IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:	:	Chapter 11
AMERICAN BANKNOTE CORPORATION,	:	Case No. 05-10174 ( )
Debtor.	:	

AFFIDAVIT OF BARRY ECKENTHAL AND DISCLOSURE PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §§ 327(a), 328(a) AND 504 AND FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 2014(a)

STATE OF NEW JERSEY)
)ss:
COUNTY OF ESSEX)

I, Barry Eckenthal, being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. I am a Certified Public Accountant and a partner of Friedman LLP ("Friedman" or the "Firm"), a professional services firm with offices located at 100 Eagle Rock Avenue, East Hanover, New Jersey 07936. I submit this affidavit on behalf of Friedman in support of the motion of the above-captioned debtor, for entry of an order authorizing the retention and employment of Friedman as auditors to the above-captioned debtor (the "Motion"). I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein, and if called as a witness, would testify competently thereto.

2. The Debtor has selected Friedman as its auditors as it has a pre-existing relationship with the Debtor as set forth below.

3. The Debtor has previously employed Friedman as its auditors. Friedman's predecessor Ehrenkrantz Sterling & Co. LLC has provided auditing services for the Debtor since 2001. On December 10, 2004, the Debtor selected Friedman to perform the auditing work required by the Debtor for the year ending December 31, 2004. As is customary for companies

such as the Debtor, the Debtor has an agreement with Freidman to perform auditing services for the Debtor based upon actual hours spent in connection with such services as stated in the engagement letter dated December 10, 2004 (the "Engagement Letter"), which is attached to the Motion as Exhibit A.

4. By virtue of its prior engagements, Friedman is familiar with the books, records, financial information and other data maintained by the Debtor and is qualified to continue to provide auditing services to the Debtor. As such, retaining Friedman is an efficient and cost effective manner in which the Debtor may obtain the requisite services.

5. The Debtor anticipates that Friedman may render the following services in this case:

i. Audit the Debtor's financial statements;

ii. Analysis of accounting issues and advice to the Debtor's management regarding the proper accounting treatment of events; and

iii. Performance of other services for the Debtor as may be necessary or desirable.

6. Subject to this Court's approval of the Motion, Friedman is willing to serve as the Debtor's auditors and to perform the services described above.

7. Based upon information supplied by the Debtor and Debtor's counsel, Friedman searched its client database to identify any connection or relationship with the Debtor or other parties-in-interest. The names searched by Freidman are set forth in Exhibit A hereto.

8. Friedman does not hold or represent an interest adverse to the estate that would impair Friedman's ability to objectively perform professional services for the Debtor, in accordance with § 327 of the Bankruptcy Code.

9. Friedman is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in §101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by § 1107(b).

10. To the best of my knowledge, (a) Friedman has no connections with the creditors, any other party-in-interest, or their respective attorneys and accountants; and (b) the Friedman's partners and professionals working on this matter are not relatives of the United States Trustee of the District of Delaware or of any known employee in the office thereof.

11. Friedman has not provided, and will not provide, any professional services to any of the creditors, other parties-in-interest, or their respective attorneys and accountants with regard to any matter related to this case.

12. As part of its practice, Friedman appears in many cases, proceedings, and transactions involving many different law firms, financial consultants, and investment bankers in matters unrelated to this chapter 11 proceeding. Friedman has not identified any material relationships or connections with any law firm, financial consultant of investment banker involved in this chapter 11 case that would cause it to be adverse to the Debtor, the Debtor's estate, any creditor or any other party-in-interest.

13. If and when additional information becomes available with respect to any other relationships, which may exist between Friedman, or its partners and professionals and the Debtor, creditors, or any other parties-in-interest which may affect this case, supplemental affidavits describing such information shall be filed with this Court.

14. Friedman has received $21,000 for its prepetition services. Friedman is not a prepetition creditor of the Debtor's estate.

15. Friedman fees for the auditing services described herein will be based upon actual hours spent at the Firm's standard hourly rates as set forth in the Engagement Letter attached to the Motion as Exhibit A. Friedman's fees range from $100 for staff to $300 for partners.

16. Friedman will also seek reimbursement for necessary expenses incurred, which shall include travel, photocopying, delivery service, postage, vendor charges and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred in providing professional services.

17. All of Friedman's fees and expenses in this case will be subject to approval of the Court upon proper application by Friedman in accordance with § 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2016, the Local Bankruptcy Rules of this Court and any orders of the Court, the fee and expense guidelines established by the United States Trustee and all other applicable requirements. Friedman has agreed to accept as compensation such sums as may be allowed by the Court. Friedman understands that fee awards are subject to approval by this Court.

18. Pursuant to §§ 105(a) and 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtor is seeking approval of Friedman's retention as auditor without Friedman being required, in its invoices and applications submitted pursuant to §§ 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, to (i) submit detailed billing statements and (ii) report the time incurred by Friedman's professionals in tenths of an hour increments. Rather, Friedman's time summary will provide the following information: (a) the aggregate number of hours worked by each professional over the applicable time period, (b) the hourly rate charged by such professional, (c) the total fees due to Friedman with respect to the audit services, and (d) a brief description of the audit services performed by Freidman over the applicable time period.

