

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 13G**  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

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Newcastle Investment Corp.  
(Name of Issuer)

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Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share  
(Title of Class of Securities)

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65105M108  
(CUSIP Number)

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December 7, 2009  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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**1** NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  
 Appaloosa Investment Limited Partnership I

**2** CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
 (a)   
 (b)

**3** SEC USE ONLY

**4** CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
 Delaware

<b>NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH</b>	<b>5</b>	SOLE VOTING POWER -0-
	<b>6</b>	SHARED VOTING POWER 1,109,019
	<b>7</b>	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-
	<b>8</b>	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,109,019

**9** AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
 1,109,019

**10** CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

**11** PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
 2.10%

**12** TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
 PN

<b>1</b>	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  Palomino Fund Ltd.
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<b>2</b>	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (a) <input type="checkbox"/>  (b) <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>3</b>	SEC USE ONLY
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<b>4</b>	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  British Virgin Islands
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<b>NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH</b>	<b>5</b>	SOLE VOTING POWER -0-
	<b>6</b>	SHARED VOTING POWER 1,620,871
	<b>7</b>	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-
	<b>8</b>	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,620,871

<b>9</b>	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  1,620,871
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<b>10</b>	CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>11</b>	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  3.06%
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<b>12</b>	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  CO
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**1** NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS  
 I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  
 Thoroughbred Fund L.P.

**2** CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
 (a)   
 (b)

**3** SEC USE ONLY

**4** CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
 Delaware

<b>NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH</b>	<b>5</b>	SOLE VOTING POWER -0-
	<b>6</b>	SHARED VOTING POWER 366,370
	<b>7</b>	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-
	<b>8</b>	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 366,370

**9** AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
 366,370

**10** CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

**11** PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  
 0.69%

**12** TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
 PN

<b>1</b>	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  Thoroughbred Master Ltd.
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<b>2</b>	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (a) <input type="checkbox"/>  (b) <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>4</b>	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  British Virgin Islands
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<b>NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH</b>	<b>5</b>	SOLE VOTING POWER -0-
	<b>6</b>	SHARED VOTING POWER 382,550
	<b>7</b>	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-
	<b>8</b>	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 382,550

<b>9</b>	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  382,550
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<b>10</b>	CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>11</b>	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  0.72%
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<b>12</b>	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  CO
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<b>1</b>	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  Appaloosa Management L.P.
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<b>2</b>	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (a) <input type="checkbox"/>  (b) <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>3</b>	SEC USE ONLY
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<b>4</b>	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  Delaware
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<b>NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH</b>	<b>5</b>	SOLE VOTING POWER -0-
	<b>6</b>	SHARED VOTING POWER 3,478,810
	<b>7</b>	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-
	<b>8</b>	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 3,478,810

<b>9</b>	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  3,478,810
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<b>10</b>	CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>11</b>	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  6.58%
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<b>12</b>	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  PN
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<b>1</b>	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  Appaloosa Partners Inc.
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<b>2</b>	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (a) <input type="checkbox"/>  (b) <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>3</b>	SEC USE ONLY
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<b>4</b>	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  Delaware
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<b>NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH</b>	<b>5</b>	SOLE VOTING POWER -0-
	<b>6</b>	SHARED VOTING POWER 3,478,810
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	<b>8</b>	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 3,478,810

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<b>10</b>	CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>11</b>	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  6.58%
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<b>12</b>	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  CO
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<b>1</b>	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)  David A. Tepper
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<b>2</b>	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (a) <input type="checkbox"/>  (b) <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>3</b>	SEC USE ONLY
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<b>4</b>	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  United States
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<b>NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH</b>	<b>5</b>	SOLE VOTING POWER -0-
	<b>6</b>	SHARED VOTING POWER 3,478,810
	<b>7</b>	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-
	<b>8</b>	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 3,478,810

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<b>11</b>	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)  6.58%
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<b>12</b>	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  IN
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**Item 1. (a) Name of Issuer**

Newcastle Investment Corp.

**Item 1. (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices**

1345 Avenue of the Americas – 46<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10105

**Item 2. (a) Name of Person Filing**

This statement is being filed by and on behalf of Appaloosa Investment Limited Partnership I (“AILP”), Palomino Fund Ltd. (“Palomino”), Thoroughbred Fund L.P. (“TFLP”), Thoroughbred Master Ltd. (“TML”), Appaloosa Management L.P. (“AMLP”), Appaloosa Partners Inc. (“API”) and David A. Tepper (“Mr. Tepper” and, together with AILP, Palomino, TFLP, TML, AMLP and API, the “Reporting Persons”). Mr. Tepper is the sole stockholder and the President of API. API is the general partner of, and Mr. Tepper owns a majority of the limited partnership interest in, AMLP. AMLP is the general partner of AILP and TFLP, and acts as investment advisor to Palomino and TML.

**Item 2. (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence**

The business address of each of the Reporting Persons is c/o Appaloosa Management L.P., 51 John F. Kennedy Parkway, Short Hills, New Jersey 07078.

