U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

In the Matter of the Application of: RAND CAPITAL CORPORATION, RAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC AND RAND CAPITAL SUB LLC

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APPLICATION FOR AN ORDER PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 17(d) AND 57(i) OF THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 AND RULE 17d-1 UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940 PERMITTING CERTAIN JOINT TRANSACTIONS OTHERWISE PROHIBITED BY SECTIONS 17(d) AND 57(a)(4) OF AND RULE 17d-1 UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940

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I. SUMMARY OF APPLICATION

The following entities hereby request an order (the "*Order*") of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "*SEC*" or "*Commission*") under Section 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "*1940 Act*"),¹ and Rule 17d-1, permitting certain joint transactions otherwise prohibited by Sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1 thereunder. The Order would supersede the exemptive order issued by the Commission on March 29, 2021 as amended by the Order issued on September 6, 2022 (the "*Prior Orders*")² that were granted pursuant to Sections 57(a)(4), 57(i) and Rule 17d-1 with the result that no person will continue to rely on the Prior Orders if the Order is granted.

- Rand Capital Corporation ("*Rand*"), a New York corporation that has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the 1940 Act. The investment adviser to Rand is RCM (as defined below).
- Callodine Specialty Income Fund ("CSIF" and together with Rand, the "Existing Regulated Funds"), a Delaware statutory trust that is a closed-end management investment company registered under the 1940 Act. The investment adviser to CSIF is Callodine Capital (as defined below).
- Rand Capital Management, LLC ("*RCM*") serves as the investment adviser to Rand and certain of the Existing Affiliated Funds (as defined below) and as a sub-adviser to CSIF, on behalf of itself and its successors.³ RCM is an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended (the "*Advisers Act*").
- Callodine Capital Management, LP ("*Callodine Capital*") serves as the investment adviser to CSIF and certain of the Existing Affiliated Funds, on behalf of itself and its successors. Callodine Capital is an investment adviser registered under the Advisers Act.
- Callodine Credit Management, LLC ("CCM") serves as the investment adviser to certain of the Existing Affiliated Funds and as a sub-adviser to CSIF, on behalf of
 itself and its successors. CCM is an exempt reporting adviser pursuant to Rule 203(m)-1 of the Advisers Act.

- Thorofare, LLC ("*Thorofare*" and together with RCM, Callodine Capital and CCM, the "*Existing Advisers*") serves as the investment adviser to certain of the Existing Affiliated Funds and as a sub-adviser to CSIF, on behalf of itself and its successors. Thorofare is an investment adviser registered under the Advisers Act. All of the Existing Advisers are under common control.
- Rand Capital Sub LLC (the "*Existing Wholly-Owned Subsidiary*"), which is a separate and distinct legal entity and is a Wholly-Owned Investment Sub (as defined below) of Rand.
- The investment vehicles identified on <u>Schedule A</u> hereto, each of which is a separate and distinct legal entity and each of which would be an investment company but for Section 3(c)(1) or Section 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act (the "*Existing Affiliated Funds*" and collectively with the Existing Regulated Funds, the Existing Advisers and the Existing Wholly-Owned Subsidiary, the "*Applicants*").⁴

⁴ All existing entities that currently intend to rely upon the requested Order have been named as Applicants. Any other existing or future entity that subsequently relies on the Order will comply with the terms and conditions of the Application.

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The relief requested in this application for the Order (the "*Application*") would allow a Regulated Fund⁵ and one or more Affiliated Entities⁶ to engage in Co-Investment Transactions⁷ subject to the terms and conditions described herein. The Regulated Funds and Affiliated Entities that participate in a Co-Investment Transaction are collectively referred to herein as "*Participants*."⁸ The Applicants do not seek relief for transactions effected consistent with Commission staff no-action positions?

In the case of a Wholly-Owned Investment Sub that does not have a chief compliance officer or a Board, the chief compliance officer and Board of the Regulated Fund that controls the Wholly-Owned Investment Sub will be deemed to serve those roles for the Wholly-Owned Investment Sub. In the case of a Joint Venture or a BDC Downstream Fund (as applicable) that does not have a chief compliance officer or a Board, the chief compliance officer of the Regulated Fund will be deemed to be the Joint Venture's or BDC Downstream Fund's chief compliance officer, and the Joint Venture's or BDC Downstream Fund's investment committee will be deemed to be the Joint Venture's or BDC Downstream Fund's investment Fund's Board.

⁶ "*Affiliated Entity*" means an entity not controlled by a Regulated Fund that intends to engage in Co-Investment Transactions and that is (a) with respect to a Regulated Fund, another Regulated Fund; (b) an Adviser or its affiliates (other than an open-end investment company registered under the 1940 Act), and any direct or indirect, wholly- or majority-owned subsidiary of an Adviser or its affiliates (other than of an open-end investment company registered under the 1940 Act), that is participating in a Co-Investment Transaction in a principal capacity; or (c) any entity that would be an investment company but for Section 3(c) of the 1940 Act or Rule 3a-7 thereunder and whose investment adviser is an Adviser.