19. Given the nature of the audit services to be provided by Freidman, such time detail will be sufficient for the Debtor and other parties-in-interest to make an informed judgment regarding the nature and appropriateness of the auditing fees.

20. Moreover, requiring Friedman to submit detailed time records for non-bankruptcy related auditing services would unduly burden the estate and Freidman. Professionals that provide similar services in the ordinary course of the Debtor's business do not generally file fee applications and do not record their time in tenths of an hour. Furthermore, Friedman, when providing audit services to clients outside of chapter 11, does not record its time and services in tenths of an hour, but rather in the summary format proposed.

21. There is no agreement or understanding between Friedman and any other entity, other than a member, partner or regular associate of Friedman, for the sharing of compensation received or to be received for services rendered in connection with this proceeding.

Barry Eckenthal

Giovanna Ruggiero
Sworn and subscribed to before
me this 18th day of January, 2005

GIOVANNA RUGGIERO
NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES SEPT 23, 2008

Exhibit A

Debtor:
American Banknote Corporation

Non-Debtor Affiliates:
ABN CBA, Inc.
ABN Government Services, Inc.
ABN Investments, Inc.
ABN South America, Inc.
American Bank Note Company
American Bank Note Ltd.
American Banknote Australasia Holdings, Inc.
American Banknote Card Services, Inc.
American Banknote Corporation, Intl.
American Banknote Merchant Services, Inc.
CPS Technologies, S.A.
Transtex S.A.
USBC Capital Corp.

Current Officers and Directors of Debtor:
James Dondero
Patrick J. Gentile
C. Gerald Goldsmith
David M. Kober
Elaine Lazaridis
Sidney Levy
Lloyd I. Miller
Steven G. Singer
Raymond L. Steele
Steven Van Dyke
Craig Weiner

Know Beneficial Holders of Senior Notes:
A. G. Edwards & Sons Inc.
Ada B. Duly & Douglas S. Duly
Arnold E. Peterson & Vera Marie Peterson
Bay Harbour 90-1 Ltd.
Bay Harbour Partners Ltd.
Becker & Co.
Bernard Jay Ellis
Bernard S. Selber & Mildred Selber Ttees Selber Family Tr.
Carl E. Wise
Cede & Co.
Charles V. Meecke, Anna Belle Meecke, C. V. Meecke
Crowell Weedon & Co.
D Quant Fund LLC

Dail Elizabeth Miller
Denver W. Schubert
Dorothy M. Miller
Dorothy Singer Ira
Duane M. Gibson & Barbara Belle Gibson
E. Blaine Bowlin & Elizabeth M. Bowlin
Edmund J. Ensman Tr.
Edward C. Anderson & Myrle M. Anderson
Edward D. Jones & Co.
Edward J. Manak & Marie B. Manak
Edwin Goldstein & Francis Goldstein
Eldon L. Knuth & Margret I. Knuth, Knuth Family Trust
Eleanor Silverstein
Elise Henry
Erma Mae Yeagley
Ernest W. Steelman
Etka Liebowitz & Rifka Liebowitz
First Clearing Corporation
First Clearing LLC
First Southwest Company
Fiserv Securities Inc.
Floyd Burford & Sylvia T. Burford
Gary K. Wilson
George Brouzas & Mary Brouzas
Hare & Co.
Harry Humphrey Madley, Harry Madley
Harvey J. Amster
Highland Capital Management L.P.
Howard Overfield Tr
HSBC Holdings PLC
Idsisi & Co
Jack Haber & Tomiko Haber
James D. Maddalena & Eunice M. Maddalena
Jerome Yutkowitz & Marian Yutkowitz
Joan E. Briody
Joan Wright
John P. Kirkpatrick
Joseph J. Mansfield
Joseph L. Becker & Mary Ann Becker
Julia Ann Dagenais
Julie Ann Owens
Ken Mercer & Julie Mercer
Kimberley S. Miller
Larry L. Hunt & Mary Ellen Contone-Hunt
Lehman Brothers Inc.
Leroy R. Cates & Bonnie J. Cates

