance, sector restrictions, liquidity profile, quality constraints and yield targets.

Enhanced Cash Management

The Enhanced Cash Strategy provides the liquidity of traditional money market funds but with a desire to migrate away from the restrictions of SEC rule 2A-7 in search of higher yield. The strategy invests in high quality, short-term fixed income securities. Typical sectors include U.S. government securities, repurchase agreements, commercial paper, short-term corporate notes and other money market instruments. Client accounts may be limited by sector or maturity guidelines.

CUSTOMIZED STRATEGIES

Liability Driven Investing

This strategy seeks to manage client assets to permit a portfolio to meet or exceed expected liabilities through the use of sophisticated, proprietary models that can be tailored to our clients' unique circumstances. These models seek to optimize the investment profile to meet liquidity demands, immunize liabilities, and enhance yield. This strategy applies our proprietary

stochastic model to assign probabilities of the desired outcome for a given investment strategy versus a liability stream through time.

Insurance and Tax Efficient

These strategies seek to properly identify the underlying goals and requirements of our insurance and tax efficient clients, and reduce the liabilities that each of their portfolios supports (e.g. tax liability). Liabilities may be specific to the client's business objectives, such as gain-loss budgets and cash-flow defeasances, or be general to the regulations imposed within a client's industry, such as state imposed insurance legislation or industry defined capital requirements. Yield enhancement and cash-flow matching considerations are taken into account during client portfolio design. These strategies seek to balance principal protection with income enhancement and portfolio liquidity.

STRUCTURED STRATEGIES

Absolute Return Products

Unconstrained Bond Strategy - Broad

The Unconstrained Bond Strategy - Broad (formerly known as the Credit Opportunities Strategy) seeks to provide attractive risk-adjusted returns over time in diverse market environments. As an unconstrained, absolute return-oriented strategy not tethered to a market benchmark, Unconstrained Broad allows for significantly greater discretion than traditional funds to adjust duration exposure - portfolio duration is permitted to range from -2 to 8 years. Focused on the "spread" fixed income sectors, including but not limited to global structured finance securities, corporate bonds and loans, and municipal/subsovereign bonds, the strategy has no significant sector constraints and is permitted to invest opportunistically in various low-rated, distressed and/or illiquid investments.

Corporate Credit Absolute Return Strategy

This strategy seeks to provide strong returns on both an absolute and risk-adjusted basis. The strategy seeks absolute return while protecting against interest rate risk through a combination of long (credit) positions and short (treasury) positions. The strategy seeks total return through security selection and dynamic sector allocation, taking long positions in credit securities, primarily in investment grade debt. The strategy seeks to immunize through the use of short positions in U.S. Treasuries. Other opportunistic investments that the strategy may invest in include preferred securities, hybrid securities and corporate credit focused asset backed securities.

Collateralized Debt Obligation (CDO) Management

As CDO manager, CISC is responsible for selecting, monitoring and trading the assets of CDO portfolios within the parameters and constraints established by each CDO's structure and related legal documentation. Managed CDOs seek to deliver attractive returns to equity investors while ensuring that CDO debt holders are not subjected to undue risks. CISC also serves as replacement manager on certain CDO transactions which are distressed/impaired and provide limited or no ability for trading in portfolio assets. CISC's goal as replacement CDO

manager is to actively monitor the asset portfolio, mitigate further downside risks and deliver enhanced outcomes to the CDO's investors while staying compliant with the parameters and constraints established by the transaction structure. Where transaction documents permit, relative value trading and/or defensive sales are tools used to enhance returns. In addition, analyzing and responding to corporate actions/consent requests on investments held in the CDO's asset portfolio or participating in investment workouts/restructuring proposals may best protect the interests of the CDO's investors.

RISKS INVOLVED

Investment involves risk, including the possible loss of principal. No assurance can be given that the portfolio performance objective of an investment strategy will be achieved. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

The fixed income investment strategies utilized by the adviser generally have four principal risks: credit risk, volatility risk, interest rate risk and liquidity risk. Many of these risks in individual securities are mitigated in portfolio construction by having well diversified portfolios which enhances the overall return per unit of risk. A summary of these risks follow:

Credit Risk: Credit risk is the risk of deterioration of the financial condition of an issuer of securities that affects its ability to make timely payment of interest and principal and ultimately payment default. CISC focuses primarily on investment grade credits, structuring portfolios with an emphasis on mitigating negative credit events. Accordingly, we tend to structure client portfolios to select higher rated credits with longer dated final maturities and to select lower rated credits with shorter dated final maturities to provide additional yield.

