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**Re: MUR 7491 Additional Follow-up Questions**

Dear Mr. Jordan:

We write this letter on behalf of American Ethane Company, LLC (“American Ethane” or “AEC”) and John Houghtaling (collectively the “Respondents”), in response to Elena Paoli’s email dated October 4, 2019 requesting additional information.

**QUESTION NO. 1:**

Describe the ownership and organizational structure of American Ethane Co., LLC, and (“American Ethane”). Provide supporting documents. Identify all persons or entities that have been owners, members, and/or officers of American Ethane and their citizenship status, nationality, or immigration status. For all owners of American Ethane, describe their ownership interest in the company and any changes in that interest since the formation of American Ethane.

**ANSWER:**

The following is an American Ethane stock allocation register authenticated by American Ethane’s registered secretary, which provides the identity of all persons or entities that have been owners, members, and/or officers of American Ethane and their citizenship status, nationality, or immigration status including a description of their ownership interest in the company and any changes in that interest since the formation of American Ethane. (See attached as Ex. 1 – Record of membership units in American Ethane Company LLC (AEC) chart).

## Record of membership units in American Ethane Company LLC (AEC)

Date:	30-Apr-14		1-Dec-15		15-Feb-17		15-Jan-19	
	Document:	AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT OF AMERICAN ETHANE COMPANY, LLC		UNIT PURCHASE AGREEMENT	1. AMENDMENT TO UNIT PURCHASE AGREEMENT 2. SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT OF AMERICAN ETHANE COMPANY, LLC		THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT OF AMERICAN ETHANE COMPANY, LLC	
American Ethane company LLC		Member units	% interest	Member units	% interest	Member units	% interest	Member units
1 Amshale Energy LLC***		50,000,000	100.0000000%	50,000,000	100.0000000%	50,000,000	100.0000000%	50,000,000
1.1 Andrey Kurnetboev**		23,750,000	47.5000000%	23,750,000	47.5000000%	23,750,000	47.5000000%	23,750,000
1.1.1 Michael Yuriev**		6,729,563	13.4591250%	6,729,563	13.4591250%	6,729,563	13.4591250%	6,729,563
1.1.2 KN Trust*** (Konstantin Nikolaev**)		6,728,375	13.4591250%	6,728,375	13.4591250%	6,728,375	13.4591250%	6,728,375
1.1.3 Houghtaling Enterprises LLC*** (later renamed to H Ventures LLC***)		3,562,500	7.1250000%	3,562,500	7.1250000%	3,562,500	7.1250000%	3,562,500
1.1.4 Alexander Voloshin**		1,250,001	2.500002%	1,250,001	2.500002%	1,250,001	2.500002%	1,250,001
1.1.5 Alternative LLC***		26,999,999	49.99998%					
1.1.6 YK Holdings LLC***				24,999,999	49.99998%	14,666,666	29.33332%	14,666,666
1.1.7 Andrey Kurnetboev**				12,900,000	24.99999%	7,333,333	14.66666%	14,666,666
1.1.8 Michael Yuriev**				12,900,000	24.99999%	7,333,333	14.66666%	29.33332%
1.1.9 KN Trust*** (Konstantin Nikolaev**)						8,333,333	16.66666%	8,258,333
1.1.10 H Ventures LLC**						2,000,000	4.00000%	2,000,000
1.1.11 James Glickenhaus*								75,000
1.1.12 References								
Total controlled by John Houghtaling II*		3,562,500	7.1250%	3,562,500	7.1250%	5,562,500	11.1250%	5,562,500

## Legend:

**Bold** - direct ownership in AEC  
**italic** - indirect ownership in AEC

## Nationality / Visa:

\* US Citizen  
\*\* Holder of B1 US Visa  
\*\*\* US company  
\*\*\*\* Non-US Company

## Notes:

Michael Yuriev is deceased

LLC Alternative was bought out together with the federal bankruptcy financial restructure.  
Konstantin Nikolaev interests were placed in the KN Trust under control of James Glickenhaus.

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**QUESTION NO. 4:**

Describe the participation of other owners, officers, and employees, including lobbyists and other third-parties, in decisions regarding the decision to make contributions or expenditures in connection with any election. Provide copies of all documents, records, and communications related to Houghtaling's, or any other American Ethane owner, member, director, officer, or employee's role, including lobbyists and other third-parties' roles, in connection with American Ethane's election-related disbursements, including contributions.

**ANSWER:**

The following is a description of the participation of other owners, officers, and employees, *including lobbyists and other third-parties*, in decisions regarding the decision to make the contributions or expenditures American Ethane made in connection with any election. Also below, American Ethane provides copies of the documents, records, and communications related to Houghtaling's, or any other American Ethane owner, member, director, officer, or employee's role, *including lobbyists and other third-parties' roles*, in connection with American Ethane's election-related disbursements, including contributions.

No foreign owners or foreign nationals were involved in decisions regarding the decision to make contributions or expenditures in connection to any election. The following individuals are the only persons associated with American Ethane that had any decision making or discussions about the contributions made by American Ethane:

- 1) John W. Houghtaling, II – Principle of Houghtaling Enterprises, LLC and American Ethane;
- 2) Melissa Pierce – Executive Assistant to John Houghtaling;
- 3) Raymond Ballard – Registered Secretary;
- 4) Daniel E. Davillier of Davillier Law Group, LLC – Outside General Counsel of American Ethane;
- 5) Charline K. Gipson of Davillier Law Group, LLC – Associate Attorney of Daniel Davillier, Outside General Counsel of American Ethane;
- 6) Kyle Ruckert of BOLD Strategies – Lobbyist for American Ethane;

All of these individuals are U.S. citizens. The correspondence attached encapsulates the totality of American Ethane's actions and decisions in making the contributions and expenditures American Ethane ultimately made in connection to any election. Mr. Houghtaling, the CEO of American Ethane, at his initiative, retained and relied upon the expertise of U.S. compliance

officers and U.S. law firms, who gave direction to Mr. Houghtaling and assisted in compliance protocols for American Ethane. American Ethane employed and relied upon several U.S. professionals including: 1) outside general counsel; 2) a regulatory legal compliance officer; and 3) a government relations firm, who also sought outside counsel for government compliance and reported such compliance to American Ethane. Every political contribution was made exclusively through the protocol, authorized by only Mr. Houghtaling, American Ethane's U.S. registered secretary, and Mr. Houghtaling's U.S. executive assistant, after receiving direction from American Ethane's U.S. government relations firm, Bold Strategies.

As requested, the following are copies of the documents, records and communications related to Houghtaling, or any other American Ethane owner, member, or director of employee's role, including lobbyist and other third parties roles, in connection with American Ethane's election related disbursements, including contributions:

- 1) Email of 12/7/17 at 1:06 p.m. from Kyle Ruckert to Melissa Pierce and John Houghtaling, whereas Ruckert requested that a donation be sent to Mike Johnson for Congress (*See attached as Ex. 2* – email dated 12/7/17);
- 2) Email of 12/7/17 at 1:55 p.m. from Melissa Pierce to John Houghtaling, whereas Pierce asked Houghtaling if the donation was going to come from American Ethane (*See attached as Ex. 3* – email dated 12/7/17);
- 3) Email of 12/7/17 at 2:58 p.m. from John Houghtaling to Melissa Pierce, whereas Houghtaling confirmed the donation was coming from American Ethane (*See attached as Ex. 4* – email dated 12/7/17);
- 4) Email of 1/13/18 at 12:56 p.m. from Kyle Ruckert to Melissa Pierce and John Houghtaling whereas, Ruckert requested that donation be sent to Senator Cassidy and Congressman Babin (*See attached as Ex. 5* – email dated 1/13/18);
- 5) Email of 1/13/18 at 12:58 p.m. from John Houghtaling to Melissa Pierce, Kyle Ruckert, and Raymond Ballard, whereas Houghtaling said the donations were to come from American Ethane (*See attached as Ex. 6* – email dated 1/13/18);
- 6) Email of 1/28/18 at 9:47 p.m. from Kyle Ruckert to Raymond Ballard, whereas Ruckert requested that the donations be mailed the next day (*See attached as Ex. 7* – email dated 1/28/18);
- 7) Email of 3/29/18 at 8:25 p.m. from Kyle to John, whereas Kyle recommended donations (*See attached as Ex. 8* – email dated 3/29/18);
- 8) Email of 3/29/18 at 8:58 p.m. from John to Kyle, whereas John acknowledged Kyle's recommended donations (*See attached as Ex. 9* – email dated 3/29/18);

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- 9) Email of 4/2/18 at 1:33 p.m. from Kyle Ruckert to Raymond Ballard, whereas Ruckert requested that several donations be sent out that day (*See attached as Ex. 10* - email dated 4/2/18);
- 10) Email of 4/2/18 at 2:35 p.m. from John Houghtaling to Raymond Ballard, whereas Houghtaling approved all of the donations (*See attached as Ex. 11* - email dated 4/2/18);
- 11) Email of 4/2/18 at 2:39 p.m. from Ray Ballard to Kyle Ruckert and John Houghtaling, whereas Ballard asked if the donations could be sent the following day (*See attached as Ex. 12* – email dated 4/2/18); and
- 12) Email of 4/2/18 at 2:40 p.m. from John Houghtaling to Raymond Ballard and Kyle Ruckert, whereas Houghtaling confirmed that the donations could be sent the following day. (*See attached as Ex. 13* - email dated 4/2/18)

The suggested recipients of American Ethane's contributions were generated and suggested by the government relation firm hired by Mr. Houghtaling. The Commission has asked for information on who was involved in the direction of these funds. The attached documents provide the parties involved in making American Ethane's political contributions at the suggestion of the U.S. government relations firm retained by Mr. Houghtaling, a U.S. citizen. Mr. Houghtaling forwarded his approval to American Ethane's registered agent and his executive assistant, who are both U.S. citizens. Any reporting requirements were handled directly between Mr. Houghtaling's executive assistant, American Ethane's registered secretary, and the consulting firm with copy to Mr. Houghtaling. This correspondence and direction of contributions are attached. No other persons were involved in the contributions. (*See attached as Exs. 2-13*, email correspondence between John Houghtaling, Kyle Ruckert, Melissa Pierce, and Raymond Ballard listed above.)

All of American Ethane's contributions were drafted and sent on two dates, January 29, 2018 and April 3, 2018, as a direct result of the advice and direction of the government relations firm headed by Kyle Ruckert to Mr. Houghtaling, Melissa Pierce, and Raymond Ballard. (*See attached as Ex. 14* - List of American Ethane Political Contributions). The following is the record of that correspondence, which indicates that the contributions were merely the implementation of the firm's advice on two occasions.

On December 7, 2017, Kyle Ruckert had an initial discussion with Mr. Houghtaling about campaign contributions. Kyle Ruckert sent an email to Melissa Pierce and Mr. Houghtaling stating, "Out of the 12k in donations we discussed, can you pls send 2k to Mike Johnson for Congress 2900 Clearview parkway suite. 206. Metairie, la 70006." On the same date, Melissa Pierce asked, "John – this one is going to come from AEC, correct?" Mr. Houghtaling replied, "Yes." (*See attached as Exs. 2-4* - emails dated 12/7/17).

