

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Wheelahan Richard</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O CAPITALA FINANCE CORP.</u> <u>4201 CONGRESS STREET, SUITE 360</u> (Street) <u>CHARLOTTE NC 28209</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Capitala Finance Corp. [CPTA]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Compliance Officer</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/18/2015</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| <u>Common Stock</u> | | | | | | | | <u>8,837</u> | <u>D</u> | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |
| <u>Awards</u> | <u>(1)(2)</u> | <u>09/18/2015</u> | | <u>A</u> ⁽³⁾ | | <u>6,000</u> ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | | <u>(1)(2)</u> | <u>(1)(2)</u> | <u>Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>30,000</u> ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | <u>D</u> | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. On February 26, 2015, Mr. Wheelahan was granted Awards with respect to 27,000 shares of Capitala Finance Corp.'s (the "Issuer") common stock held by Capitala Restricted Shares I, LLC ("CRS"), which is controlled by Joseph B. Alala, III and is an affiliate of Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC, pursuant to CRS's 2015 Equity Compensation Plan, dated February 26, 2015 (the "Plan"). On September 15, 2015, CRS distributed to Mr. Wheelahan 3,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock in accordance with the vesting schedule under the Plan.

2. (Continued from footnote 1). On September 18, 2015, CRS entered into an Amended and Restated 2015 Equity Compensation Plan (the "A&R Plan") pursuant to which Mr. Wheelahan was granted Awards with respect to an additional 6,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock held by CRS, which Awards were previously forfeited by a former employee of Capitala Investment Advisors, LLC. Unvested Awards under the A&R Plan are scheduled to vest as follows: 10% on September 25, 2016, 30% on September 25, 2017 and 40% on September 25, 2018. Upon settlement, the unvested Awards will become payable on a one-for-one basis in shares of the Issuer's common stock. The A&R Plan and this acquisition were previously approved by the Issuer's Board of Directors.

3. Pursuant to the SEC staff no-action letter to Babson Capital Management LLC (pub. Avail. Dec. 14, 2006), an employee benefit plans sponsored by an investment adviser (or an affiliated person of an investment adviser) to a closed-end investment company regulated under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, that offers plan participants equity securities of such investment company is considered an "employee benefit plan sponsored by the issuer" for the purposes of Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

/s/ Richard Wheelahan 09/22/2015
 ** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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