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EXCITED ABOUT DESTINATION DESTINATION IS A COMPANY WITH AN ICONIC BRAND PORTFOLIO AND SIGNIFICANT UPSIDE POTENTIAL 4MM BIRTHS ANNUALLY AND 75% OF FIRST TIME MOMS SHOP WITH DESTINATION MATERNITY 1 SIGNIFICANT MARKET SHARE (~65%), HIGH GROSS MARGINS (~52%) AND STRONG BRAND RECOGNITION (85% AIDED AWARENESS) DESTINATION MATERNITY IS A COMPANY WITH SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL WE HAVE STUDIED THE COMPANY FOR OVER TWO YEARS: VISITED STORES, CANVASSED CUSTOMERS -- MET WITH MANY GREAT STORE MANAGERS MET WITH BOARD AND OUTSIDE ADVISORS OF THE COMPANY ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS WE PRESENTED A ROAD MAP TO BOARD FOR COST CUTTING AND SALES GROWTH WE HAVE A ROBUST PLAN TO RECLAIM SHAREHOLDER VALUE AND GET THE COMPANY BACK TO HISTORICAL EBITDA, SALES AND SHARE PRICE WE WILL DO THIS BEGINNING WITH OUR VETTED COST CUTTING PLAN (~\$20MM SAVINGS IN 12 MONTHS AND SALES PLAN \$20MM IN 12 MONTHS) 1 Based on company profile posted 4/3/2018 on the Company's Investor Relations website

CHANGE IS NEEDED AT DESTINATION MATERNITY

BOARD HAS FAILED LAST THREE YEARS: STOCK PRICE -84% FROM \$15.44 TO \$2.38 BOOK VALUE -67% FROM \$9.25 TO \$2.95 REVENUE -21% (\$111MM) FROM \$517MM TO \$406MM EBITDA -65% FROM \$36.8MM TO \$13.0MM; AND NET INCOME OF +\$10.7MM TO NET LOSS OF -\$10.2MM (GAAP NET LOSS OF -\$21.6MM) CASH OF +\$13MM -\$48MM TO NET DEBT OF -\$35MM COMPANY FAILED TO EXECUTE ON THE BUSINESS, FAILED AT A "TURNAROUND". NO PLAN AND NO STRATEGIC VISION

STOCK PRICE -84%² MARKET CAP -80%² ²Based on closing share price of Common Stock as of fiscal year end 2014 (\$15.44) and fiscal year end 2017 (\$2.39) OVER THE LAST 3 YEARS

BOOK VALUE -67%³ REVENUE -\$111MM⁴ ³ Based on the book value of \$125.5 million and 13.5 million shares outstanding as of September 30, 2014 (end of fiscal year 2014) and book value of \$40.7 million and 13.8 million shares outstanding as of February 3, 2018 (end of fiscal year 2017), as reported in the Company's 10-Ks ⁴ Based on the Company's revenue and net income (using the Company's adjusted net income) for the year ended September 30, 2014 (fiscal year 2014) and for the year ended February 3, 2018 (fiscal year 2017), as reported in the Company's 10-Ks OVER THE LAST 3 YEARS

EBITDA -65%⁴ NET INCOME -\$20MM⁴ ⁴Based on the Company's Adjusted EBITDA and net income (using the Company's adjusted net income) for the year ended September 30, 2014 (fiscal year 2014) and for the year ended February 3, 2018 (fiscal year 2017), as reported in the Company's 10-Ks OVER THE LAST 3 YEARS

NET CASH -\$48MM⁴ COMPROMISED LIQUIDITY POSITION ⁴Based on the Company's Adjusted EBITDA and net income (using the Company's adjusted net income) for the year ended September 30, 2014 (fiscal year 2014) and for the year ended February 3, 2018 (fiscal year 2017), as reported in the Company's 10-Ks OVER THE LAST 3 YEARS

HIGHEST SG&A OF PEER GROUP Highest SG&A Ratio Of Peers Average SG&A Ratio Of 34% Among The
Lowest Net Profit Margin Of Peers Based on respective company 10-Ks for fiscal year 2016; peer group named in the
Company's 2017 annual meeting

OPERATING RESULTS DETERIORATING Record High SG&A Ratio in 2017 Up 220bps YOY to 53.8% Board Lacks Credibility On Returning To Revenue Growth & Cutting Costs Despite Their Repeated Claims Of Doing So Based on Destination Maternity 10-Qs and 10-Ks

BOARD MISSED ITS OWN INCENTIVE EBITDA TARGETS FOR THE LAST SEVEN YEARS FY18 TARGET LOWER THAN FY17 TARGET WHILE GUIDED TO \$10MM--\$11MM IN COST TAKEOUT AND IMPROVED PROFITABILITY OVERPROMISE AND UNDERDELIVER Average Miss Of \$9MM Or 24% Implies Just \$13MM-\$16MM For FY18 Note: Goals were established in April of 2017 and 2018 (Already one quarter into the fiscal year) Note: This MIP “target” is from the proxy statement and differs from the 30%-45% growth target of \$16.9mm-\$18.9mm announced on the 4/19/18 earnings call MIP EBITDA TARGETS

