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Pursuant to 11th Cir. R. 12-1, the record in this appeal was deemed completed and filed on the date the appeal was docketed in this court. Eleventh Circuit Rule 31-1 requires that APPELLANT'S BRIEF AND RECORD EXCERPTS BE SERVED AND FILED WITHIN FORTY (40) DAYS FROM THE DATE THE APPEAL WAS DOCKETED IN THIS COURT. This is the only notice you will receive concerning the due date for filing briefs and record excerpts. (In cross-appeals pursuant to Fed.R.App.P. 28(h), the party who first files a notice of appeal is the appellant unless the parties otherwise agree.) See Fed.R.App.P. 28, 30, 31 and 32, and the corresponding circuit rules, for further information on preparing briefs and record excerpts.

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We have not yet received the Certificate of Interested Persons and Corporate Disclosure Statement (CIP) required by FRAP 26.1 and the accompanying circuit rules. The rules provide that the certificate must be filed by every appellant [and cross-appellant] with this court within 10 days after the appeal is docketed in this court, or along with the filing in this court by any party of any motion, petition, or pleading, whichever occurs first. The rules further provide that on the same day a paper certificate is served, the party filing it must also complete the court's web-based certificate at the "Electronic Filing" link of the court's website, www.ca11.uscourts.gov, by electronically providing the information required for that form. Only the ticker symbols for publicly traded corporations that are listed on the paper CIP must be entered in the web-based

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Sincerely,

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