



BUSINESS UPDATES – 2022

from ECPN Board Chairman Doug Sanders

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I think most of us have heard the expression *No news is good news*. And while I tend to believe that's usually true... I'll tell you that it tests my patience to give the deal-making process the time it needs to get through the due diligence, the deal points and terms, and the paperwork. That said, we do have news and a few updates — just not, yet, the “big news” that I had hoped to share before Q4 of this year.

Here are a few updates related to what our JV partner and I — and my team of advisors — have been working on this past month.

- Our highest priority continues to be nailing down financing. We are in conversations with half a dozen individuals and groups — all of whom have presented scenarios for what a funding package could look like and how we can creatively monetize our asset in ways that will give us the working capital we need to start operations. As I've mentioned, we need to respect the process, provide the information that's requested, and evaluate the proposals and terms. It all takes time... and after so many stagnant years I know we all want to see us move forward to profitability. Please know that we are working — every day — to that end.

A few details I can share:

We had a meeting with potential funding sources in Los Angeles a few weeks ago. Those talks led to an invitation to present our plan in NYC in mid-October, if we haven't yet secured the funds we seek. (Sometimes this feels like *Shark Tank*... or *GOLDfishing*...)

We continue to be very optimistic and will share news and additional information when we have a firm commitment with terms that make sense for us — in both the short term and the long term.

- We continue to have discussions related to the best path to get our stock trading again. But, as I've mentioned in the past, that takes money. So that process won't begin until we've secured financing.
- We've cleaned up and consolidated our accounts with Wells Fargo and added additional points of contact as both back-up and 'checks and balances.'

If you haven't yet completed the Survey and updated your contact information, I encourage you to do so:

<https://www.elcapitanpmi.com/shareholder-survey/>

I appreciate the continued encouragement from shareholders and we will stay on task so that our October Business Update can offer more details on our progress and plans.

Doug

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