Note: As of closest month end to company FY end (1/31/18, 1/31/17, 1/30/15, 1/31/13); using all trading days rather than ending stock price does not materially change the result (intended to reduce point-to-point stock price volatility) Based on October 2017 ISS Report, DQYDJ.COM, Yahoo Finance ISS DECLARED THE COMPANY'S PERFORMANCE IN RECENT YEARS "WOEFUL" 5 "WOEFUL" TOTAL SHAREHOLDER RETURNS CUMULATIVE TOTAL SHAREHOLDER RETURNS (TSR) 1 YEAR 3 YEAR 5 YEAR Destination Maternity -55% -82% -87% Russell 3000 ETF 25% 48% 104% ANNUALIZED TOTAL SHAREHOLDER RETURNS (TSR) 1 YEAR 3 YEAR 5 YEAR Destination Maternity -55% -44% -34% Russell 3000 ETF 25% 14% 15% 5 October 2017 ISS Report

FAILED EXECUTION OF A “TURNAROUND” FINANCIAL METRICS SHOW FAILURE BOARD RESPONDED WITH A TURNAROUND PLAN THAT HAS FAILED EXECUTING ON ITS “TURNAROUND PLAN” FOR OVER 3 YEARS CLEARLY NO CREDIBLE TURNAROUND PLAN AS THE COMPANY HAS: NOT PROVIDED SHAREHOLDERS WITH AN IDENTIFIED LIST OF COST AND REVENUE ITEMS NOT ANNOUNCED OPERATING OR FINANCIAL METRICS TO MEASURE TURNAROUND NOT SET A TIMELINE

BOOK VALUE DURING “TURNAROUND PLAN” BOOK VALUE FROM \$125MM TO \$41MM SINCE 2014
BOOK VALUE FROM OVER \$9.00 TO \$3.00 6Based on the book value of \$125.5 million and 13.5 million shares outstanding as of September 30, 2014 and book value of \$40.7 million and 13.8 million shares outstanding as of February 3,, 2018 (end of fiscal year 2017), as reported in the Company’s 10-Ks

A RUDDERLESS SHIP CAN'T CHANGE COURSE LACK OF STRATEGIC VISION--LOSSES ACCELERATED SINCE THE LAST PROXY FIGHT 8 MONTHS SINCE COMPANY HAD A PERMANENT CEO (SEPTEMBER 7, 2017) 12 MONTHS + SINCE A PERMANENT CEO ADDRESSED SHAREHOLDERS (Q1-17 EARNINGS CALL) YET BOARD CLAIMS TO BE IMPROVING PROFITABILITY AND PROTECTING SHAREHOLDER VALUE Last Proxy Fight Last Proxy Fight Based on Destination Maternity 10-Qs and 10-Ks

WE GAVE THE BOARD A ROADMAP--THEY FAILED TO ACT COST REDUCTIONS OF 5% CUTS SG&A FROM ~\$220MM TO ~\$200MM --- \$20MM DROPS TO THE BOTTOM LINE NET PRICING INCREASE OF 5% RAISES REVENUE FROM ~\$400MM TO ~\$420MM ---\$20MM DROPS TO THE BOTTOM LINE RESULTS IN: RAISE EBIT/EBITDA MARGINS BY 10% RAISE EBIT/EBITDA BY \$40MM INCREASE CASH FLOW BY ~\$40MM INCREASE NET INCOME BY ~\$30MM INCREASE INCREMENTAL EPS BY ~\$2.00 IMPLIES \$16-\$20+ INCREASE TO FAIR VALUE OF STOCK PRICE BASED ON COMPS (10X EPS, 6X EBITDA) Based on 2018 multiples for NYSE: ANF, AEO, TPR, EXPR, GPS, KORS, LB and NASDAQ: LULU, PLCE, URBN

RECORD OF DISQUALIFYING CORPORATE GOVERNANCE BOARD HAS FAILED TO ALIGN EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION WITH PERFORMANCE BOARD HAS FAILED TO APPOINT A PERMANENT CEO FOR ALMOST 8 MONTHS BOARD REFUSED TO COMMIT TO THE USE OF A UNIVERSAL PROXY CARD COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD WAS CHANGED THREE TIMES IN A TWO-WEEK PERIOD AFTER DEADLINE HAD PASSED FOR NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO BOARD COMPANY DELAYED DELIVERY OF THE STOCKHOLDER LISTS BOARD SIGNED A ONE-SIDED CONTRACT GIVING ORCHESTRA THE ABILITY TO EXPAND BOARD TO ADD DIRECTORS WITHOUT BEING ACCOUNTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS AT ANNUAL MEETING Based on the Company's 10-K and press releases