On January 13, 2018, Kyle Ruckert sent an email to Mr. Houghtaling and Melissa Pierce stating, "Melissa, can you pls send me 1k for Senator Cassidy (made out for Bill Cassidy for US Senate) and 1k for Congressmen Babin..." Mr. Houghtaling sent a reply stating, "This is from AEC" and copied Raymond Ballard. On January 28, 2018, Kyle Ruckert sent an email to Raymond Ballard asking Raymond to issue the two checks the next day. The following day, January 29, 2017, Raymond Ballard issued checks to Bill Cassidy and Brian Babin as requested. (See attached as Exs. 5-7, emails dated 1/13/18 and 1/28/18).

On March 29, 2018, in an email to Mr. Houghtaling, Kyle Ruckert made a recommendation for the below listed contributions, which Kyle subsequently sent on April 2, 2018 in an e-mail directly to Raymond Ballard requesting contributions to the following (See attached as Exs. 8-13, emails dated 3/29/18 and 4/2/18):

1. John Kennedy for US Senate in the amount of \$8,100
2. Pelican PAC in the amount of \$5,000
3. Conservative Louisiana in the amount of \$15,000
4. Louisiana Citizens for Job Creators (Jeff Landry PAC) in the amount of \$15,000
5. Mike Johnson for Congress in the amount of \$6,100
6. Scalise Leadership Fund in the amount of \$10,000
7. Captain Clay Higgins for Congress in the amount of \$5,400
8. Brian Babin for Congress in the amount of \$2,700
9. Randy Webber for Congress in the amount of \$2,700
10. Garret Graves for Congress in the amount of \$5,400

The next day, on April 3, 2018, Raymond Ballard issued and mailed the following checks as requested by Kyle Ruckert (See attached as Ex. 14 - List of AEC Political Contributions):

1. John Kennedy for US Senate in the amount of \$8,100
2. Pelican PAC in the amount of \$5,000
3. Conservative Louisiana in the amount of \$15,000
4. Louisiana Citizens for Job Creators (Jeff Landry PAC) in the amount of \$15,000
5. Mike Johnson for Congress in the amount of \$6,100
6. Scalise Leadership Fund in the amount of \$10,000
7. Captain Clay Higgins for Congress in the amount of \$5,400
8. Brian Babin for Congress in the amount of \$2,700
9. Randy Weber for Congress in the amount of \$2,700
10. Garret Graves for Congress in the amount of \$5,400

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After the checks were issued, Kyle Ruckert, Melissa Pierce, and Raymond Ballard corresponded with the campaigns to fill out reporting requirements. Subsequently, upon further consideration, the checks written to Scalise Leadership Fund, Captain Clay Higgins, Brian Babin, and Randy Weber were not executed. Therefore, the only American Ethane contributions made were the following:

1. John Kennedy for US Senate \$8,100
2. Pelican PAC \$5,000
3. Conservative Louisiana \$15,000
4. Mike Johnson for Congress \$6,100
5. Louisiana Citizens for Job Creators \$15,000 (Jeff Landry PAC)
6. Garret Graves for Congress \$5,400 \*\*
7. Bill Cassidy for US Senate \$1,000

\*\* It was determined that the contribution to Garret Graves for Congress was made in error and it was American Ethane's understanding from the Graves campaign that the contribution would be refunded.

**QUESTION NO. 5:**

Paragraph 6 of the Declaration of John Houghtaling, submitted with your October 30, 2018 Response, states that “[a]ll funds used by AEC to make political contributions were domestic funds, as derived through a loan secured by Houghtaling Enterprises, now referred to as H Ventures, a corporate entity in which I have a 100% ownership interest.”

- a. Describe the circumstances of the loan referenced in the Declaration, including the date of the loan, the terms and conditions of the loan, American Ethane's treatment of the loan for accounting purposes, the repayment schedule for the loan, and whether American Ethane repaid the loan;
- b. Identify all owners, members, directors, officers, or employees of American Ethane who participated in the decision to accept the loan;
- c. Describe the business activities of Houghtaling Enterprises or H Ventures since January 1, 2018, and identify all persons or entities that have been owners, members, and/or officers of Houghtaling Enterprises or H Ventures;
- d. State whether Houghtaling, Houghtaling Enterprises, or H Ventures made any other loans or gifts of money to American Ethane and describe the circumstances of any such loan or gift; and
- e. Provide documents describing or memorializing the loan.

**ANSWER:**

## Response to 5(a):

The circumstances of the loan referenced in the Declaration, including the date of the loan, the terms and conditions of the loan, American Ethane's treatment of the loan for accounting purposes, the repayment schedule for the loan, and whether American Ethane repaid the loan are described as follows:

The referenced loans were made years in advance of any political contributions even being contemplated, much less consummated. American Ethane was co-founded by Mr. Houghtaling in 2014 with the use of the loan instruments to fund the development of American Ethane's U.S. engineering and U.S. infrastructure. These loans were made several years prior to the donations at issue and were used to fund the operations of American Ethane, which included more than 14 million dollars paid to U.S. engineering firms to design the U.S. infrastructure and many more millions for its development. American Ethane's tent and employees burn rate for operations is traditionally more than \$350,000 a month.

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Attached is an affidavit by American Ethane's Registered Secretary, Ray Ballard, including a chart of the loans including Houghtaling Enterprises. (*See attached as Ex. 15 – Affidavit of Raymond Ballard*) John Houghtaling, through Houghtaling Enterprises, guaranteed the funds invested into the company, which were later minimally used for contributions through the general operating account. Through these companies, Mr. Houghtaling is a 100% obligor in *solido*, which means that Mr. Houghtaling is 100% responsible for all of the funds even if American Ethane or a co-guarantor defaults on a loan. The status of the loans and balances are listed in the attached documents. American Ethane expects to pay this loan through proceeds from its revenue from domestic U.S. Sale Agreements of American Ethane. If American Ethane or the co-guarantors default, Mr. Houghtaling is responsible for 100% of the unpaid amounts despite the fact that Mr. Houghtaling owns approximately 11% of the company. Mr. Houghtaling's obligations as guarantor of the operating account predate the contributions in question.

Question 5(a) asks for the treatment of the loan(s) for accounting purposes, the re-payment schedule of the loan(s), and whether American Ethane has repaid the loan. The loans repayment and structure of the loans were restructured and re-collateralized by the United States Bankruptcy Court in *In re: Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company* bearing Docket No. 16-33754. Prior to the contributions, Mr. Houghtaling staved off a foreign takeover of American Ethane by his two foreign equity investors, who sought to deplete 100% of funds in American Ethane in 2016. The corporate financial takeover and seizure of assets occurred prior to any contributions of funds to the company. As has been reported by news outlets, Mr. Houghtaling filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection and restructured American Ethane's assets, including the American Ethane operating account in federal bankruptcy court to prevent foreign investors from shutting down American Ethane's bank account in 2016. *In re: Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas Limited Liability Company* bearing Docket No. 16-33754-sgj11 filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas Dallas Division. Through this pledge, Mr. Houghtaling was able to remove and restructure assets of the company, which included the general operating account. A restructure plan was granted prior to the contributions from the operating account. Therefore, the funds as stated above, were domestic as a loan in an amount in excess of 36 million dollars (an amount that far exceeded the operating account of American Ethane at the time of the contributions) as part of the removal from bankruptcy as a matter of public record. (*See attached as Exs. 16 – 20, Document Nos. 1, 2, 3, 6 & 9, Petition and Notices, filed on 9/26/18, 9/27/18, and 9/30/18 in the United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas Dallas Division Case No. 16-33754.*)

Please note that Mr. Houghtaling appeared before a federal court and submitted a restructuring plan before a U.S. federal bankruptcy judge providing that the domestic value generated by American Ethane's U.S. terminal development was an amount that secured, collateralized, and covered the existing operational funds in American Ethane's corporate account with an *in solido* loan through Houghtaling Enterprises.

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John Houghtaling, as managing member of Amshale Energy, a subsidiary of American Ethane, filed for U.S. bankruptcy protection and asset reorganization to cover the operating account of American Ethane. Mr. Houghtaling filed the following Declaration on April 5, 2017 in federal court stating:

1. Through H Ventures LLC ("HVL") he is the managing member of Amshale Energy LLC (the "Debtor").
2. In his capacity as managing member of the Debtor through HVL, he caused the Debtor to file for relief in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas.
3. The Chapter 11 case was filed to forestall the ability of Eucla Investments Limited ("Eucla"), the Debtor's sole secured creditor, to foreclose on the Debtor's membership interest in American Ethane.
4. The Debtor's sole asset consists of the membership interest in AEC.

*(See attached as Ex. 21 – Document No. 69, sworn "Declaration of John Houghtaling" filed on 4/5/17, in the United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas Dallas Division Case No. 16-33754.)*

A summary and assets form was filed on October 11, 2016, listing the assets of American Ethane in the amount of \$25,000,000 dollars which is the value of American Ethane stock. *(See attached as Ex. 22 – Document No. 13, Summary and Assets of Liabilities for Non-Individuals filed on 10/11/16, in the United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas Dallas Division Case No. 16-33754).*

A confidential memorandum was drafted by Mr. Houghtaling to his counsel listing the assets of American Ethane which consisted of the securing of an LEG terminal land site, the completion of FEED studies, permit by rule status of the terminal location, and gas sale agreements. *(See attached as Ex. 23 - Confidential Memorandum).* The information contained in this Memorandum was used and presented to the U.S. Federal Court to demonstrate domestic repayment of the loans through U.S. generated assets of American Ethane. By submission of this evidence, Houghtaling demonstrated collateral for the loans, and that the loans were expected to be repaid by income from American Ethane's sale contracts.

On March 23, 2017, Mr. Houghtaling's counsel filed a Motion for Entry of an Order Approving Settlement and Compromise Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 stating in part, "On Friday, February 17, 2017, the Debtor and Eucla agreed to a resolution of all of disputes between them as part of a global settlement..." and that debt was secured by assets of American Ethane among them including: 1) guarantors of the Eucla loan; 2) H Ventures and Houghtaling Enterprises LLC (Debtor's Managing Member; and 3) its sole member, John Houghtaling.

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The Order granting the reorganization was entered by the Court on April 17, 2017. (See attached as *Ex. 24 in globo*, Document No. 72, Order Granting Debtor's Amended Motion for Entry of an Order Approving Settlement and Compromise Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 filed on 4/17/19 and Docket No. 73, Order on Amshale Energy LLC's Motion for Entry of an Order Dismissing The Debtor's Chapter 11 Case Without Prejudice Pursuant to Sections 1112(b), 305(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and the Settlement Resolution Between the Debtor and EUCLA Investments Limited, filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas Dallas Division Case No. 16-33754.) The Court approved the organization of assets of the subsidiary Amshale Energy. In addition to the *in solido* guarantee, the assets of American Ethane was demonstrated sufficiently to the U.S. federal court that they had a value that exceeded the debt. This reorganizational backing and settlement entered by the Court allowed funds in American Ethane's operation account to continue. All political contributions by American Ethane were made after this date and from this operational account subject to the reorganization.<sup>[1]</sup>

Response to 5(b):

The identity of all owners, members, directors, officers, or employees of American Ethane who participated in the decision to accept the loan are as follows:

All shareholders of American Ethane not only approved but required the loan, including all listed in American Ethane Response No. 1 above, and the financial restructuring of the company in Federal Court, which included the requirement of Mr. Houghtaling being a 100% guarantor in the event of total default by American Ethane or any co-guarantor. John Houghtaling approved the loan as the senior officer of the company.

