Stellus Capital Investment Corp Form 40-17G November 03, 2017

[Letterhead of Stellus Capital Investment Corporation]

November 3, 2017

VIA EDGAR

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission

100 F Street, N.E.

Washington, D.C. 20549

Re: Stellus Capital Investment Corporation File No. 814-00971

Rule 17g-1(g) Fidelity Bond Filing

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of Stellus Capital Investment Corporation (the "*Company*"), enclosed herewith for filing, pursuant to Rule 17g-1(g) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "*1940 Act*"), are the following:

1. A copy of the Company's Fidelity Bond in the amount of \$1,000,000 (the "*Bond*");

2. A copy of the resolutions approved at a meeting of Board of Directors of the Company on October 23, 2017 at which a majority of the directors who are not "interested persons" of the Company, as defined under Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act, approved the amount, type, form and coverage of the Bond; and

3. A copy of the Single-Insured Investment Bond Agreement, effective November 7, 2017, pursuant to Rule 17g-1(g) under the 1940 Act.

The premium was paid for the period beginning November 7, 2017 and ending November 7, 2018.

If you have any questions regarding this submission, please do not hesitate to call me at (713) 292-5414.

Very truly yours,

/s/ W. Todd Huskinson W. Todd Huskinson

Chief Financial Officer, Chief Compliance Officer,

Treasurer and Secretary of the Company

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

The undersigned, W. Todd Huskinson, Secretary of Stellus Capital Investment Corporation, a Maryland corporation (the "*Company*"), does hereby certify that:

1. This certificate is being delivered to the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "*SEC*") in connection with the filing of the Company's fidelity bond (the "*Bond*") pursuant to Rule 17g-1 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "*1940 Act*"), and the SEC is entitled to rely on this certificate for purposes of the filing.

2. The undersigned is the duly elected, qualified and acting Secretary of the Company, and has custody of the corporate records of the Company and is a proper officer to make this certification.

3. Attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u> is a copy of the resolution approved by the Board of Directors of the Company, including a majority of the Board of the Directors who are not "interested persons" of the Company, as defined under Section 2(a)(19) of the 1940 Act, approving the amount, type, form and coverage of the Bond.

4. Premiums have been paid for the period November 7, 2017 to November 7, 2018.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this certificate to be executed this 3rd day of November, 2017.

/s/ W. Todd Huskinson

W. Todd Huskinson

Secretary

EXHIBIT A

Approval and Renewal of Fidelity Coverage Bond

WHEREAS, Section 17(g) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17g-1(a) thereunder require a BDC, such as the Company, to provide and maintain a bond which has been issued by a reputable fidelity insurance company authorized to do business in the place where the bond is issued, to protect the Company against larceny and embezzlement, covering each officer and employee of the BDC who may singly, or jointly with others, have access to the securities or funds of the BDC, either directly or through authority to draw upon such funds of, or to direct generally, the disposition of such securities, unless the officer or employee has such access solely through his position as an officer or employee of a bank (each, a "*covered person*");

WHEREAS, Rule 17g-1 under the 1940 Act specifies that the bond may be in the form of (i) an individual bond for each covered person, or a schedule or blanket bond covering such persons, (ii) a blanket bond which names the Company as the only insured (a "*single insured bond*"), or (iii) a bond which names the Company and one or more other parties as insureds (a "*joint insured bond*"), as permitted by Rule 17g-1 under the 1940 Act;

WHEREAS, Rule 17g-1 under the 1940 Act requires that a majority of the Non-Interested Directors approve periodically (but not less than once every 12 months) the reasonableness of the form and amount of the bond, with due consideration to the value of the aggregate assets of the Company to which any covered person may have access, the type and terms of the arrangements made for the custody and safekeeping of such assets, and the nature of securities and other investments to be held by the Company, and pursuant to factors contained in Rule 17g-1 under the 1940 Act, which are described in the accompanying memorandum attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u>; and