Volatility of Returns: CISC defines this type of risk as measured by the standard deviation of returns relative to the benchmark. We seek to provide clients with high risk-adjusted results by focusing on spread sectors to drive return enhancement, and therefore to mitigate volatility and achieve higher risk-adjusted returns versus our benchmarks and peers.

Interest Rate Risk: Interest rate risk describes the sensitivity that a given security or portfolio has to changes in interest rates. For example, the value of a fixed rate bond is reduced as interest rates increase because investors demand lower prices to compensate for the higher yields available in the marketplace. CISC mitigates interest rate risk by keeping portfolio duration generally within +/- 20 percent of the benchmark duration.

Liquidity Risk : This refers to the risk stemming from the lack of marketability of an investment that cannot be bought or sold quickly enough to prevent or minimize a loss. In the fixed income market, liquidity risk is related to the willingness of brokers to buy and/or sell a given security when the portfolio manager is ready to trade. We mitigate liquidity risk by structuring a portfolio to include securities with laddered maturities that match client cash flow needs. As additional safeguards, CISC seeks to limit portfolio exposure to not more than 10 percent of any particular issue and considers the extent of liquidity in the secondary market.

CISC does not view the above noted risks relating to fixed income portfolio management as "significant" or "unusual" in a portfolio context across the set of investment strategies offered by the firm. We believe that these risks are mitigated through the benefits of diversification of portfolio holdings. Exposure to fixed income management risk is most appropriately considered

in the context of investment in specific categories of securities relating to the firm's investment strategies.

Generally, securities recommendations made by CISC are determined with reference to the investment guidelines and restrictions applicable to particular client accounts. Various categories of structured finance and high yield corporate securities which are frequently recommended by CISC involve special risks which can be identified as follows.

RMBS: Residential Mortgage-Backed Securities (RMBS) are generally pass-through securities that experience cash flows based on the performance of the underlying loan pool. The highly granular and diversified nature of residential loan pools tend to reflect more macroeconomic factors than the event-risk typical of corporate bonds. Based on the performance of these loans, bond cash flows may face prepayment risks on bonds trading at dollar premiums and extension risk on bonds trading at dollar discounts, which would lead to worse realized yield-to-maturity performance than may have been initially projected. Pass-through securities will also introduce considerable cash flow uncertainty which may make them poorly suited for asset-liability matching strategies.

CMBS: Commercial Mortgage-Backed Securities (CMBS) are generally pass-through securities which are less diversified than residential pools and are therefore much more susceptible to the unique credit characteristics of the underlying loans. Furthermore, the impact of macroeconomic factors such as consumer spending and employment will vary in accordance with the different property types (e.g., retail, office, multifamily, industrial) and geographic concentrations that may be present within a CMBS pool. One other major consideration in modeling risk for CMBS is the balloon nature of the loan repayment schedules. This introduces significant refinancing risk on the loans at their scheduled maturity date and requires assumptions on the likelihood that a loan will be refinanced on a timely basis or extended by the servicer.

Corporate High Yield: Issuers of high yield securities generally have more limited revenue and cash flows, higher leverage in their capital structures and less access to capital markets, than companies issuing investment grade debt. Therefore, investing in high yield corporate bonds entails increased credit risk, a higher probability of default, and higher liquidity risk. High yield issues also tend to have higher return volatility, and somewhat less interest rate risk, given the shorter duration of such issues compared to investment grade corporate bonds.

Item 9: Disciplinary Information

There are no legal or disciplinary events that are material to a client's evaluation of our advisory business or to the integrity of our management.

Item 10: Other Financial Industry Activities and Affiliations

Cutwater Asset Management Corp. (“CAMC”), an affiliated entity which is under common control with CISC, is a registered investment adviser, registered broker/dealer and a FINRA member.

Currently there are nine (9) CISC management persons serving as registered representatives for this broker/dealer. The relationship between CAMC and CISC does not create material conflicts of interest with clients because CAMC is not actively engaged in the brokerage business.

Each of CAMC and CISC has agreements with its own respective client accounts and is governed by the trade allocation and aggregation policies and by the code of ethics.