To the extent that an entity described in clause (b) is not advised by an Adviser, such entity shall be deemed to be an Adviser for purposes of the conditions.

⁷ "Co-Investment Transaction" means the acquisition or Disposition of securities of an issuer in a transaction effected in reliance on the Order or previously granted relief.

⁸ "Adviser" means the Existing Advisers, and any other investment adviser controlling, controlled by, or under common control with an Existing Adviser. The term "Adviser" also includes any internally-managed Regulated Fund.

⁹ See, e.g., Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. (pub. avail. June 7, 2000), Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. (pub. avail. July 28, 2000) and SMC Capital, Inc. (pub. avail. Sept. 5, 1995).

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II. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE APPLICANTS

A. Existing Regulated Funds

Rand. Rand is an externally managed, closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the 1940 Act. Rand was organized as a corporation under the laws of the State of New York in February 1969, and completed its initial public offering in 1971. Rand has made an election to be treated as a regulated investment company ("*RIC*") under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the '*Code*"), and intends to continue to make such election in the future. Rand's principal place of business is 1405 Rand Building, Buffalo, NY 14203.

Rand's investment objective is to generate current income and, when possible, complement this current income with capital appreciation. Rand has a five-member board of directors (the "*Rand Board*"), of which four members are not "interested" persons of Rand within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act.¹⁰

CSIF. CSIF is an externally managed, closed-end, non-diversified management investment company that operates as an interval fund pursuant to Rule 23c-3 under the 1940 Act. CSIF was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on July 12, 2024. CSIF intends to elect to be treated as a RIC under Subchapter M of the Code. CSIF's principal place of business is c/o UMB Fund Services, Inc., 235 West Galena Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212.

CSIF's primary investment objective is to seek to provide high current income by investing directly or indirectly in a range of corporate, real estate and alternative credit opportunities. CSIF's secondary investment objective is to seek to provide capital preservation. CSIF has a four-member board of trustees (the "*CSIF Board*" and, together with the Rand Board, the "*Board*"), of which three members are not "interested" persons of CSIF within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act.

¹ Unless otherwise indicated, all section and rule references herein are to the 1940 Act and rules promulgated thereunder.

² <u>Rand Capital Corporation, et al.</u> (File No. 812-15174), Release Nos. IC-34218 (March 1, 2021) (notice) and IC-34237 (March 29, 2021) (order), as amended by <u>Rand Capital</u> <u>Corporation, et al.</u> (File No. 812-15348), Release Nos. IC-34667 (August 9, 2022) (notice) and IC-34695 (September 6, 2022) (order).

³ The term "successor" means an entity that results from reorganization into another jurisdiction or change in the type of business organization.

⁵ "*Regulated Fund*" means the Existing Regulated Funds and any Future Regulated Funds. "*Future Regulated Fund*" means an entity (a) that is a closed-end management investment company registered under the 1940 Act, or a closed-end management investment company that has elected to be regulated as a business development company under the 1940 Act, (b) whose (1) primary investment adviser or (2) sub-adviser is an Adviser (as defined below) and (c) that intends to engage in Co-Investment Transactions. If an Adviser serves as sub-adviser to a Regulated Fund whose primary adviser is not also an Adviser, such primary adviser shall be deemed to be an Adviser with respect to conditions 3 and 4 only.

The term Regulated Fund also includes (a) any Wholly-Owned Investment Sub (as defined below) of a Regulated Fund, (b) any Joint Venture (as defined below) of a Regulated Fund, and (c) any BDC Downstream Fund (as defined below) of a Regulated Fund that is a business development company. "*Wholly-Owned Investment Sub*" means an entity: (a) that is a "wholly-owned subsidiary" (as defined in Section 2(a)(43) of the 1940 Act) of a Regulated Fund; (b) whose sole business purpose is to hold one or more investments and which may issue debt on behalf or in lieu of such Regulated Fund; and (c) is not a registered investment company or a business development company. "*Joint Venture*" means an unconsolidated joint venture subsidiary of a Regulated Fund, in which all portfolio decisions, and generally all other decisions in respect of such joint venture, must be approved by an investment committee consisting of representatives of the Regulated Fund and the unaffiliated joint venture (with approval from a representative of each required). "*BDC Downstream Fund*" means an entity (a) directly or indirectly controlled by a Regulated Fund that is a business development company, (b) that is not controlled by any person other than the Regulated Fund (c) whose investment adviser is an Adviser and (e) that is not a Wholly-Owned Investment Sub.

