

**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[License No. 01/71-0402]

**Ticonderoga SBIC, L.P.; Notice Seeking Exemption Under Section 312 of the Small Business Investment Act, Conflicts of Interest**

Notice is hereby given that Ticonderoga SBIC, L.P., 25 Braintree Hill Park, Suite 200, Braintree, MA 02184, a Federal Licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended (“the Act”), in connection with the sale of a small concern, has sought an exemption under Section 312 of the Act and Section 107.730(a), you must not self-deal to the prejudice of a Small Business, the Licensee, its shareholders or partners, or SBA.

The transaction is brought within the purview of § 107.730(a) of the Regulations because which constitutes Conflicts of Interest of the Small Business Administration (“SBA”) Rules. Ticonderoga SBIC, L.P. proposes to sell eStudySite (“eSS”), 292 Euclid Ave, Suite 225, San Diego, California 92114, with Meridien Research, Inc. (“MRI”) and NRI Clinical Research (“NRI”). Because the Associates, including Ticonderoga K1, L.P., Ticonderoga KII L.P., and Craig Jones, will receive proceeds from their investments in NRI, this transaction constitutes Conflict of Interest requiring SBA’s prior approval.

Notice is hereby given that any interested person may submit written comments on this transaction within fifteen days of the date of this publication to the Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW., Washington, DC 20416.

**A. Joseph Shepard,**

*Associate Administrator for Office of Investment and Innovation.*

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**BILLING CODE 8025-01-P****SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION****Svoboda Capital Fund IV SBIC, L.P.; License No. 05/05-0327; Notice Seeking Exemption Under Section 312 of the Small Business Investment Act, Conflicts of Interest**

Notice is hereby given that Svoboda Capital Fund IV SBIC, L.P., One North Franklin Street, Suite 1500, Chicago, IL 60606, a Federal Licensee under the Small Business Investment Act of 1958, as amended (“the Act”), in connection with the financing of a small concern, has sought an exemption under Section 312 of the Act and Section 107.730,

Financings which Constitute Conflicts of Interest of the Small Business Administration (“SBA”) Rules and Regulations (13 CFR 107.730). Svoboda Capital Fund IV SBIC, L.P. proposes to provide equity security financing to Bully Pulpit Interactive, LLC, 1140 Connecticut Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20036 (“BPI”).

The financing is brought within the purview of § 107.730(a) and (d) of the Regulations because Svoboda Capital Fund IV, L.P. an Associate of Svoboda Capital Fund IV SBIC, L.P., owns more than ten percent of BPI, and therefore this transaction is considered a financing of an Associate requiring prior SBA approval.

Notice is hereby given that any interested person may submit written comments on the transaction, within fifteen days of the date of this publication, to the Associate Administrator for Investment, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 Third Street SW., Washington, DC 20416.

Dated: September 6, 2017.

**A. Joseph Shepard,**

*Associate Administrator, Office of Investment and Innovation.*

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**BILLING CODE P****SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

[Docket No. FD 36139]

**Decatur Central Railroad, L.L.C.— Acquisition and Operation Exemption—Topflight Grain Cooperative, Inc.**

Decatur Central Railroad, L.L.C. (DC), a Class III rail carrier, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to acquire from Topflight Grain Cooperative, Inc. (Topflight), the assets of a 15.52-mile rail line between milepost 12.11 near Cisco, Piatt County, Ill., and milepost 27.63 (Green’s Switch) near Decatur, Macon County, Ill. (the line).<sup>1</sup> In the verified notice, DC also seeks authority to operate a 2.11-mile segment of the line between milepost 12.11 and milepost 14.22.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> DC was authorized to assume operations over the 13.41-mile segment between milepost 14.22 near Cisco, Piatt County, Ill., and milepost 27.63 (Green’s Switch) near Decatur, Macon County, Ill. That segment was previously operated by Decatur Junction Railway Co. See *Decatur Cent. R.R.—Change in Operator Exemption—Decatur Junction Ry.*, FD 36080 (STB served Jan. 6, 2017).

<sup>2</sup> DC states that, after assuming operations, the line was found to be 2.11 miles longer than originally thought. DC now seeks authority to operate the 2.11-mile portion which was not included in its December 2016 filing.

DC describes itself as a joint venture between OmniTRAX Holdings Combined, Inc. and Topflight Grain Cooperative, Inc., each of which owns 50% of DC. DC states that Topflight has agreed to convey its ownership interest in the line to DC.

DC certifies that the agreement between Topflight and OmniTRAX does not contain any provision that prohibits DC from interchanging traffic with a third party or limits DC’s ability to interchange traffic with a third-party railroad.

DC also certifies that the proposed transaction will not result in DC’s becoming a Class II or Class I rail carrier and that the projected annual revenue of DC will not exceed \$5 million.

The transaction may be consummated on or after September 28, 2017, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than September 21, 2017 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

An original and 10 copies of all pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36139, must be filed with the Surface Transportation Board, 395 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20423-0001. In addition, one copy of each pleading must be served on Karl Morell, Karl Morell & Associates, Suite 440, 440 1st Street NW., Washington, DC 20001.

According to DC, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic reporting under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available on our Web site at [WWW.STB.GOV](http://WWW.STB.GOV).

Decided: September 11, 2017.

By the Board, Rachel D. Campbell, Director, Office of Proceedings.

**Jeffrey Herzig,***Clearance Clerk.*

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