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SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. _____) *

Spirit Finance Corporation
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

848568309
(Cusip Number)

Mark C. Wehrly

Farallon Capital Management, L.L.C.

One Maritime Plaza, Suite 2100

San Francisco, California 94111

(415) 421-2132
(Name, Address, and Telephone Number of Person

Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

March 13, 2007
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

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SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

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WC, OO

CHECK IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT

TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

California
NUMBER OF

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

SHARES
BENEFICIALLY

-0-
SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

8

3,143,600 [See Preliminary Note]
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

9

-0-

REPORTING
PERSON WITH

10

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

3,143,600 [See Preliminary Note]

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

3,143,600 [See Preliminary Note]

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES

12

CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

[]

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

2.9% [See Preliminary Note]

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

California
NUMBER OF

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

SHARES
BENEFICIALLY

-0-
SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

8

2,298,300 [See Preliminary Note]
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

9

-0-

REPORTING
PERSON WITH

10

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

2,298,300 [See Preliminary Note]

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

2,298,300 [See Preliminary Note]

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES

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CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

[]

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13

2.1% [See Preliminary Note]

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

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California
NUMBER OF

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

**SHARES
BENEFICIALLY**

-0-
SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

8

232,700 [See Preliminary Note]
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

9

-0-

REPORTING
PERSON WITH

10

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

232,700 [See Preliminary Note]

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

232,700 [See Preliminary Note]

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES

12

CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

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0.2% [See Preliminary Note]

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**Delaware
NUMBER OF**

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

**SHARES
BENEFICIALLY**

**-0-
SHARED VOTING POWER**

OWNED BY

8

**218,100 [See Preliminary Note]
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER**

EACH

9

-0-

REPORTING
PERSON WITH

10

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

218,100 [See Preliminary Note]

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

**New York
NUMBER OF**

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

**SHARES
BENEFICIALLY**

**-0-
SHARED VOTING POWER**

OWNED BY

8

**117,300 [See Preliminary Note]
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER**

EACH

9

-0-

REPORTING
PERSON WITH

10

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

117,300 [See Preliminary Note]

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

117,300 [See Preliminary Note]

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CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

Delaware
NUMBER OF

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

SHARES
BENEFICIALLY

-0-
SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

8

6,010,000 [See Preliminary Note]
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

9

-0-

REPORTING
PERSON WITH

10

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

6,010,000 [See Preliminary Note]

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

6,010,000 [See Preliminary Note]

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CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

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5.6% [See Preliminary Note]

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

United States
NUMBER OF

SOLE VOTING POWER

7

SHARES
BENEFICIALLY

-0-
SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

8

6,010,000 [See Preliminary Note]
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

9

-0-

REPORTING
PERSON WITH

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SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

6,010,000 [See Preliminary Note]

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

6,010,000 [See Preliminary Note]

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William F. Duhamel

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United States
NUMBER OF

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SHARES
BENEFICIALLY

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SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

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6,010,000 [See Preliminary Note]
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

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REPORTING
PERSON WITH

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SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

6,010,000 [See Preliminary Note]

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United States
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SOLE VOTING POWER

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SHARES
BENEFICIALLY

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SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

8

6,010,000 [See Preliminary Note]
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

9

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REPORTING
PERSON WITH

10

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

6,010,000 [See Preliminary Note]

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11

6,010,000 [See Preliminary Note]

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Monica R. Landry

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BENEFICIALLY

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SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

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6,010,000 [See Preliminary Note]
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

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REPORTING
PERSON WITH

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Douglas M. MacMahon

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William F. Mellin

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PERSON WITH

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Stephen L. Millham

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REPORTING
PERSON WITH

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6,010,000 [See Preliminary Note]

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

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Jason E. Moment

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13D

CUSIP No. 848568309

NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)

1

Derek C. Schrier

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)

(a)

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(b) **

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SEC USE ONLY

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SOURCE OF FUNDS (See Instructions)

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TO ITEMS 2(d) OR 2(e)

5

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6

United States
NUMBER OF

SOLE VOTING POWER

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SHARES
BENEFICIALLY

-0-
SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

8

6,010,000 [See Preliminary Note]
SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

EACH

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REPORTING
PERSON WITH

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SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

6,010,000 [See Preliminary Note]

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

11

6,010,000 [See Preliminary Note]

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CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

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5.6% [See Preliminary Note]

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

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Preliminary Note: The Reporting Persons filed a Schedule 13G on March 8, 2007 (the Schedule 13G) reporting their ownership of 5,810,000 of the Company's Shares, representing approximately 5.4% of such class. Between the date of that Schedule 13G and March 13, 2007, the Reporting Persons acquired an additional 200,000 of the Company's Shares, representing approximately 0.2% of such class. This Schedule 13D reports all of the Shares previously reported on the Schedule 13G and the additional Shares acquired by the Reporting Persons after the date of the Schedule 13G filing, bringing the Reporting Persons' aggregate holdings to 6,010,000 Shares or 5.6% of such class.