Leslie S. Fishler & Meredith Karen Laskow
Lettie L. Pence-Norton
Lewis L. Wright Jr., Gloria Wright
Lillian Morlee
Lindberch Gang Low & Rose Yee Low Low Family Trust
Lloyd I. Miller
Lloyd Miller
Lloyd Miller III
Lloyd I. Miller III IRA
Lloyd I. Miller III & Alexandra Miller
Lloyd I. Miller III & Catherine C. Miller
Lloyd I. Miller III & Kimberley Miller Co. Ttees UA With Lloyd I Miller III
Lloyd I. Miller III & Kimberley S. Miller
Lloyd I. Miller III & Martin G. Miller
Lloyd I. Miller III & Martin G. Miller Co. Ttees Lloyd Crider Generation
Lloyd I. Miller III Cust Lloyd IV
Lloyd I. Miller III Pension
Lloyd I. Miller III Trustee Lloyd I. Miller III Generation
Lloyd Miller Pension Plan
Louis D. Rusconi
Margaret K. Gillespie & Jack W Gillespie
Marilyn Windfeldt
Marion C. Halleck & Elizabeth Halleck
Milfam II
Milfam LLC
Morgan Stanley DW Inc.
Oppenheimer & Co. Inc.
Orlando J. Pellegrini & Gloria Eldorado & James V. Eldorado
Paul A. Schnuriger & Gertrud E. Schnuriger Ttee Schnuriger
Pershing LLC.
Piper Jaffray & Co.
Pollus Investments LLC
Pollux Investments LLC
Prudential Securities Inc.
Prudential Securities Incorporated
R. H. Gump & Edith M. Gump
Rae A. Sovel Ttee
Ralph C. Dorward
Ralph P. Belluomini & Agnes E. Belluomini
Raymond Wong & Eva Wong Jt Ten
RBC Dain Rauscher Inc.
Reba M. Ward
Roy R. Whetstone & Florence Whetstone
Sandra A. Forbis & Roger P. Forbis
Shea Gillespie
Southwest Securities Inc.

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Susan Coyle Hatch
T. J. Rizzo & Ruth D Rizzo
Thomas H. Watts
Trophy Hunter Investments Ltd.
Victor M. Epport & Harriet F. Epport
Vincent M. Ring & Etheline B. Ring
Wachovia Securities LLC
William H. Simmons & Mary Jane Simmons
William L. Norton
William Lavosky & A. O. Thomas Lavosky
Yeghia T. Nercessian Anahid Nercessian Tr
Zurich Master Hedge Fund

Significant Stock Holders (those holding more than 5%):
Bay Harbour 90-1 Ltd.
Bay Harbour Partners, Ltd.
Castor Investments, LLC
D Quant Fund LLC
Dail E. Miller IRA
Dorothy Miller
Foxglove & Co.
Kimberley S. Miller Trust
Highland Capital Management, L.P.
Lloyd I. Miller
Lloyd I Miller IRA
Lloyd I. Miller Pension Plan
Milfam II, L.P.
Milfam LLC
Pollux Investments, LLC
Pollux Investments, LLC-D. Singer IRA as Nominee
Remus Holdings, LLC as nominee for Pollux Investments, LLC
Singer Childrens Mgt trust-held as nominee for Pollux Investments, LLC
Singer Childrens Mgt Trust-held as nominee for Pollux Investments, LLC-PIK
Steven Van Dyke, Ann Van Dyke
Trophy Hunter Investments, Ltd.

Ad Hoc Committee of Note Holders:
Bay Harbour 90-1 Ltd.
Bay Harbour Partners, Ltd.
Castor Investments, LLC
D Quant Fund LLC
Dail E. Miller IRA
Dorothy Miller
Kimberley S. Miller Trust
Lloyd I. Miller

Lloyd I Miller IRA
Lloyd I. Miller Pension Plan
Milfam II, L.P.
Milfam LLC
Pollux Inestments, LLC
Pollux Investments, LLC-D. Singer IRA as Nominee
Remus Holdings, LLC as nominee for Pollux Investments, LLC
Singer Childrens Mgt trust-held as nominee for Pollux Investments, LLC
Singer Childrens Mgt Trust-held as nominee for Pollux Investments, LLC-PIK
Steven Van Dyke, Ann Van Dyke
Trophy Hunter Investments, Ltd.

Indenture Trustee for Senior Notes:
HSBC Bank USA

Counter Parties to Material Contracts:
Patrick Gentile
Gerhard Hennig
Sussane Jonas
Marie Parente
Patricia Reddy
Patrick Reddy
Steven Singer
Morris Weissman
Roslyn Weitzen
Banc of America Commercial Finance Corporation
WIT Servicos Technicos de Engenharia LTDA

All Parties Listed on Debtor's Schedules:
Sheldon Cantor
Patrick J. Gentile
David M. Kober
Kent Kurkiewicz
Elaine Lazaridis
Anne Marie Lisa
Deborah M. Scarnati
Amim von Schwedler
Steven G. Singer
Craig D. Weiner
Morris Weissman
Arch Insurance Group
AT&T Wireless
Axis Financial Solutions
Banc of America
Federal Insurance Company
Globix Corporation

Great Northern Insurance Co.
Liberty Insurance Underwriters, Inc.
National Fire Insurance Co. of Pittsburgh
North River Insurance Company
Pitney Bowes
Syndicate #3030 Lloyds of London
Time Warner Cable
United States Fire Insurance Co.
Verizon
Verizon Wireless Service Contract
Westport Insurance Corp.
WIT Servicos Tecnicos de Engeharia Ltds.
Xerox Corporation