WHEREAS, under Rule 17g-1 under the 1940 Act, the Company is required to make certain filings with the SEC and give certain notices to each member of the Board in connection with the bond, and designate an officer who shall make such filings and give such notices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, having considered the expected aggregate value of the securities and funds of the Company to which officers or employees of the Company may have access (either directly or through authority to draw upon such funds or to direct generally the disposition of such securities), the type and terms of the arrangements made for the custody of such securities and funds, the nature of securities and other investments to be held by the Company, the accounting procedures and controls of the Company, the nature and method of conducting the operations of the Company and the requirements of Section 17(g) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17g-1 thereunder, the Board, including a majority of the Non-Interested Directors, hereby determines that the amount, type, form, premium

and coverage of the fidelity bond (the "*Fidelity Bond*"), covering the officers and employees of the Company and insuring the Company against loss from fraudulent or dishonest acts, including larceny and embezzlement, issued by Chubb Group of Insurance Companies and its affiliates having an aggregate coverage of \$1,000,000 are fair and reasonable;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officers be, and each of them hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed to take all appropriate actions, with the advice of legal counsel to the Company, to provide and maintain the Fidelity Bond on behalf of the Company;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Compliance Officer of the Company be and hereby is, designated as the party responsible for making the necessary filings and giving the notices with respect to such bond required by paragraph (g) of Rule 17g-1 under the 1940 Act;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officers be, and each of them hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed to file a copy of the Fidelity Bond and any other related document or instrument with the SEC;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Authorized Officers be, and each of them hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed, in the name and on behalf of the Company, to make or cause to be made, and to execute and deliver, all such additional agreements, documents, instruments and certifications and to take all such steps, and to make all such payments, fees and remittances, as any one or more of such officers may at any time or times deem necessary or desirable in order to effectuate the purpose and intent of the foregoing resolutions; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all actions previously taken by the Company or any of its directors, Authorized Officers or other employees in connection with the documents, and actions contemplated by the foregoing resolutions be, and they hereby are, ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted in all respects as and for the acts and deeds of the Company. LOCKTON COMPANIES ATTN: Jeff Estrada 5847 SAN FELIPE STE 320 HOUSTON, TX 77057

INSURED:STELLUS CAPITAL INVESTMENT CORPORATIONPRODUCT:DFIBondPOLICY NO:82341048TRANSACTION:RENL

Chubb Group of Insurance Companies 202B Hall s Mill Road Whitehouse Station, NJ 08889	DECLARATIONS FINANCIAL INSTITUTION INVESTMENT COMPANY ASSET PROTECTION BOND
NAME OF ASSURED (including its Subsidiaries):	Bond Number: 82341048
STELLUS CAPITAL INVESTMENT CORPORATION	
4400 POST OAK PARKWAY, SUITE 2200	
	FEDERAL INSURANCE COMPANY
HOUSTON, TX 77027	Incorporated under the laws of Indiana
	a stock insurance company herein called the COMPANY
	Capital Center, 251 North Illinois, Suite 1100Indianapolis, IN
46204-1927	

ITEM 1.	BOND PERIOD: from	12:01 a.m. on November 7, 2017
	to	12:01 a.m. on November 7, 2018

ITEM 2. LIMITS OF LIABILITY--DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNTS:

If Not Covered is inserted below opposite any specified INSURING CLAUSE, such INSURING CLAUSE and any other reference shall be deemed to be deleted. There shall be no deductible applicable to any loss under INSURING CLAUSE 1. sustained by any Investment Company.

	SINGLE LOSS	DEDUCTIBLE
INSURING CLAUSE	LIMIT OF LIABILITY	AMOUNT
1. Employee	\$ 1,000,000	\$0
2. On Premises	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 10,000
3 . In Transit	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 10,000
4. Forgery or Alteration	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 10,000
5. Extended Forgery	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 10,000
6. Counterfeit Money	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 10,000
7. Threats to Person	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 10,000
8. Computer System	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 10,000
9. Voice Initiated Funds		
Transfer Instruction	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 10,000
10. Uncollectible Items of Deposit	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 10,000

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- 11 . Audit Expense \$ 25,000 \$ 0
- **ITEM 3.** THE LIABILITY OF THE COMPANY IS ALSO SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF THE FOLLOWING ENDORSEMENTS EXECUTED SIMULTANEOUSLY HEREWITH:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, THE COMPANY has caused this Bond to be signed by its authorized officers, but it shall not be valid unless also signed by an authorized representative of the Company.