Item 1. Security And Issuer

This statement relates to shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the Shares), of Spirit Finance Corporation (the Company). The Company s principal offices are located at 14631 N. Scottsdale Road, Suite 200, Scottsdale, Arizona 85254.

Item 2. Identity And Background

(a) This statement is filed by the entities and persons listed below, all of whom together are referred to herein as the Reporting Persons.

The Farallon Funds

- (i) Farallon Capital Partners, L.P., a California limited partnership (FCP), with respect to the Shares held by it;
- (ii) Farallon Capital Institutional Partners, L.P., a California limited partnership (FCIP), with respect to the Shares held by it;
- (iii) Farallon Capital Institutional Partners II, L.P., a California limited partnership (FCIP II), with respect to the Shares held by it;
- (iv) Farallon Capital Institutional Partners III, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (FCIP III), with respect to the Shares held by it; and
- (v) Tinicum Partners, L.P., a New York limited partnership (Tinicum), with respect to the Shares held by it.

FCP, FCIP, FCIP II, FCIP III and Tinicum are together referred to herein as the Farallon Funds.

The Farallon General Partner

- (vi) Farallon Partners, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company which is the general partner of each of the Farallon Funds (the Farallon General Partner), with respect to the Shares held by each of the Farallon Funds.

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The Farallon Managing Members

- (vii) The following persons who are managing members of the Farallon General Partner, with respect to the Shares held by the Farallon Funds: Chun R. Ding (Ding), William F. Duhamel (Duhamel), Richard B. Fried (Fried), Monica R. Landry (Landry), Douglas M. MacMahon (MacMahon), William F. Mellin (Mellin), Stephen L. Millham (Millham), Jason E. Moment (Moment), Rajiv A. Patel (Patel), Derek C. Schrier (Schrier), Thomas F. Steyer (Steyer) and Mark C. Wehrly (Wehrly).

Ding, Duhamel, Fried, Landry, MacMahon, Mellin, Millham, Moment, Patel, Schrier, Steyer and Wehrly are together referred to herein as the Farallon Individual Reporting Persons.

- (b) The address of the principal business office of (i) the Farallon Funds and the General Partner is One Maritime Plaza, Suite 2100, San Francisco, California 94111 and (ii) each of the Farallon Individual Reporting Persons is set forth in Annex 1 hereto.

(c) The principal business of each of the Farallon Funds is that of a private investment fund engaging in the purchase and sale of investments for its own account. The principal business of the Farallon General Partner is to act as the general partner of the Farallon Funds. The principal business of each of the Farallon Individual Reporting Persons is set forth in Annex 1 hereto.

(d) None of the Farallon Funds, the Farallon General Partner or any of the Farallon Individual Reporting Persons has, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) None of the Farallon Funds, the Farallon General Partner or any of the Farallon Individual Reporting Persons has, during the last five years, been party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) The citizenship of each of the Farallon Funds and the Farallon General Partner is set forth above.

The other information required by Item 2 relating to the identity and background of the Reporting Persons is set forth in Annex 1 hereto.

Item 3. Source And Amount Of Funds And Other Consideration

The net investment cost (including commissions) for the Shares held by each of the Farallon Funds is set forth below:

<u>Entity</u>	<u>Shares Held</u>	<u>Approximate Net Investment Cost</u>
FCP	3,143,600	\$35,731,469
FCIP	2,298,300	\$25,426,181

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FCIP II	232,700	\$2,623,025
FCIP III	218,100	\$2,363,062
Tinicum	117,300	\$1,325,920

The consideration for such acquisitions was obtained as follows: (i) with respect to FCIP, FCIP II and FCIP III, from working capital; and (ii) with respect to FCP and Tinicum from working capital and/or from borrowings pursuant to margin accounts maintained in the ordinary course of business by FCP and Tinicum at Goldman, Sachs & Co. FCP and Tinicum hold certain securities in their respective margin accounts at Goldman, Sachs & Co., and the accounts may from time to time have debit balances. It is not possible to determine the amount of borrowings, if any, used to acquire the Shares.

