

DIVISION OF

December 12, 2013

<u>Via E-mail</u> Mr. Keith A. Meister Managing Partner Corvex Management LP 712 Fifth Avenue, 23rd Floor New York, New York 10019

> Re: CommonWealth REIT Preliminary Proxy Statement on Schedule14A Filed by Corvex Management LP, Related Fund Management, LLC, David R. Johnson, et al. Filed December 3, 2013 File No. 001-09317

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Dear Mr. Meister:

We have reviewed your filing and have the following comments. In some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter by amending your filing, by providing the requested information, or by advising us when you will provide the requested response. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing any amendment to your filing and the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

# Preliminary Proxy Statement

### General

- 1. Please include all information relating to your nominees in your next amendment. We will not be in a position to further review your solicitation statement until this information is provided.
- 2. Please confirm that you will mail the solicitation statement to all holders of record on each of the removal proposal record date and the special meeting record date.

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3. We understand that you have entered into nomination agreements, or begun negotiations with respect thereto, with up to five individuals, including Keith Meister and Jeff Blau. If true, please disclose these arrangements, or advise as to why you believe this is not required. See Item 5(b)(2) of Schedule 14A.

# Form of Proxy Card

4. Please separate your proxy card and consent card so that they are on individual pieces of paper, with separate signatures. See Rule 14a-4(d)(3). Likewise, please modify the disclosure in your proxy statement so that it does not refer to a "consent/proxy card," and where appropriate, indicate the differing treatment between these two solicitations. By way of example only, please revise the disclosure appearing under the heading "What should I do if I decide to revoke my consent?" on page 2 to specify the differing revocation deadlines for each proxy that you seek.

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- 5. We note your belief that reinvesting in CWH's existing portfolio can lead to a "stabilized NOI" of \$547 million, an increase of approximately \$70 million from actual NOI. We further note that this "stabilized NOI" estimate forms the basis for your calculations of total enterprise value, net asset value and target share prices. Please revise to substantially support this estimate, including by:
  - Detailing how you would reinvest in CWH's existing portfolio, on an asset-by-asset basis, and the savings you have attributed to reinvestments in each relevant property, in reasonable detail;
  - Detailing how you arrived at any projected property management fee savings which are a component of "stabilized NOI," particularly given that CommonWealth appears to currently be paying an industry average fee of 3% of gross collected rents, and your prior estimates of this component would appear to result in a fee of less than 2% of gross collected rents;
  - Disclosing whether CBRE has agreed to a below market management fee, as would appear to be required by your models;
  - Disclosing how you determined that it was appropriate to develop an implied capitalization rate based on total enterprise value at February 25, 2013, while simultaneously using an NOI projection that appears to be as of the fiscal year ended 2014; and
  - Disclosing whether your valuation models continue to contemplate \$600 million in proceeds from the sale of non-core assets and, if so, identifying such assets, and describing how such sales might impact the strategic direction of CommonWealth.

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We refer you to Exchange Act Release No. 16833 (May 23, 1980), which stated the view that providing valuations in proxy soliciting material is only appropriate and consistent with Rule 14a-9 where accompanied by disclosure that facilitates understanding of the basis and the limitations on the projected realizable value.

We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable Exchange Act rules require. Since the filing persons are in possession of all facts relating to their disclosure, they are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosures they have made.

In responding to our comments, please provide a written statement from each filing person acknowledging that:

- the filing person is responsible for the adequacy and accuracy of the disclosure in the filing;
- staff comments or changes to disclosure in response to staff comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the filing; and
- the filing person may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States.

You may contact me at (202) 551-3503 if you have any questions regarding our comments.

Sincerely,

/s/ David L. Orlic

David L. Orlic Special Counsel Office of Mergers and Acquisitions

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