Response to 5(c):

The business activities of Houghtaling Enterprises or H Ventures since January 1, 2018, and identity all persons or entities that have been owners, members, and/or officers of Houghtaling Enterprises or H Ventures are as follows:

Houghtaling Enterprises is a holding company for John Houghtaling's oil and gas investments and, as an investor, Houghtaling Enterprises holds investments in a variety of oil and gas related companies, including the following Louisiana companies: Ocean Therapy Solutions LLC, Lafert LLC, Ellehough LLC, Amshale Energy LLC, and American Ethane. Houghtaling Enterprises (H Ventures) has independent operations outside of these investments. John

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<sup>[1]</sup> No loans or financing were executed for the purpose of, or even in proximity to the timing of, political contributions, so there are no facts to support any hypothetical "contribution in the name of another" legal theory posited by the Commission.

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Houghtaling is the only person that has ever been an owner, member, and/or officer of H Ventures/Houghtaling Enterprises.

Response to 5(d):

Neither Mr. Houghtaling, Houghtaling Enterprises, nor H Ventures have made any loans or gifts of money to American Ethane outside of the loan guarantees of the American Ethane operating account. John Houghtaling has contributed considerable sweat equity to American Ethane as part of his investment in addition to the loan guarantee. Since its inception, Mr. Houghtaling has served as both general counsel and CEO of American Ethane without compensation. (*See attached as Ex. 15 – Affidavit of Raymond Ballard*). As part of this agreement with American Ethane, Mr. Houghtaling has agreed to spend 80% of his professional time as an investment into the company since 2013, this contribution is in excess of \$6 million dollars of sweat equity.

Response to 5(e):

The following is an American Ethane loan recordation ledger produced by American Ethane's Registered Secretary, Raymond Ballard, and an accompanying authentication affidavit describing and memorializing all loans guaranteed by H Ventures/Houghtaling Enterprises:

Loans for AEC operations guaranteed by H Ventures/Houghtaling Enterprises, as an *in solido* guarantor. If American Ethane defaults, and the loan is not paid through AEC equity security and not paid by any other security or guarantor, Houghtaling Enterprises is *in solido* liable for 100% of the outstanding balances.

Record of Loans from EUCLA

date	4/30/2014	7/14/2015	12/1/2015	2/15/2017	6/1/2018	10/26/2018	12/21/2018	2/27/2019	9/18/2019
Document	LOAN AND GUARANTY AGREEMENT	1ST AMENDMENT	2nd AMENDMENT	3rd AMENDMENT	4th AMENDMENT	5th AMENDMENT	6th AMENDMENT	7th AMENDMENT	8th AMENDMENT
Lender	Eucla Investment Limited, BVI	same							
Borrower	Amshale Energy LLC	same							
Principal	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000
additional principal under UPA					\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000	\$ 12,500,000
maturity date	3/15/2015	9/15/2015	9/1/2016	6/1/2018	3/1/2019	3/1/2019	5/31/2019	10/1/2019	4/30/2020
outstanding balance	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 8,790,068	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 3,000,000

(*See attached as Ex. 25 – Record of Loans by EUCLA chart*).

Significantly these loans were used and formed the basis of the federal judgment restructuring of an American Ethane subsidiary to prevent the financial foreclosure of American Ethane stock. The following are the public record of this financial federal restructure:

- 1) Document No. 1, Official Form 201 "Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy" filed on 9/26/18 in the United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas Dallas Division Case No. 16-33754. The filing of the bankruptcy Petition halting the foreclosure of American Ethane by managing member: authorized debtor, John

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- Houghtaling, on behalf of Houghtaling Enterprises LLC. (*See Ex. 16*);
- 2) Document No. 2, Official Form 204 “Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: List of Creditors Who Have the 20 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders” filed on 9/26/18 in the United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas Dallas Division Case No. 16-33754. (*See Ex. 17*);
  - 3) Document No. 3, “Verification of Mailing List” filed on 9/26/18 in the United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas Dallas Division Case No. 16-33754 (*See Ex. 18*);
  - 4) Document No. 6, Official Form 309F “Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case” filed on 9/27/18 in the United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas Dallas Division Case No. 16-33754 (*See Ex. 19*);
  - 5) Document No. 9, Official Form 309F “Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case – Certificate of Service” filed on 9/30/18 in the United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas Dallas Division Case No. 16-33754 (*See Ex. 20*);
  - 6) Document No. 69, sworn “Declaration of John Houghtaling” filed on 4/5/17, in the United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas Dallas Division Case No. 16-33754. John Houghtaling’s affidavit to Federal Court, made prior to the donations at issue, listing the American Ethane assets and loan guarantee. (*See Ex. 21*);
  - 7) Document No. 13, Official Form 206Sum “Summary and Assets of Liabilities for Non-Individuals” filed on 10/11/16, in the United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas Dallas Division Case No. 16-33754. Collateral list of American Ethane included as part of the Federal Court’s judgment that American Ethane’s future income from domestic sale of ethane exceeded 25 million. (*See Ex. 22*);
  - 8) Confidential Memorandum. Provided in part Confidential Memo provided to the Federal Court describing the domestic business used as an asset that the Federal Court used to restructure the domestic business of American Ethane (*See Ex. 23*);
  - 9) Document No. 72, “Order Granting Debtor’s Amended Motion for Entry of an Order Approving Settlement and Compromise Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019” filed on 4/17/19; and Docket No. 73, “Order on Amshale Energy LLC’s Motion for Entry of an Order Dismissing The Debtor’s Chapter 11 Case Without Prejudice Pursuant to Sections 1112(b), 305(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and the Settlement Resolution Between the Debtor and EUCLA Investments Limited” filed in the United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas Dallas Division Case No. 16-33754. The decision and judgment of the Federal Court reconstituting the financial solvency American Ethane’s subsidiary based upon the restructure plan of American Ethane, which included the

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expected revenue stream of American Ethane's business and the loan of which Houghtaling Enterprises was a guarantor. (*See Ex. 24 in globo*); and

- 10) IRS form 8832, "Entity Classification Election: for American Ethane Company, LLC (*See Ex. 26*).

We hope this information answers your inquiry and is helpful for you. Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (202) 466-5964 with any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,



Charles R. Spies  
Sloane S. Carlough  
*Counsel to American Ethane Company, LLC and John  
Houghtaling*

*Enclosures*

# **EXHIBIT 1**

## Record of membership units in American Ethane Company LLC (AEC)

	Date:	30-Apr-14	1-Dec-15	15-Feb-17	15-Jan-19
Document:		AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT OF AMERICAN ETHANE COMPANY, LLC	UNIT PURCHASE AGREEMENT	1. AMENDMENT TO UNIT PURCHASE AGREEMENT 2. SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT OF AMERICAN ETHANE COMPANY, LLC	THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT OF AMERICAN ETHANE COMPANY, LLC
		Member units	% interest	Member units	% interest
		50,000,000	100.000000%	50,000,000	100.000000%
1	Amshale Energy LLC***  Andrey Kunatbaev** Mikhail Yuriev**  KN Trust*** (Konstantin Nikolaev**)  Houghtaling Enterprises LLC*** (later renamed to H Ventures LLC***)	<b>23,750,000</b>  6,729,563 13,459,1250%  6,728,375 13,456,7500%	<b>47.500000%</b>  13.459,1250% 6,729,563 13,459,1250%  6,728,375 13,456,7500%	<b>23,750,000</b>  6,729,563 13,459,1250%  6,728,375 13,456,7500%	<b>47.500000%</b>  13.459,1250% 6,729,563 13,459,1250%  6,728,375 13,456,7500%
2	Alexander Voloshin**  Alternative LLC***  YK Holdings LLC***  KN Trust*** (Konstantin Nikolaev**)  H Ventures LLC*** James Glickenhaus*	<b>3,562,500</b>  1,250,901 2,500002%  24,999,999 49.999998%	<b>7.125000%</b>  1,250,901 2,500002%  24,999,999 49.999998%	<b>3,562,500</b>  7.125000% 1,250,901 2,500002%  24,999,999 49.999998%	<b>7.125000%</b>  7.125000% 1,250,901 2,500002%  14,666,666 29.333332% 7,333,333 14,666,666% 7,333,333 14,666,666% 8,333,333 16,666,666% 2,000,000 4,000000%
	Reference:  Total controlled by John Houghtaling II*	3,562,500	7.1250%	3,562,500	7.1250%
				5,562,500	11.1250%
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## Legend:

**Bold** - direct ownership in AEC  
*italic* - indirect ownership in AEC

## Nationality / Visa

\* US Citizen  
\*\* Holder of B1 US Visa  
\*\*\* US company  
\*\*\*\* Non-US Company

## Notes:

Michael Yuriev is deceased  
LLC Alternative was bought out together with the federal bankruptcy financial restructure.  
Konstantin Nikolaev interests were placed in the KN Trust under control of James Glickenhaus.

## **EXHIBIT 2**

-----Original Message-----

From: Kyle Ruckert [mailto:[kyle@boldstrategiesllc.com](mailto:kyle@boldstrategiesllc.com)]  
Sent: Thursday, December 07, 2017 1:06 PM  
To: Melissa Pierce <[Melissa@ghwlegal.com](mailto:Melissa@ghwlegal.com)>; John HOUGHTALING  
<[john@americanethane.com](mailto:john@americanethane.com)>  
Subject: Donation

Out of the 12k in donations we discussed, can you pls send 2k to Mike Johnson  
for Congress 2900 Clearview parkway suite. 206. Metairie, la 70006

Thank you.

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**Melissa Pierce**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 9:13 AM  
**To:** Melissa Pierce  
**Subject:** Fwd: Donation

First Email on donations

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** Kyle Ruckert <[kyle@boldstrategiesllc.com](mailto:kyle@boldstrategiesllc.com)>  
**Date:** Sun, Jan 28, 2018 at 9:47 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Donation  
**To:** [rballard@americanethane.com](mailto:rballard@americanethane.com)

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Sent from my iPhone

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John W Houghtaling &lt;john@americanethane.com&gt;

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3 messages

**kyle@boldstrategiesllc.com <kyle@boldstrategiesllc.com>**  
To: John Houghtaling <john@americanethane.com>

Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 8:25 PM

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Sent from my iPad

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Ray

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## **EXHIBIT 12**



John W Houghtaling <john@americanethane.com>

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## Donations

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John Houghtaling <john@americanethane.com>  
 To: Ray Ballard <rballard@americanethane.com>  
 Cc: Kyle Ruckert <kyle@boldstrategiesllc.com>

Mon, Apr 2, 2018 at 2:40 PM

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## **EXHIBIT 14**

AEC POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

NAME	AMOUNT	CHECK DATE ISSUED	NOTES
John Kennedy for US Senate	\$8,100	4/3/18	Check negotiated
Pelican PAC	\$5,000	4/3/18	Check negotiated
Conservative Louisiana	\$15,000	4/3/18	Check negotiated
Louisiana Citizens for Job Creators (Jeff Landry PAC)	\$15,000	4/3/18	Check negotiated
Mike Johnson for Congress	\$6,100	4/3/18	Check negotiated
Bill Cassidy for US Senate	\$1,000	1/29/18	Check negotiated
Scalise Leadership Fund	\$10,000	4/3/18	Campaign requested form. Check was not cashed.
Captain Clay Higgins for Congress	\$5,400	4/3/18	Campaign requested form. Check was not cashed.
Brian Babin for Congress	\$2,700	4/3/18	Check was not negotiated.
Randy Weber for Congress	\$2,700	4/3/18	Check was not negotiated.
Brian Babin for Congress	\$1,000	1/29/18	Check was not negotiated.
Garret Graves for Congress	\$5,400	4/3/18	Check was negotiated, but campaign requested form and it was determined that the donation was made in error. Contribution was to be refunded.