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The COMPANY, in consideration of payment of the required premium, and in reliance on the APPLICATION and all other statements made and information furnished to the COMPANY by the ASSURED, and subject to the DECLARATIONS made a part of this Bond and to all other terms and conditions of this Bond, agrees to pay the ASSURED

Insuring Clauses

for:

 Employee
 1 . Loss resulting directly from Larceny or Embezzlement committed by any

 Employee, alone or in collusion with others.

 On Premises
 2 . Loss of Property resulting directly from robbery, burglary, false pretenses, common law or statutory larceny, misplacement, mysterious unexplainable disappearance, damage, destruction or removal, from the possession, custody or control of the ASSURED, while such Property is lodged or deposited at premises located anywhere.

In Transit 3 . Loss of **Property** resulting directly from common law or statutory larceny, misplacement, mysterious unexplainable disappearance, damage or destruction, while the **Property** is in transit anywhere:

a. in an armored motor vehicle, including loading and unloading thereof,

- b. in the custody of a natural person acting as a messenger of the ASSURED, or
- c. in the custody of a Transportation Company and being transported in a conveyance other than an armored motor vehicle provided, however, that covered Property transported in such manner is limited to the following:
 - (1) written records,

(2) securities issued in registered form, which are not endorsed or are restrictively endorsed, or

(3) negotiable instruments not payable to bearer, which are not endorsed or are restrictively endorsed.

Coverage under this INSURING CLAUSE begins immediately on the receipt of such **Property** by the natural person or **Transportation Company** and ends immediately on delivery to the premises of the addressee or to any representative of the addressee located anywhere.

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Extended Forgery

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Forgery Or Alteration 4 . Loss resulting directly from:

- a. Forgery on, or fraudulent material alteration of, any bills of exchange, checks, drafts, acceptances, certificates of deposits, promissory notes, due bills, money orders, orders upon public treasuries, letters of credit, other written promises, orders or directions to pay sums certain in money, or receipts for the withdrawal of **Property**, or
- b. transferring, paying or delivering any funds or other **Property**, or establishing any credit or giving any value in reliance on any written instructions, advices or applications directed to the ASSURED authorizing or acknowledging the transfer, payment, delivery or receipt of funds or other **Property**, which instructions, advices or applications fraudulently purport to bear the handwritten signature of any customer of the ASSURED, or shareholder or subscriber to shares of an **Investment Company**, or of any financial institution or **Employee** but which instructions, advices or applications fraudulently materially altered without the knowledge and consent of such customer, shareholder, subscriber, financial institution or **Employee**;

excluding, however, under this INSURING CLAUSE any loss covered under INSURING CLAUSE 5. of this Bond, whether or not coverage for INSURING CLAUSE 5. is provided for in the DECLARATIONS of this Bond.

For the purpose of this INSURING CLAUSE, a mechanically reproduced facsimile signature is treated the same as a handwritten signature.

5. Loss resulting directly from the ASSURED having, in good faith, and in the ordinary course of business, for its own account or the account of others in any capacity:

acquired, accepted or received, sold or delivered, or given value, extended credit or assumed liability, in reliance on any original Securities, documents or other written instruments which prove to:

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(3)

- (1) bear a Forgery or a fraudulently material alteration,
 (2) have been lost or stolen, or
 - be **Counterfeit**, or
- b. guaranteed in writing or witnessed any signatures on any transfer, assignment, bill of sale, power of attorney, guarantee, endorsement or other obligation upon or in connection with any Securities, documents or other written instruments.

Actual physical possession, and continued actual physical possession if taken as collateral, of such **Securities, documents or other written instruments** by an **Employee, Custodian**, or a Federal or State chartered deposit institution of the ASSURED is a condition precedent to the ASSURED having relied on such items. Release or return of such collateral is an acknowledgment by the ASSURED that it no longer relies on such collateral.