Item 4. Purpose Of The Transaction

The Reporting Persons filed a Schedule 13G on March 8, 2007 reporting their ownership of 5,810,000 of the Company's Shares, representing approximately 5.4% of such class. Between the date of that Schedule 13G and March 13, 2007, the Reporting Persons acquired an additional 200,000 of the Company's Shares, representing approximately 0.2% of such class. This Schedule 13D reports all of the Shares previously reported on the Schedule 13G and the additional Shares acquired by the Reporting Persons after the date of the Schedule 13G filing, bringing the Reporting Persons' aggregate holdings to 6,010,000 Shares or 5.6% of such class.

The purpose of the acquisition of the Shares was and is for investment, and the acquisitions of the Shares by each of the Farallon Funds were made in the ordinary course of business and were not made for the purpose of acquiring control of the Company.

Although no Reporting Person has any specific plan or proposal to acquire or dispose of Shares, consistent with its investment purpose, each Reporting Person at any time and from time to time may acquire additional Shares or dispose of any or all of its Shares depending upon an ongoing evaluation of the investment in the Shares, prevailing market conditions, other investment opportunities, liquidity requirements of the Reporting Person and/or other investment considerations. No Reporting Person has made a determination regarding a maximum or minimum number of Shares which it may hold at any point in time.

Also, consistent with their investment intent, the Reporting Persons may engage in communications with one or more shareholders of the Company, one or more officers of the Company and/or one or more members of the board of directors of the Company regarding the Company, including but not limited to its operations, its capital structure, and its proposed share sale and merger and/or other strategic alternatives. During the course of such communications, the Reporting Persons may advocate one or more courses of action.

Except to the extent the foregoing may be deemed a plan or proposal, none of the Reporting Persons has any plans or proposals which relate to, or could result in, any of the matters referred to in paragraphs (a) through (j), inclusive, of the instructions to Item 4 of Schedule 13D. The Reporting Persons may, at any time and from time to time, review or reconsider their position

and/or change their purpose and/or formulate plans or proposals with respect thereto.

Item 5. Interest In Securities Of The Issuer

(a) The Farallon Funds

(a),(b) The information set forth in Rows 7 through 13 of the cover page hereto for each Farallon Fund is incorporated herein by reference for each such Farallon Fund. The percentage amount set forth in Row 13 for all cover pages filed herewith is calculated based upon the 107,935,085 Shares outstanding as of February 23, 2007 as reported by the Company in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 1, 2007.

(c) The trade dates, number of Shares purchased or sold and the price per Share (including commissions) for all purchases and sales of the Shares by the Farallon Funds in the past 60 days are set forth on Schedules A-E hereto and are incorporated herein by reference. All of such transactions were open-market transactions.

(d) The Farallon General Partner has the power to direct the receipt of dividends relating to, or the disposition of the proceeds of the sale of, all of the Shares held by the Farallon Funds as reported herein. The Farallon Individual Reporting Persons are managing members of the Farallon General Partner.

(e) Not applicable.

(b) The Farallon General Partner

(a),(b) The information set forth in Rows 7 through 13 of the cover page hereto for the Farallon General Partner is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) None.

(d) The Farallon General Partner has the power to direct the receipt of dividends relating to, or the disposition of the proceeds of the sale of, all of the Shares held by the Farallon Funds as reported herein. The Farallon Individual Reporting Persons are managing members of the Farallon General Partner.

(e) Not applicable.

(c) The Farallon Individual Reporting Persons

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- (a),(b) The information set forth in Rows 7 through 13 of the cover page hereto for each Farallon Individual Reporting Person is incorporated herein by reference for each such Farallon Individual Reporting Person.
- (c) None.
- (d) The Farallon General Partner has the power to direct the receipt of dividends relating to, or the disposition of the proceeds of the sale of, all of the Shares held by the Farallon Funds as reported herein. The Farallon Individual Reporting Persons are managing members of both the Farallon General Partner.
- (e) Not applicable.