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 Page: 3 of 3  
 Close Date: 05/31/2018  
 Account Number:

 A check stub from American Express Company LLC. The payee is "Mr. John [unclear] Espey". The amount is "\$8,100.00". The date is "05/01/2018" and the stub number is "2022". The signature "H.B. BPD" is handwritten on the stub.

05/01/2018 2022 \$8,100.00

 A check stub from American Express Company LLC. The payee is "Zeta [unclear] Park". The amount is "\$5,000.00". The date is "05/01/2018" and the stub number is "2023". The signature "H.B. BPD" is handwritten on the stub.

05/01/2018 2023 \$5,000.00

 A check stub from American Express Company LLC. The payee is "Mr. [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]". The amount is "\$5,400.00". The date is "05/10/2018" and the stub number is "2031". The signature "H.B. BPD" is handwritten on the stub.

05/10/2018 2031 \$5,400.00

 A check stub from American Express Company LLC. The payee is "Mr. [unclear] [unclear]". The amount is "\$1,600.00". The date is "05/03/2018" and the stub number is "2036". The signature "H.B. BPD" is handwritten on the stub. The entire stub is heavily circled with a black marker.

05/03/2018 2036 \$1,600.00

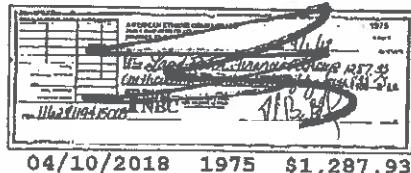
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05/07/2018 2037 \$143.41

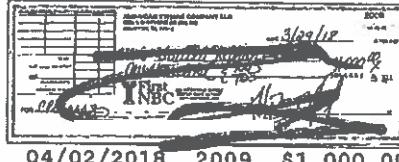
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05/01/2018 2049 \$13,996.00

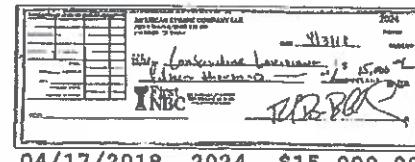
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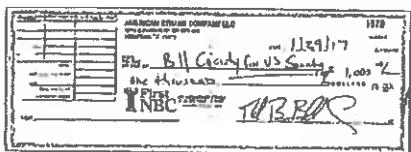
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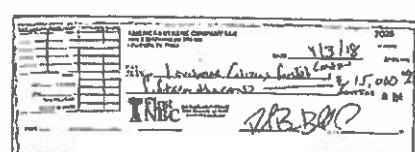
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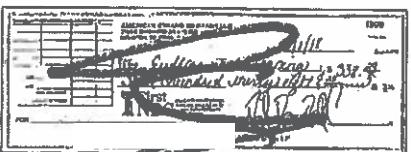
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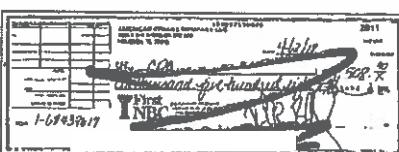
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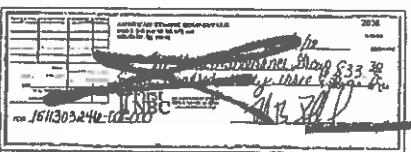
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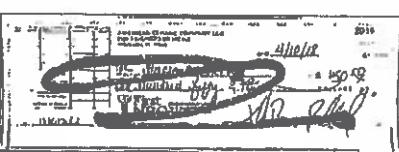
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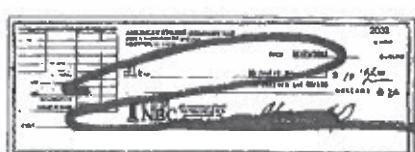
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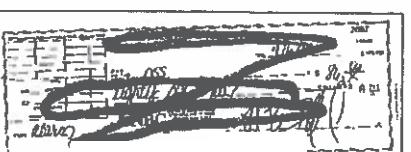
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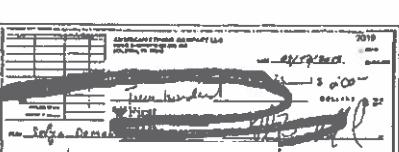
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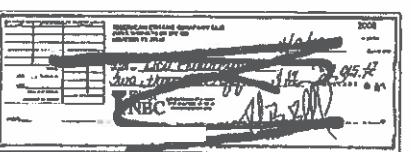
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04/17/2018 2033 \$1,400.00



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04/02/2018 2021 \$13,366.00



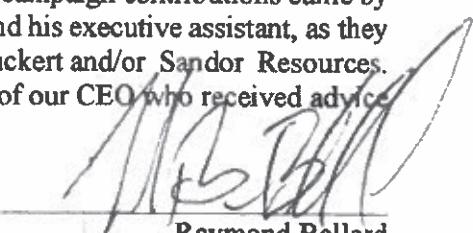
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## **EXHIBIT 15**

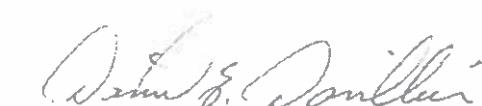
**AFFIDAVIT OF RAYMOND BALLARD**

Before me, the undersigned notary public, duly commissioned and qualified, personally came and appeared Raymond Ballard, who, after being first duly sworn by me, deposed and said:

1. My name is Raymond Ballard. I am a person of full age of majority, and am otherwise competent to make and give this Affidavit. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and they are true and correct to the best of my personal knowledge, information, and good faith belief.
2. I am the registered and acting secretary of American Ethane and function as the accountant comptroller and bookkeeper of the company.
3. Attached to this affidavit is a true and correct company ledger of American Ethane, designating the historical stock ownership, and U.S. citizenship and visa status of the shareholding companies and beneficiaries of American Ethane.
4. Also attached to this affidavit is a document providing all of the loans of American Ethane and their status, all of which are guaranteed in solido by H Ventures (formally known as Houghtaling Enterprises). *related to PBB*
5. H Ventures is 100% owned by John Houghtaling.
6. In the event that American Ethane or any other guarantor defaults on the loans, including any pledged security, H Ventures is responsible for 100% of the default of the loan even though H Ventures owns 11.125% of American Ethane.
7. John Houghtaling has not made any loan or gift to American Ethane other than his loan guarantee through his company, H Ventures, and his sweat equity provided as General Counsel and now CEO of American Ethane.
8. In my role as accountant comptroller and bookkeeper, all campaign contributions came by me solely and only at the direction of John Houghtaling and his executive assistant, as they were originated and directed by our lobbyists Kyle Ruckert and/or Sandor Resources. Our office and I relied solely on the advice and direction of our CEO who received advice and counsel from our lobbyists and counsel.


  
Raymond Ballard

Sworn to and subscribed before me on Oct. 17, 2019.


  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Page 1 of 1  
Affidavit of Raymond Ballard

**Daniel Ernest Davillier**  
Notary Public  
State of Louisiana  
Louisiana Bar Roll #23022  
My Commission is Issued for Life.

## Record of membership units in American Ethane Company LLC (AEC)

	Date:	30-Apr-14	1-Dec-15	15-Feb-17	15-Jan-19
Document:		AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT OF AMERICAN ETHANE COMPANY, LLC	UNIT PURCHASE AGREEMENT	1. AMENDMENT TO UNIT PURCHASE AGREEMENT 2. SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT OF AMERICAN ETHANE COMPANY, LLC	THIRD AMENDED AND RESTATED LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY AGREEMENT OF AMERICAN ETHANE COMPANY, LLC
1 American Ethane Company LLC		Member units 50,000,000	% interest 100.0000000%	Member units 50,000,000	% interest 100.0000000%
1.1 Amshale Energy LLC***		23,750,000	47.5000000%	23,750,000	47.5000000%
1.1.1 Andrey Kunatbaev**		6,729,563	13.4591250%	6,729,563	13.4591250%
1.1.2 Michael Yuriev**		6,729,563	13.4591250%	6,729,563	13.4591250%
1.1.3 KN Trust*** (Konstantin Nikolaev***)		6,728,375	13.4567500%	6,728,375	13.4567500%
1.1.4 Houghtaling Enterprises LLC*** (later renamed to H Ventures LLC***)		3,562,500	7.1250000%	3,562,500	7.1250000%
1.1.5 Alexander Voloshin**		1,250,001	2.500002%	1,250,001	2.500002%
1.1.6 Alternative LLC***		24,999,999	49.999998%	24,999,999	49.999998%
1.1.7 YK Holdings LLC***		12,500,000	24.999999%	14,666,666	29,333332%
1.1.8 Andrey Kunatbaev**		12,500,000	24.999999%	7,333,333	14,666,666
1.1.9 Michael Yuriev**		12,500,000	24.999999%	7,333,333	14,666,666
1.1.10 KN Trust*** (Konstantin Nikolaev***)				8,333,333	16,666,666
1.1.11 H Ventures LLC***				2,000,000	4.000000%
1.1.12 James Glickenhaus*					75,000
1.1.13 Reference:					
1.1.14 Total controlled by John Houghtaling II*		3,562,500	7.1250%	5,562,500	11.1250%
1.1.15					

## Legend:

**Bold** - direct ownership in AEC  
*italic* - indirect ownership in AEC

## Nationality / Visa

\* US Citizen

\*\* Holder of B1 US Visa

\*\*\* US company

\*\*\*\* Non-US Company

## Notes:

Michael Yuriev is deceased  
 LLC Alternative was bought out together with the federal bankruptcy financial restructure.  
 Konstantin Nikolaev interests were placed in the KN Trust under control of James Glickenhaus.

Loans for AEC operations guaranteed by H Ventures/Houghtaling Enterprises, as an in solido guarantor. If American Ethane defaults, and the loan is not paid through AEC equity security and not paid by any other security of guarantor, Houghtaling Enterprises is in solido liable for 100% of the outstanding balances.

#### Record of Loans from EUCLA

date	4/30/2014	7/14/2015	12/1/2015	2/15/2017	4th AMENDMENT	6/1/2018	10/26/2018	12/21/2018	2/27/2019	9/18/2019
Document	LOAN AND GUARANTY AGREEMENT	1ST AMENDMENT	2nd AMENDMENT	3rd AMENDMENT	4th AMENDMENT	5th AMENDMENT	6th AMENDMENT	7th AMENDMENT	8th AMENDMENT	8th AMENDMENT
Lender	Euclia Investment Limited, BVI	same								
Borrower	Amshale Energy LLC	same								
Principal	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000
additional principal under UPA										
maturity date	3/15/2015	9/15/2015	9/1/2016	6/1/2018	3/1/2019	3/1/2019	5/31/2019	5/31/2019	10/1/2019	4/30/2020
outstanding balance	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 8,790,068	\$ 8,790,068	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 3,000,000

# **EXHIBIT 16**

Fill in this information to identify your case:

United States Bankruptcy Court for the:

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Case number (if known)

Chapter 11

 Check if this an amended filingOfficial Form 201**Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy**

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If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write the debtor's name and case number (if known). For more information, a separate document, *Instructions for Bankruptcy Forms for Non-Individuals*, is available.