The Existing Affiliated Funds are investment funds each of whose investment adviser is an Adviser and each of which would be an investment company but for Section 3(c)(1) or Section 3(c)(7) of the 1940 Act.¹¹ A list of the Existing Affiliated Funds and their respective investment advisers is included on <u>Schedule A</u> hereto.

C. The Existing Advisers

RCM and CCM were each organized as a limited liability company under the laws of the state of Delaware, Callodine Capital was organized as a limited partnership under the laws of the state of Massachusetts, and Thorofare was organized as a limited liability company under the laws of the state of California. Each of the Existing Advisers is privately held. Each of the Existing Advisers is a direct or an indirect subsidiary of Callodine Group, LLC and has registered with the Commission pursuant to Section 203 of the Advisers Act.

RCM. RCM serves as the investment adviser to Rand and certain Existing Affiliated Funds pursuant to the terms of their respective investment advisory agreements and as a sub-adviser to CSIF pursuant to the terms of a sub-advisory agreement. RCM will review investments with respect to Rand to determine whether or not Rand should invest in a new portfolio company and, if so, to what extent.

Callodine Capital. Callodine Capital serves as the investment adviser to CSIF and certain Existing Affiliated Funds pursuant to the terms of their respective investment advisory agreements. Callodine Capital will review investments with respect to CSIF and the Existing Affiliated Funds for which it serves as investment adviser to determine whether or not each entity should invest in a new portfolio company and, if so, to what extent.

CCM. CCM serves as the investment adviser to certain Existing Affiliated Funds pursuant to the terms of their respective investment advisory agreements and as a subadviser to CSIF pursuant to the terms of a sub-advisory agreement. CCM will review investments with respect to the Existing Affiliated Funds for which it serves as investment adviser to determine whether or not each entity should invest in a new portfolio company and, if so, to what extent.

Thorofare. Thorofare serves as the investment adviser to certain of the Existing Affiliated Funds pursuant to the terms of their respective investment advisory agreements and as a sub-adviser to CSIF pursuant to the terms of a sub-advisory agreement. Thorofare will review investments with respect to the Existing Affiliated Funds for which it serves as investment adviser to determine whether or not each entity should invest in a new portfolio company and, if so, to what extent.

III. ORDER REQUESTED

The Applicants request an Order of the Commission under Sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1 thereunder to permit, subject to the terms and conditions set forth below in this Application (the "*Conditions*"), each Regulated Fund to be able to participate with one or more Affiliated Entities in Co-Investment Transactions otherwise prohibited by Sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1 thereunder.

A. Applicable Law

Section 17(d), in relevant part, prohibits an affiliated person, or an affiliated person of such affiliated person, of a registered investment company, acting as principal, from effecting any transaction in which the registered investment company is "a joint or a joint and several participant with such person" in contravention of such rules as the SEC may prescribe "for the purpose of limiting or preventing participation by such [fund] on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of such other participant."

Rule 17d-1 prohibits an affiliated person, or an affiliated person of such affiliated person, of a registered investment company, acting as principal, from participating in, or effecting any transaction in connection with, any "joint enterprise or other joint arrangement or profit-sharing plan"¹² in which the fund is a participant without first obtaining an order from the SEC.

Section 57(a)(4), in relevant part, prohibits any person related to a business development company in the manner described in Section 57(b), acting as principal, from knowingly effecting any transaction in which the business development company is a joint or a joint and several participant with such persons in contravention of such rules as the Commission may prescribe for the purpose of limiting or preventing participation by the business development company on a basis less advantageous than that of such person. Section 57(i) provides that, until the SEC prescribes rules under Section 57(a), the SEC's rules under Section 17(d) applicable to registered closed-end investment companies will be deemed to apply to persons subject to the prohibitions of Section 57(a). Because the SEC has not adopted any rules under Section 57(a), Rule 17d-1 applies to persons subject to the prohibitions of Section 57(a).

Rule 17d-1(b) provides, in relevant part, that in passing upon applications under the rule, the Commission will consider whether the participation of a registered investment company in a joint enterprise, joint arrangement or profit-sharing plan on the basis proposed is consistent with the provisions, policies and purposes of the 1940 Act and the extent to which such participation is on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of other participants.

