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## EAST RESOURCES ACQUISITION COMPANY

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#### ABACUS LIFE APPOINTS NEW MANAGING DIRECTOR

**ORLANDO, Fla. and BOCA RATON, Fla. – (BUSINESS WIRE) – June 8, 2023** – Abacus Settlements, LLC (d/b/a Abacus Life) and Longevity Market Assets, LLC (together "Abacus" or the "Company"), a leading buyer of life insurance policies and vertically integrated alternative asset manager specializing in specialty insurance products, today announced that Nicholas Sawuk has joined the Company as Managing Director.

Sawuk brings nearly 20 years of experience in financial services and life settlements and has worked for companies such as a European Life Settlement Fund with its own life settlement provider, as well as Cantor Fitzgerald on Cantor Insurance Group's life settlement and insurance-linked securities desk in New York. Most recently, Sawuk served as the of Head of Sales at Life Policy Traders, Inc., providing strategic solutions to managed funds, pension plans and other institutional investors seeking to minimize volatility through alternative asset allocation. As Managing Director at Abacus, Sawuk will be responsible for investment fund formation, capital raising, institutional policy trading, and portfolio and policy due diligence.

"I am thrilled to welcome Nicholas to the Abacus team and believe his extensive expertise in the life settlements industry will be crucial to support and strengthen our vision and growth initiatives that are already underway," said Abacus Life CEO Jay Jackson. "We are scaling our team to fulfill our growing needs and to allow Abacus to continue expanding our portfolio and remain a leader in the life settlements industry. We have increased our employee numbers by 43% in the last year to meet our current growth."

Abacus Life has entered into a definitive merger agreement with East Resources Acquisition Corporation (NASDAQ: ERES) ("ERES"), a special purpose acquisition company, that will result in Abacus becoming a publicly listed company. Upon closing of the transaction, the combined company will be named Abacus Life, Inc. and is expected to remain listed on Nasdaq under the new ticker symbol "ABAL."

### **About Abacus**

Abacus is a leading vertically integrated alternative asset manager specializing in life insurance products. Since 2004, the company has purchased life insurance policies from consumers seeking liquidity and has actively managed those policies over time (via trading, holding, and/or servicing). With over \$2.9 billion in face value of policies purchased, Abacus has helped thousands of clients maximize the value of life insurance.

Over the past 18 years, the company has built an institutionalized origination and portfolio management process that is supported by an 83-person team, long-term relationships with 78 institutional partners and 30,000 financial advisors, and the ability to operate in 49 states. The company has serviced approximately \$950 million in policies and has managed assets for large asset managers and third-party investment funds.

Abacus' leadership team averages 20+ years of experience and have been innovators since the life settlements industry's inception in the mid-90s.

The company is a proud member of the Life Insurance Settlements Association (LISA) and complies with HIPAA and privacy laws to maintain and protect confidentiality of financial, health, and medical information. Abacus is also proud to be a BBB Accredited Business with an A+ rating.

## www.Abacuslife.com

## **About East Resources Acquisition Company**

East Resources Acquisition Company, led by Terrence (Terry) M. Pegula, is a blank check company formed for the purpose of entering into a merger, capital stock exchange, asset acquisition, stock purchase, reorganization or similar business combination with one or more businesses in North America.

## Forward-Looking Statements

This communication contains certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws with respect to the transaction, including statements regarding the anticipated benefits of the transaction, the anticipated timing of the transaction, the future financial condition and performance of Abacus and expected financial impacts of the transaction (including future revenue and pro forma enterprise value) and the platform and markets and expected future growth and market opportunities of Abacus. These forward-looking statements generally are identified by the words "believe," "predict," "project," "expect," anticipate," "estimate," "intend," "strategy," "future," "scales," "representative of," "valuation," "potential," "opportunity," "plan," "may," "should," "will," "would," "will be," "will continue," "will likely result," and similar expressions or the negatives of these terms or variations of them. Forward-looking statements are predictions, projections and other statements about future events that are based on current expectations and assumptions and, as a result, are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements are provided for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to serve as, and must not be relied on by any investor as, a guarantee, a prediction or a definitive statement of fact or probability. Actual events and circumstances are beyond ERES's or Abacus's control, are difficult or impossible to predict and may differ from assumptions. Many factors could cause actual future events to differ materially from the forward-looking statements in his communication, including but not limited to: (i) the risk that the transaction may not be completed by ERES's business combination deadline and the potential failure to obtain an extension of the business combination deadline if sought by ERES, (iii) the conditions to the consummation of the transaction, including the requisite approvals of ERES's stockholders and Abacus's owners, the satisfaction