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Extended Forgery	For the purpose of this INSURING CLAUSE, a mechanically reproduced facsimile
(continued)	signature is treated the same as a handwritten signature.
Counterfeit Money	 Loss resulting directly from the receipt by the ASSURED in good faith of any Counterfeit money.
Threats To Person	 7. Loss resulting directly from surrender of Property away from an office of the ASSURED as a result of a threat communicated to the ASSURED to do bodily harm to an Employee as defined in SECTION 1.e. (1), (2) and (5), a Relative or invitee of such Employee, or a resident of the household of such Employee, who is, or allegedly is, being held captive provided, however, that prior to the surrender of such Property: a. the Employee who receives the threat has made a reasonable effort to notify an officer of the ASSURED who is not involved in such threat, and b. the ASSURED has made a reasonable effort to notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation and local law enforcement authorities concerning such threat. It is agreed that for purposes of this INSURING CLAUSE, any Employee of the ASSURED, as set forth in the preceding paragraph, shall be deemed to be an ASSURED hereunder, but only with respect to the surrender of money, securities and other tangible personal property in which such Employee has a legal or equitable interest.
Computer System	 B. Loss resulting directly from fraudulent: a. entries of data into, or b. changes of data elements or programs within, a Computer System, provided the fraudulent entry or change causes:
	 funds or other property to be transferred, paid or delivered, an account of the ASSURED or of its customer to be added, deleted, debited or credited, or an unauthorized account or a fictitious account to be debited or

credited.

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Voice Initiated Funds	9. Loss resulting directly from Voice Initiated Funds Transfer Instruction directed
Transfer Instruction	to the ASSURED authorizing the transfer of dividends or redemption proceeds of
	Investment Company shares from a Customer's account, provided such Voice
	Initiated Funds Transfer Instruction was:
	a. received at the ASSURED'S offices by those Employees of the ASSURED
	specifically authorized to receive the Voice Initiated Funds Transfer
	Instruction,
	b. made by a person purporting to be a Customer , and
	c. made by said person for the purpose of causing the ASSURED or Customer
	to sustain a loss or making an improper personal financial gain for such
	person or any other person.
	In order for coverage to apply under this INSURING CLAUSE, all Voice Initiated
	Funds Transfer Instructions must be received and processed in accordance with
	the Designated Procedures outlined in the APPLICATION furnished to the
	COMPANY.
Uncollectible Items of	10 . Loss resulting directly from the ASSURED having credited an account of a
Deposit	customer, shareholder or subscriber on the faith of any Items of Deposit which
	prove to be uncollectible, provided that the crediting of such account causes:
	a. redemptions or withdrawals to be permitted,
	b. shares to be issued, or
	c. dividends to be paid,
	from an account of an Investment Company.
	In order for coverage to apply under this INSURING CLAUSE, the ASSURED
	must hold Items of Deposit for the minimum number of days stated in the
	APPLICATION before permitting any redemptions or withdrawals, issuing any
	shares or paying any dividends with respect to such Items of Deposit .
	Items of Deposit shall not be deemed uncollectible until the ASSURED'S
	standard collection procedures have failed.

 Expense incurred by the ASSURED for that part of the cost of audits or examinations required by any governmental regulatory authority or self-regulatory organization to be conducted by such authority, organization or their appointee by reason of the discovery of loss sustained by the ASSURED and covered by this Bond.

