

Due Diligence Timeline & Process

- Prior to this process, the company has been filtered by ASC; coached by ASC in their presentation content and style; the standard set of terms has been reviewed with the principals and any issues requiring negotiation noted; the Screening Committee has heard the pitch and has voted to proceed.
- Week 0 (which may extend over several calendar weeks if necessary)
 - 1. Screening Committee selects company for moving forward into diligence.
 - 2. ASC assembles diligence team and establishes detailed schedule for entire diligence timeline.
 - 3. ASC submits diligence documentation request to company.
 - 4. ASC distributes company business plan, executive summary, and pitch deck to diligence team members.
 - 5. Screening Committee negotiates terms with company in an online session. No further activity happens until we are satisfied that a mutually acceptable set of terms can be reached.
 - 6. ASC holds training conference call with first-time diligence team members.
 - 7. ASC initiates background check process on all company principals.
 - 8. Diligence clock starts ticking.

Week 1

- 1. ASC receives final **company document submission**, establishes data room, and notifies team of its availability.
- 2. Hold online video **committee meeting #1** where company CEO presents their full plan. 30 minutes of presentation, extensive question period.

Week 2

- Conduct face-to-face meeting #2 between company management and due diligence team at either the company premises or a geocentric location for the syndicate members. Video link for those who cannot travel.
- 2. Identify data shortages.



3. Due Diligence team members work on individual research efforts.

Week 3

- 1. Diligence team **online meeting #3** to discuss results of research efforts.
- 2. Due diligence scorecard is distributed and tutorial is given on how it is to be completed.
- 3. Individual due diligence team members interact with company management as necessary to complete research assignments.
- 4. Due diligence team members complete individual research assignments and submit to ASC coordinator, who distributes them to all team members.
- 5. Background check results received.

Week 4

- 1. **Online meeting #4** to discuss draft of diligence report and ratings. Team decides whether to schedule a road show.
- 2. Team members complete individual due diligence scorecards and submit to ASC coordinator for tabulation.
- 3. Coordinator assembles initial diligence report and circulates to team members for comment.

NOTES:

- a) This is an optimal schedule, and presumes that there are no delays over terms negotiation; no delays in data submission by company; and that there are no significant issues uncovered during the process.
- b) A follow-on round diligence process can be two weeks shorter.
- c) All online meetings will be recorded, and a VIMEO link will be sent to all who could not attend the meeting.