1. Debtor's name	Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas limited liability company		
2. All other names debtor used in the last 8 years	<p>Include any assumed names, trade names and <i>doing business as</i> names</p> <hr/>		
3. Debtor's federal Employer Identification Number (EIN)	46-0759582		
4. Debtor's address	Principal place of business	Mailing address, if different from principal place of business	
	2323 South Shepherd Dr. Suite 800 Houston, TX 77019	<hr/> Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code	
	Harris County	<hr/> P.O. Box, Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code	
5. Debtor's website (URL)	<hr/> <hr/>		
6. Type of debtor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation (including Limited Liability Company (LLC) and Limited Liability Partnership (LLP)) <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership (excluding LLP) <input type="checkbox"/> Other. Specify: _____		

Debtor Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas limited liability company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Case number (*if known*) \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. Describe debtor's business A. Check one:

- Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))  
 Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))  
 Railroad (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(44))  
 Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))  
 Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))  
 Clearing Bank (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 781(3))  
 None of the above

## B. Check all that apply

- Tax-exempt entity (as described in 26 U.S.C. §501)  
 Investment company, including hedge fund or pooled investment vehicle (as defined in 15 U.S.C. §80a-3)  
 Investment advisor (as defined in 15 U.S.C. §80b-2(a)(11))

C. NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) 4-digit code that best describes debtor.  
 See <http://www.uscourts.gov/four-digit-national-association-naics-codes>.

## 8. Under which chapter of the Bankruptcy Code is the debtor filing?

## Check one:

- Chapter 7  
 Chapter 9  
 Chapter 11. Check all that apply:

 Chapter 12

- Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2,560,050 (amount subject to adjustment on 4/01/19 and every 3 years after that).  
 The debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). If the debtor is a small business debtor, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if all of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. § 1116(1)(B).  
 A plan is being filed with this petition.  
 Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).  
 The debtor is required to file periodic reports (for example, 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission according to § 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. File the *attachment to Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy under Chapter 11* (Official Form 201A) with this form.  
 The debtor is a shell company as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 12b-2.

## 9. Were prior bankruptcy cases filed by or against the debtor within the last 8 years?

 No. Yes.

If more than 2 cases, attach a separate list.

District _____	When _____	Case number _____
District _____	When _____	Case number _____

## 10. Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a business partner or an affiliate of the debtor?

 No Yes.

List all cases. If more than 1, attach a separate list

Debtor _____	Relationship _____	
District _____	When _____	Case number, if known _____

Debtor Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas limited liability company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Case number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

11. Why is the case filed in this district? *Check all that apply:*

- Debtor has had its domicile, principal place of business, or principal assets in this district for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other district.
- A bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership is pending in this district.

12. Does the debtor own or have possession of any real property or personal property that needs immediate attention?

No

Yes. Answer below for each property that needs immediate attention. Attach additional sheets if needed.

Why does the property need immediate attention? (Check all that apply.)

- It poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable hazard to public health or safety. What is the hazard? \_\_\_\_\_

- It needs to be physically secured or protected from the weather.

- It includes perishable goods or assets that could quickly deteriorate or lose value without attention (for example, livestock, seasonal goods, meat, dairy, produce, or securities-related assets or other options).

- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Where is the property?

Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Is the property insured?

- No

- Yes. Insurance agency \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Statistical and administrative information**

13. Debtor's estimation of available funds *Check one:*

- Funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors.
- After any administrative expenses are paid, no funds will be available to unsecured creditors.

14. Estimated number of creditors

- |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-49 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1,000-5,000   | <input type="checkbox"/> 25,001-50,000     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 50-99           | <input type="checkbox"/> 5001-10,000   | <input type="checkbox"/> 50,001-100,000    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 100-199         | <input type="checkbox"/> 10,001-25,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 100,000 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 200-999         |  |  |

15. Estimated Assets

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000          | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million             | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million           | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million          | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion          |

16. Estimated Liabilities

- |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 - \$50,000          | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,001 - \$10 million             | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,000,001 - \$1 billion     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,001 - \$100,000    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,001 - \$50 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000,000,001 - \$10 billion  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,001 - \$500,000   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000,001 - \$100 million           | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000,000,001 - \$50 billion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500,001 - \$1 million | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100,000,001 - \$500 million          | <input type="checkbox"/> More than \$50 billion          |

Debtor Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas limited liability company Name Case number (if known)

**Request for Relief, Declaration, and Signatures**

**WARNING – Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.**

**17. Declaration and signature of authorized representative of debtor**

The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.

I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.

I have examined the information in this petition and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on 09/26/2016  
MM/DD/YYYY

X

Signature of authorized representative of debtor

Title Managing Member

Houghtaling Enterprises LLC by: John  
Houghtaling  
Printed name

**18. Signature of attorney**

X

/s/Douglas S. Draper\*

Signature of attorney for debtor

Date 09/26/2016  
MM/DD/YYYY

Douglas S. Draper  
Printed name

Heller, Draper, Patrick, Horn & Dabney, LLC  
Firm name

650 Poydras St., Ste. 2500  
New Orleans, LA 70130  
Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code

Contact phone 504-299-3300 Email address ddraper@hellerdraper.com

#5073

Bar number and State

**\*Local Counsel:**

**James Walker, Esq.**  
**5107 Junius St.**  
**Dallas, TX 75214**

**CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTIONS**

The undersigned, the managing member of Amshale Energy LLC, a Texas limited liability company (the "Company"), do hereby certify that the Company has adopted the following resolutions:

**RESOLVED**, that it is desirable and in the best interest of the Company, its creditors, members and other interested parties, that a petition be filed by the Company seeking relief under the provisions of Chapter 11, of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"); and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the form of Chapter 11 petition shall be as required by law and is approved and adopted in all respects, and that John W. Houghtaling, II be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed, on behalf of and in the name of the Company to execute and verify a petition substantially in such form and to cause the same to be filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern or Southern District of Texas, at such time as John W. Houghtaling, II executing said petition on behalf of the Company shall determine; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that John W. Houghtaling, II be, and hereby is authorized to execute and file all petitions, schedules, lists and other papers and to take any and all action which she may deem necessary or proper in connection with the Chapter 11 case; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that John W. Houghtaling, II be, and hereby is authorized and directed to employ Heller, Draper, Patrick, Horn & Dabney, L.L.C. as bankruptcy counsel to the Company to represent and assist the Company in carrying out its duties under Title 11 of the United States Code, and to take any and all actions to advance the Company's rights, including filing and pleading, and in connection therewith, John W. Houghtaling, II is hereby authorized and directed to execute appropriate retention agreements, pay appropriate retainers prior to and immediately upon the filing of the Chapter 11 case, and to cause to be filed an appropriate application for authority to retain the services of said attorneys.

IN WITNESS WHEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand on this 22nd day of September, 2016.

Houghtaling Enterprises, LLC

By:

Name: John W. Houghtaling, II

Its: Managing Member

## **EXHIBIT 17**

Fill in this information to identify the case:	
Debtor name	Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas limited liability company
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
Case number (if known):	_____

Check if this is an  
amended filing

Official Form 204

Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: List of Creditors Who Have the 20 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders 12/1

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A list of creditors holding the 20 largest unsecured claims must be filed in a Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 case. Include claims which the debtor disputes. Do not include claims by any person or entity who is an insider, as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(31). Also, do not include claims by secured creditors, unless the unsecured claim resulting from inadequate collateral value places the creditor among the holders of the 20 largest unsecured claims.

Name of creditor and complete mailing address, including zip code	Name, telephone number and email address of creditor contact	Nature of claim (for example, trade debts, bank loans, professional services, and government contracts)	Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, or disputed	Amount of claim		
				Total claim, if partially secured	Deduction for value of collateral or setoff	Unsecured claim
Bluebell Investments Trading, Inc. c/o A. Thomaides & Co. 20 Omirou, PO Box 54060 3720 Limassoc CYPRESS						\$5,000,000.00
Davillier Law Group, LLC 1010 Common St., Ste. 2510 New Orleans, LA 70112		Legal Fees				\$60,000.00

Fill in this information to identify the case:

Debtor name Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas limited liability company

United States Bankruptcy Court for the: NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Case number (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Check if this is an amended filing

## Official Form 202

# Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury for Non-Individual Debtors

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An individual who is authorized to act on behalf of a non-individual debtor, such as a corporation or partnership, must sign and submit this form for the schedules of assets and liabilities, any other document that requires a declaration that is not included in the document, and any amendments of those documents. This form must state the individual's position or relationship to the debtor, the identity of the document, and the date. Bankruptcy Rules 1008 and 9011.

**WARNING – Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.**

### Declaration and signature

I am the president, another officer, or an authorized agent of the corporation; a member or an authorized agent of the partnership; or another individual serving as a representative of the debtor in this case.

I have examined the information in the documents checked below and I have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct:

- Schedule A/B: Assets–Real and Personal Property* (Official Form 206A/B)
- Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property* (Official Form 206D)
- Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims* (Official Form 206E/F)
- Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases* (Official Form 206G)
- Schedule H: Codebtors* (Official Form 206H)
- Summary of Assets and Liabilities for Non-Individuals* (Official Form 206Sum)
- Amended Schedule*
- Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: List of Creditors Who Have the 20 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders* (Official Form 204)
- Other document that requires a declaration* \_\_\_\_\_

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on September 26, 2016

X /s/ Houghtaling Enterprises LLC by: John Houghtaling

Signature of individual signing on behalf of debtor

Houghtaling Enterprises LLC by: John Houghtaling

Printed name

Managing Member

Position or relationship to debtor

## **EXHIBIT 18**

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

In Re:

Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas limited liability  
company

Case No.:

Debtor(s)

## VERIFICATION OF MAILING LIST

The Debtor(s) certifies that the attached mailing list (*only one option may be selected per form*):

- is the first mail matrix in this case.
- adds entities not listed on previously filed mailing list(s).
- changes or corrects name(s) and address(es) on previously filed mailing list(s).
- deletes name(s) and address(es) on previously filed mailing list(s).

In accordance with N.D. TX L.B.R. 1007.2, the above named Debtor(s) hereby verifies that the attached list of creditors is true and correct.

Date:

9/22/16

Date:

09/26/2016Houghtaling Enterprises LLC by: John Houghtaling/Managing Member  
Signer/Title/s/ Douglas S. Draper

Signature of Attorney

Douglas S. Draper #5073  
Heller, Draper, Patrick, Horn & Dabney, LLC  
650 Poydras St., Ste. 2500  
New Orleans, LA 70130  
504-299-3300 Fax: 504-299-3399

Debtor's Social Security/Tax ID No.

Joint Debtor's Social Security/Tax ID No.

A.K. Kunatbaev  
2323 South Shepherd Dr.  
Suite 800  
Houston, TX 77019

Bluebell Investments Trading, Inc.  
c/o A. Thomaides & Co. 20 Omirou,  
PO Box 54060  
3720 Limassoc  
CYPRESS

Davillier Law Group, LLC  
1010 Common St., Ste. 2510  
New Orleans, LA 70112

EUCLA Investments Limited  
Coastal Building Wickham's Cay II  
PO Box 2221  
Road Town, Tortola  
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

EUCLA Investments Limited  
Eftapaton Court  
256 Makarios Ave.  
PO Box 53180  
CY-3301 LIMASSO

Houghtaling Enterprises, LLC  
3500 North Hullen St.  
Metairie, LA 70002

Konstantin Nikolaev  
2323 South Shepherd Dr.  
Suite 800  
Houston, TX 77019

M.Z. Yuriev  
2323 South Shepherd Dr.  
Suite 800  
Houston, TX 77019

## **EXHIBIT 19**

**Information to identify the case:****Debtor**

Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas limited liability company EIN 46-0759582

## Name

United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas

Date case filed for chapter 11 9/26/16

Case number: 16-33754-sgj11

**Official Form 309F (For Corporations or Partnerships)****Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case**

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For the debtor listed above, a case has been filed under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. An order for relief has been entered.