B. Need for Relief

Each Regulated Fund may be deemed to be an affiliated person of each other Regulated Fund within the meaning of Section 2(a)(3) if it is deemed to be under common control because an Adviser is or will be either the investment adviser or sub-adviser to each Regulated Fund. Section 17(d) and Section 57(b) apply to any investment adviser to a closed-end fund or a business development company, respectively, including a sub-adviser. Thus, an Adviser and any Affiliated Entities that it advises could be deemed to be persons related to Regulated Funds in a manner described by Sections 17(d) and 57(b). The Existing Advisers are each direct or indirect subsidiaries of Callodine Group, LLC, are under common control, and are thus affiliated persons of each other. Accordingly, with respect to the Existing Advisers and any other Advisers that are deemed to be affiliated persons of each other, Affiliated Entities advised by any of them could be deemed to be persons related to Regulated Funds (or a company controlled by a Regulated Fund) in a manner described by Sections 17(d) and 57(b). In addition, any entities or accounts controlled by or under common control with the Existing Advisers, and/or any other Advisers that are deemed to be affiliated persons of each other that may, from time to time, hold various financial assets in a principal capacity, could be deemed to be persons related to Regulated Funds (or a company controlled by a Regulated Fund) in a manner described by Sections 17(d) and 57(b). Finally, with respect to any Wholly-Owned Investment Sub, Joint Venture, or BDC Downstream Fund of a Regulated Fund, such entity would be a company controlled by its parent Regulated Fund for purposes of Section 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-l under the 1940 Act.

¹⁰ The Board of each Future Regulated Fund will consist of a majority of members who are not "interested persons" of such Future Regulated Fund within the meaning of Section 2(a)(19) of the Act.

¹¹ In the future, the Affiliated Fund may register as a closed-end management investment company under the Act and, if so registered, will be considered a Regulated Fund for purposes of this application.

¹² Rule 17d-1(c) defines a "[j]oint enterprise or other joint arrangement or profit-sharing plan" to include, in relevant part, "any written or oral plan, contract, authorization or arrangement or any practice or understanding concerning an enterprise or undertaking whereby a registered investment company … and any affiliated person of or principal underwriter for such registered company, or any affiliated person of such a person or principal underwriter, have a joint or a joint and several participation, or share in the profits of such enterprise or undertaking …"

C. Conditions

Applicants agree that any Order granting the requested relief will be subject to the following Conditions.

1. <u>Same Terms</u>. With respect to any Co-Investment Transaction, each Regulated Fund, and Affiliated Entity participating in such transaction will acquire, or dispose of, as the case may be, the same class of securities, at the same time, for the same price and with the same conversion, financial reporting and registration rights, and with substantially the same other terms (provided that the settlement date for an Affiliated Entity may occur up to ten business days after the settlement date for the Regulated Fund, and vice versa). If a Participant, but not all of the Regulated Funds, has the right to nominate a director for election to a portfolio company's board of directors, the right to appoint a board observer or any similar right to participate in the governance or management of a portfolio company, the Board of each Regulated Fund that does not hold this right must be given the opportunity to veto the selection of such person.¹³

2. <u>Existing Investments in the Issuer</u>. Prior to a Regulated Fund acquiring in a Co-Investment Transaction a security of an issuer in which an Affiliated Entity has an existing interest in such issuer, the "required majority," as defined in Section 57(o) of the 1940 Act, ¹⁴ of the Regulated Fund ("*Required Majority*") will take the steps set forth in Section 57(f) of the 1940 Act, ¹⁵ unless: (i) the Regulated Fund already holds the same security as each such Affiliated Entity; and (ii) the Regulated Fund and each other Affiliated Entity holding the security is participating in the acquisition in approximate proportion to its then-current holdings.

3. <u>Related Expenses</u>. Any expenses associated with acquiring, holding or disposing of any securities acquired in a Co-Investment Transaction, to the extent not borne by the Adviser(s), will be shared among the Participants in proportion to the relative amounts of the securities being acquired, held or disposed of, as the case may be.¹⁶

4. <u>No Remuneration</u>. Any transaction fee¹⁷ (including break-up, structuring, monitoring or commitment fees but excluding broker's fees contemplated by section 17(e) or 57(k) of the 1940 Act, as applicable), received by an Adviser and/or a Participant in connection with a Co-Investment Transaction will be distributed to the Participants on a pro rata basis based on the amounts they invested or committed, as the case may be, in such Co-Investment Transaction. If any transaction fee is to be held by an Adviser pending consummation of the transaction, the fee will be deposited into an account maintained by the Adviser at a bank or banks having the qualifications prescribed in section 26(a)(1) of the 1940 Act, and the account will earn a competitive rate of interest that will also be divided pro rata among the Participants based on the amount they invest in such Co-Investment Transaction. No Affiliated Entity, Regulated Fund, or any of their affiliated persons will accept any compensation, remuneration or financial benefit in connection with a Regulated Fund's participant in a Co-Investment Transaction or holding an interest in the securities issued by one of the Participants; or (iii) in the case of an Adviser, investment advisory compensation paid in accordance with investment advisory agreement(s) with the Regulated Fund(s) or Affiliated Entity(ies).

¹⁶ Expenses of an individual Participant that are incurred solely by the Participant due to its unique circumstances (such as legal and compliance expenses) will be borne by such Participant.