**Item 2. (c) Citizenship**

AILP is a Delaware limited partnership. Palomino is a British Virgin Islands corporation. TFLP is a Delaware limited partnership. TML is a British Virgin Islands corporation. AMLP is a Delaware limited partnership. API is a Delaware corporation. Mr. Tepper is a citizen of the United States.

**Item 2. (d) Title of Class of Securities**

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share.

**Item 2. (e) CUSIP Number**

65105M108

**Item 3. If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:**

- (a)  Broker or dealer registered under section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o);
- (b)  Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (c)  Insurance company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c);
- (d)  Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8);
- (e)  An investment adviser in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f)  An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g)  A parent holding company or control person in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h)  A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);
- (i)  A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);
- (j)  A non-U.S. institution in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
- (k)  Group, in accordance with §240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K);

Not applicable as this Schedule 13G is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c).

**Item 4. Ownership**

The percentages set forth in this Item 4 are based on there being 52,905,335 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of November 4, 2009, as disclosed in Newcastle Investment Corp.'s Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2009 (filed November 9, 2009).

AILP:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 1,109,019
- (b) Percent of class: 2.10%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 1,109,019
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition: 1,109,019

Palomino:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 1,620,871
- (b) Percent of class: 3.06%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 1,620,871
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition: 1,620,871

TFLP:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 366,370
- (b) Percent of class: 0.69%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 366,370
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition: 366,370

TML:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 382,550
- (b) Percent of class: 0.72%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 382,550
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition: 382,550

AMLP:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 3,478,810
- (b) Percent of class: 6.58%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 3,478,810
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition: 3,478,810

API:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 3,478,810
- (b) Percent of class: 6.58%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 3,478,810
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition: 3,478,810

Mr. Tepper:

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 3,478,810
- (b) Percent of class: 6.58%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: -0-
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 3,478,810
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition: -0-
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition: 3,478,810

**Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class**

Not Applicable.

**Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person**

Not Applicable.

**Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company**

Not Applicable.

**Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group**

Not Applicable.

**Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group**

Not Applicable.

**Item 10. Certification**

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: December 17, 2009

APPALOOSA INVESTMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP I

By: APPALOOSA MANAGEMENT L.P., Its General Partner

By: APPALOOSA PARTNERS INC., Its General Partner

By: /s/ David A. Tepper  
Name: David A. Tepper  
Title: President

PALOMINO FUND LTD.

By: APPALOOSA MANAGEMENT L.P., Its Investment Advisor

By: APPALOOSA PARTNERS INC., Its General Partner

By: /s/ David A. Tepper  
Name: David A. Tepper  
Title: President

THOROUGHBRED FUND L.P.

By: APPALOOSA MANAGEMENT L.P., Its General Partner

By: APPALOOSA PARTNERS INC., Its General Partner

By: /s/ David A. Tepper  
Name: David A. Tepper  
Title: President

THOROUGHBRED MASTER LTD.

By: APPALOOSA MANAGEMENT L.P., Its Investment Advisor

By: APPALOOSA PARTNERS INC., Its General Partner

By: /s/ David A. Tepper  
Name: David A. Tepper  
Title: President

APPALOOSA MANAGEMENT L.P.

By: APPALOOSA PARTNERS INC., Its General Partner

By: /s/ David A. Tepper  
Name: David A. Tepper  
Title: President

APPALOOSA PARTNERS INC.

By: /s/ David A. Tepper  
Name: David A. Tepper  
Title: President

/s/ David A. Tepper  
David A. Tepper

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EXHIBIT A

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JOINT FILING AGREEMENT  
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The undersigned agree that the foregoing Statement on Schedule 13G (including any and all amendments thereto) is being filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on behalf of each of the undersigned pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k) under the Act and further agree that this Joint Filing Agreement be included as an Exhibit to such joint filings.

Dated: December 17, 2009

APPALOOSA INVESTMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP I

By: APPALOOSA MANAGEMENT L.P., Its General Partner

By: APPALOOSA PARTNERS INC., Its General Partner

By: /s/ David A. Tepper  
Name: David A. Tepper  
Title: President

PALOMINO FUND LTD.

By: APPALOOSA MANAGEMENT L.P., Its Investment Advisor

By: APPALOOSA PARTNERS INC., Its General Partner

By: /s/ David A. Tepper  
Name: David A. Tepper  
Title: President

THOROUGHBRED FUND L.P.

By: APPALOOSA MANAGEMENT L.P., Its General Partner

By: APPALOOSA PARTNERS INC., Its General Partner

By: /s/ David A. Tepper  
Name: David A. Tepper  
Title: President

THOROUGHBRED MASTER LTD.

By: APPALOOSA MANAGEMENT L.P., Its Investment Advisor

By: APPALOOSA PARTNERS INC., Its General Partner

By: /s/ David A. Tepper  
Name: David A. Tepper  
Title: President

APPALOOSA MANAGEMENT L.P.

By: APPALOOSA PARTNERS INC., Its General Partner

By: /s/ David A. Tepper  
Name: David A. Tepper  
Title: President

APPALOOSA PARTNERS INC.

By: /s/ David A. Tepper  
Name: David A. Tepper  
Title: President

/s/ David A. Tepper  
David A. Tepper