This notice has important information about the case for creditors, debtors, and trustees, including information about the meeting of creditors and deadlines. Read both pages carefully.

The filing of the case imposed an automatic stay against most collection activities. This means that creditors generally may not take action to collect debts from the debtor or the debtor's property. For example, while the stay is in effect, creditors cannot sue, assert a deficiency, repossess property, or otherwise try to collect from the debtor. Creditors cannot demand repayment from the debtor by mail, phone, or otherwise. Creditors who violate the stay can be required to pay actual and punitive damages and attorney's fees.

Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debt. A creditor who wants to have a particular debt excepted from discharge may be required to file a complaint in the bankruptcy clerk's office within the deadline specified in this notice. (See line 11 below for more information.)

To protect your rights, consult an attorney. All documents filed in the case may be inspected at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed below or through PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records at [www.pacer.gov](http://www.pacer.gov)).

The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice.

Do not file this notice with any proof of claim or other filing in the case.

1. Debtor's full name	Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas limited liability company		
2. All other names used in the last 8 years			
3. Address	2323 South Sheper Dr. Suite 800 Houston, TX 77019		
4. Debtor's attorney Name and address	Douglas S. Draper Heller Draper Patrick & Horn, LLC 650 Poydras St., Suite 2500 New Orleans, LA 70130	Contact phone: (504) 299-3300 Email: <a href="mailto:ddraper@hellerdraper.com">ddraper@hellerdraper.com</a>	
5. Bankruptcy clerk's office Documents in this case may be filed at this address. You may inspect all records filed in this case at this office or online at <a href="http://www.pacer.gov">www.pacer.gov</a> .	1100 Commerce Street Room 1254 Dallas, TX 75242	Office Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:30-4:30 Contact Phone: 214-753-2000	
6. Meeting of creditors The debtor's representative must attend the meeting to be questioned under oath. Creditors may attend, but are not required to do so.	November 3, 2016 at 10:00 AM The meeting may be continued or adjourned to a later date. If so, the date will be on the court docket.	Location: Office of the U.S. Trustee, 1100 Commerce St., Room 976, Dallas, TX 75242	

For more information, see page 2 >

7. Proof of claim deadline	Deadline for filing proof of claim: 2/1/17
	For a governmental unit:
	A proof of claim is a signed statement describing a creditor's claim. A proof of claim form may be obtained at <a href="http://www.uscourts.gov">www.uscourts.gov</a> or any bankruptcy clerk's office.
	Your claim will be allowed in the amount scheduled unless:
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• your claim is designated as <i>disputed</i>, <i>contingent</i>, or <i>unliquidated</i>;</li> <li>• you file a proof of claim in a different amount; or</li> <li>• you receive another notice.</li> </ul>
	If your claim is not scheduled or if your claim is designated as <i>disputed</i> , <i>contingent</i> , or <i>unliquidated</i> , you must file a proof of claim or you might not be paid on your claim and you might be unable to vote on a plan. You may file a proof of claim even if your claim is scheduled.
	You may review the schedules at the bankruptcy clerk's office or online at <a href="http://www.pacer.gov">www.pacer.gov</a> .
	Secured creditors retain rights in their collateral regardless of whether they file a proof of claim. Filing a proof of claim submits a creditor to the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court, with consequences a lawyer can explain. For example, a secured creditor who files a proof of claim may surrender important nonmonetary rights, including the right to a jury trial.
8. Exception to discharge deadline	You must start a judicial proceeding by filing a complaint if you want to have a debt excepted from discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d)(6)(A).
The bankruptcy clerk's office must receive a complaint and any required filing fee by the following deadline.	Deadline for filing the complaint:
9. Creditors with a foreign address	If you are a creditor receiving notice mailed to a foreign address, you may file a motion asking the court to extend the deadlines in this notice. Consult an attorney familiar with United States bankruptcy law if you have any questions about your rights in this case.
10. Filing a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case	Chapter 11 allows debtors to reorganize or liquidate according to a plan. A plan is not effective unless the court confirms it. You may receive a copy of the plan and a disclosure statement telling you about the plan, and you may have the opportunity to vote on the plan. You will receive notice of the date of the confirmation hearing, and you may object to confirmation of the plan and attend the confirmation hearing. Unless a trustee is serving, the debtor will remain in possession of the property and may continue to operate its business.
11. Discharge of debts	Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debts, which may include all or part of your debt. See 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d). A discharge means that creditors may never try to collect the debt from the debtor except as provided in the plan. If you want to have a particular debt owed to you excepted from the discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d)(6)(A), you must start a judicial proceeding by filing a complaint and paying the filing fee in the bankruptcy clerk's office by the deadline.

## **EXHIBIT 20**

**Information to identify the case:**

Debtor

Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas limited liability company EIN 46-0759582

Name

United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Texas

Date case filed for chapter 11 9/26/16

Case number: 16-33754-sgj11

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United States Bankruptcy Court  
Northern District of TexasIn re:  
Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas limited liability  
DebtorCase No. 16-33754-sgj  
Chapter 11

## CERTIFICATE OF NOTICE

District/off: 0539-3

User: ctello  
Form ID: 309FPage 1 of 1  
Total Noticed: 3

Date Rcvd: Sep 28, 2016

Notice by first class mail was sent to the following persons/entities by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center on Sep 30, 2016.

db +Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas limited liability company, 2323 South Shepherd Dr., Suite 800, Houston, TX 77019-7026  
aty +James G. Walker, 5107 Junius St., Dallas, TX 75214-5337

Notice by electronic transmission was sent to the following persons/entities by the Bankruptcy Noticing Center.  
aty E-mail/Text: ddraper@hellerdraper.com Sep 28 2016 22:02:23 Douglas S. Draper,  
Heller Draper Patrick & Horn, LLC, 650 Poydras St., Suite 2500, New Orleans, LA 70130  
TOTAL: 1

## \*\*\*\*\* BYPASSED RECIPIENTS \*\*\*\*\*

NONE.

TOTAL: 0

Addresses marked '+' were corrected by inserting the ZIP or replacing an incorrect ZIP.  
USPS regulations require that automation-compatible mail display the correct ZIP.

Transmission times for electronic delivery are Eastern Time zone.

I, Joseph Speetjens, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 309): Pursuant to Fed. R. Bank. P. 2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

Date: Sep 30, 2016

Signature: /s/Joseph Speetjens

## CM/ECF NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING

The following persons/entities were sent notice through the court's CM/ECF electronic mail (Email) system on September 27, 2016 at the address(es) listed below:

Douglas S. Draper on behalf of Debtor Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas limited liability company  
ddraper@hellerdraper.com, kfritscher@hellerdraper.com  
James G. Walker on behalf of Debtor Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas limited liability company  
j.walker@ix.netcom.com  
United States Trustee ustpregion06.da.ecf@usdoj.gov

TOTAL: 3

## **EXHIBIT 21**

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

In Re: § Case No. 16-33754  
Amshale Energy LLC, §  
A Texas limited liability company § Chapter 11  
Debtor §

**DECLARATION OF JOHN HOUGHTALING**

**STATE OF LOUISIANA**

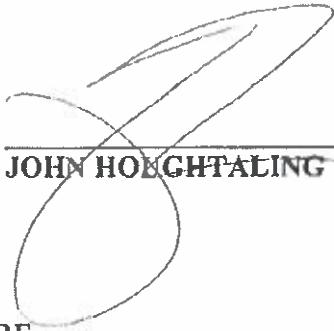
**PARISH OF ORLEANS**

**BEFORE ME**, undersigned authority personally came and appeared, John Houghtaling, who, when put under oath by me, Notary, did depose and say:

1. Through H Ventures LLC ("HVL") he is the managing member of Amshale Energy LLC (the "Debtor").
2. In his capacity as managing member of the Debtor through HVL, he caused the Debtor to file for relief in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas.
3. The Chapter 11 case was filed to forestall the ability of Eucla Investments Limited ("Eucla"), the Debtor's sole secured creditor, to foreclose on the Debtor's membership interest in American Ethane Company, LLC ("AEC").
4. The Debtor's sole asset consists of the membership interest in AEC.

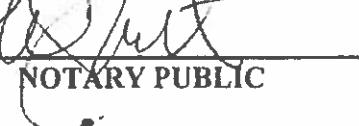
5. The indebtedness owed by the Debtor to Eucla is guaranteed by the members of the Debtor.
6. The other creditors of the Debtor are Daniel E. Davillic (Amshale Energy LLC's pre-petition corporate counsel) and Bluebell Investments Trading, Inc. (an insider of the Debtor).
7. The Debtor, in connection with this case, would have filed a Plan of Reorganization that would have extended the maturity date of the Eucla loan for a period of at least a year.
8. Immediately after the filing of the Chapter 11, Eucla filed a Motion to Dismiss this case.
9. Since the filing, the Debtor, Eucla and the Debtor's members have been negotiating a settlement.
10. The parties (Debtor, Eucla and the Debtor's members) have agreed to the terms of a settlement and the dismissal of this Chapter 11 case.
11. Insofar as the Debtor is concerned, the settlement entails: (1) extending the due date of the loan repayment owed by the Debtor to Eucla; and (2) Eucla receiving additional collateral from property other than property of the Estate.
12. The additional collateral provided to Eucla does not involve property of the estate or property that would have been available to pay creditors.
13. The settlement has been approved by all creditors of the Debtor.
14. The settlement saves the Debtor the costs of drafting a Plan of Reorganization and a Disclosure Statement and going through the plan process.

15. In all respects, the settlement satisfies the criteria enunciated by the 5<sup>th</sup> Circuit in *In re Aweco* for this Court to approve the settlement.



JOHN HOUGHTALING

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE  
ME THIS 5 DAY OF APRIL, 2017.



NOTARY PUBLIC



LESLIE G. HUNT  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
ID # 92152  
Parish of St. Tammany  
Statewide Jurisdiction  
My Commission is for Life

## **EXHIBIT 22**

Fill in this information to identify the case:

Debtor name Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas limited liability companyUnited States Bankruptcy Court for the: NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXASCase number (if known) 16-33754 Check if this is an amended filing**Official Form 206Sum****Summary of Assets and Liabilities for Non-Individuals**

12/15

**Part 1: Summary of Assets****1. Schedule A/B: Assets-Real and Personal Property (Official Form 206A/B)****1a. Real property:**Copy line 88 from Schedule A/B.....\$ 0.00**1b. Total personal property:**Copy line 91A from Schedule A/B.....\$ 25,000,000.00**1c. Total of all property:**Copy line 92 from Schedule A/B.....\$ 25,000,000.00**Part 2: Summary of Liabilities****2. Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property (Official Form 206D)**Copy the total dollar amount listed in Column A, Amount of claim, from line 3 of Schedule D.....\$ 21,000,000.00**3. Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Have Unsecured Claims (Official Form 206E/F)****3a. Total claim amounts of priority unsecured claims:**Copy the total claims from Part 1 from line 5a of Schedule E/F.....\$ 0.00**3b. Total amount of claims of nonpriority amount of unsecured claims:**Copy the total of the amount of claims from Part 2 from line 5b of Schedule E/F.....+\$ 5,060,000.00**4. Total Liabilities**

Lines 2 + 3a + 3b

\$ 26,060,000.00

Fill in this information to identify the case:

Debtor name Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas limited liability companyUnited States Bankruptcy Court for the: NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXASCase number (if known) 16-33754 Check if this is an amended filing**Official Form 206A/B****Schedule A/B: Assets - Real and Personal Property**

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Disclose all property, real and personal, which the debtor owns or in which the debtor has any other legal, equitable, or future interest. Include all property in which the debtor holds rights and powers exercisable for the debtor's own benefit. Also include assets and properties which have no book value, such as fully depreciated assets or assets that were not capitalized. In Schedule A/B, list any executory contracts or unexpired leases. Also list them on Schedule G: Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases (Official Form 206G).