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¹⁷ Applicants are not requesting and the Commission is not providing any relief for transaction fees received in connection with any Co-Investment Transaction.

5. <u>Co-Investment Policies</u>. Each Adviser (and each Affiliated Entity that is not advised by an Adviser) will adopt and implement policies and procedures reasonably designed to ensure that: (i) opportunities to participate in Co-Investment Transactions are allocated in a manner that is fair and equitable to every Regulated Fund; and (ii) the Adviser negotiating the Co-Investment Transaction considers the interest in the Transaction of any participating Regulated Fund (the "*Co-Investment Policies*"). Each Adviser (and each Affiliated Entity that is not advised by an Adviser) will provide its Co-Investment Policies to the Regulated Funds and will notify the Regulated Funds of any material changes thereto.¹⁸

6. Dispositions:

(a) Prior to any Disposition¹⁹ by an Affiliated Entity of a security acquired in a Co-Investment Transaction, the Adviser to each Regulated Fund that participated in the Co-Investment Transaction will be notified and each such Regulated Fund given the opportunity to participate pro rata based on the proportion of its holdings relative to the other Affiliated Entities participating in such Disposition.

(b) Prior to any Disposition by a Regulated Fund of a security acquired in a Co-Investment Transaction, the Required Majority will take the steps set forth in Section 57(f) of the 1940 Act, unless: (i) each Affiliated Entity holding the security participates in the Disposition in approximate proportion to its then-current holding of the security; or (ii) the Disposition is a sale of a Tradable Security.²⁰

7. Board Oversight

(a) Each Regulated Fund's directors will oversee the Regulated Fund's participation in the co-investment program in the exercise of their reasonable business judgment.

(b) Prior to a Regulated Fund's participation in Co-Investment Transactions, the Regulated Fund's Board, including a Required Majority, will: (i) review the Co-Investment Policies, to ensure that they are reasonably designed to prevent the Regulated Fund from being disadvantaged by participation in the co-investment program; and (ii) approve policies and procedures of the Regulated Fund that are reasonably designed to ensure compliance with the terms of the Order.

(c) At least quarterly, each Regulated Fund's Adviser and chief compliance officer (as defined in Rule 38a-1(a)(4)) will provide the Regulated Fund Boards with reports or other information requested by the Board related to a Regulated Fund's participation in Co-Investment Transactions and a summary of matters, if any, deemed significant that may have arisen during the period related to the implementation of the Co-Investment Policies and the Regulated Fund's policies and procedures approved pursuant to (b) above.

(d) Every year, each Regulated Fund's Adviser and chief compliance officer will provide the Regulated Fund's Board with reports or other information requested by the Board related to the Regulated Fund's participation in the co-investment program and any material changes in the Affiliated Entities' participation in the co-investment program, including changes to the Affiliated Entities' Co-Investment Policies.

¹³ Such a Board can also, consistent with applicable fund documents, facilitate this opportunity by delegating the authority to veto the selection of such person to a committee of the Board.

¹⁴ Section 57(o) defines the term "required majority," in relevant part, with respect to the approval of a proposed transaction, as both a majority of a BDC's directors who have no financial interest in the transaction and a majority of such directors who are not interested persons of the BDC. In the case of a Regulated Fund that is not a BDC, the Board members that constitute the Required Majority will be determined as if such Regulated Fund were a BDC subject to Section 57(o) of the 1940 Act.

¹⁵ Section 57(f) provides for the approval by a Required Majority of certain transactions on the basis that, in relevant part: (i) the terms of the transaction, including the consideration to be paid or received, are reasonable and fair to the shareholders of the BDC and do not involve overreaching of the BDC or its shareholders on the part of any person concerned; (ii) the proposed transaction is consistent with the interests of the BDC's shareholders and the BDC's policy as recited in filings made by the BDC with the Commission and the BDC's reports to shareholders; and (iii) the BDC's directors record in their minutes and preserve in their records a description of the transaction, their findings, the information or materials upon which their findings were based, and the basis for their findings.

(e) The Adviser and the chief compliance officer will also notify the Regulated Fund's Board of a compliance matter related to the Regulated Fund's participation in the coinvestment program and related Co-Investment Policies or the Regulated Fund's policies and procedures approved pursuant to (b) above that a Regulated Fund's chief compliance officer considers to be material.

8. <u>Recordkeeping</u>. All information presented to the Board pursuant to the order will be kept for the life of the Regulated Fund and at least two years thereafter, and will be subject to examination by the Commission and its Staff. Each Regulated Fund will maintain the records required by Section 57(f)(3) as if it were a business development company and each of the Co-Investment Transactions were approved by the Required Majority under Section 57(f).