The Shares reported hereby for the Farallon Funds are owned directly by the Farallon Funds. The Farallon General Partner, as general partner to the Farallon Funds, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of all such Shares owned by the Farallon Funds. The Farallon Individual Reporting Persons, as managing members of the Farallon General Partner with the power to exercise investment discretion, may each be deemed to be the beneficial owner of all such Shares owned by the Farallon Funds. **Each of the Farallon General Partner and the Farallon Individual Reporting Persons hereby disclaims any beneficial ownership of any such Shares.**

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings Or

Relationships With Respect To Securities Of The Issuer

Except as described above, there are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships (legal or otherwise) among the Reporting Persons or between such persons and any other person with respect to any securities of the Company, including but not limited to the transfer or voting of any securities of the Company, finder's fees, joint ventures, loan or option arrangements, puts or calls, guarantees of profits, divisions of profits or loss, or the giving or withholding of proxies.

Item 7. Materials To Be Filed As Exhibits

There is filed herewith as Exhibit 1 a written agreement relating to the filing of joint acquisition statements as required by Section 240.13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: March 14, 2007

/s/ Monica R. Landry_____

FARALLON PARTNERS, L.L.C.,

On its own behalf and

as the General Partner of

FARALLON CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.,

FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS, L.P.,

FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS II, L.P.,

FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS III, L.P.,

and TINICUM PARTNERS, L.P.

By Monica R. Landry,

Managing Member

/s/ Monica R. Landry_____

Monica R. Landry, individually and as attorney-in-fact

for each of Chun R. Ding, William F. Duhamel,

Richard B. Fried, Douglas M. MacMahon, William F. Mellin, Stephen L. Millham, Jason E. Moment, Rajiv A. Patel, Derek C. Schrier,

Thomas F. Steyer and Mark C. Wehrly

The Powers of Attorney executed by Duhamel, Fried, Mellin, Millham, Steyer and Wehrly authorizing Landry to sign and file this Schedule 13D on each person's behalf, which were filed with Amendment No. 2 to the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 16, 2003, by such Reporting Persons with respect to the Common Stock of New World Restaurant Group, Inc., are hereby incorporated by

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reference. The Powers of Attorney executed by Ding and Schrier authorizing Landry to sign and file this Schedule 13D on each person's behalf, which were filed with Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 2, 2003, by such Reporting Persons with respect to the Common Stock of Salix Pharmaceuticals, Ltd., are hereby incorporated by reference. The Power of Attorney executed by Patel authorizing Landry to sign and file this Schedule 13D on his behalf, which was filed with Amendment No. 4 to the Schedule 13G filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 8, 2004, by such Reporting Person with respect to the Common Stock of Catalytica Energy Systems, Inc., is hereby incorporated by reference. The Power of Attorney executed by Moment authorizing Landry to sign and file this Schedule 13D on his behalf, which was filed with the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 9, 2006, by such Reporting Person with respect to the Common Stock of Vintage

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Petroleum, Inc., is hereby incorporated by reference. The Power of Attorney executed by MacMahon authorizing Landry to sign and file this Schedule 13D on his behalf, which was filed with the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 5, 2007, by such Reporting Person with respect to the Class A Common Stock of Univision Communications Inc., is hereby incorporated by reference.

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ANNEX 1

Set forth below with respect to the Farallon General Partner is the following information: (a) name; (b) address; (c) principal business; (d) state of organization; and (e) controlling persons. Set forth below with respect to each Farallon Individual Reporting Person is the following information: (a) name; (b) business address; (c) principal occupation; and (d) citizenship.

1. The Farallon General Partner

- (a) Farallon Partners, L.L.C.
- (b) c/o Farallon Capital Management, L.L.C.

One Maritime Plaza, Suite 2100

San Francisco, California 94111

- (c) Serves as general partner to investment partnerships
- (d) Delaware limited liability company
- (e) Managing Members: Thomas F. Steyer, Senior Managing Member; Chun R. Ding, William F. Duhamel, Alice F. Evarts, Richard B. Fried, Monica R. Landry, Douglas M. MacMahon, William F. Mellin, Stephen L. Millham, Jason E. Moment, Rajiv A. Patel, Derek C. Schrier, Gregory S. Swart and Mark C. Wehrly, Managing Members.

