

ELLSWORTH FUND LTD  
 Form 40-17G  
 May 09, 2008

**Chubb Group of Insurance Companies**

15 Mountain View Road, Warren, New Jersey 07059

**DECLARATIONS  
 FINANCIAL INSTITUTION  
 INVESTMENT  
 COMPANY ASSET  
 PROTECTION BOND**

Bond Number:  
 82126582

NAME OF ASSURED (including its **Subsidiaries**):

BANCROFT FUND LTD.

65 MADISON AVENUE, SUITE 550

MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

**FEDERAL INSURANCE  
 COMPANY**

Incorporated under the laws of Indiana a stock insurance company herein called the COMPANY Capital Center, 251 North Illinois, Suite 1100 Indianapolis, IN 46204-1927

**ITEM 1.** BOND PERIOD: from 12:01 a.m. on May 1, 2008  
 to 12:01 a.m. on May 1, 2009

**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.**

<u>INSURING CLAUSE</u>	<u>LIMIT OF LIABILITY</u>	<u>DEDUCTIBLE AMOUNT</u>
1. Employee	\$ 1,050,000.	\$ 0.
2. On Premises	\$ 1,050,000.	\$ 50,000.
3. In Transit	\$ 1,050,000.	\$ 50,000.
4. Forgery or Alteration	\$ 1,050,000.	\$ 50,000.
5. Extended Forgery	\$ 1,050,000.	\$ 50,000.
6. Counterfeit Money	\$ 1,050,000.	\$ 50,000.
7. Threats to Person	\$ 1,050,000.	\$ 50,000.

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		\$	
		1,050,000.	
		\$	
8.	Computer System	1,050,000.	\$ 50,000.
		\$	
9.	Voice Initiated Funds Transfer Instruction	1,050,000.	\$ 50,000.
10.	Uncollectible Items of Deposit	\$ 250,000.	\$ 5,000.
11.	Audit Expense	\$ 250,000.	\$ 5,000.

**ITEM 3.** THE LIABILITY OF THE COMPANY IS ALSO SUBJECT TO THE TERMS OF THE FOLLOWING ENDORSEMENTS EXECUTED SIMULTANEOUSLY HEREWITH:  
Endorsement Nos. 1 - 5

**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 for:

***Insuring Clauses***

- 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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***Insuring Clauses***  
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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 either bear a **Forgery** or have been 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.

*Extended Forgery*

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:
- a. acquired, accepted or received, 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:
    - (1) bear a **Forgery** or a fraudulently material alteration,
    - (2) have been lost or stolen, or
    - (3) 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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***Insuring Clauses***

*Extended Forgery  
(continued)*

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*Counterfeit Money*

6. 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*

8. 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:
- (1) funds or other property to be transferred, paid or delivered,
  - (2) an account of the ASSURED or of its customer to be added, deleted, debited or credited, or
  - (3) an unauthorized account or a fictitious account to be debited or credited.

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*Voice Initiated Funds Transfer Instruction*

9. Loss resulting directly from **Voice Initiated Funds Transfer Instruction** directed 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 Deposit*

10. Loss resulting directly from the ASSURED having credited an account of a 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.

*Audit Expense*

11. 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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## **General Agreements**

*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  
Assured*

- B. The ASSURED represents that all information it has furnished in the 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.

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

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*Additional Offices Or  
Employees - Consolidation,  
Merger Or Purchase Or  
Acquisition Of Assets Or  
Liabilities - Notice To  
Company*

- C. If the ASSURED, other than an **Investment Company**, while this Bond is in force, merges or consolidates with, or purchases or acquires assets or liabilities of another institution, the ASSURED shall not have the coverage afforded under this Bond for loss which has:
- (1) occurred or will occur on premises, or
  - (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
    - c. on obtaining such consent, pays to the COMPANY an additional premium.

*Change Of Control -  
Notice To Company*

- D. When the ASSURED learns of a change in control (other than in an **Investment Company**), as set forth in Section 2(a) (9) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the ASSURED shall within sixty (60) days give written notice to the COMPANY setting forth:
- (1) the names of the transferors and transferees (or the names of the beneficial owners if the voting securities are registered in another name),
  - (2) the total number of voting securities owned by the transferors and the transferees (or the beneficial owners), both immediately before and after the transfer, and
  - (3) the total number of outstanding voting securities.
- Failure to give the required notice shall result in termination of coverage for any loss involving a transferee, to be effective on the date of such change in control.

*Court Costs And  
Attorneys Fees*

- E. The COMPANY will indemnify the ASSURED for court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred and paid by the ASSURED in defense, whether or not successful, whether or not fully litigated on the merits and whether or not settled,

of any claim, suit or legal proceeding with respect to which the ASSURED would 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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- (3) in the absence of 1 or 2 above, an arbitration panel agrees, after a review of an agreed statement of facts between the COMPANY and the ASSURED, that an **Employee** would be found guilty of **Larceny or Embezzlement** if