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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Tecotzky Mark Issuer Symbol Ellington Financial LLC [EFC] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify 53 FOREST AVENUE 12/30/2011 below) Co-Chief Investment Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting OLD GREENWICH, CT 06870 (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
	Common Shares rep limited liability company interests	12/30/2011		P	181	A	\$ 17.16 (1)	4,764	D		
	Common Shares rep limited liability company interests	12/31/2011		J <u>(2)</u>	29,441	A	\$ 0	29,441	I	See footnote (2)	

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

	1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	isable and	7. Titl	e and	8. Price of	9
	Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration Date		Amount of		Derivative	J
	Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	,
	(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative			Securities	(Instr. 5)]	
		Derivative			Securities				(Instr.	3 and 4)		(
		Security				Acquired]
						(A) or						J
						Disposed						-
						of (D)						(
						(Instr. 3,						
						4, and 5)						
										Amount		
							Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title 1	or		
										Number		
					G 1 17	(A) (B)				of		
					Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Tecotzky Mark Co-Chief
53 FOREST AVENUE Investment
OLD GREENWICH, CT 06870 Officer

Signatures

/s/ Sara Walden Brown, attorney-in-fact for Mark
Tecotzky

01/04/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$17.10 to \$17.18. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected. All purchases pursuant to this transaction were made pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.
- (2) On December 31, 2011, as a result of an internal restructuring (the "Restructuring"), Mr. Tecotzky may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 29,441 common shares held by EMG Holdings, L.P. ("EMGH"). See footnote 2. In connection with the Restructuring, common shares previously held by New Ellington Partners, L.P. ("NEP"), Ellington Mortgage Partners, LLC ("EMP") and New Ellington Credit Partners, L.P. ("NECP") were transferred to EMGH and other entities and persons via a series of pro rata distributions and contributions. No one received or paid any consideration for any common shares transferred in connection with the Restructuring. None of the

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pecuniary interests, to the extent any such interests exist, of the ultimate beneficial owners of common shares increased or decreased as a result of the Restructuring.

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