2. Managing Members of the Farallon General Partner

Each of the managing members of the Farallon General Partner other than Gregory S. Swart is a citizen of the United States. Gregory S. Swart is a citizen of New Zealand. The business address of each of the managing members of the Farallon General Partner is c/o Farallon Capital Management, L.L.C., One Maritime Plaza, Suite 2100, San Francisco, California 94111. The principal occupation of Thomas F. Steyer is serving as senior managing member of the Farallon General Partner. The principal occupation of each other managing member of the Farallon General Partner is serving as a managing member of the Farallon General Partner. None of the managing members of the Farallon General Partner has any additional information to disclose with respect to Items 2-6 of the Schedule 13D that is not already disclosed in the Schedule 13D.

SCHEDULE A**FARALLON CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.**

<u>TRADE DATE</u>	<u>NO. OF SHARES PURCHASED</u>	<u>PRICE PER SHARE</u>
2/23/2007	56,300	\$13.03
2/23/2007	33,200	\$13.02
2/26/2007	32,800	\$13.12
2/27/2007	115,000	\$13.01
2/28/2007	19,300	\$12.93
3/1/2007	68,800	\$12.98
3/1/2007	68,800	\$12.96
3/2/2007	62,100	\$12.87
3/5/2007	5,100	\$12.77
3/13/2007	173,100	\$14.53

SCHEDULE B

FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS, L.P.

<u>TRADE DATE</u>	<u>NO. OF SHARES PURCHASED</u>	<u>PRICE PER SHARE</u>
2/23/2007	20,500	\$13.03
2/23/2007	12,100	\$13.02
2/26/2007	11,600	\$13.12
2/27/2007	41,500	\$13.01
2/28/2007	7,000	\$12.93
3/1/2007	23,200	\$12.98
3/1/2007	23,200	\$12.96
3/2/2007	22,800	\$12.87
3/5/2007	1,800	\$12.77

SCHEDULE C

FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS II, L.P.

	NO. OF SHARES	PRICE
<u>TRADE DATE</u>	<u>PURCHASED</u>	<u>PER SHARE</u>
2/23/2007	4,000	\$13.03
2/23/2007	2,300	\$13.02
2/26/2007	2,300	\$13.12
2/27/2007	8,100	\$13.01
2/28/2007	1,300	\$12.93
3/1/2007	4,000	\$12.98
3/1/2007	4,000	\$12.96
3/2/2007	3,800	\$12.87
3/5/2007	300	\$12.77
3/13/2007	17,900	\$14.53

SCHEDULE D

FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS III, L.P.

	NO. OF SHARES	PRICE
<u>TRADE DATE</u>	<u>PURCHASED</u>	<u>PER SHARE</u>
2/23/2007	2,000	\$13.03
2/23/2007	1,200	\$13.02
2/26/2007	1,100	\$13.12
2/27/2007	4,000	\$13.01
2/28/2007	700	\$12.93
3/1/2007	2,400	\$12.98
3/1/2007	2,400	\$12.96
3/2/2007	2,300	\$12.87
3/5/2007	200	\$12.77

SCHEDULE E

TINICUM PARTNERS, L.P.

<u>TRADE DATE</u>	<u>NO. OF SHARES PURCHASED</u>	<u>PRICE PER SHARE</u>
2/23/2007	2,000	\$13.03
2/23/2007	1,200	\$13.02
2/26/2007	1,200	\$13.12
2/27/2007	2,700	\$13.01
2/28/2007	400	\$12.93
3/1/2007	1,600	\$12.98
3/1/2007	1,600	\$12.96
3/2/2007	1,500	\$12.87
3/5/2007	100	\$12.77
3/13/2007	9,000	\$14.53

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT 1

Joint Acquisition Statement Pursuant to Section 240.13d-1(k)

EXHIBIT 1

to

SCHEDULE 13D

JOINT ACQUISITION STATEMENT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 240.13d-1(k)

The undersigned acknowledge and agree that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13D is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13D shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned without the necessity of filing additional joint acquisition statements. The undersigned acknowledge that each shall be responsible for the timely filing of such amendments, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning him, her or it contained therein, but shall not be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the other entities or persons, except to the extent that he, she or it knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

Dated: March 14, 2007

/s/ Monica R. Landry

FARALLON PARTNERS, L.L.C.,

On its own behalf and

as the General Partner of

FARALLON CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.,

FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS, L.P.,

FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS II, L.P.,

FARALLON CAPITAL INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS III, L.P.,

and TINICUM PARTNERS, L.P.

By Monica R. Landry,

Managing Member

/s/ Monica R. Landry

Monica R. Landry, individually and as attorney-in-fact

for each of Chun R. Ding, William F. Duhamel,

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