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- Additional Companies Included As Assured
- A. If more than one corporation, or **Investment Company**, or any combination of them is included as the ASSURED herein:
 - (1) The total liability of the COMPANY under this Bond for loss or losses sustained by any one or more or all of them shall not exceed the limit for which the COMPANY would be liable under this Bond if all such loss were sustained by any one of them.
 - (2) Only the first named ASSURED shall be deemed to be the sole agent of the others for all purposes under this Bond, including but not limited to the giving or receiving of any notice or proof required to be given and for the purpose of effecting or accepting any amendments to or termination of this Bond. The COMPANY shall furnish each **Investment Company** with a copy of the Bond and with any amendment thereto, together with a copy of each formal filing of claim by any other named ASSURED and notification of the terms of the settlement of each such claim prior to the execution of such settlement.
 - (3) The COMPANY shall not be responsible for the proper application of any payment made hereunder to the first named ASSURED.
 - (4) Knowledge possessed or discovery made by any partner, director, trustee, officer or supervisory employee of any ASSURED shall constitute knowledge or discovery by all the ASSUREDS for the purposes of this Bond.
 - (5) If the first named ASSURED ceases for any reason to be covered under this Bond, then the ASSURED next named on the APPLICATION shall thereafter be considered as the first named ASSURED for the purposes of this Bond.
- Representation Made By
 B.
 The ASSURED represents that all information it has furnished in the

 Assured
 APPLICATION for this Bond or otherwise is complete, true and correct. Such

 APPLICATION and other information constitute part of this Bond.

The ASSURED must promptly notify the COMPANY of any change in any fact or circumstance which materially affects the risk assumed by the COMPANY under this Bond.

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Any intentional misrepresentation, omission, concealment or incorrect statement of a material fact, in the APPLICATION or otherwise, shall be grounds for recision of this Bond.

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Additional Offices Or	C.	I	f the ASSURED, other than an Investment Company , while this Bond is in force,
Employees - Consolidation,			merges or consolidates with, or purchases or acquires assets or liabilities of
Merger Or Purchase Or			another institution, the ASSURED shall not have the coverage afforded under this
Acquisition Of Assets Or	Bon	nd for I	loss which has:
Liabilities - Notice To		(1)	occurred or will occur on premises, or
Company			
		(2)	been caused or will be caused by an employee, or
		(3)	arisen or will arise out of the assets or liabilities,
			of such institution, unless the ASSURED:
		a.	gives the COMPANY written notice of the proposed consolidation, merger or
			purchase or acquisition of assets or liabilities prior to the proposed effective
			date of such action, and
		b.	obtains the written consent of the COMPANY to extend some or all of the
			coverage provided by this Bond to such additional exposure, and
		с.	on obtaining such consent, pays to the COMPANY an additional premium.
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Change Of Control -	D.		When the ASSURED learns of a change in control (other than in an Investment
Change Of Control - Notice To Company		4.0	Company), as set forth in Section 2(a) (9) of the Investment Company Act of
-	19	40,	Company), as set forth in Section 2(a) (9) of the Investment Company Act of the ASSURED shall within sixty (60) days give written notice to the
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of any claim, suit or legal proceeding with respect to which the ASSURED would

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be entitled to recovery under this Bond. However, with respect to INSURING

CLAUSE 1., this Section shall only apply in the event that:

- (1) an Employee admits to being guilty of Larceny or Embezzlement,
- (2) an Employee is adjudicated to be guilty of Larceny or Embezzlement, or

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in the absence of 1 or 2 above, an arbitration panel agrees, after a review of

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(3)

Court Costs And

Attorneys Fees	an agreed statement of facts between the COMPANY and the ASSURED,
(continued)	that an Employee would be found guilty of Larceny or Embezzlement if
	such Employee were prosecuted.
	The ASSURED shall promptly give notice to the COMPANY of any such suit or
	legal proceeding and at the request of the COMPANY shall furnish copies of all
	pleadings and pertinent papers to the COMPANY. The COMPANY may, at its
	sole option, elect to conduct the defense of all or part of such legal proceeding.
	The defense by the COMPANY shall be in the name of the ASSURED through
	attorneys selected by the COMPANY. The ASSURED shall provide all reasonable
	information and assistance as required by the COMPANY for such defense.
	If the COMPANY declines to defend the ASSURED, no settlement without the
	prior written consent of the COMPANY nor judgment against the ASSURED shall
	determine the existence, extent or amount of coverage under this Bond.
	If the amount demanded in any such suit or legal proceeding is within the
	DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT, if any, the COMPANY shall have no liability for court
	costs and attorney's fees incurred in defending all or part of such suit or legal
	proceeding.
	If the amount demanded in any such suit or legal proceeding is in excess of the
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