CISC serves as investment adviser to two registered closed-end investment companies, two mutual funds, and several local government investment pools. We do not believe these relationships create any material conflicts of interest with any of the firm’s other clients. Please see response to item 11.

CISC provides investment management services for investment portfolios of MBIA Insurance Corporation and National Public Finance Guarantee Corporation, each of which is an affiliated person of and under common control with CISC. CISC has adopted certain policies and procedures intended to mitigate any conflicts of interest arising from trading on behalf of various affiliated and non-affiliated accounts. Please see response to item 11.

Item 11: Code of Ethics, Participation or Interest in Client Transactions and Personal Trading

CISC has adopted a written Code of Ethics (“the Code”) for the firm and its supervised persons. The Code contains a standard of business conduct reflecting the fiduciary duties of CISC and its supervised persons to the firm’s advisory clients and requires supervised persons to comply with applicable federal securities laws. The Code prohibits related persons who are directors, officers or employees from purchasing or selling any security when, to his or her actual knowledge at the time of such transaction, the same security is being purchased or sold, or is being recommended for purchase or sale, for one or more clients. This prohibition is subject to exceptions for non-volitional transactions and requires access persons of the firm to report their securities transactions and holdings on a periodic basis. Access persons are also subject to a pre-clearance requirement for most personal securities transactions. CISC will provide a copy of its Code to any client or prospective client upon request. A copy of the Code can be obtained by writing or calling the address/phone number set forth on the cover page of this document.

The Code includes a number of provisions to mitigate conflicts of interest to clients from personal trading by related persons. The Code provides that no access person shall purchase or sell directly or indirectly, any security in which he or she has or by reason of such transaction acquires, any direct or indirect beneficial ownership and which he or she knows or should reasonably know, at the time of such purchase or sale: (i) is being considered for purchase or sale for a client, or (ii) is being purchased or sold for a client. The Code also states that no access person shall disclose to other persons the securities activities engaged in or contemplated for a client.

CISC and certain of its affiliated entities may invest for its/their own accounts (“proprietary accounts”) in securities that are also recommended for advisory clients. It is possible that trading for such proprietary accounts may result in CISC or its affiliates taking positions similar or opposite to positions taken by one or more advisory clients. CISC has adopted certain policies and procedures for trade execution, trade allocation, and order aggregation which are intended to mitigate any conflicts of interest arising from proprietary trading.

Item 12: Brokerage Practices

In selecting or recommending broker/dealers for client transactions CISC considers the following factors, among others: expertise in the specific securities or sectors in which we seek to trade; creditworthiness; financial and capital position stability; execution and settlement capabilities; the quality of operational facilities, the type, size and difficulty of the transaction involved; and any disclosed regulatory action.

Transactions in fixed income securities recommended by CISC do not involve brokerage commissions. Reasonableness of compensation for a particular transaction is determined by reference to competitive bid and ask quotations on particular transactions being executed. CISC has a fiduciary obligation to seek best execution for each client trade.

Where a decision has been made to purchase or sell a particular security for multiple client accounts/portfolios simultaneously, CISC will combine orders across such accounts to place a larger/aggregated order into the market for execution.

Item 13: Review of Accounts

CISC performs a review of each client account on a quarterly basis and provides clients with information in a standardized report format. Client account reviews are performed by supervised persons who generally hold the title of Vice President or above and who have portfolio management responsibility.

An account review will be triggered if there is a unique circumstance, such as a material increase in funding for the account. CISC will also review client accounts upon a client's request.

Written client reports are provided at least on a quarterly basis and can be delivered electronically or by mail to the client. Reports contain information about the client's account holdings, transaction activity, accrued income, cash positions, account valuation, and portfolio performance.

Item 14: Client Referrals and Other Compensation

CISC has entered into solicitation arrangements with third parties for the referral of prospective clients to the firm. Each of these arrangements is pursuant to a written contract describing the terms of the engagement, including provisions for the supervision of the solicitor by CISC and a description of the fees to be paid to the solicitor. Each solicitor retained by Cutwater must provide all persons solicited with a written statement disclosing the solicitor's capacity, compensation arrangements and other required information and must also furnish CISC's Form ADV Part 2A. In addition, the solicitor must obtain from each successfully referred client a written acknowledgement of receipt by the client of the Form ADV Part 2A and of the solicitor's disclosure statement. All solicitation arrangements are conducted in compliance with the requirements of Rule 206(4)-3 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940.

