Ellington Financial

DATE: February 9, 2016

RE: Ellington Financial, LLC CUSIP #288522303 Qualified Notice for Distribution Payable on March 15, 2016 Withholding Information

> In accordance with IRS regulation section 1.1446-4 this memorandum is a **Qualified Notice** with respect to the distribution of \$0.50 per share declared by Ellington Financial, LLC on February 9, 2016 and payable on March 15, 2016 to record holders as of March 1, 2016.

The distribution consists of the following components:

Interest Income (U.S.) that qualifies for the Portfolio Interest exception ¹	\$0.4323
U.S. dividend income ²	\$0.0617
Other interest income ³	<u>\$0.0060</u>
Total Distribution per Unit ⁴	\$0.5000

¹ As described in §871 (h) of the Internal Revenue Code ("the Code"). ² Subject to withholding under §1441 of the Code.

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⁴ No portion of this distribution represents income effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business.