of the minimum aggregate transaction proceeds amount following any redemptions by ERES's public stockholders and the receipt of certain governmental and regulatory approvals, (iv) the lack of a third party valuation in determining whether or not to pursue the transaction, (v) the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstance that could give rise to the termination of the merger agreement relating to the transaction, (vi) the effect of the announcement or pendency of the transaction on Abacus's business or employee relationships, operating results and business generally, (vii) the risk that the transaction disrupts current plans and operations of Abacus, (viii) the risk of difficulties in retaining employees of Abacus as a result of the transaction, (ix) the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against Abacus or against ERES related to the merger agreement or the transaction, (x) the ability to maintain the listing of ERES's securities on a national securities exchange, (xi) changes in the competitive industries in which Abacus operate, variations in operating performance across competitors, changes in laws and regulations affecting Abacus's business and changes in the combined capital structure, (xii) the ability to implement business plans, forecasts, and other expectations after the completion of the transaction, and the ability to identify and realize additional opportunities, (xiii) risks related to the uncertainty of Abacus's projected financial information, (xiv) current and future conditions in the global economy, including as a result of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, (xv) the risk that demand for Abacus's life settlement and related offerings does not grow as expected, (xvi) the ability of Abacus to retain existing customers and attract new customers, (xvii) the potential inability of Abacus to manage growth effectively, (xviii) the potential inability of Abacus to grow its market share of the life settlement industry or to achieve efficiencies regarding its operating model or other costs, (xix) negative trends in the life settlement industry impacting the value of life settlements, including increases to the premium costs of life insurance policies, increased longevity of insureds, and errors in the methodology and assumptions of life expectancy reports, (xx) legal challenges by insurers relating to the validity of the origination or assignment of certain life settlements, (xxi) the enforceability of Abacus's intellectual property rights, including its trademarks and trade secrets, and the potential infringement on the intellectual property rights of others, (xxii) Abacus's dependence on senior management and other key employees, (xxiii) the risk of downturns and a changing regulatory landscape in the industry in which Abacus operates, and (xxiy) costs related to the transaction and the failure to realize anticipated benefits of the transaction or to realize estimated pro forma results and underlying assumptions, including with respect to estimated stockholder redemptions. The foregoing list of factors is not exhaustive.

Nothing in this communication should be regarded as a representation by any person that the forward-looking statements set forth herein will be achieved or that any of the contemplated results of such forward-looking statements will be achieved. You should carefully consider the foregoing factors and the other risks and uncertainties which will be more fully described in the "Risk Factors" section of the proxy statement discussed below and other documents filed by ERES from time to time with the SEC. These filings identify and address other important risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events and results to differ materially from those

contained in the forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. Readers of this communication are cautioned not to put undue reliance on forward-looking statements, and Abacus and ERES assume no obligation and do not intend to update or revise these forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise. Neither Abacus nor ERES gives any assurance that any of Abacus or ERES, or the combined company, will achieve expectations.

#### Additional Information About the Proposed Transaction and Where to Find It

This communication relates to the proposed transaction between ERES and Abacus. In connection with the proposed transaction, ERES has filed with the SEC a preliminary proxy statement on Schedule 14A (the "proxy statement"). ERES will also file other documents regarding the transaction with the SEC. Before making any voting decision, investors, security holders and other interested persons of ERES and Abacus are urged to read the proxy statement (including all amendments and supplements thereto), which is currently available, and all other relevant documents filed or that will be filed with the SEC in connection with the transaction as they become available because they will contain important information about the transaction. Investors, security holders and other interested persons will be able to obtain free copies of the proxy statement and all other relevant documents filed or that will be filed with the SEC by ERES through the website maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. The documents filed by ERES with the SEC also may be obtained free of charge upon written request to ERES at 7777 NW Beacon Square Boulevard, Boca Raton, Florida.

#### Participants in the Solicitation

ERES, Abacus and their respective directors and executive officers may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from ERES stockholders in connection with the transaction. A list of the names of such directors and executive officers and information regarding their interests in the transaction are or will be contained in the proxy statement. You can find more information about ERES's directors and executive officers in ERES's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, which ERES filed with the SEC on June 22, 2022. You may obtain free copies of these documents as described in the preceding paragraph.

#### No Offer or Solicitation

This communication does not constitute an offer to sell or exchange, or the solicitation of an offer to buy or exchange any securities, or a solicitation of any vote or approval, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation, sale, or exchange would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of section 10 of the Securities Act, or an exemption therefrom.

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