Item 15: Custody

Generally CISC does not maintain custody of client funds or securities with respect to the majority of its investment advisory business. However, in its capacity as program administrator for local government investment pools, CISC may be deemed to have custody of pool assets in accordance with the definition of “custody” set forth in Rule 206(4)-2 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. Each of the local government investment pools managed by CISC is subject to an annual audit conducted by an independent accounting firm. Audited financial statements are prepared annually in accordance with GAAP, and are distributed to all participants in each of the pools.

In the case of registered funds and private funds advised by CISC, such funds have made arrangements with qualified custodians as disclosed in the relevant offering and other fund documents. In the case of separate accounts, appointment of a custodian is a prerequisite to CISC’s management of client assets. Clients must select and appoint their own custodian, whose services and fees will be separate from CISC’s fees. Clients are responsible for independently arranging for all custodial services, including negotiating custody agreements and fees and opening custodial accounts.

Item 16: Investment Discretion

CISC manages many client accounts pursuant to discretionary authority. Occasionally, a client may place a limitation on CISC's management discretion; for example, restricting the authority to sell securities which will result in realized capital gains or losses for tax purposes. CISC generally assumes discretionary authority pursuant to the terms of the client investment advisory agreement which provides for such authority. Under certain circumstances, CISC will confirm by written communication with the client that it has discretionary authority in managing the account.

Item 17: Voting Client Securities

As a fixed income investment manager, CISC votes proxies for client securities on a relatively infrequent basis. CISC does have authority to vote such proxies and has adopted a proxy voting policy to ensure that proxies are voted in the best interest of each client. More frequently, CISC votes or consents to corporate actions, including tenders, exchanges, amendments, and restructurings which relate to individual fixed income holdings of client accounts. Determinations on voting of consents to these matters tend to be driven primarily by CISC's view of whether the proposed action will result in an economic benefit for the affected client(s).

Voting Policy

In general, CISC will vote in accordance with management's recommendations as to routine corporate matters such as those dealing with: appointments of auditors, routine election of directors, improvements in employee stock purchase or ownership plans, limiting liability of directors, setting compensation levels, increasing authorized shares. CISC will generally vote against shareholder proposals involving matters of social conscience if it has determined that management is generally socially responsible. For example, we will generally vote against shareholder proposals to bar or place arbitrary restrictions on trade with other countries, or to place arbitrary restrictions on environmental practices.

CISC will generally vote in favor of management proposals seeking to change an issuer's legal, business or financial structure provided that the position of current shareholders is preserved or enhanced. For example, we will generally vote in favor of proposals to approve mergers and acquisitions or to change capitalization.

Resolutions regarding anti-takeover measures will be considered individually. CISC would typically oppose any proposal aimed solely at thwarting potential takeover offers by requiring, for example, super-majority approval. However we would also vote against proposals considered to foster instability or to be economically detrimental.

Voting Process

Proxies are normally voted by the principal portfolio manager for the client account holding securities of the issuer soliciting the proxy. If more than one account holds these securities, then the portfolio manager of the account(s) holding the largest allocation of the issue will vote the proxy. CISC has designated a portfolio manager (the Proxy Voting Portfolio Manager), who is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the proxy voting process.

In circumstances in which 1) the subject matter of the vote is not covered by these guidelines, 2) a material conflict of interest is present or 3) we believe it may be necessary, in the best interests of shareholders, to vote contrary to our general guidelines, the portfolio manager will discuss the matter with the Proxy Voting Portfolio Manager, who will be responsible for making the definitive determination as to how the proxy matter will be voted. In unusual or especially sensitive cases, the Proxy Voting Portfolio Manager may consult with the Chief Executive Officer/Chief Investment Officer to arrive at a proxy voting decision. Determinations with respect to proxy votes involving material conflicts of interest shall be documented in writing and maintained for a period of at least six years.

Clients may obtain information about how their securities were voted by contacting their CISC relationship manager who will contact the portfolio manager to respond to such request. Clients may request a copy of our proxy voting policies by contacting their CISC relationship manager.

Item 18: Financial Information

CISC is not aware of any financial condition that is reasonably likely to impair its contractual commitments with clients.