9. In the event that the Commission adopts a rule under the 1940 Act allowing co-investments of the type described in this Application, any relief granted by the Order will expire on the effective date of that rule.

²¹ If a Regulated Fund enters into a transaction that would be a Co-Investment Transaction pursuant to this Order in reliance on another exemptive order instead of this Order, the information presented to the Board and records maintained by the Regulated Fund will expressly indicate the order relied upon by the Regulated Fund to enter into such transaction.

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IV. STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF RELIEF REQUESTED

Applicants submit that allowing the Co-Investment Transactions described by this Application is justified on the basis of (i) the potential benefits to the Regulated Funds and their respective shareholders and (ii) the protections found in the terms and conditions set forth in this Application.

A. Potential Benefits to the Regulated Funds and their Shareholders

Section 57(a)(4) and Rule 17d-1 (as applicable) limit the ability of the Regulated Funds to participate in attractive co-investment opportunities under certain circumstances. If the relief is granted, the Regulated Funds should: (i) be able to participate in a larger number and greater variety of investments, thereby diversifying their portfolios and providing related risk-limiting benefits; (ii) be able to participate in larger financing opportunities, including those involving issuers with better credit quality, which otherwise might not be available to investors of a Regulated Fund's size; (iii) have greater bargaining power (notably with regard to creditor protection terms and other similar investor rights), more control over the investment and less need to bring in other external investors or structure investments to satisfy the different needs of external investors; (iv) benefit from economies of scale by sharing fixed expenses associated with an investment with the other Participants; and (v) be able to obtain better deal flow from investment bankers and other sources of investments.

B. Shareholder Protections

Each Co-Investment Transaction would be subject to the terms and conditions of this Application. The Conditions are designed to address the concerns underlying Sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) and Rule 17d-l by ensuring that participation by a Regulated Fund in any Co-Investment Transaction would not be on a basis different from or less advantageous than that of other Participants. Under Condition 5, each Adviser (and each Affiliated Entity that is not advised by an Adviser) will adopt and implement Co-Investment Policies that are reasonably designed to ensure that (i) opportunities to participate in Co-Investment Transactions are allocated in a manner that is fair and equitable to every Regulated Fund; and (ii) the Adviser negotiating the Co Investment Transaction considers the interest in the Transaction of any participating Regulated Fund. The Co-Investment Policies will require an Adviser to make an independent determination of the appropriateness of a Co-Investment Transaction and the proposed allocation size based on each Participant's specific investment profile and other relevant characteristics.

V. PRECEDENTS

The Commission has previously issued orders permitting certain investment companies subject to regulation under the 1940 Act and their affiliated persons to be able to participate in Co-Investment Transactions (the "*Existing Orders*").²² Similar to the Existing Orders, the Conditions described herein are designed to mitigate the possibility for overreaching and to promote fair and equitable treatment of the Regulated Funds. Accordingly, the Applicants submit that the scope of investor protections contemplated by the Conditions are consistent with those found in the Existing Orders.

22 See, e.g., Polen Credit Opportunities Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15457) Release No. IC-35183 (May 2, 2024) (notice), Release No. IC-35206 (May 28, 2024) (Order); Sound Point Meridian Capital, Inc., et al. (File No. 812-15476-01) Release No. IC-35173 (April 19, 2024) (notice), Release No. IC-35192 (May 15, 2024) (order); Brookfield Infrastructure Income Fund Inc., et al. (File No. 812-15415), Release No. IC-35001 (September 20, 2022) (notice), Release No. IC-35032 (October 17, 2023) (order); T. Rowe Price OHA Select Private Credit Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15461), Release No. IC-34963 (July 24, 2023) (notice), Release No. IC-34987 (August 21, 2023) (order); KKR Real Estate Select Trust Inc., et al. (File No. 812-15181), Release No. IC-34962 (July 18, 2023) (notice), Release No. IC-34985 (August 15, 2023) (order); MBC Total Private Markets Access Fund, et al. (File No. 812-15422), Release No. IC-34953 (June 28, 2023) (notice), Release No. IC-34965 (July 25, 2023) (order); Vista Credit Strategic Lending Corp. et al. (File No. 812-15323), Release No. IC-34946 (June 20, 2023) (notice), Release No. IC-34961 (July 18, 2023) (order).

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A. Communications

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Please address any questions, and a copy of any communications, concerning this Application, the Notice, and the Order to:

¹⁸ The Affiliated Entities may adopt shared Co-Investment Policies.

¹⁹ "*Disposition*" means the sale, exchange, transfer or other disposition of an interest in a security of an issuer.

 $^{2^{0}}$ "*Tradable Security*" means a security which trades: (i) on a national securities exchange (or designated offshore securities market as defined in Rule 902(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended) and (ii) with sufficient volume and liquidity (findings which are to be made in good faith and documented by the Advisers to any Regulated Funds) to allow each Regulated Fund to dispose of its entire remaining position within 30 days at approximately the price at which the Regulated Fund has valued the investment.