WE HAVE A CREDIBLE PLAN TO RESTORE SHAREHOLDER VALUE

BOARD SPENT 9 MONTHS LOSING -\$20MM, WHILE DECLARING THEY HAVE TAKEN SWIFT AND DECISIVE ACTIONS TO PROTECT YOUR INVESTMENT BOARD HAS LOST ALL CREDIBILITY WE HAVE SPENT 9 MONTHS BUILDING AND DEVELOPING: A WELL REASONED AND DETAILED BUSINESS PLAN (30, 100, 180 DAY PLANS) STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND A COMPREHENSIVE COST TAKEOUT PLAN A TRANSITION PLAN TO MINIMIZE BUSINESS DISRUPTION A MANAGEMENT CONTINUITY PLAN INCLUDING A HIGHLY QUALIFIED CEO CANDIDATE QUALIFIED AND CREDIBLE ADDITIONS TO THE MANAGEMENT TEAM OUR ROBUST TURNAROUND PLAN

OUR TURNAROUND PLAN GROW SALES DRIVE GROWTH VIA THOUGHTFUL, STRATEGIC PLAN
CATEGORY EXPANSION TO INCREASE SALES AND TRAFFIC LEVERAGE DATA ANALYTICS TO FUEL
ONLINE GROWTH OPTIMIZE LOYALTY PROGRAM TO DRIVE CONVERSION SEAMLESS
OMNI-DISTRIBUTION CHANNELS RE-INVIGORATE PARTNERSHIP REVENUE RIGHT-SIZE COST
STRUCTURE ALIGN COST STRUCTURE WITH REVENUE RIGHT-SIZE INVENTORY, INCREASE
CONVERSION MAXIMIZE ALL-IMPORTANT SHIPPING PROFITS USE DATA ANALYTICS TO
STRATEGICALLY IMPROVE MARGINS AND PRUNE UNPROFITABLE REVENUE

OUR TURNAROUND PLAN INVESTOR COMMUNICATIONS FREQUENT, TRANSPARENT DISCLOSURES
AND COMMUNICATION WITH SHAREHOLDERS DISCLOSE CHANNEL REVENUE STREAMS
INTERNALIZE IR FUNCTIONS BUILD STABLE SOURCES OF CAPITAL AND INCREASE INSTITUTIONAL
INVESTORS AS LONG-TERM PARTNERS ADD INVESTMENT BANK RESEARCH COVERAGE TO
IMPROVE LIQUIDITY, AWARENESS, AND VALUATION DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY PUBLISH A
FORMAL TURNAROUND PLAN IN FIRST 100 DAYS RESTORE BRAND AND SHAREHOLDER VALUE
HOLD ALL LEVELS ACCOUNTABLE FOR PERFORMANCE PAY FOR PERFORMANCE AT ALL LEVELS
SIGNIFICANT CONSEQUENCES IF TURNAROUND PLAN EXECUTION AND ACHIEVEMENT IS NOT MET

EXPERIENCED TEAM HOLLY N. ALDEN - 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE, MARKETING, BRANDING AND BUILDING LIFESTYLE COMPANIES INTO SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSES. CO-FOUNDER OF SKULLCANDY, CO-FOUNDER OF STANCE SOCKS INC., PARTNER AT NATIONAL SNOWBOARD INC. CHRISTOPHER B. MORGAN – 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE, EQUITY ANALYST/INVESTOR, ADVISING C-SUITE EXECUTIVES OF PUBLIC RETAILERS. KINGDON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.L.C., CENTERLINE INVESTMENTS PARTNERS, KARSH CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, COPPER BEECH CAPITAL MANAGEMENT. ANNE-CHARLOTTE WINDAL – 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE, CONSULTANT/RETAIL EXECUTIVE DRIVING STRATEGIC GROWTH AND INNOVATION. ACW CONSULTING, BERNSTEIN RESEARCH, THE NERVE GROUP, NEW YORK & COMPANY, L BRANDS. MARLA A. RYAN – 25 YEARS EXPERIENCE, RETAIL EXECUTIVE WITH FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES BUILDING MULTICHANNEL LIFESTYLE BRANDS. LANDS' END, J.CREW, INC., BROOKS BROTHERS, AMERICAN EAGLE OUTFITTERS, ABERCROMBIE & FITCH, GAP, INC. HIGHLY QUALIFIED NOMINEES WILL EXECUTE OUR PLAN MATERNITY RETAILER SHOULD HAVE APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATION ON BOARD

CONCLUSION THE LAST 3 YEARS... STOCK PRICE FELL -80% BOOK VALUE FELL -67% REVENUE FELL -21% NET CASH FELL -\$48MM \$10MM PROFIT FELL TO \$22MM LOSS EXPENSES (SG&A MARGIN) INCREASED 5.30% ...IN CONTRAST TO NEXT 3 YEARS CUT COSTS (SG&A MARGIN) BY 5% IN NEAR-TERM, 10% OVER LONG-TERM WITH BENEFIT OF REVENUE LEVERAGE INCREASE REVENUE 25% OVER LONG-TERM THROUGH CATEGORY EXPANSION AND PRICING INCREASE SHARE PRICE AND INSTITUTIONAL OWNERSHIP RETURN TO HISTORIC PROFITABILITY

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