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. At the top of any pages added, write the debtor's name and case number (if known). Also identify the form and line number to which the additional information applies. If an additional sheet is attached, include the amounts from the attachment in the total for the pertinent part.

For Part 1 through Part 11, list each asset under the appropriate category or attach separate supporting schedules, such as a fixed asset schedule or depreciation schedule, that gives the details for each asset in a particular category. List each asset only once. In valuing the debtor's interest, do not deduct the value of secured claims. See the instructions to understand the terms used in this form.

**Part 1: Cash and cash equivalents**

1. Does the debtor have any cash or cash equivalents?

 No. Go to Part 2. Yes Fill in the information below.

All cash or cash equivalents owned or controlled by the debtor

Current value of debtor's interest

**Part 2: Deposits and Prepayments**

6. Does the debtor have any deposits or prepayments?

 No. Go to Part 3. Yes Fill in the information below.**Part 3: Accounts receivable**

10. Does the debtor have any accounts receivable?

 No. Go to Part 4. Yes Fill in the information below.**Part 4: Investments**

13. Does the debtor own any investments?

 No. Go to Part 5. Yes Fill in the information below.

Valuation method used for current value

Current value of debtor's interest

14. Mutual funds or publicly traded stocks not included in Part 1  
Name of fund or stock:15. Non-publicly traded stock and interests in incorporated and unincorporated businesses, including any interest in an LLC, partnership, or joint venture  
Name of entity: % of ownership

15.1. American Ethane 50 % \$25,000,000.00

Debtor Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas limited liability company Name Case number (if known) 16-33754

16. **Government bonds, corporate bonds, and other negotiable and non-negotiable instruments not included in Part 1**  
Describe:

17. **Total of Part 4.**

Add lines 14 through 16. Copy the total to line 83.

**Part 5: Inventory, excluding agriculture assets**

18. Does the debtor own any inventory (excluding agriculture assets)?

- No. Go to Part 6.
- Yes Fill in the information below.

**Part 6: Farming and fishing-related assets (other than titled motor vehicles and land)**

27. Does the debtor own or lease any farming and fishing-related assets (other than titled motor vehicles and land)?

- No. Go to Part 7.
- Yes Fill in the information below.

**Part 7: Office furniture, fixtures, and equipment; and collectibles**

38. Does the debtor own or lease any office furniture, fixtures, equipment, or collectibles?

- No. Go to Part 8.
- Yes Fill in the information below.

**Part 8: Machinery, equipment, and vehicles**

46. Does the debtor own or lease any machinery, equipment, or vehicles?

- No. Go to Part 9.
- Yes Fill in the information below.

**Part 9: Real property**

54. Does the debtor own or lease any real property?

- No. Go to Part 10.
- Yes Fill in the information below.

**Part 10: Intangibles and intellectual property**

59. Does the debtor have any interests in intangibles or intellectual property?

- No. Go to Part 11.
- Yes Fill in the information below.

**Part 11: All other assets**

70. Does the debtor own any other assets that have not yet been reported on this form?

Include all interests in executory contracts and unexpired leases not previously reported on this form.

- No. Go to Part 12.
- Yes Fill in the information below.

Debtor Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas limited liability company Name Case number (if known) 16-33754

Part 12: **Summary**

In Part 12 copy all of the totals from the earlier parts of the form

Type of property	Current value of personal property	Current value of real property
80. Cash, cash equivalents, and financial assets. <i>Copy line 5, Part 1</i>	\$0.00	
81. Deposits and prepayments. <i>Copy line 9, Part 2.</i>	\$0.00	
82. Accounts receivable. <i>Copy line 12, Part 3.</i>	\$0.00	
83. Investments. <i>Copy line 17, Part 4.</i>	\$25,000,000.00	
84. Inventory. <i>Copy line 23, Part 5.</i>	\$0.00	
85. Farming and fishing-related assets. <i>Copy line 33, Part 6.</i>	\$0.00	
86. Office furniture, fixtures, and equipment; and collectibles. <i>Copy line 43, Part 7.</i>	\$0.00	
87. Machinery, equipment, and vehicles. <i>Copy line 51, Part 8.</i>	\$0.00	
88. Real property. <i>Copy line 56, Part 9.....</i> >		\$0.00
89. Intangibles and intellectual property. <i>Copy line 66, Part 10.</i>	\$0.00	
90. All other assets. <i>Copy line 78, Part 11.</i>	\$0.00	
91. Total. Add lines 80 through 90 for each column	\$25,000,000.00	+ 91b. \$0.00
92. Total of all property on Schedule A/B. Add lines 91a+91b=92		\$25,000,000.00

Fill in this information to identify the case:

Debtor name Amshale Energy LLC, A Texas limited liability companyUnited States Bankruptcy Court for the: NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXASCase number (if known) 16-33754 Check if this is an amended filing

## Official Form 206D

**Schedule D: Creditors Who Have Claims Secured by Property**

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Be as complete and accurate as possible.

## 1. Do any creditors have claims secured by debtor's property?

 No. Check this box and submit page 1 of this form to the court with debtor's other schedules. Debtor has nothing else to report on this form. Yes. Fill in all of the information below.**Part 1: List Creditors Who Have Secured Claims**

2. List in alphabetical order all creditors who have secured claims. If a creditor has more than one secured claim, list the creditor separately for each claim.

		Column A	Column B
	Describe debtor's property that is subject to a lien	Amount of claim	Value of collateral that supports this claim
2.1	<b>EUCLA Investments Limited</b> Creditor's Name Coastal Building Wickham's Cay II PO Box 2221 Road Town, Tortola BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS	Do not deduct the value of collateral.  \$21,000,000.00	\$25,000,000.00
	Creditor's mailing address  _____	Describe the lien  _____	_____
	Creditor's email address, if known  _____	Is the creditor an insider or related party?  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	_____
	Date debt was incurred  _____	Is anyone else liable on this claim?  <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. Fill out Schedule H: Codebtors (Official Form 208H)	_____
	Last 4 digits of account number  _____	As of the petition filing date, the claim is: Check all that apply  <input type="checkbox"/> Contingent <input type="checkbox"/> Unliquidated <input type="checkbox"/> Disputed	_____
3.	Total of the dollar amounts from Part 1, Column A, including the amounts from the Additional Page, if any.	\$21,000,000.00 00	_____

**Part 2: List Others to Be Notified for a Debt Already Listed in Part 1**

List in alphabetical order any others who must be notified for a debt already listed in Part 1. Examples of entities that may be listed are collection agencies, assignees of claims listed above, and attorneys for secured creditors.

If no others need to be notified for the debts listed in Part 1, do not fill out or submit this page. If additional pages are needed, copy this page.

Name and address  
\_\_\_\_\_On which line in Part 1 did  
you enter the related creditor?Last 4 digits of  
account number for  
this entity  
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256 Makarios Ave.  
PO Box 53180  
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## **EXHIBIT 23**



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Co-Development with Energy Transfer and GE

In 2014, American Ethane entered into development agreements with two of the largest U.S. midstream infrastructure companies, Energy Transfer and Kinder Morgan, with a strategy to develop, own and operate three ethane export terminals with a total capacity to deliver 30 million tons of LEG internationally.

The first terminal in American Ethane's investment strategy is the Nederland Ethane Export Terminal in Port Arthur, Texas, a joint project between American Ethane and Energy Transfer Partner subsidiaries, Sunoco Logistics and Lonestar. Energy Transfer Partners (ETP), founded and led by Kelsey Warren, [www.forbes.com/profile/kelcy-warren](http://www.forbes.com/profile/kelcy-warren), is the second largest oil and gas midstream company in the United States. ETP and its subsidiaries, Sunoco Logistics Partners L.P., and Lonestar NGL, LLC own, operate and control over 71,000 miles of pipeline, storage capacity, fractionators, and LPG export terminals. These assets are part of the infrastructural backbone of the U.S. oil & gas production that has led the U.S. to become the largest gas producer in the world. As the owner and operator of significant fractionation capacity, Energy Transfer is currently the owner of the equivalent of 5 million tons of LEG per year. Energy Transfer has just completed and put into operation the first U.S. ethane export terminal (the capacity of which is sold on a long-term basis). The American Ethane/ETP terminal at Nederland, Texas is engineered to be the largest ethane export terminal in the world.

AEC Terminal and Supply Agreements

In November of 2014, AEC signed an agreement with Energy Transfer to co-develop the Nederland Ethane Terminal. This development agreement with ETP (USA) and AEC confirmed intent to co-develop the terminal in Nederland, Texas with a 10,0 MMTPA of LEG export, and ETP agreed to provide 5 million annual tons of ethane supply to the terminal. In May 2015, AEC invested 5.5 million dollars into a completed dual FEED study for a 10,0 MMTPA of LEG export facility in Texas. Today the terminal is fully engineered and has achieved permit by rule status.

To secure additional ethane supply, AEC also signed an agreement in June of 2014 with Kinder Morgan to continue FEED work on the MMTPA pipeline of 1100 miles. AEC invested 6.9 million dollars into this pipeline development.



### Downstream Power Development with GE

In addition to securing the ethane export supply and infrastructure, American Ethane developed the downstream power market for ethane. In cooperation with GE, Siemens, Wartsilla and MAN, American Ethane established the technical compatible of ethane for use in most generation equipment produced by these Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs). By early 2015, all of these major OEMs agreed to warranty their new power equipment for ethane use. American Ethane also established an ethane conversion protocol with these major OEMs for existing power generation units.

In March 2015, American Ethane entered into an exclusive development agreement with GE Oil & Gas to deliver to GE customers in various markets. As part of the AEC development, GE recently announced that its largest gas turbine equipment can produce power from ethane with an unprecedented level of 61% efficiency. Working in conjunction with GE and others, American Ethane has secured heads of agreements for the supply, and preliminary development agreements for over 8,000 MW of new ethane fired turbine power generation in locations in Central America, the Middle East, and Asia.

