

Tax Status of Dividends and Distributions for 2017

The tax character of the dividends and distributions paid by Stellus Investment Corporation (the "Company") during 2017 is set forth below. For tax purposes, the Company is a regulated investment company and is designating the tax character of dividends and distributions you received as a stockholder for fiscal year 2017 in accordance with Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Declaration Date	Record Date	Payable Date	Amount Per Share	Qualified Dividend Amount Per Share	Non-Qualified Dividend Amount Per Share	Long Term Capital Gains Amount Per Share	Return of Capital Amount Per Share
2017							
01/13/17	01/31/17	02/15/17	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ 0.0808	\$ 0.0325	\$ -
01/13/17	02/28/17	03/15/17	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ -
01/13/17	03/31/17	04/14/17	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ -
04/14/17	04/28/17	05/15/17	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ -
04/14/17	05/31/17	06/15/17	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ -
04/14/17	06/30/17	07/14/17	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ -
07/07/17	07/31/17	08/15/17	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ -
07/07/17	08/31/17	09/15/17	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ -
07/07/17	09/29/17	10/13/17	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ -
10/12/17	10/31/17	11/15/17	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ -
10/12/17	11/30/17	12/15/17	\$ 0.1133	\$ -	\$ 0.0953	\$ 0.0180	\$ -
10/12/17	12/29/17	01/12/18	\$ 0.1133	\$ 0.0941	\$ -	\$ 0.0192	\$ -

We may generate qualified net interest income or qualified capital gains that may be exempt from U.S. withholding tax on when distributed to foreign stockholders. A RIC is permitted to designate distributions of qualified net interest income and capital gains as exempt from U.S. withholding tax when paid to non-U.S. shareholders with proper documentation. The following table, which may be subject to change as we finalize our annual tax filings, lists the percentage of qualified net interest and qualified capital gains for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Year Ended	Qualified Net Interest Income	Qualified Capital Gains
12/31/17	80.19%	4.92%

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