

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Vranos Michael W</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 53 FOREST AVENUE (Street) OLD GREENWICH CT 06870 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Ellington Financial LLC [EFC]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Co-Chief Investment Officer
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/01/2012	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common shares	08/01/2012		j ⁽¹⁾		11,045	A	\$0.00	2,373,136	I	See Footnote ⁽²⁾
Common shares								14,294 ⁽³⁾	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Vranos Michael W</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 53 FOREST AVENUE (Street) OLD GREENWICH CT 06870 (City) (State) (Zip)		
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>VC INVESTMENTS LLC</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 53 FOREST AVE (Street) OLD GREENWICH CT 06870 (City) (State) (Zip)		
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Explanation of Responses:

- The shares were issued in connection with the second quarter 2012 incentive fee payable to Ellington Financial Management LLC ("EFM"), the issuer's manager, pursuant to a management agreement between the issuer and EFM.
- The shares are owned indirectly by each of Michael W. Vranos and VC Investments LLC ("VC"). Of the 2,373,136 shares indirectly beneficially owned by each of Michael W. Vranos and VC, 2,362,091

common shares are owned directly by EMG Holdings, L.P. ("EMGH") and 11,045 common shares are directly owned by EFM. VC is the general partner of EMGH and the managing member of EFM. Michael W. Vranos is the managing member of, and holds a controlling interest in, VC. Michael W. Vranos and VC together share the power to direct the voting and disposition of these common shares, and may be regarded as the beneficial owners of the common shares owned beneficially or of record by each other. Each of Michael W. Vranos and VC disclaims beneficial ownership of any common shares owned beneficially or of record by each other except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein.

3. Represents common shares owned directly by Michael W. Vranos.

Remarks:

In addition, Michael W. Vranos is the settlor of two trusts holding 500,000 and 109,000 common shares, respectively. Michael W. Vranos disclaims beneficial ownership of the common shares owned by the trusts.

/s/ Christopher C. Green,
attorney-in-fact for Michael W. Vranos 08/02/2012

/s/ Christopher C. Green,
attorney-in-fact for VC Investments LLC 08/02/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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