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B. Authorizations

The filing of this Application for the Order sought hereby and the taking of all acts reasonably necessary to obtain the relief requested herein was authorized by the Board of each Existing Regulated Fund pursuant to resolutions duly adopted by the Board. Copies of the resolutions are provided below.

Pursuant to Rule 0-2(c), Applicants hereby state that each Existing Regulated Fund and Existing Affiliated Fund have authorized to cause to be prepared and to execute and file with the Commission this Application and any amendment thereto for an order pursuant to Section 57(i) and Rule 17d-1 permitting certain joint transactions otherwise prohibited by Sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) and Rule 17d-1. The person executing the Application on behalf of the Applicants being duly sworn deposes and says that he has duly executed the Application for and on behalf of the applicable entity listed; that he is authorized to execute the Application pursuant to the terms of an operating agreement, management agreement or otherwise; and that all actions by members, directors or other bodies necessary to authorize each such deponent to execute and file the Application have been taken.

The Applicants have caused this Application to be duly signed on their behalf on the 28th day of May, 2025.

Existing Regulated Funds

Rand Capital Corporation

By: /s/ Daniel Penberthy

Name: Daniel Penberthy Title: Chief Executive Officer

Callodine Specialty Income Fund

By: /s/ Jay Lyons Name: Jay Lyons Title: President

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Existing Advisers

Rand Capital Management, LLC

By:	Callodine Credit, LLC, its sole member
By:	/s/ James Morrow
Name:	James Morrow
Title:	Chief Executive Officer
Callodine Capital Management, LP	

Bv: /s/ James Morrow Name: James Morrow

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Callodine Credit Management, LLC

By:	/s/ Eugene Martin
Name:	Eugene Martin
Title:	Chief Executive Officer
Thorofa	re, LLC

By: /s/ Brendan W. Miller Name: Brendan W. Miller Title: Authorized Signatory

Existing Wholly-Owned Subsidiary of Rand Capital Corporation:

Rand Capital Sub LLC

By:	/s/ Daniel Penberthy
Name:	Daniel Penberthy
Title:	Co-Chief Executive Officer

Existing Affiliated Funds:

Callodine Asset Based Loan Fund II, LP Callodine Perpetual ABL Fund, LP

By: Callodine Credit Management, LLC

By: /s/ Eugene Martin

Name: Eugene Martin

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Callodine Capital Offshore Fund, Ltd.		
Callodine Capital Master Fund, LP		
Callodine BDC Income Fund, LP		
By: Callodine Capital Management, LP		
By: /s/ James Morrow	/s/ James Morrow	
Name: James Morrow	James Morrow	
Title: Chief Executive Officer		
Callodine Strategic Credit Fund II, LP		
BlueArc Mezzanine Partners I, LP		
By: Rand Capital Management, LLC		
By: /s/ Scott Barfield		
Name: Scott Barfield		
Title: Co-Chief Executive Officer		
Thorofare Asset Based Lending Fund V, L.P.		
By: /s/ Brendan W. Miller		
Name: Brendan W. Miller		
Title: Authorized Signatory		
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Exhibit A

Verification

The undersigned states that he has duly executed the attached application dated as of May 28, 2025 for and on behalf of the entities listed below; that he holds office with such entity as indicated below and that all action by directors, officers, stockholders, general partners, trustees or members of each entity and any other body necessary to authorize the undersigned to execute and file such instrument has been taken. The undersigned further states that he is familiar with such instrument, and the contents thereof, and that the facts therein set forth are true to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

Existing Regulated Funds

Callodine Capital Fund, LP

Rand Capital Corporation

By:	/s/ Daniel Penberthy
Name:	Daniel Penberthy
Title:	Chief Executive Officer

Callodine Specialty Income Fund

By: /s/ Jay Lyons

Name: Jay Lyons Title: President

Existing Advisers

Rand Capital Management, LLC

- By: Callodine Credit, LLC, its sole member
- By: /s/ James Morrow
- Name: James Morrow
- Title: Chief Executive Officer

Callodine Capital Management, LP

- By: /s/ James Morrow
- Name: James Morrow
- Title: Chief Executive Officer

Callodine Credit Management, LLC

By:	/s/ Eugene Martin			
Name:	Eugene Martin			
Title:	Chief Executive Officer			
Thorof	are, LLC			
By:	/s/ Brendan W. Miller			

Name: Brendan W. Miller Title: Authorized Signatory Rand Capital Sub LLC

By:/s/ Daniel PenberthyName:Daniel PenberthyTitle:Co-Chief Executive Officer

Existing Affiliated Funds:

Callodine Asset Based Loan Fund II, LP Callodine Perpetual ABL Fund, LP

	By: By:	Callodine Credit Management, LLC /s/ Eugene Martin
	Name:	
	Title:	Chief Executive Officer
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	By:	Rand Capital Management, LLC
	By:	/s/ Scott Barfield
		Scott Barfield
	Title:	
	THU.	eo enter Executive officer
	Thorofare Asset Based Lending Fund V, L.P.	
	By:	/s/ Brendan W. Miller
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	Title:	Authorized Signatory
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Exhibit B.1

RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF

RAND CAPITAL CORPORATION

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is in the best interests of the Company to file an application with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC") for an order pursuant to Sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), and Rule 17d–1 promulgated thereunder (the "Application"), to authorize the entering into of certain joint transactions and co-investments by the Company with certain entities which may be deemed to be "affiliates" of the Company pursuant to the provisions of the 1940 Act, which such joint transactions and co-investments would otherwise be prohibited by Sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d–1 promulgated thereunder, all as more fully set forth in the draft Application that has been presented to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously reviewed the Application.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chief Executive Officer, President, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer, and the Secretary of the Company (each, an "Authorized Officer" and collectively, the "Authorized Officers") be, and they hereby are, authorized, empowered and directed, in the name and on behalf of the Company, to prepare or cause to be prepared, executed, delivered and filed with the SEC the Application, and to do or cause to be done such other acts or things and execute such other documents, including amendments to the Application, as they deem necessary or desirable, with the advice of counsel, to cause the Application to conform to comments received from the Staff of the SEC and otherwise deemed necessary or advisable, including changes that may be required to comply with the 1940 Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, in such form and accompanied by such exhibits and other documents, as the Authorized Officers preparing the same shall approve, such approval to be conclusively evidenced by the filing of the Application; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officers be, and each of them hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed, in the name and on behalf of the Company, to perform or cause to be performed all of the agreements and obligations of the Company in connection with the foregoing resolutions and to consummate the transactions contemplated thereby, to take or cause to be taken any and all further actions, to execute and deliver, or cause to be executed and delivered, all other documents, instruments, agreements, undertakings, and certificates of any kind and nature whatsoever, to incur and pay or cause to be incurred and paid all fees and expenses and to engage such persons as the Authorized Officers of any such documents, instruments, agreements, undertakings and certificates of any such documents, instruments, agreements, undertakings and certificates of any kind and nature whatsoever, to effectuate or carry out the purposes and intent of the foregoing resolutions, and the execution by the Authorized Officers of any such documents, instruments, agreements, undertakings and certificates, the payment of any fees and expenses or the engagement of such persons or the taking by them of any action in connection with the foregoing matters shall conclusively establish the Authorized Officers' authority therefore and the authorization, acceptance, adoption, ratification, approval and confirmation by the Company thereof.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Callodine Specialty Income Fund (the "Fund") deems it is advisable and in the best interest of the Fund to file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") an application for an order pursuant to Sections 17(d) and 57(i) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), and Rule 17d–1 promulgated thereunder (the "Application"), to authorize the entering into of certain joint transactions that otherwise may be prohibited by Sections 17(d) and 57(a)(4) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d–1 promulgated thereunder,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the officers of Callodine Capital Management, LP and the Fund be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed on behalf of the Fund and in its name and on behalf of the Fund, to prepare, execute, and cause to be filed with the Commission an Application for an Order of Exemption, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, and any amendments thereto, pursuant to Section 17(d) of the 1940 Act, and Rule 17d-1 promulgated under the 1940 Act, authorizing certain joint transactions that otherwise may be prohibited by Section 17(d) of the 1940 Act; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the officers of the Fund be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed to take such further action and execute such other documents as such officer or officers shall deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the intent of the foregoing resolution; and it is further

RESOLVED, that any and all actions previously taken by the Fund or any of its trustees or officers in connection with the actions contemplated by the foregoing resolutions be, and each of them hereby is, ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted in all respects as and for the acts and deeds of the Fund.

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Schedule A Existing Affiliated Funds

Existing Affiliated Funds Advised by Rand Capital Management, LLC Callodine Strategic Credit Fund II, LP BlueArc Mezzanine Partners I, LP

Existing Affiliated Funds Advised by Callodine Credit Management, LLC Callodine Asset Based Loan Fund II, LP Callodine Perpetual ABL Fund, LP

Existing Affiliated Funds Advised by Callodine Capital Management, LP Callodine Capital Fund, LP Callodine Capital Offshore Fund, Ltd. Callodine Capital Master Fund, LP Callodine BDC Income Fund, LP

Existing Affiliated Funds Advised by Thorofare, LLC Thorofare Asset Based Lending Fund V, L.P.

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