As a result of this joint development with GE, the following AEC/GE developments have begun:

- 1) Anticipate an Award for a 22 year base load PPA for a 2400 MW GE Turbine Power Plant with 2.5 MMTPA fuel supply from AEC:
  - a) February 2016 – Technical conference by AEC and GE in BPDB (Bangladesh) to prove LEG as fuel for 2400 MW power generation in Bangladesh;
  - b) March 2016 – Full budgetary proposal from GE for major equipment for 2400 MW project;
  - c) March 2016 – Full budgetary proposal from Exmar for FSRU for 2400 MW project;
  - d) March 2016 – Submission of proposal to BPDB (Bangladesh) 2400 MW power generation in Bangladesh on GE 9F technology. Proposal has full technical, commercial data and feasibility study;
  - e) May 2016 – Letter from BEZA (Bangladesh) to AEC to confirm 200 acres of land for 2400 MW power project;
  - f) May 2016 – Letter from PGCB (Bangladesh) to AEC to confirm evacuation of power for 2400 MW power project;



- g) May 2016 – Letter from BPDB (Bangladesh) to AEC requesting to arrange consortium for the 2400 MW project;
  - h) August 2016 – Submission and acceptance of a proposal to BPDB (Bangladesh) 2400 MW power generation in Bangladesh on 9H technology;
  - i) October 26, 2016 – MOU to form consortium to develop 2400 MW LEG fueled power project in Bangladesh between Huaneng Shandong Power Generation Co LTD, GE Energy Products France SNC and AEC;
- 2) June 2015 – MOU with PPDB (Pakistan) for development of 6,000 MW of power generation and sale of 6,0 MMTPA of LEG for 20 years;
- 3) November 2015 – June 2016 - MOU with Government of Papua New Guinea to develop 700MW power project on LEG + 700 km of hi-voltage transmission line;
- a) September 2015 – The Government of Papua New Guinea passed legislation through the National Executive Council Order 222/2015 to form a state team through the Department of Public Enterprises to negotiate a 700MW PPA and transmission like agreement with American Ethane;
  - b) June 2016 – The state team of the National Executive Council completed negotiations for a 700MW PPA with American Ethane and presented it to the Board of Papua New Guinea National Power Company for signing.

#### Ethane Sale Agreements

AEC has preliminary sale agreements for an ethane supply to China in an amount that exceeds the capacity of the terminal. Those preliminary agreements are as follows:

- 1) October 17, 2016 – Agreement with Rizhao Port Group and Shandong Dongming Petrochemical Group for sale 3,0 MMTPA of LEG for 20 years;
- 2) August 2015 – HOA with HUZHOU SHENGLONG OIL TERMINAL CO., LTD for sale 6,0 MMTPA of LEG for 20 years;
- 3) May 2015 – HOA with Shanghai Tong Kong Investment Group (China) for sale 10,0 MMTPA of LEG for 20 years;
- 4) May 2015 – HOA with Guangdong Zhengdong New Energy (China) for sale 20,0 MMTPA of LEG for 20 years;



- 5) August 2014 – HOA with PTT (Thailand) for sale of 1,0 MMTPA of LEG for 20 years; and
- 6) July 2014 – MOU with RUSAL (Jamaica) for sale 0,9 MMTPA of LEG for 20 years.

#### AEC Customers and Anticipated Revenue

AEC is in the closing stages of negotiating credit requirements for its major customers. These ongoing credit negotiations are taking place between AEC and its co-developer, Energy Transfer, and its downstream customers in Asia. AEC and Energy Transfer will build the export terminal and the downstream customers will build import infrastructure to receive and utilize the gas supply. Shipping companies will build ships to transport the liquefied gas. The buyers and sellers both need to make major investments into infrastructure necessary to perform each side of the transaction. The sellers are building upstream infrastructure and must receive credit from the buyer sufficient to cover the risk of seller's infrastructure investment, and the buyers must receive credit from the sellers sufficient to cover the risk of the buyer's infrastructure investment. As the upstream and downstream infrastructure has essentially the same timeframe, all of the credit negotiations are structured as back to back transactions.

Some customers are closer than others in the development of the infrastructure necessary to realize the supply contracts. American Ethane is now focused on three main contracts that are expected to close within 6-12 months.

#### Binding Contract Negotiations within 6-12 Months

AEC is now focused on several key contacts of the Rizhao Port and supply to the Bangladesh GE Plant, both of which are expected within 6-12 months. While the development of these projects is expected to take 36 months, the financial development, key binding development contracts and financial closing on the debt and equity of these projects are expected to be realized within 6-12 months providing AEC with a significant value as well as development fees far in excess of the amount owed.

##### 1) Rizhao Port

AEC has signed an MOU for an annual supply of 3 million annual tons of ethane with a joint venture between Rizhao and Shandong Dongming Petrochemical Group. The parties are currently negotiating credit requirements and have designated that a fully binding contract will be executed by the end of 2016. Rizhao is the 11<sup>th</sup> largest port in



the world with 46 berths and an annual handling capacity of over 200 million tons, and with an AAA credibility rating from Chinese Credit Agency.

## 2) Bangladesh GE Power Plant

Bangladesh is experiencing a power deficit of over 20 MW over the next ten years, and has development plans to issue power purchase agreements to meet this demand. GE has successfully completed four turbine power plants in Bangladesh in the last several years. In mid-2015, AEC and GE began the development of a 2400 MW power plant project.

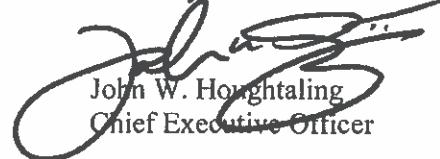
AEC and GE completed preliminary negotiations, and at the request of the Government have formed a qualified consortium to receive a notice of award from the Government. Based upon preliminary negotiations, this award will be for a 22 year base load PPA for a 90% base load dispatch of 2400 MW from GE turbines and fueled by an ethane supply contract from AEC.

The project is expected to be constructed over a 30-month period during 2017-2019 and ready for operational startup in December 2019 at a projected cost of \$1.73 billion. Equity and debt required for the project is estimated to be \$430 million (25%) and \$1.3 billion (75%) respectively. Revenues for the project will be derived from a 22-year power purchase agreement with the Bangladesh Government.

The project ownership is currently: Huaneng, 51%; AEC, 29%; and GE, 20%. GE has committed to put in 20% of the equity required and Huaneng is expected to put in 51% of the equity required. Debt financing will be arranged through a combination of export-import finance, multinational agencies and commercial banks. The majority of debt is to be facilitated by OEM and EPC contractors.

Projected levered equity returns are estimated to exceed 25%, and could be higher depending on the level and terms of the ultimate debt financing. Calculated ROE for investor (levered IRR) is 25.3%, based on discounted cash flow model. Free cash flow for investors after debt is tax free and estimated at: a) \$0 per year for the initial 2.5 years (period of construction); b) then averaging \$188 million per year for the first 7 years of operation (period of debt repayment); and c) averaging \$380 million per year for the remaining 15 years of operation.

Sincerely,

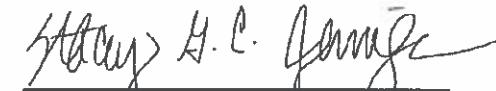
  
 John W. Houghtaling  
 Chief Executive Officer

## **EXHIBIT 24**

CLERK, U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**ENTERED**THE DATE OF ENTRY IS ON  
THE COURT'S DOCKET

The following constitutes the ruling of the court and has the force and effect therein described.

Signed April 17, 2017

  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

IN RE:

Amshale Energy, LLC  
A Texas limited liability company

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CASE NO. 16-33754-SGJ-11

**ORDER GRANTING DEBTOR'S AMENDED MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER  
APPROVING SETTLEMENT AND COMPROMISE PURSUANT TO BANKRUPTCY  
RULE 9019**

Considering the *Amended Motion for Entry of an Order Approving Settlement and Compromise Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019 [P-57]* ("Motion") filed by Amshale Energy, LLC ("Debtor"); the Court having heard the statements of counsel in support of the relief requested in the Motion at a hearing before the Court (the "Hearing"); the Court having found that (a) the Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, (b) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), (c) the Motion was properly served and all parties in interest have had a full and fair opportunity to object to the Motion; and (d) the proposed Settlement meets the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 9019; and the Court having

determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; it is hereby

**ORDERED** that the Motion is **GRANTED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Debtor is granted the authority to enter into the Settlement Agreement under the terms therein.

**ORDERED** that Debtor's counsel shall serve this Order no later than three (3) business days after entry on all persons on the mailing lists for the case, and all other persons required by the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure or the Local Rules.

###END OF ORDER###

This order was prepared and submitted by:

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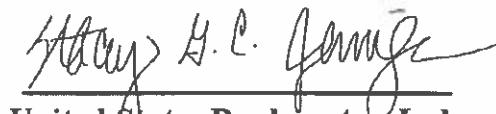
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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

**ENTERED**

THE DATE OF ENTRY IS ON  
THE COURT'S DOCKET

The following constitutes the ruling of the court and has the force and effect therein described.

Signed April 17, 2017

  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
DALLAS DIVISION

In Re:	§	
	§	Case No. 16-33754
Amshale Energy, LLC	§	
A Texas limited liability company	§	Chapter 11
Debtor	§	

**ORDER ON AMSHALE ENERGY LLC'S MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER  
DISMISSING THE DEBTOR'S CHAPTER 11 CASE WITHOUT PREJUDICE  
PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 1112(b), 305(a) OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AND THE  
SETTLEMENT RESOLUTION BETWEEN THE DEBTOR AND EUCLA  
INVESTMENTS LIMITED**

CAME FOR CONSIDERATION was the *Amshale Energy LLC's Motion for Entry of an Order Dismissing the Debtor's Chapter 11 Case Without Prejudice Pursuant to Sections 1112(b), 305(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and the Settlement Resolution Between the Debtor and Eucla Investments Limited* [P-60], and, after good cause being shown, it is hereby **ORDERED**, that the motion is **GRANTED**, and it is further

**ORDERED** that Counsel shall serve this Order no later than three (3) business days after entry on all persons on the mailing lists for the case, and all other persons required by the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure or the Local Rules.

###END OF ORDER###

This order was prepared and submitted by:

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# **EXHIBIT 25**

Loans for AEC operations guaranteed by H Ventures/Houghtraling Enterprises, as an in solidio guarantor. If American Ethane defaults, and the loan is not paid through AEC equity security and not paid by any other security of guarantor, Houghtraling Enterprises is in solidio liable for 100% of the outstanding balances.

#### Record of Loans from EUCLA

date	4/30/2014	7/14/2015	12/1/2015	2/15/2017	6/1/2018	10/26/2018	12/21/2018	2/27/2019	9/18/2019
Document	LOAN AND GUARANTY AGREEMENT	1ST AMENDMENT	2nd AMENDMENT	3rd AMENDMENT	4th AMENDMENT	5th AMENDMENT	6th AMENDMENT	7th AMENDMENT	8th AMENDMENT
Lender	Euclid Investment Limited, BVI	same							
Borrower	Amshale Energy LLC	same							
Principal	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000
additional principal under UPA									
maturity date	3/15/2015	9/15/2015	9/1/2016	6/1/2018	3/1/2019	3/1/2019	5/31/2019	10/1/2019	4/30/2020
outstanding balance	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 18,750,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 10,000,000	\$ 8,790,068	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 3,000,000

## **EXHIBIT 26**

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**Department of the Treasury**  
 Internal Revenue Service  
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**AMERICAN ETHANE COMPANY LLC**  
 DANIEL PACKER SOLE MBR  
 365 CANAL ST STE 2650  
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For assistance, call:  
**1-800-829-0115**

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### We Have Approved Your Form 8832, Entity Classification Election

We have approved your election as a domestic eligible entity to be classified as an association taxable as a corporation. The effective date of this election is Feb. 24, 2014.

If you have any questions about this notice, please call us at the number shown above. If you prefer you can write us. If you write, please include the bottom part of this notice. Please provide your telephone number and the best time for us to call if we need to reach you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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